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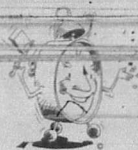
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Our 48th Year, No. 48

18 hopefuls signed up for primary

By James Henry Frazier
Bulletin Staff Writer

No more candidates announced during the Christmas week for the March 10 Democratic and Republican primary.

The number is still at 18 candidates with the deadline looming of Thursday, Jan. 2, at 6 p.m.

James MacMillan fulfilled his announcement by filing for sheriff last week, according to Bandera County Republican party chair Gary Johnston.

Incumbent Democrat R.S. "Steve" Forest has filed and Republican challenger Marc Sultan of Pipe Creek is still in the announced status for the primary.

In the race for county attorney, city municipal judge

Primary elections, March 10.



Kerry H. Schneider of Pipe Creek and incumbent Sam Darden have both announced for the Republican primary, but neither have filed as of Sunday.

The other race that has (See ELECTION, Page 3.)

Annual stock show to get under way here on Jan. 9

By Janna Sandidge
Bulletin staff writer

That annual extravaganza of youth, livestock and baked goods - the Bandera County Junior Livestock and Bake Show - will be held Jan. 9-11 at the livestock show grounds of Mansfield Park.

Animals will begin arriving at the stock show grounds Thursday, Jan. 9, at 8 a.m., and Bandera County extension agent Warren Thigpen advises that all animal entries in the show must be in place "before 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9."

Baked products will begin arriving at 8 a.m. Jan. 11, and Extension Agent Jan Bryson says that food entries for the bake show must be in "prior to 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11."

Judging starts promptly at 9 a.m. with the baked goods auction at 10:30 a.m., Bryson says. Showmanship contest also begins at 9 a.m.

"The public is cordially invited to the Bake Show Auction, and the Extension Homemakers' Barbecue Luncheon starting at noon. Lunch plates will be \$4 donation for adults and \$3.50 donations for child's."

Livestock events will be judged Thursday and Friday according to the following schedule:

Thursday. Broilers, turkeys and dairy goats at 1 p.m.; market goats and Angora goats at 1:30 p.m.; rabbits at 3 p.m.; commercial sheep and regis-

tered sheep, 4 p.m.; and market lambs and farm mechanics at 6 p.m.

Friday. Market hogs at 9 a.m.; and beef heifers, commercial heifers and steers at 1 p.m. The awards ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, then the livestock auction will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Many local citizens are involved throughout the planning and execution stages of the livestock show and bake show.

Livestock show superintendent is Speedy Hutcheson, and assistant superintendent is Raymond Batto. Treasurer is Dale Naumann; assistant treasurer is Bonnie Naumann; finance chairman is Steve Sells; assistant finance chairman is Shirley Kendrick; secretary is Carolyn Sells; and assistant secretary is Linda Felton.

Stock show directors include Batto, Hutcheson, Dale Naumann, Steve Sells, Barbara Maurer, Bob Sandidge, Junior Seathoff, Buddy Wells, Mike Pember, Tom Doeblner, Harvey Paris, Bub Keese, Hubert Maurer, John Sorrell, Ernest Mayfield and James Baker.

Steering committee members include Sorrell, Mayfield, Sandidge, Seathoff, Paris, Wells, Pember, Batto, Hutcheson, Baker, Steve Sells, Dale Neu-

The year in review.

1991



Wrecks and plane crashes, centennial celebrations and homecomings, broken pipes and even an oil well joined fires, floods, photo finishes and winning teams in the year's headlines. The economy was a yo-yo, the school tax controversy raged, and rabies flared for a third year. It was a year of trials and sorrow, joys and laughter, tedium and excitement - a typical year in Bandera County.



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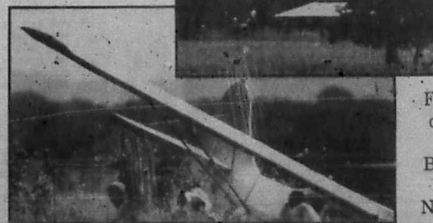


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A review.

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From all
of us at
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Bulletin,
Happy
New Year

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letters

to the editor

British friend says 'Howdy' from across the big pond

Staff writer Janna Sandage shares portions of a Christmas greeting letter dated Jan. 181 that she received from David Orr of London, England. Orr and a team of television journalists from London traveled to Austin to cover the live broadcast of "As It Happens," a popular British television series.

Dear Janna:
I hope all is going well in the Cowboy Capital. I enjoyed my visit this summer and have very happy memories of you all. The programme went down well this side of the pond. Since finishing "As It Happens" this summer, I have been doing a bit more writing for the Irish and British press but, with the recession, the climate is not very favourable for freelance.

I return to Dublin for Christmas for a couple of weeks next weekend. I'm really looking forward to the break though I don't think it's going to be any warmer than it is here.

Please give my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to anyone I might know down Bandera way—Kevin Fitzpatrick, Nancy Hopes, Ray and Ellen Whitehead, the guys at The Pump, Bailey, Roger Raser, Willie Schmidt and his dinosaur tracks, the list goes on and on. I met so many really nice people I can't believe it. Who did I leave out? The people at the Mayan, the Haves; Fred Collins; the Sheriff. I just can't include everyone... Happy New Year!

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Merry Christmas
Ride Chairman

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33. On the tip
34. Time period
35. Established
36. Addicts
37. Certain objects of art
40. Spoken
41. Hot-water
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49. Painful
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54. Oriental
55. Hold back
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State Capital



By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The political melodrama known as Texas redistricting has both the players and audience on the edge of their seats.
Last week, a three-judge federal panel threw out Democrat-drawn maps for House and Senate seats, and ordered the state to proceed with primary elections using court-drawn maps.
Coming the day before Christmas, the ruling was a welcome stocking stuffer for minorities and the Texas Republican Party.
"It sounds like Santa may have come a day early for the Republicans," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.
The judges closely followed the plan favored by the House leadership, but re-drew the Senate plan so extensively that some political analysts were predicting Republicans might win a majority of the 31 seats.
The judges, all Republicans, will allow the primary elections to proceed on schedule March 10, but their decision called into question the need for a Jan. 2 special session that the governor called earlier this month.
Appeal, Special Session
Gov. Ann Richards, however, said: "The special session will proceed as called, and I feel sure that the Legislature will move quickly to establish a plan that will receive pre-clearance by the U.S. Justice Department."
Justice Will Garwood, who also sits on the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, said the court ruling should be set aside if lawmakers

finally draw an acceptable plan.

Political experts predicted that sometime this week, Attorney General Dan Morales would appeal to the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn the court ruling and let the Legislature draw new boundaries.

Early signals indicated that Speaker Gih Lewis and the House leadership were at odds with the court's plan.

After all, the court's plan, except for fine-tuning in El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas and South Texas, was essentially the one crafted by the House redistricting committee.

Perhaps credit should go to redistricting chairman State Rep. Tom Uher, D-Day City, who continued to hold public hearings and stuck to the Voting Rights Act.

"When Uher didn't bend the rules to protect Democratic incumbents, cancer leaders took it into their own hands to draw up a 'renegade' plan signed by 76 Democrats, a majority."

No one but the 76 ever took it seriously; now that Uher's plan has essentially been court-approved as legitimate, it should finally win approval in the special session.

In the Texas Senate
If the court found no real problem with Uher and the House plan, it found plenty of fault with the Senate's maps.

The Senate plan protected liberals, shaded conservatives and divided some 80 counties.

The court-drawn replacement has split counties and forces several incumbents to run against each other in some pretty unbecome match-ups.

Perhaps the most interesting pits Senate dean Chet Brooks, D-Brewster, against Rogers Ellis, a black freedomer from Houston in a predominantly black district.

Senate agriculture leader Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, is matched against trial lawyer Temple Dickson, D-Sweetwater, in a dual many experts think Sims can win.

Depending on who's talking, Republicans were strengthened in

four to seven districts, including two held by Sens. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, and Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall.

Quick Turn-Around
How quickly things have turned about: for more than 11 months this year, Democrats completely excluded Republicans from meaningful participation; now in the end-game they are in jeopardy of losing their majority for the first time in 140 years.

And last month Gov. Richards vowed the would not call an "expensive" special session; now she must, if only to redeem one or two Democratic seats.

Quite likely the court may postpone ruling on the appeal until it sees what the Senate will draw for itself, but time is running out.

Democrats must use their simple majority to adopt a plan, and then hope the appeals court orders immediate enactment.

Ellis, Hill Debate
State Sen. Rodney Ellis and John Hill, former chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, had a polite debate on the editorial page last week.

Ellis wants single-member, partisan elections of Texas judges for most of reasons, among them odds for minority judges.

Hill agreed with Ellis that "defects in our judicial election system made Texas the laughingstock of the nation," but advocates the "Texas Plan for Merit Election."

Hill said under the plan, Texas voters would still elect judges, but only well-qualified candidates who have been screened by the legal profession would appear on the ballot.

Other Highlights
Starting Jan. 1, Texas employers can pay workers' compensation insurance with a variety of deductibles, from \$1,000 to \$25,000, which may lower premiums.

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Michael Jewett



Janet Cave



Bobby Jones

Election

drawn interest is the county commissioner post for precinct 1. Incumbent Bennis Barker of Wharton's Dock and Bandera Builders owner Michael Jewett have both filed as Republicans.

Tax watch dog and school property tax rollback leader Bobby Jones of Wharton's Dock as announced, but has not yet filed.

County commissioners for precinct 3 is currently being sought by two Medina men.

Propane businessman and former county commissioner candidate Ralph Chassey has filed with the Democratic party.

Oil exploration man, former constable, and current member of the Springhills Water Management District board of directors Louis Vannatter is still in the announced status in the Republican primary for county chair.

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precinct 1 Donnie Walker has announced for the Democratic ticket, incumbent constable for precinct 2 Ernest Reich III of Lakshills has filed for the Republican ticket, incumbent constable for precinct 3 William "Burr" Ellis of Medina has filed for Democratic ticket.

Allen G. Hatley of the Sabinal Canyon area has filed to run for constable of precinct 4 in the Republican primary.

The post is currently held by Wells Tom Fieldner, who ran last time as a Democrat.

Louise Karr of Lakshills has filed to run for the Republican nomination for peace justice in precinct 2 for a two-year term left by the late Preston Boggs of Lakshills.

In the political arena, Janet Cave of Bandera and Gary Johnston of Bandera will square off in the Republican primary for county chair.

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Two youths charged in burglaries at Bandera High School Thursday

Two Pipe Creek youths were arrested Thursday and charged with breaking into the Bandera High School.

The arrests were in connection with the third case of break-ins at Bandera schools recently. One of the previous cases is solved and another is still under investigation, reports Bandera County Sheriff R.S. "Steve" Forest.

Robert A. Woodie, 17, and Chad Curi, 17, were arrested by Bandera County Sheriff's Deputy Sal Obiedo about 3 a.m. Thursday at the car wash in Bandera.

As of Friday morning, both men were still in Bandera County jail under \$10,000 bond.

They were initially arrested for public intoxication, but later charged with burglary, a second-degree felony, reports chief deputy James Kimbrell.

According to Kimbrell, the sheriff's office was alerted by an alarm at the high school.

On his way to the scene, Obiedo saw two persons with a pickup at the car wash near the high school and stopped to check them for possible involvement, says Kimbrell.

Obiedo noted that their truck was muddy and had broken glass in it, corresponding to the report by Bolton that a truck had gotten stuck in the mud at the high school and there were broken windows in the agriculture shop building.

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Staff photo by Larry T. Williams
Roger Ritzner runs across Indian Waters bridge while a wrecker service tries to rescue his vehicle during the worst of last week's rains. Deputy Sal Obledo waits at the left.

Good news and bad news: A full lake and lots of damage to county roads

By James Henry Frazier
Bulletin Staff Writer

The pre-Christmas flood that brought from nine to 19 inches of rain to Bandera County has damaged most county roads, but is a potential boom for lake area residents as the Medina Lake finally looks like a lake again.

The five days of rain and the days of flooding afterward washed out Peaceful Valley Road and destroyed the concrete water crossing on Live Oak Drive in Lower Mason Creek Estates.

The rain was so heavy that the large volume of water in the Medina River and the surrounding creeks is still keeping water over some roads where they cross the river or a creek including English Crossing, Bump Gate Road, Kyle Ranch Road, and Jackson Road.

The Medina Lake level rose an additional six feet last week, bringing the lake level to 1,069 feet above sea level, just three feet short of the spillway Monday morning.

The previous low for the Medina Lake was 1,015 feet in 1985 and the last high was in 1987 when it was going over the 1,072-foot spillway.

With the continued flow of the river and creeks, lake area businessmen and women are hoping that the lake will still be full for the spring and summer tourist season. "It's the best Christmas present we could have had," said Harold Keeler of D&H Automotive in Lake-

hills.

The Medina River at Bandera put the Mayan Ranch Road bridge project about two weeks behind, said Texas Department of Transportation resident engineer Garland Galm of Hondo.

The flooding washed away forms for the decking and other concrete pouring support work, reports Galm. The projected completion date will probably fall back into March, says Galm.

County roads in precinct 3 — the Medina area — were particularly hard hit.

"Precinct 3 suffered a lot of damage in the North Prong, West Prong, and Lower Mason Creek area," says commissioner Roger Raser.

The caliche Peaceful Valley Ranch Road will have to be resurfaced where the river runs parallel to it. "The road surface is all gone," says Raser. "It's passable, but it's like driving through a mud field."

He estimates it will take 200 truck loads of caliche to rebuild the road. About three years ago, his road crews used 163 loads to rebuild the road.

The concrete water crossing on Live Oak Drive in the Lower Mason Creek Estates "is gone," says Raser. "There's a temporary crossing in place, but it will take \$4,000 to rebuild."

Other roads that are damaged and will need extensive repair include the Kyle Ranch Road, which still had water on it Monday, and Lower Mason Creek Road which is "full of pot holes,"

says Raser.

There is damage to all the roads along the North and West Prongs of the Medina River, he says.

All the roads in precinct 2 will need work, says commissioner Dan Alanis of Lakehills. "All the 72 miles of gravel (caliche) roads are washed bad and are cut across (with flowing water)," Alanis said.

The repairs will involve the laying of more road base.

"All the paved roads need patch work. Holes seemed to have popped up."

Bump Gate Road was closed through the weekend due to high water from Red Bluff Creek, but the crossing should be passable by a small car early this week, estimates Alanis.

The worst road in precinct 2 is Church Cove Road. The road runs along a steep hill and the all the water washed down the road, partially blocking it at times.

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Impact of feral hogs on food eaten by other wildlife not yet fully known

Wildlife professionals don't know what impact feral hogs have on wildlife as far as diseases are concerned, but they do know that the animals compete directly with wildlife for food.

"They are very opportunistic in their feeding habits, eating whatever is available," said David Rideout, wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Private Lands Enhancement Program in College Station. "Deer seem to dislike feral hogs and will leave an area when one or more of these hogs appear."

Free-ranging wild pigs have increased substantially in numbers and distribution the past 10-15 years, especially in East and South Texas. Rideout said they occupy almost all counties in Texas with suitable white-tailed deer habitat. Only the Trans-Pecos and parts of the High Plains are unoccupied by feral hogs.

"Feral hogs are considered the most prolific large mammal in the U.S.," he said. A sow can produce two litters a year averaging four to six pigs per litter, and they can begin breeding at seven months old.

"A recent study estimated the feral hog population at more than one million in Texas and about another million in the rest of the country, primarily in Florida and other southeastern states," Rideout said. "In recent years feral hogs have been trapped where they are plentiful and released by hunters on their hunting leases to provide additional hunting opportunities without realizing into consideration the negative impact they have on wildlife habitat and native wildlife."

Most landowners dislike the animals because they can destroy crops and root up pastures. "I advise landowners and hunters to shoot or trap them whenever possible," he said. "Landowners and hunters should be aware that feral hogs can harbor and transmit infectious diseases that can be harmful to domestic livestock and humans. A localized study several years ago in southeast Texas revealed that 14 percent of the feral hogs tested positive

for swine brucellosis and 18 percent tested positive for leptospirosis."

Swine brucellosis can cause abortions in domestic animals in boars. Both domestic and wild animals can be transmitted to cattle if they are exposed to the afterbirth of infected animals.

Humans that contract swine brucellosis usually have flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, sweating, aching and headaches. Pseudotuberculosis does not infect people, but the virus infects the nervous system of domestic livestock, wildlife

mammals and dogs. This disease weakens animals, leaving them susceptible to other problems, and can be fatal.

"Diseases are always waiting rubber gloves," he said. "It's essential to clean wild pigs, or cleaning wild pigs," said Dr. Don Davis, assistant professor of medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. "Avoid direct contact with blood and reproductive organs."

Davis advises farmers and ranchers to feed no more than cattle can eat at one time.

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A Thought For The Week
By John M. Grimes

What each of us thinks, and what each of us does, has an effect on the lives of others. We may think we have little or no influence, but we do, and we usually underestimate this. Each day we live we touch the lives of others. Each life we touch changes because of us. Many of the lives we touch throughout our existence will neither benefit nor be harmed because of us. But, again, we have more power than we think we do and most of the time we never know how we influence the lives of others for the better.

What each of us does matters to our family and friends, to our communities and to our country. What our country does influences our region and our state. Our state in one way or another touches the lives of the rest of the people living in the United States. And the people of the United States live, and will in the years to come, have a major impact on all the other people in the world. Get the picture?

Our resolution for 1992—should be to make the world a better place to live. Let's all do our part. Yes, our world can be changed for the better, but only if we, each of us, decide it can.

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Young Country will play for the first annual Stock Show Dance on Friday, Jan. 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Bandera's Cabaret.

Ticket prices are \$5 (donation) per adult and \$3 (donation) per child.

Young Country will be playing a variety of music to dance by and relieve all of the tensions from a full day of working at the stock show," says county agent Warren Thigpen.

Two from county SWT graduates

Bandera students Robin Lerone Peck and Araceli Molina were among the 1,297 Southwest Texas State University students awarded degrees last month.

Peck, daughter of Peggy Ashmore and the late M.V. Peck of Lakehills, received a bachelor's degree in health education with a major in home economics-fashion merchandising and textiles.

Molina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pragasda Molina, earned a bachelor of business administration degree with a major in management.

Bandera student nursing school grad

William Sterling of Bandera was among the 60 nursing school graduates of the Baptist Memorial Hospital System Institute of Health Education in San Antonio.

Diplomas were presented during commencement exercises at the First Baptist Church in San Antonio last month.

Deborah K. Crain of San Antonio was top graduate and Melanie Kay Kruger of St. Hedwig was second highest-ranking graduate.

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Entertainment

Delta Blue, a local band that specializes in get-down blues and rock and roll standard tunes, played Saturday for a youth dance at Bandera's American Legion Hall. Group members Van Cook, Bryan Kibbe, Tybor Cook and Ernest Klein encouraged those attending the dance to enjoy the music and have fun while staying chemical free. The group will play New Year's Eve at the No Name Saloon.

Photo by Larry T. Williams

Stock

junior, high point — Mary Schmidt, senior and Rick Mayfield, junior; Larry Bausch, Agricultural Citizenship Award — Cynthia Anderson; M.H. Sandighe Courtney Award — Richard Meadows; Bandera Masonic Lodge 1123 Achievement Award — Kristofer Heibold; and Alton Reininger Memorial Award — Harvey Farris and Ernest Mayfield.

At last year's show, the champion market lamb and champion fireweed were both shown by Jennifer Evans.

Mary Schmidt showed the champion steer, and Logan Wheeler showed the champion champion breeding heifer.

Misti Wells showed the champion barrow, Dale Keith showed the champion pep of market rabbits; and Genie Clements showed the champion pen of broilers.

Todd Vergiglio showed the champion commercial dairy goat, and Matt Sandighe showed the champion market goat.

Annual boat show in SA Jan. 14-19

The 36th annual San Antonio Sport, Boat and RV Show Jan. 14-19 at the Convention Center will feature more than 130,000 square feet of display floor filled with boats ranging from cruisers to sailboats.

More than 400 exhibits are expected, including lots of fishing tackle and the latest in swimwear in a fashion show at 8 p.m. weeknights, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$5 and \$2.

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