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SEARCHING FOR ANCIENT artifacts at the Heart of West Texas archaeology camp this week is Landon Edmonson, the great-grandson of Grady and Mollie Morris.

IT'S FLY-IN AND FIREWORKS TIME! Chamber lines up July 4 fun

The Chamber of Commerce, the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department and the pyrotechnic company hired for C-City's July 4 fireworks show are taking every precaution to ensure the holiday is without incident.

"We're leaving it up to the fire department to make the call," Amie Wood, community development director said. "The fire department is doing everything they can to prepare for it. We have a really good pyrotechnic company who will only do the show under certain conditions. We're leaving it up to the people who know better than we do."

Yes, there will be fireworks, according to Fire Chief Rufino Martinez, who has asked the street department to mow the area down as short as possible.

"If we have to we can burn it off to eliminate any chance of catching the grass on fire," Martinez said.

The department will be on hand as well, fully equipped to extinguish any stray sparks.

"As a general rule, the fireworks go high enough there's no danger," he said. "I don't foresee calling it off, depends on where the wind blows."

Even if weather and wind conditions result in a cancellation of the late evening fireworks, there will still be plenty of reason to celebrate the nation's Independence Day in Colorado City.

The fun begins early with the J.O. Dockrey Fly-In at 7 a.m. at the airport, located off Hwy 208, north of Colorado City.

Spectators are invited to join pilots from all over Texas for a home cooked breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, Texas toast, jelly, coffee and juice, served up fresh and piping hot by

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County looks at jail needs

The Mitchell County commissioners met with representatives of DRG Architects to discuss the firm's analysis and needs assessment of the current jail.

The facility, which could include a new district courtroom, jury room and offices, carries an estimated \$9,758,000 project cost with a built in 12% rate above current construction prices to accommodate future price fluctuations.

The almost \$10 million price tag includes 8,500 square feet for the sheriff's department and related law enforcement services; 1600 square feet for DPS/Driver's License offices; 5,000 square feet for a justice center composed of jury rooms, judge's office, district courtroom and conference rooms, and 3,000 square feet for the district clerk's office and records.

The original jail was constructed in 1953 and renovated in 1989 when a kitchen and offices were added.

DRG representative Wayne Gondeck and Gary Adams, DRG jail consultant, spent several days reviewing the current jail's layout and needs and found several issues that must be addressed to comply with the State Jail Commission's requirements.

At present, the jail operates under 27 variances, or code violations which are waived due to the jail's age. However, any major renovation to the jail will result in the loss of the variances, making the jail liable, according to Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

The architects' assessment found several issues including

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County bans all private fireworks

The county commissioners heard a petition from local Mitchell County residents requesting a ban on all fireworks, including sparklers, through July 4 during a called meeting Monday.

In light of numerous phone calls to the sheriff's department and from county residents to the commissioners, Judge Ray Mayo signed an emergency declaration last Friday prohibiting the sale or use of all fireworks.

"The local disaster declaration barred the sale and use of all fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Mitchell County," Mayo said, but was only good for 60 hours.

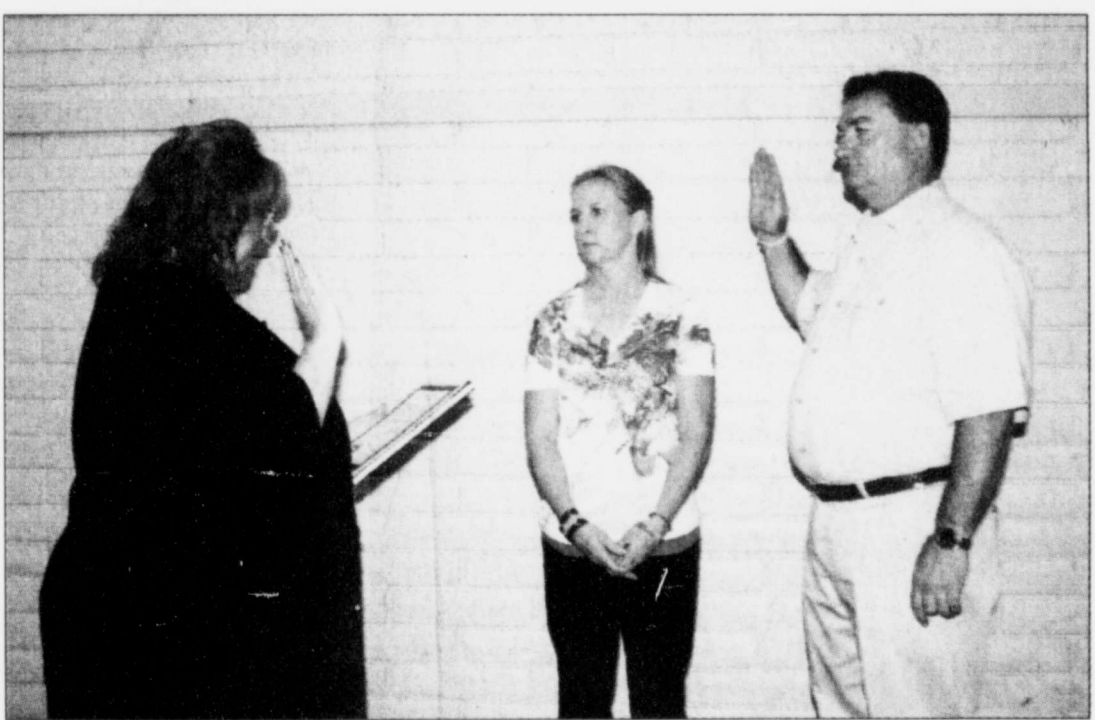
"Normally, vendors have until midnight on July 4 (to sell fireworks)," Mayo said, who notified Governor Rick Perry of the emergency declaration and asked for an extension.

Perry authorized Mayo to extend the ban on fireworks through 7 a.m. on July 5.

"We want the fireworks in Ruddick Park to continue," Kathy Brown, spokesperson for the group who appeared in the commissioners' court Monday, said. "We don't want selling and buying of fireworks and coming out to the lake to fire them."

Brown's group brought several letters written by local folks who lost homes or had to evacuate during the February and April

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COLORADO CITY'S NEW police chief Roy Owens (right) was officially sworn in by Donna Madrid (left) and got his badge which was pinned on by his wife, Kelley (center). Owens is a former CCPD officer and has returned to Colorado City to serve as police chief.

Chief gets sworn in

Colorado City officially has a new police chief.

Roy Owens, a former CCPD officer, is returning to Colorado City to serve as police chief. During a swearing-in ceremony at the Civic Center Monday morning, Owens received his badge which was pinned on by his wife, Kelly.

Owens, or Tinker as he is also known, has served the citizens of Colorado City before. Several years ago, he was an officer in the police department. "I'm looking forward to getting back to Colorado City," he said. Owens also said that he is looking forward to regaining and furthering an atmosphere of respect between the police department and the community.

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Fire department deals with several hot spots

Several small fires occupied the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department this past week.

Beginning on June 22, the department assisted Nolan County with a grass fire and on June 23 put out a grass fire on Business 20 near PJ's Wrecker between 5 and 5:30 p.m.

A little later on the same evening, fire fighters responded to a car fire on south Hwy 208 and then a gas leak at 1416 Pine.

On the 25th, the department responded to a camper fire on Lake County Road 256.

"It's been just enough to keep

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AFTER THE FIRE... Local family starts over from scratch

By **Ira Montador**

As the grass slowly fights its way back through the rain-deprived ground behind the home of Bobby and Robin Richardson, the couple count themselves very lucky. Four months ago, a massive grass fire, fueled by wind gusts that topped 60 miles per hour, swept over a hill on their property and took everything they owned, house included.

"We were lucky," Bobby Richardson said about that day in February. "We lost everything we owned, but we got out of here with our lives and that's the most important thing."

February 27 started like most days for the 76 year-old couple. They were simply relaxing and enjoying the day like they did most Sundays. Richardson said he noticed some smoke down the hill from his property and went to check it out, not overly concerned since the wind was blowing the smoke away from their home.

"I wasn't gone five minutes, but everything changed in that small amount of time," he said. "The wind switched directions and the fire came roaring up the hill toward us."

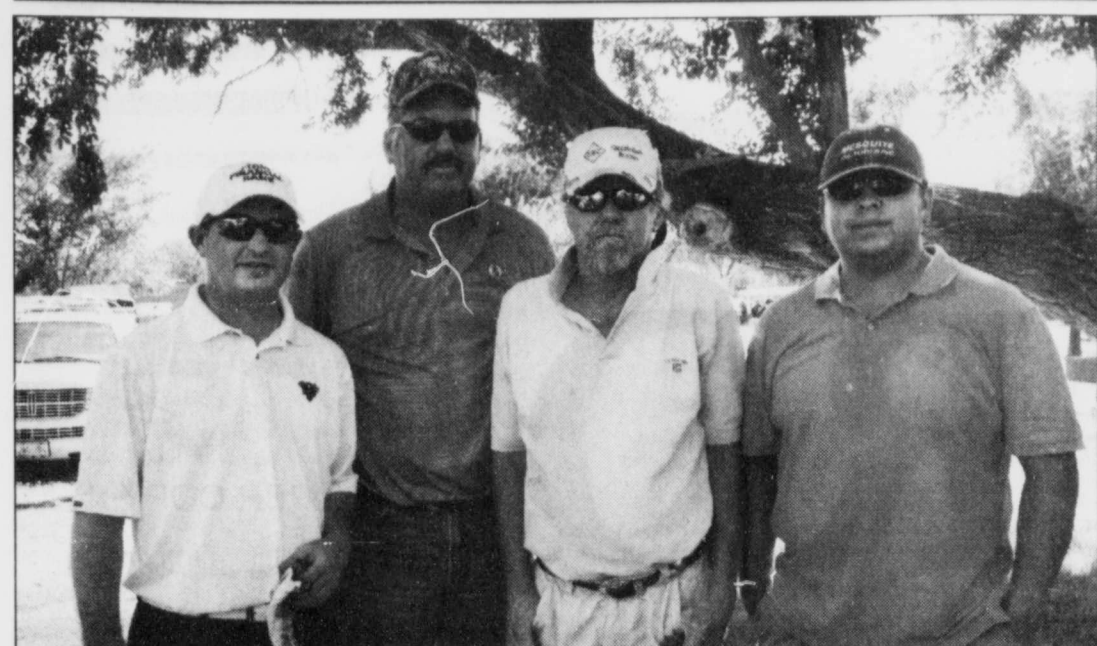
Richardson said that by the time he returned home, a fireman had already been to his house and told his wife to grab what she could, that she had to get out of the family's home immediately.

"I grabbed the important

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Around Town	Obituaries	Briefs
Happy birthday Norma Lozano (July 1)... Ask Justin Harris what it feels like to be a bull fighter... Happy birthday Dallas and Susie Martinez (July 2)... Happy birthday Lana Perez (July 5)... If you are thankful for your freedom, hug a Veteran!... Happy birthday, Sheryl Callaway (July 5)...	Cinderella Terry Linda Van Zandt	BBQ Sale St. James Baptist Church will sell barbecue plates with all the trimmings Sat., July 2nd beginning at 11:30 a.m. Anyone needing anything cooked should call early in the week, 325-436-7260.
Answerline Q. Will there be a fireworks show at Lake Colorado City this year? A. No, PJ's canceled his fireworks show this year because of the extremely dry conditions.	Pray for Rain! Pray Mitchell County! A countywide prayer meeting to pray for rain will be held Friday, July 8th from 7 - 8 p.m. at the pavilion in the park (by the pool). If you are interested in helping or for more information, call 325-242-0397.	Twirling T-Shirts Twirling camp t-shirts are ready to be picked up. Call 728-2282.
		Immunization Clinic The Texas Dept. of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., July 6 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Please bring child's immunization records, Medicaid and CHIP cards to clinic. For more information, call 325-754-4945.
		Shoe Drive One Heart Women's Ministry is holding a shoe drive for new and slightly used shoes for school-age kids, pre-k through 12th grade. Drop off boxes are located at First National, City National, Colorado City Record, Lenore's Beauty Salon, Methodist Church, Christian Temple, Calvary Baptist, St. Ann's Catholic Church and Perkin's until July 29th. For more information, call Kyla McGuffin at 242-0478.
		Lap Swimming The Colorado City Municipal Swimming Pool will have lap swimming Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. Cost is \$2 per day or \$40 for a season pass. For more information, call city hall at 728-5331.
		Car Donation Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the United States are benefiting from a car donation program. Donated cars do not have to be functional, they only need a title. The cars are picked up then sold at auction and the funds generated are a helpful resource to the clubs. To donate your car or for more information, call 800-246-0493.

LOCAL NEWS



FIRST PLACE WINNERS at the Pat Taylor Memorial Night Golf Tournament were (from left) Landon Hammond, Joe Stinson, Bruce Gale and Phillip Castro. The tournament, sponsored by the Rotary Club, was held Saturday, June 25 at the Wolf Creek Golf Links.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS at the Rotary Night Golf Tournament were (from left) Dan Gainey, Dave McCombs, Clay Hammond and Tommy Carter.

16 teams compete in tourney

The Pat Taylor Memorial Night Golf Tournament concluded early Sunday morning at Wolf Creek Golf Links.

First place in the tourney was awarded to Team 4 under team captain Bruce Gale. Teammates for the four man scramble were Landon Hammond, Joe Stinson and Phillip Castro. Second place went to Team 9 under team captain Clay Hammond. Hammond's teammates were Dale McCombs, Dan Gainey and Tommy Carter.

Prizes for closest to the hole and longest distance were awarded to Bruce Gale and Phillip Castro, respectively.

"It was a beautiful night; no moon, no bugs," Don Woods, Rotary member said.

Sixteen teams participated in the tournament, which was sponsored by the Rotary Club, and raises funds for scholarships for graduating Mitchell County high school seniors.

The tournament is named in memory of Pat Taylor, Rotarian who was killed in a motorcycle accident in 2009.

OBITUARIES

Cinderella Terry 1959-2011

COLORADO CITY -- Cinderella Terry, 51, passed away June 27, 2011 at Covenant Medical Center, in Lubbock. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on July 2, 2011 at Kiker-Seale Chapel, with Rev. Greg Crawford officiating.



Cindy was born August 7, 1959 in Madison, Wisconsin. She married the love of her life, Ronald Terry, on August 19, 1978, in Longmont, Colorado. Cindy, as a youth, was in 4-H, where she showed horses and was on judging teams. Cindy loved rodeo, where she barrel and pole raced. Cindy, most of all, loved taking care of her family, as wife and mother. She worked in Hermleigh and Dunn at cotton gins. Cindy delivered newspapers and worked in the press room for the Snyder Daily News. Cindy loved her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Terry of Colorado City; daughters, Miranda Hancock and husband, Kenny of Hermleigh, Sabrina Terry and boyfriend, David Cruz of Hermleigh; grandchildren, Blake and Sydney Hancock; mother, Kay Halverson of Wisconsin; brother, Jim Halverson of

Colorado City; sister, Kim Truman and husband, Doug of Longmont, Colorado; former sister-in-law, Glenda Halverson of Big Spring.

All services are under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

Lynda Gay Van Zandt 1938-2011

JASPER -- Absent from the body, present with the Lord. Lynda passed from this life June 26, 2011 at age 73. She died at home in Jasper after a lengthy illness.

Lynda was born March 18, 1938, to James "Mac" Magill and wife, Lucy in San Angelo. She went to school in Colorado City and married Billy Ray Van Zandt of Westbrook. They built a church near Jasper and ministered there many years. Lynda was buried in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Billy; a son, Billy Jr. and wife, Janna; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a sister, Anita Garner of Lorraine; a sister, Shirley Clark and husband, Bryant of San Angelo; a brother, James "Deacon" Magill and wife, Karen of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. George Van Zandt of Jasper and numerous Van Zandt loved ones; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lynda was preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter.

MCHD lab to get new machine

Hospital board members received a report from the lab department in the form of a PowerPoint presentation during Tuesday's board meeting.

Jean Dagondon, head of the lab department at MCHD, reported on a new piece of equipment which executes complete blood counts (CBCs). The current 12-15 year old machine would be replaced by the Cell-Dyn Ruby, as soon as next year's capital expenditure budget is approved.

According to Dagondon, CBCs now take 8 to 11 minutes to complete and some of the work is done manually by opening vials of blood and smearing specimens on slides. The new machine would take all of the manual work out of the test and give test results in less than one minute.

Dagondon cited reduced turn-

around time, safety for lab technicians and user friendliness as reasons for purchasing the new machine.

MCHD will save \$5,000 by issuing a provisional purchase order for the machine now, lowering the price to \$50,000. The equipment will be part of next year's capital expenditure budget.

Dr. Dee Roach, MCHD Chief of Staff, informed the board that both Dr. Dan Scott and Dr. Bryan Reynolds are currently in Lubbock renewing their Advanced Trauma Life Support certification.

Hospital administrator Robbie Dewberry gave board members initial drawings by Larry Harvey, the district's architect, showing some facility changes that may be in the hospital's future.

The possibility of turning the

high ceilings in the hospital's main building into a second story for storage was discussed, as well as the possibility of expanding the rural health clinic.

Harvey is set to officially present more information on facility planning at the July board meeting.

Preliminary discussion began on what to do with the old hospital building. After attending a disaster preparedness meeting, Dewberry recognized a need for a large underground facility the community could use during a disaster.

He, along with hospital maintenance director Bob Martin, CFO Joe Wright, and city manager Pete Kampfer will tour the old building to check out the possibility of being able to use the 10,000 square foot basement for a safe haven for the community during a disaster.

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the folks at City National Bank.

Pilots eat free and the meal is \$5 for everyone else.

Skydivers from Skydive Eagles Nest in Midland, under the direction of Dave Watts, will perform at 9 a.m. over the airstrip.

The city pool will be open for "free swim" from noon to 7 p.m. and food vendors will be on hand in the park with spicy barbeque, fajitas, coke floats and strawberry shortcake.

Live music at the amphitheater will begin at 5 and continue until 9:30 p.m. with *Proximo Sonido*, *The Coley Ramage Band* and *The Back Road 208*.

Water games for kids, a dunking tank, and tournaments in 42, horseshoes and washers will fill the afternoon with lots of excitement beginning around 4 p.m.

Those wishing to participate

in the 42 tournament must pre-register with Audra Hoback at 242-4561. Entry fees are \$10 a person. Participants must register by June 29 to be in the 42 tournament.

Entry fees for the horseshoe tourney are \$5 per player. For more information about the tournaments, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 728-3403.

For some real fun, don't forget to drop by the Sponge Chunking booth and throw a wet sponge at some of Colorado City's notorious characters. The good sports include Reggy Spencer, John Senter, Pete Kampfer, Jim Baum, Jim Cogburn, Rufino Martinez, Carol Sue Dakan, Paul Smith, Royce Clay, Keith Hiser, Jeremy Strain and Patrick Toombs.

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fires.

"We are all scared," Brown said. "It's really, really important to us to continue this ban."

The court agreed to support the permanent ban on all fireworks in the county through 7 a.m. on July 5 and extended the regular burn ban an additional 30 days.

The commissioners adopted the final redistricting plan since there was no opposition to the plan from the public and will seek Voting Rights Act pre-clearance.

The county commissioners also approved a \$50 bid from Joe Rivera for tax sale property on 540 Morales and approved the high bid of \$4,500 by Mary Hernandez for tax sale property on 1510 Westpoint. Two other bids were offered on the Westpoint land; \$2,500 by Bruce Gonzales and \$1,578 by Sharon Noletubby.

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stirring," Fire Chief Rufino Martinez said.

As of Monday, the forest service is currently engaged in 13 fires which have burned 130,341 acres. Since the fire season started on Nov. 15, 2010, Texas Forest Service and area fire departments have responded to 12,985 fires that have burned 3,268,011 acres.

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munity.

In introducing Owens to the small crowd at the Civic Center, city manager Pete Kampfer said that Owens' application stood out among the 30 or so the city received.

Owens will be relocating to Colorado City during his on-duty days but will return to San Angelo on his days off to be with his wife, Kelley, who is caring for her aging parents.

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LOCAL NEWS

Police chief says he's a "people person"

Colorado City's new police chief, Roy A. "Tinker" Owens, is no stranger to the community.

Owens served as a full time police officer in 2009-2010.

"I became friends with all the guys when I worked here before and I made good friends in the sheriff's department. I've got connections" he said with a smile.

Owens, who has spent almost 21 years in law enforcement, officially goes on duty July 5th.

"I've never been one to enjoy writing tickets or putting people in jail," Owens said. "It goes with the job. I believe in giving everyone an opportunity to correct the situation."

Owens says he applies a healthy dose of common sense in every situation.

"I'm a people person. It's another thing I like about this profession. Even dealing with

drunks or someone messed up on drugs. My character is such that I can usually do some good with whomever I'm dealing with, whether victim or somebody committing a crime. This profession allows me to do that," he said.

Initially Owens began his career working in the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office and later as Chief of Police of San Angelo Lakes and Parks Police for 11 years.

"I have no preconceived ideas or methods to be utilized in the administration of my appointed office which are not my own," he said. "I have my own leadership style, character, and goals, and no other person or group, past or present, has any influence on my judgment and decision-making process."

"In other words...I come to Colorado City as my own person

with no influence from previous administrations or individuals. I will perform my duties in accordance with city administration while being afforded, and maintaining, the latitude to act on my own merits, knowledge and experiences," Owens said.

Owens, who wanted to be a fire fighter as a kid, "never aspired to be a police officer," but says officers, like the military, are the first line of defense at home.

"I like knowing if someone is having an issue with someone or something or is being a victim of some type of hurt and are scared, it's nice to know you can call somebody to come help protect," he said.

"I tell my officers 'perception is reality to the public,'" he said. "When they see you do something they know you'd cite them for, they don't understand

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KELLEY OWENS PINS the badge on Colorado City's new police Chief and her husband Roy "Tinker" Owens. Although it doesn't always happen, Owens says he likes to take his wife to a movie and dinner once a week.

USDA webinars slated for minority farmers

(COLLEGE STATION, TX) - June 23, 2011-- Four webinars (internet-based virtual meeting) to discuss the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Settlement Claims Process and current FSA loan programs are scheduled for June 30th, July 14th, July 28th and August 11th at 7:00 p.m., according to USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Juan M. Garcia.

On February 25, 2011, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General Tony West announced a process created to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert they faced discrimination when seeking USDA farm loans during certain periods between years 1981 and 2000. The optional claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm

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NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO CITY

The City of Colorado City has an opening on the City Council for an Interim Council Member for District 4. Council Applications are now being accepted from individuals who have an interest in serving on the City Council. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Each of the councilmen shall be not less than eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States of America and a qualified voter of the State of Texas; shall have resided continuously within the state for twelve (12) months and in the corporate limits of the City of Colorado City, for at least six (6) months and in the single member district he or she seeks to represent one hundred eighty (180) days immediately preceding the deadline for filing an application (Must be a resident of District 4); shall be a bona fide taxpayer within the City of Colorado City. A member of the council ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this section, or convicted of a felony while in office, shall immediately forfeit his office.

All Council Applications shall be delivered to the City Secretary's Office located at City Hall, 180 W. 3rd St., Colorado City, Texas 79512 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or mailed to P. O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512. Applications will be accepted until July 7, 2011. Additional information may be obtained by calling 325-728-3464, Extension 24. A copy of the Council Application may be obtained online from the City Webpage www.coloradocitytexas.org or from the City Secretary's Office

Donna Madrid, City Secretary

Ten Years Already? It's Brand Renewal Time

By John R. Senter
Mitchell CEA-AG
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Has it really been 10 years since livestock producers were required to register brands? In an answer - yes. The last time we had to register brands, I am pretty sure the Cowboys were not coming off of a five win season and we were not in the middle of one of the most severe droughts on record and probably we had a different president; but, at any rate, we are approaching a new sign up period that requires attention of all livestock producers.

According to Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code, livestock producers are required by law to re-record Brands and ear marks if they intend to continue to used them. In compliance with the code, producers have a six month grace period, August 30, 2011 through February 29, 2012 in which to register these marks, brands and location on the animal as well as the species of animals to be branded. The recording fee will be \$11 per brand per location and the County Clerk's Office will begin the renewal process on August 30 of this year. All current brands must then be registered no later than February 29, 2012 or risk having them registered by someone else.

The Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has a website that gives more details of the process and can be found at tsrbrands.com or, their main website at tsra.org.

A number of questions always arises about this process and be-

low are a few of the most common ones that may shed some insight on how critical this process is:

Q: Why should I register my brand? Your brand is your proof of ownership and the best way to identify your livestock.

Q: Can I brand my livestock without registering my brand? No - it is illegal to brand an animal unless the brand has been properly registered first.

Q: If a brand is not registered by the current owner in the six month period, Aug. 30, 2011-Feb. 29, 2012, can I register it? Yes - after the six month grace period, the brand is available to anyone.

Q: Do I need to register ear marks, tattoos, or electronic devices? Yes - brand information includes the location of the brand on the livestock, the brand design, and any ear marks, notches or other identifying marks you regularly use to identify your livestock.

There is another critical piece of information to note as well. If a producer brands more than one species with the same brand and in the same location, there is a \$5 charge per additional species if recorded at the same time. If a producer does not record all brands and species on the same day, there will be an \$11 charge per species. What this means is, simply, if you use one brand for cattle, horses, dogs, kids etc, you should register all possible critters and locations at the same time or, pony up \$11 every time you register.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Grandma goes to college

Jeanette Kelley of Temple had a career as a teacher and principal and retired in 1999. When she was growing up, she wanted to be a teacher. "I taught my dolls," says Jeanette with a laugh, "I lined them up in the bedroom and I taught them. But I didn't get to teach until later in life and didn't actually start college until I had two children in college. I was a high school dropout because I married young."

Jeanette and her husband were retired from a business in Odessa and living in Rising Star when she decided to go back to college. "I read in the Abilene newspaper that a new school year was starting at Cisco Junior College. I picked up the phone and asked the person who answered it how a grandmother could get into college."

She was told she had to come and take a test, which was being offered only once over a two-day period and the test was starting in just a few hours. The person at the college told Jeanette she had to be at the test site by 10 o'clock that morning and had to bring 10 dollars cash. "I didn't have 10 dollars cash in my purse and my husband had the checkbook with him in his truck. In the little grocery store in Rising Star, sometimes the owner would be in the back unloading a truck or whatever, so we just rung up our own sales and took care of the cash register ourselves. I went to the store, opened the cash register, took 10 dollars out, left an IOU and headed out to take the test."

The test was a GED, a high school equivalency test. The first day, the test had questions about literature and language, things Jeanette was good at because she read a lot. She breezed through that part of the test. "Later that evening I went by the store, picked up the IOU and put a 10 dollar bill in the cash register. The owner of the store never even knew it was there. That's what small town Texas is all about. It's just incredible."

The next day the test questions covered science and math. She didn't know many of the answers. She said a little prayer, finished the test and handed it in. The instructor told her to wait, that she could get results in just a few minutes. "I failed both the science and math portions of the test, but did so well on the literature part that I was allowed to start college." When she started signing up for courses, she thought college hours meant real hours, so she signed up for 21 hours. Later in the semester she dropped one two-hour course. After the semester she and her husband moved to Belton to care for aging parents and she entered Mary Hardin Baylor. "Because I had taken so many credit hours at Cisco, they let me continue taking an overload and I finished in two and a half years, graduating summa cum laude." Jeanette earned a Masters Degree from Baylor, did some post graduate work and was in education 23 years, earning many honors along the way, including Beltonian of the year from the Belton Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband have been married 52 years.

Moore Observations: May we live here?

Observations and Questions
by Jerry L. Moore

It may sound like a strange question. Who needs permission to move into any town? The question is not really about permission to buy a home and set up house in Colorado City. My question is about who you require us to be and what we must do to find our place at your table and workplace.

Must I be poor and despise those who have more than me? Must I be financially secure and despise those who are not? Must I dress in slacks and a collared shirt and tie or must I wear jeans and T-shirt?

Must I be single or married? May I be divorced? May I be married for 60 years? May I live in a brick home or am I to buy a boarded home with no air-conditioning or working plumbing?

Should I buy property in town or on the lake? Should I plant a tree or pull up the shrubs that take much needed water from the soil? Should I build new or tear down some of the older structures and use those resources?

Shall I provide a background check or will the testimony of two or three of my friends be of some credibility to you?

Who are we to like along with you in your community? Who are we to despise with you? Where will we be included if we sit with you in public? Where will we be unwelcome if we sit with you in public?

I have been without resource... and I have had more than I needed during my lifetime. Which of these offend? Which of these can you understand and appreciate?

Have you ever walked in a room where two people were very angry at

one another and when you arrived, they pretended to be cordial and polite... even though inside they were still wounded and seething with anger? Did you make a joke to cut the tension? Did you leave and avoid the tension? Did you stay and ask what each of them was so angry about? May we live in here? Because at times some are so angry, they don't seem to want us in the room.

Have you ever been told you must compete... you must choose someone to lock arms with and you must choose someone to be angry at for the rest of your life or at least for today... or get off the field of battle? May I live and not criticize your opponent, but invite cooperation among all who have the wisdom and skills to achieve our common goals?

The reason Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall inherit the earth," may be because all those who take the path of anger, malice, envy, shaming, blaming and maiming others... will find the fight they seem to want to fight each day. And all those who seek to injure another... will find someone who will rise up and defend and injure back... and the only ones left will be those of us who do not want to do injury to another in order to be right, or gain our way. I am not angry. I don't want to fight. May I live here?

Sunday, July 3, 2011 will be our one year anniversary for living in Colorado City, Texas—Independence Day Weekend. We are free to live here... but do we have your permission if we want to overcome our shortcomings and have compassion on others who have shortcomings? May we live here... if we want to cooperate rather than compete?

I am a sinner. That means that I have failed God, people, myself and all of creation at some point in time. That is the truth. Jesus says the Truth will set you free. The truth is... I forgive quickly, because I have been forgiven much... and I'm still seeking forgiveness and praying to improve each day as a human being in God's gracious hands. May I confess that and live here?

May we live in Colorado City? May we confess (which means agree) that we have all failed God... one another... ourselves... the land... the sky... and the resources we have at times squandered?

May we live in Colorado City? Or must we be sinless first? Is there a place at your table for prostitutes and sinners; wealthy and poor; schooled and non-schooled; white, brown, black, red, yellow people; old-timers and newcomers?

Some of you may say, "I don't give a (care) where you live." I must say, I do understand the language. Some will say, "We do want you here... we do want your friends and family to come and make your home among our families and bring your thoughts and beliefs and practices... because we want to build a strong and loving community that shares all have need."

May we live here? I will appreciate your responses as we meet on the streets; in your homes and in the workplace. I will listen and if you wish for us to leave... we will understand. If you wish for us to stay... we will seek to bring ourselves just as we are and try to become better human beings with you.

May we live here? I am listening. Please help me understand.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh yes, this here country's boomin', you fellers wouldn't believe it but when I first come here all this was good for wuz ranchin'!"

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POLICE REPORT

On June 19th, a female subject contacted the department and stated that a male she knows grabbed her and threw her to the ground during a verbal argument. The case is under investigation.

On June 19th, a 42-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Watson for public intoxication. An officer encountered a man walking, and upon investigation the officer detected a heavy odor of alcohol. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On June 20th, a 47-year-old male was arrested in the 1300 block of Cypress for terroristic threat and assault by contact family violence. In response to a 9-1-1 call, an officer met with a subject who stated that a male she knows threatened her and assaulted her during an argument. The male subject was taken into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On June 20th, a 31-year-old male was

arrested in the 100 block of 10th Street for outstanding warrants. A subject known to have warrants was observed by an officer. He was detained and taken into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On June 22nd, a subject in the 600 block of Cypress stated that someone had entered his vehicle some time during the night and stole a large amount of cash from his wallet. The case is under investigation.

On June 22nd, a 22-year-old male was arrested in the 2100 block of Locust for public intoxication and resisting arrest. In response to a call, an officer encountered a highly intoxicated subject. The subject resisted but was taken into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On June 24th, a subject in the 1400 block of Pine Street stated a person known to her hit her gas meter. The case is under investigation.

PUBLIC RECORDS

FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK

Texas Dept. Housing & Community Affairs, Joe Garcia Exec Dir to Willie Davila, Margie Davila, Stmt/Location.

West Texas State Bank - Snyder, Darryl Calley President to Alvin Botts dba, Alvin's Well Service, Release of Lien.

Ray Renee Galindo to Jana Marie Anru, Child Sup Lien.

Melissa Anne Possen to B. Wilson Word Investments LP, Pecos Bend Royalties LP, McAlister Royalties LLC, Min Transfer/As.

Floyd Hebert to Western Bank, Jennifer Zuniga Asst Vice-Pres, Modification DT.

Jean Christian to Melissa Scales, Revoc Power At.

Loraine Independent School District, David R. Alvarez President Board of Ttees, City of Loraine, Richard Alvarez Mayor, Mitchell County, Ray Mayo County Judge to Donald L. Sewell, Tax Deed.

Loraine Independent School District, David Pillard LISD Superintendent, David Alvarez School Board President to City of Loraine, Sanitary/Ease.

Richard W. Munn to Andrews Royalties LLC, Lauren M. Munn Co-Tee, MMV & JLM Family Trust, Richard W. Munn Co-Tee, Conveyance.

Phillips Construction & Equipment LLC, Ronnie Phillips Managing Member & Authorized Agent to Soma Operating Company LLC, Hal Rasmussen Pres, Aff/Lien Claim.

Dennis Cleveland Fowler Jr. Deceased to City National Bank - Colo City Tee & Independent Executor, Dennis Cleveland Fowler Jr. Testamentary Trust, Daphne P. Fowler fbo, Dwayne Harris Vice President & Trust Officer, Executor's Deed.

Sandra Davis Kirk to Suzanne Davis LP, Min & Roy Deed.

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John Wesley Jarratt Estate, John David Jarratt Tee to John David Jarratt, Warranty Deed.

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Sheila Dawn Wyman to Ag Land Property Management I LLC, Financing Stmt.

U.S. Dept of Justice, Megan J. Fahey Asst US Atty to Crystal Parnell, Federal Tax Ln.

Donald Bruce to Donald Bruce, Shelley Bruce, Quitclaim Deed.

Ronnie Roemish to Red Horizon Designs, Abandonment.

Mortgage Electronic Reg Systems Inc. Nominee, American State Bank, Ingrid Whitty Vice President to Floyd N. Chaney, Yvette H. Chaney, Release of Lien.

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Clifford E. (Ed) Wilson to Robert Lee State Bank, Continuation F.

Jacqueline Fay Daugherty to Rachel Joan Garrett, Barbara Sue Schmidt, Conveyance.

MARRIAGES

Thomas Michael Heiskell to Krisha Nicole Rivera, 6-27-11.

Curtis Wade Clemmer to Shannon L. Cato, 6-27-11.

FILED IN COUNTY COURT

Joe Silva Jr., Theft >=\$50<\$500, 6-24-11.

Nicole Silvas, Intefeer w/Public Duties, 6-23-11.

Adrian Lindsey Glass, Driving While Intoxicated, 6-21-11.

Gabriel Vasquez, Theft of Serv >=\$20<\$500, 6-21-11.

ARRESTS

Dwayne Dean Curdie, 53, MCSO, POCS <1<4 gm, 6-21-11.

Galen Derek Markham, 31, THP, DWLI w/Prev, 6-22-11.

Amanda Trevino, 29, THP, Dawson Co., ATR - Del of CS Cocaine, 6-22-11.

Robert S. Silva, 30, MCSO, No Ins., Allow Unl Driver to Drive, 6-23-11.

Daniel Reyes, 49, MCSO, DWI Court Committal TDCJ, 6-23-11.

Keith Dale Vining, 22, CCPD, PI, Resisting Arrest, 6-23-11.

Shanon Srader, 35, CCPD, Assault Causing BI, 6-23-11.

Corbin Gaona, 23, DA's Office, Poss. Marij. U 2 oz, Pss Drug Para "A", 6-24-11.

Seth Curry, 23, CCPD, Poss Drugs, 6-24-11.

Becky Franco, 44, CCPD, DWLI w/Prev, 6-25-11.

Jose Alfredo Ortega, 45, THP, DWI, 6-25-11.

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papers, insurance papers and a few clothes and got out of here," Robin Richardson said of the few seconds before her husband returned.

The fireman that had warned Mrs. Richardson followed her husband into his driveway as he returned and told him the same thing he had told Robin. Get out, now.

The Richardsons left their home and everything they had accumulated in 50 years of marriage that Sunday as instructed. After departing to a safe distance, they stopped to look back.

"I climbed up on the roof of my truck," Mr. Richardson said. "Just as I did, I saw the fire rise up over the hill. In a matter of seconds, it had engulfed the house. I looked down at my wife and told her that the fire had gotten us."

JAIL

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found several issues including problems with inmate processing and booking, limited capacity with only one detox cell, no holding cells and inability to classify and separate inmates, unsafe access in the visitation and exercise areas which allow too much freedom for passing of contraband, problems with overworked appliances in support areas and electrical issues, and too many shared functions in the administrative areas, including inadequate workspace and lack of secure storage.

"Inmate processing is out in the open; it's not enclosed from the public," Wayne Gondeck, president of DRG Architects, said. "Also, the Jail Commission will not allow a detox cell to be used as a holding cell."

The problem with the appliances in the kitchen and laundry areas means frequent replacing of the machines. "It's not set up for a commercial jail kitchen area," Gondeck said.

Although the final recommendation of the TCJS was for a 96 bed facility, DRG recommends a 48 bed facility with a shell to provide additional bedding as space is needed in the future.

"The Jail Commission didn't consider short term inmates. The county population is static," Gondeck said, "and there is a re-occurring up and down trend in the jail population. Everything will be designed around 96 beds

On June 15, the family finally moved back onto the property, in a new home. The deck has not been replaced yet and the sidewalk is made of a few sheets of plywood laid strategically between the drive and their front door, but they are 'home'.

The night of the fire, the two spent the night with C-City fireman Richard Maxwell. The man had not offered; he had insisted.

"He said he wanted to know where we were and that we were safe," Robin Richardson said, smiling.

After that, the two long-time residents were allowed to stay in an apartment on the property of Richard Gale. It was not until after the insurance company said they would pay for a place for them to stay that rent was discussed between Gale and the Richardsons and even then, it

was the displaced family that brought up the subject.

"This entire town, the surrounding area, was absolutely incredible in the way they cared about us," Bobby said. "Everyone from the Red Cross to Fuller Foods came to our aid. Jerry Corzine from the K-Mart in Sweetwater immediately started organizing aid for us and the other families. We got gift cards from Wal-Mart, Wood's Boots and every store imaginable to help us buy clothes and food. You never realize just how many things you need to get through a day until you lose all of it. But like I said earlier, we were lucky. As quickly as that fire topped the hill, if it had been at night, I don't think any of us would have gotten out alive."

The area churches came to the aid of the victims of the fire and

individuals flooded them with prayers and offers of help. Boxes of necessities arrived regularly along with words of encouragement and support.

"I walked out of Fuller Foods one day," Richardson said. "A man approached me with his hand out, holding money. 'Here, take this,' the man told me. I thanked him and tried to tell him that we were OK. He told me that he had not asked if we were OK, and insisted that I take what he had offered. It was just unbelievable, the support and generosity displayed by the people around here."

His son tried to get them to move to Arkansas and live with him, but according to Bobby Richardson, that just was not home.

"I had always thought of Colorado City as home, even when work had taken me to other places, but during all that mess with the fire and the way everyone around here responded to help us, I realized why I called it home. The thought of leaving, of not rebuilding here, never crossed our minds," Richardson said.

"Besides," his wife added, "this starting over period reminds us of when we got married and were first starting out. We are going to stores and picking out shoes, sheets and everything else you can think of, looking for bargains and just making the best of what was once a bad situation."

BUDGET CONSIDERATION

• Building Construction (Estimated at 12% above current prices)	
• Jail - \$260x18,000	\$4,680,000
• SO - \$180x8,500	\$1,530,000
• DPS/DL - \$180x1,600	\$288,000
	\$6,498,000

• Court - \$220x5000	\$1,100,000
• Clerk - \$180x3000	\$580,000
	\$1,680,000

• Total Building **\$8,178,000**

PROJECT COSTS

• Building Costs	\$6,498,000
• Site Development	\$520,000
• A/E Fees, Legal	\$500,000
• Contingency (5%)	\$325,000
	\$7,843,000

• Court Building	\$1,680,000
• A/E Fees, Legal	\$150,000
• Contingency (5%)	\$85,000
	\$1,915,000

• Combined Project **\$9,758,000**

three holding cells with a capacity of four each and two detox cells which could hold three inmates.

Lack of inmate space means the county jail must house out inmates to other counties to the tune of \$38-\$40 a day per in-

mate. At an average of two inmates a day, some of which are long term up to six months, the figures add up.

Last Friday, June 23, the sheriff's office shipped out four inmates to be housed in other county jails. The jail is not set up for long term offenders with the average stay being 30 days.

"Some stay six months and one or two could be here a year," Toombs said.

The county bears the burden of additional fees and costs in transportation and delivery of inmates that are housed out. Not building a new facility means the state could close down the jail in the future.

"We don't gain anything by not having the jail," Toombs said. "The costs don't end just because we shut it down. In fact we lose more control in having the inmates."

All jail floor plans under consideration will be two-pronged with flexibility to include or exclude a justice center.

"Several years ago, Judge Harrison approached the court about remodeling the third floor of the courthouse," Mayo said. At the time the commissioners decided to include the renovations, estimated at \$1 million if a new jail were ever constructed.

"It's just as cheap to put it across the street where it would be accessible and available for the clerk and judge," Mayo said.



BOBBY AND ROBIN RICHARDSON are all smiles in their new kitchen, as they start over following the February grass fire.

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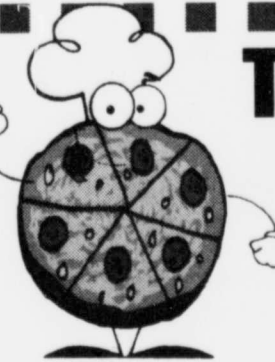
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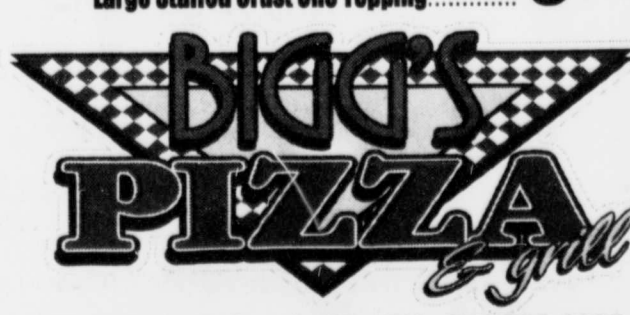
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Come chunk a sponge at your favorite local celebrity!

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4:30-5:00	Paul Smith
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8:30-9:00	John Senter

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SOCIETY

New books available at library

The Mitchell County Public Library has several new books available to the public. Stop by the library to check these out.

Fallen by Karin Slaughter: There's no police training stronger than a cop's instinct. Faith Mitchell's mother isn't answering her phone. Her front door is open. There's a bloodstain above

the knob. Her infant daughter is hidden in a shed behind the house. All that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation taught Faith Mitchell goes out the window when she charges into her mother's house, gun drawn. She sees a man dead in the laundry room. She sees a hostage situation in the bedroom. What she

doesn't see is her mother.

Smokin' Seventeen by Janet Evanovich: With a cold-blooded killer after her, a handful of hot men, and a capture list that includes a dancing bear and a senior citizen vampire, Stephanie's life looks like it's about to go up in smoke.

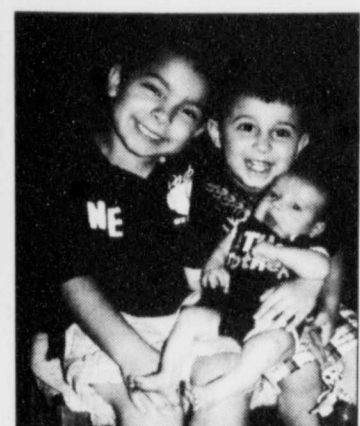
Heat Wave by Nancy Thayer: Making the startling discovery that her family finances are in dire straits is only the latest shock endured by Carley Winsted after her husband's sudden death from a heart attack. Resisting her in-laws' well-meaning overtures to take in Carley and her two daughters, the young widow instead devises a plan to keep her family in their beloved home, a grand historic house on the island of Nantucket.

Smart Parenting, Smarter Kids: The One Brain Book You Need to Help Your Child Grow Brighter, Healthier, and Happier by David Walsh: equips parents with usable information across a range of topics, like exercise, nutrition, play, sleep, stress, self-discipline, emotional intelligence, and connection.

Mavericks: A Gallery of Texas Characters by Gene Fowler: Texas has a long list of interesting people and this book will give you some insight into some of them

Cars 2: The Essential Guide by DK Publishing: Packed with facts, character profiles, and amazing stills from the movie, the *Essential Guide* is the definitive reference to the world of *Cars* 2.

BIRTHS



Big brothers, Nicholas and Nathan, are excited to announce the birth of their baby brother, Noah Pascual Molina.

Born on April 25, 2011, in San Angelo, he weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Ricky and Ann Marie Molina of Colorado City. Proud grandparents are Dan and Leslie Scott of Colorado City, Mary Rios of Colorado City and Rick Molina of Lubbock.

Tourism workshop to be held July 14

The Texas Travel Industry Association will hold a regional tourism workshop in Mesquite July 14 at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway.

The conference is open to local governments, convention and visitor bureaus, chambers of commerce, lodging facilities, attractions, restaurants, retail establishments and others involved in local tourism.

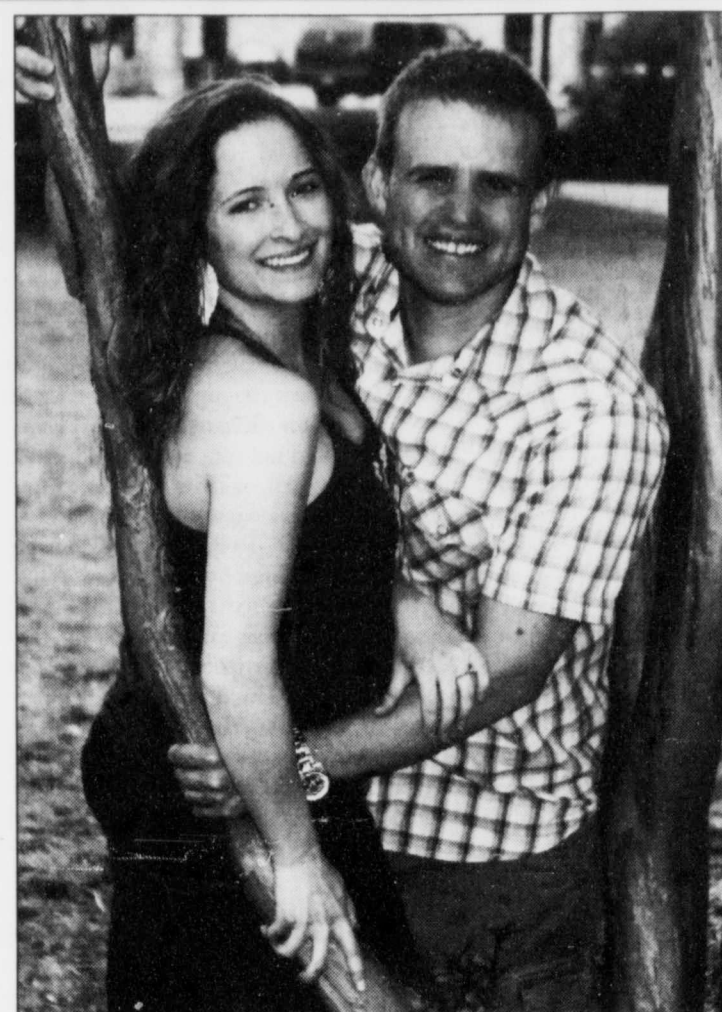
Industry experts will conduct each session, providing the latest information, innovative tools and strategies to help Texas communities build and sustain local

tourism success.

Registration rates are \$85 per person, on-site rate \$95 per person and may be done online at <https://ttia.site-ym.com/events> or by contacting Jennifer Roush at jennifer@ttia.org.

The all day workshop begins at 8:30 with registration and a continental breakfast and will end at 4:14 p.m.

Sessions are Securing Community Buy-in on Events; Generating and Measuring Traditional and Social Media Coverage; and Retail as an Attraction.



Amanda Ponko and Jared Hamilton

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Ponko announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Nicole Ponko, to Jared Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Newman of Johnson City and Mr. Rusty Hamilton of Fredericksburg.

Miss Ponko is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Macky Castillo of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oldenburg of Monaca, Pennsylvania and the late Frederick Ponko.

Mr. Hamilton is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Durst and the late Alice Walker of Johnson City. The couple will be married on October 29th at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo.

Miss Ponko and Mr. Hamilton are both graduates of Angelo State University with a degree in Nursing. Ponko works at San Angelo Community Medical Center and Hamilton works at Shannon Medical Center.

Lending roadside assistance, ER care

By Monte Wike

In a recent sermon that I mailed to a prisoner, I had intended to use the words "spiritual bondage" but typed in "spiritual bandage." He said he corrected it and went on, but that it kept speaking to him. Then he said that the reason he was in prison was that he had applied bandages over his old wounds to hide them and had never been cleansed of

the infectious disease that was his problem. It was only in prison that he received the spiritual cleansing he needed.

Unless we go to the heart of the matter, discover the source of sin, anger and bitterness, we can apply roll after roll of bandages and never experience healing and wholeness.

In the story of the Good Samaritan (an oxymoron, since the Samaritans were so despised by the Jews that they could not be good), it was not the professional priest or Levite who gave care to a man lying beaten and half dead. Instead it was a businessman as he returned from his accustomed trips to Jerusalem.

Several things took place. He had compassion, he stopped, got down off his donkey and began to administer aid with the few things he had at hand. He poured in oil and then wine. I would have thought the wine went in first as an astringent, but apparently there was so much damage that the alcohol would have caused violent pain. Instead, the oil went in first as a soothing lotion to numb the pain and then the cleansing antiseptic was used. Then this ingenious fellow bound up the terrible wounds the man had suffered. He must have sacrificed some of his own clothing to make the bandages. The bandages were necessary to keep him from bleeding to death or suffering heat stroke in the mid-eastern heat. Then he set him on his "emergency vehicle" and took him in for better and extended care.

When we meet a situation that seems beyond our ability to handle, then we do what you can at the time and place, and then

seek better care. The Samaritan used the materials he had, but he did not stop with first aid treatment. He took him on in to Jericho, stayed with him through the night, and then paid for his care until he was healed.

This simple story illustrates that there are those we may help in meager ways, yet be of life-saving importance. We may have to clean up the mess caused by others. We may have to sacrifice time, attention, transportation, money and care to help them. But what we do for others will not be lost.

If your old wounds are still festered, it may not be enough to just change the bandages or call out for help. The inner cause must be treated, not just the outer wound. We cannot just apply a band-aid and expect healing. Nor can we expect those hurting to get better if we just go on and leave them alone. Do what you can when you can, and if that is not enough, get someone else to share the burden with you.

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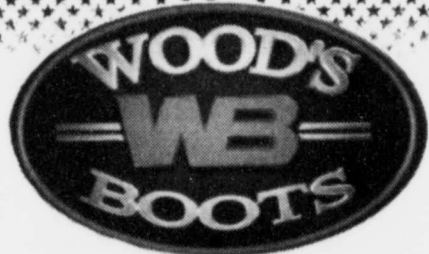


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SCHOOL NEWS



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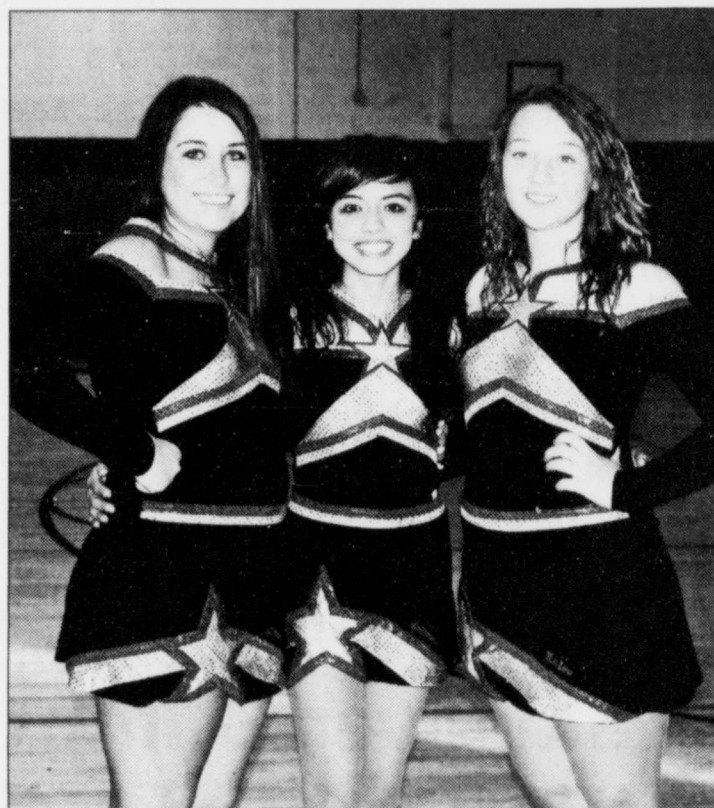
TG makes contribution to TEXAS grant program

On June 9, TG's Board of Directors approved a one-time contribution of \$10 million to the TEXAS Grant Program to help close the financial needs gap that may exist for students for the 2011-12 academic year. The TEXAS Grant program is the state's largest financial aid program available to students attending public universities and community colleges.

"TG is very pleased to make this donation to the TEXAS Grant Program," said Ivan Andarza, chair of TG's Board of Directors. "This contribution exemplifies TG's commitment to our students and families in helping to make their college dream a reality."

"This substantial donation to the TEXAS Grant program is welcome news at a time when there is an increasing number of poor students who are entering higher education and can't complete their programs without financial aid," said Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes. "We are truly pleased by the commitment and partnership of TG's board of directors who were willing to make this investment in Texas students when they need it the most."

The state budget recently approved by Gov. Rick Perry invests \$560 million in the program, which the THECB estimates will serve about 77,300 students. The THECB projects that TG donation will help extend awards to an additional 2,500 students over the next two years.



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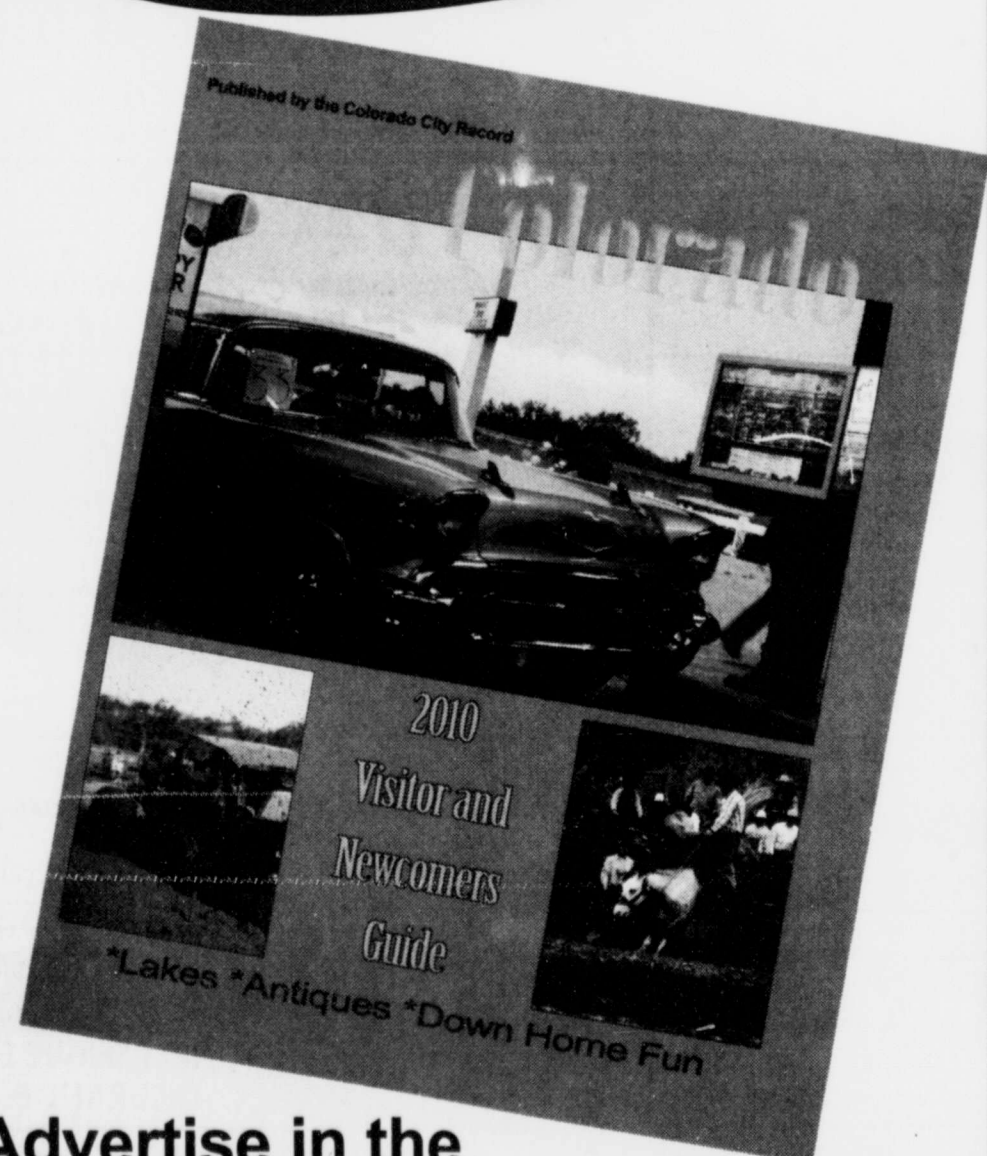
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SPORTS

A peek at football season

By Ira Montador

Ready or not, it's coming. Football season will be here before you know it. Who's ready? Two out of the three area teams made the playoffs last year and they both went deeper than expected. Colorado City cashed in on an 11-1 season and look to return again this year with most of their offense intact. A few gaps in the defense left—most noticeably—by J. C. Johnson at the linebacker position will need to be filled if the Wolves intend to repeat or improve on 2010's greatness. The regional semi-finalists from a year ago have quarterback Derek Gainey for one more year with his never-tiring arm. If Coach Johnson can fill the gaps left by some of that great D, you can expect to see another fun-filled year. Personally, I am looking forward to the C-City-Wall game Oct. 7. Last year's 18-6 win came before both teams got knocked out of the playoffs by Littlefield. If you like good, hard-hitting football, mark this one on your calendar. A quick note for those who read somewhere that C-City, Wall and Crane will be the three teams making the playoffs this year—WATCH OUT FOR ALPINE! Rest assured, they are going to catch somebody by surprise.

LORAIN

The Loraine Bulldogs also had a year to be proud of, going 11-2 and ending their season as regional finalists. Coach Richard Jackson returns for a second year at the helm and looks to take the 'Dogs to that next level. Linebackers Scotty Bailey and Brandon Gipson like to hit people and they combined for over 225 tackles last year. Look for them to bring the pain again in 2011.

After losing to Sterling City by 15 points in the regular season and then by 12 in the playoffs, Loraine is positioned to shake things up just a bit this year. The experts have predicted they will finish second behind their nemesis of 2010, but with Sterling City's hole at quarterback, time will only tell on this one, so mark it down—Loraine versus Sterling City, Nov. 4. I know I wouldn't miss this one.

WESTBROOK

Fans, mothers and even athletes hate two words worse than any

other: rebuilding period. Unfortunately, that is where the Westbrook Wildcats find themselves under Coach Jim Hill.

Last season, the 'Cats went 7-0 before falling in all three district games. Look for that to change this year. You can not keep a good man down, or so the saying goes. Westbrook is bringing back the majority of their team. What does that mean? It means they do not want to feel what they felt last year. When it comes to football, I'll take passion over past success any day of the week and twice on Friday night.

All that is left is to decide who gets to be the one that Westbrook sneaks up on. I am choosing Trent, even with all the talent they possess over there. But, I reserve the right to change my pick to Loraine, if the Bulldogs get caught sleeping.

Mark them both down. Westbrook takes on Loraine Oct. 21 and then Trent Nov. 3. Westbrook WILL NOT go winless in district this year. There, I said it.

Well, there you have it, just a quick look at the upcoming year. Be sure to look for our special football section. It will be coming soon with week-to-week season breakdowns for the Wolves, Bulldogs and Wildcats.



ENJOYING A BRIEF respite during the Rotary Night Golf Tournament last Saturday are (from left) Jason Morris and Chad Morris. The annual Rotary fundraiser plays nine holes in daylight and nine after dark with glow in the dark golf balls.



THREE MEMBERS OF the Lady Wolves' softball team (left to right), Ava Macedo, Emily Hicks and Jaci Wulfjen, have been recognized by the Texas Girls Coaches Association and have been named to the Academic All-State list. Athletes must be seniors and have a GPA of 94 or above for grades 9-11. Athletes are nominated by their coaches and are selected based on fitting the criteria for the honor.

Volleyball camp set

Girls entering grades 4-8 can hone their volleyball skills in July.

According to head volleyball coach Anita Graham, volleyball camp will begin Monday, July 18 at The Pit, Colorado Middle School gym.

Camp hours have been set for 9 to 11 a.m. for 4th through 6th graders and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all 7th and 8th graders Monday through Thursday.

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OWENS

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anything behind what might be driving you. Don't take liberties you wouldn't afford to the general public."

Owens' wife Kelley will stay in San Angelo with her job at UPS and be available for her elderly parents and the Owens' menagerie of critters.

"I love my chickens," Owens said, who has a motley collection of Black Grants, Ideals, and Barred Rocks.

USDA

debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

The interactive webinars will provide an overview of the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Process as well as FSA farm loan program updates. Farm loan program topics to be discussed include interest rates, terms, and eligibility and security requirements.

"I encourage producers who want more information about

The Owens have two children, a daughter A.J., who is 22, and a son Jake, 20.

"I don't have a glamorous background; I'm just an ole country boy and people person," Owens said. "I believe in doing the right thing the right way, fair and honest. If I can't look you in the eye and tell you the truth, whether you like it or not, I don't need to be here."

By Aimee Jackson Loraine Correspondent

Sidney Johnston celebrated her birthday recently. Her husband, Jason, helped her celebrate with a wonderful dinner at Hildago's.

Sidney's mom, Carol Lloyd, along with Charles Rice and Madison Rice and Sidney and Jason's children Catelyn and Carlton were all there to help her celebrate. Happy birthday, Sidney!

Catelyn Johnston will be

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competing in the AAU National Qualifier meet at Abilene Christian University this Friday in Pole Vault. If she is in the top three, she will advance to Junior Olympic games in New Orleans on August 4th.

Also, she will compete at the Regional TAAF meet in Odessa on July 16. If she advances she will compete in the state meet at Waco on July 28.

Sounds like Catelyn has had a super busy summer. Keep up the good work. We know you will be successful no matter what you do!

Loraine FFA just went to leadership camp last week in Big Spring. Seven students from Loraine represented our chapter. They will be going to the State FFA Convention in Lubbock July 11-15th.

Nathaniel (Nate) Martinez from Loraine recently traveled to Dallas with his band, *Until The Calm*. They left last Saturday morning at 4 a.m. and got

to Dallas by 8 a.m. and spent 13 hours in a recording studio.

They recorded their single, *You and I* for their new album. The band consists of Jacob "Jake" Vasquez on vocals, Ross Looby on guitar and Nathaniel "Nate" Martinez on drums.

Jennifer Fales received a card from The Food Bank of West Central Texas and was informed that the Senior Center was the recipient of a \$500 anonymous donation.

A big thank you to the person or persons responsible.

The Senior Center is going to have a Brisket Plate Fundraiser on Sunday, July 10 starting at noon.

Plate includes brisket, potato salad, beans, bread, tea and coleslaw for \$6 for adults and \$5 for children.

Senior Center will be closed 4th of July. Everyone have a safe and fun 4th.

Methodist News...

The new pastor Rev. Horace Abbott preached his first sermon at First Methodist Church of Loraine Sunday. It was titled "What You Need More Than Anything Else."

The congregation welcomed him and his wife, Mary Ann. Attending with them was their grandson Ethan.

He will also be serving at Pastor of Dorn Chapel Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend either church and meet them.

Special Music was provided by Bobby Richardson. He played guitar and sang, "I'm Glad I Know Jesus." It was beautiful and enjoyed by all.

Trish Sewell seems to be moving a little slower this week. Her son, Christian Sanchez-Davila, took her to Team Chip bring-a-friend night in Sweetwater recently. Christian put his mom through a Tae Kwon Do work out and Trish says her muscles can sure feel it!

2010 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report)

CITY OF LORAIN

Phone Number: (325) 737-2222

SPECIAL NOTICE

Required language for ALL community public water supplies:

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immunocompromised such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer, those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk of infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: July 12, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 111 South Main St.

Phone Number: (325) 737-2222

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

En Español

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (325) 737-2222 para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

Where do we get our drinking water?

The source of drinking water used by CITY OF LORAIN is Ground Water. A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water source(s) is currently being updated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This information describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment allows us to focus source water protection strategies. Some of this source water assessment information is available on Texas Drinking Water Watch at <http://dww.tceq.state.tx.us/DWW/>. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

Required Additional Health Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Abbreviations

- NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter
- ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
- ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7.5 gallons of water.
ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,500 gallons of water.
na: not applicable.

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

2010 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Regulated Contaminants

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	09/16/2009	0.039	0.039 - 0.039	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	09/16/2009	1.79	1.79 - 1.79	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/Photon emitters	09/16/2009	12.4	12.4 - 12.4	0	4	mrem/yr	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Combined Radium 226/228	09/16/2009	1.4	1.4 - 1.4	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	09/16/2009	15.1	8.7 - 15.1	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Uranium	09/16/2009	10.132	9.5 - 10.132	0	30	ug/l	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Volatile Organic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Ethylbenzene	09/16/2009	2.8	0 - 2.8	700	700	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum refineries.
Xylenes	09/16/2009	0.017	0 - 0.017	10	10	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories.