

TPWD seeks help evaluating regulation

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is asking for your help in evaluating the effectiveness of the new Experimental Antler Restriction regulation. By documenting the age and antler measurements of bucks harvested under this new regulation over the next three years, biologists will be able to determine how well this harvest strategy accomplished its objective, which is to increase the age structure of the bucks in the population. By collecting this information from as many deer as possible, TPWD biologists will be able to make a clearer determination as to the effectiveness of this regulation.

As an incentive, hunters who bring their legally harvested bucks to voluntary check stations in the six affected counties will be entered into a drawing for one of 10 valuable prizes. The first prize is a lifetime hunting and fishing license (\$1,000 value).

If you or anyone you know harvests a buck during the archery or rifle season in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca, Lee or Washington Counties, please bring at least the head with antlers and jaw attached to one of the check stations listed (bucks harvested on ranches receiving Level 2 and 3 Managed Land Deer Permits are not

eligible).

Austin County: Bellville, Lange's Food Market, Hwy. 36 west; Sealy, Sealy Texaco, Hwy 36 at I-10.

Colorado County: Columbus, Edward Jones Office, 526 Spring St. (Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.); Mr. B's Food Market, Hwy. 71 Bypass at Hwy. 90W; Sheridan/Rock Island, Sandy Creek Drive In, Hwy. 90A between Rock Island and Sheridan.

Fayette County: Carmine, Eckert's Outpost, Hwy. 290; La Grange, Mueller Feed, 3105 E. Hwy. 71 (Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.); TPWD Office, Fayette Savings Bank, 111 E. Travis, Suite 200 (Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., except Nov. 2, 3, 9, 10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.); Schulenburg Area, Willie Joe's Processing, 2220

Krischke Road (High Hill). (Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday call for appointment (979-561-8272); Warda, Rose's Warda Store, State Hwy. 77.

Lavaca County: Hallettsville, Morton's Drive-In Grocery, Hwy. 90A east; Vienna, Lazy-J-Bar, FM 530 (12 p.m.-12 a.m., except Nov. 2, 3, 9, 10: 8 a.m.-12 a.m.); Southern Lavaca County, Crossroads Country Store, Hwy. 77 at Hwy. 111.

Lee County: Dime Box, Doug's Grocery, 8122 FM 141; Giddings, H.W. Doyle Processing Plant, one mile south of Hwy. 290 on Hwy. 77; Lexington, Lexington Food Mart, 8889 North Hwy. 77.

Washington County: Brenham, Buccaneer Food Store, FM 389 at Hwy. 290.

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out the company and by adopting common business models that take advantage of company scale. And, when appropriate, we will grow through acquisitions in our core businesses and by finding opportunities where we can capitalize on our core assets and skills.

"CenterPoint Energy is operated by some of the most experienced talent in the energy business, with more than 11,000 highly skilled employees. We have an attractive and diverse service territory with some of the highest-demand and highest-growth areas in the country, including Houston and Minneapolis," said McClanahan.

"The name CenterPoint Energy is a recognition of the vital role we play in the center of the energy chain between producers and the customers," he added.

"The more than 550,000 natural gas customers we serve will see a new look to their bill, with CenterPoint Energy appearing in front of Entex,"

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said Dean Liollo, president and chief operating officer of CenterPoint Energy Entex. "Customers will also see CenterPoint Energy added to trucks, uniforms and office signs throughout the 337 communities we serve."

Recently, CenterPoint Energy completed the spin-off of Reliant Resources Inc., a competitive energy services company. The separation of CenterPoint and Reliant Resources offers advantages to consumers by allowing each business to focus on what it does best. Shareholders now have two distinctly different investment opportunities.

"Our overall investment objectives are simple and straightforward. We are committed to maximizing total shareholder return through a competitive dividend and reasonable growth. We are well positioned for the future with the company's overall large scale, diverse set of electric and natural gas assets, geographic diversity and relatively predictable and stable cash flow," said McClanahan.

CenterPoint Energy Inc., headquartered in Houston, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electricity transmission and distribution, natural gas distribution and sales, interstate pipeline and gathering operations, and more than 14,000 megawatts of power generation in Texas. The company serves nearly five million customers in 11 states. Assets total nearly \$19 billion.

CenterPoint became the new holding company for the regulated operations of the former Reliant Energy Inc. in Aug. 2002.

With more than 11,000 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies, have been in business for more than 130 years. For more information, visit their web site at CenterPoint Energy.com.

Study Club offering wide variety...



Esta and Larry Lippman have donated this Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 2002 winning art entitled, "A Cowboy's Prayer" a 9-11-01 memorial by Shay Brunson and these Brighton accessories that include a silver watch, leather belt and ladies leather billfold.



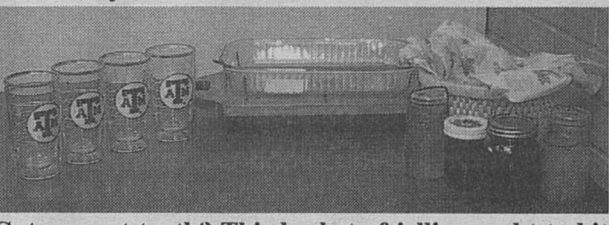
Cindy Riehs of Cindy's Spirits has donated this silver plated wine bottle holder with four wine glasses. The wines included with your bid will be a bottle of Arrow Creek Cabernet and a Murphy/Goode Chardonnay.



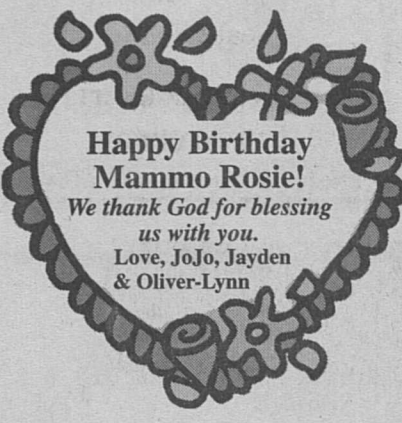
For that special little girl in your life or a collector here are two beautiful items on which to bid. New Twin Bitty Babies from the American Doll Collection, donated by Henry and Alice Sunderman, and a porcelain doll, donated by Eunice and Fred Frnka.



Jackie Middleton wants you to set time aside for yourself and the family to go on a picnic. She has donated this basket full of things you'll need for that time away.



Got a sweet tooth? This basket of jellies ought to hit the spot. It was donated by Phyllis Pscenic. The hot dish carrier with wooden tray was donated by her husband. The A&M tumblers in the photograph were donated by Judy and Harvey Cooper.



Happy "Sweet 16th" Birthday Terry (Miskey) Hughes

We Love Ya!
Grandma, Aunt Bee, Mee-Mee, Kisha & 2-Shay

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Senator Ken Armbrister

- ★ Representing the people of District 18 in the Texas Senate since 1987. Local small businessman.
- ★ Worked his way up from Patrol Officer to Captain during his 14-year career with the Victoria Police Department.
- ★ Earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Sam Houston State University. Graduate of the FBI National Academy.
- ★ Served as Director of the Victoria Regional Police Academy for 10 years. Former instructor at Victoria College and the University of Houston-Victoria.
- ★ Current Chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. Also serves on the Senate Redistricting and State Affairs Committees.
- ★ Serves on the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security, the Governor's Anti-Crime Commission, and the Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Excellence.
- ★ Honored for legislative leadership and public service by the Texas Association of Business and Texas Farm Bureau. Endorsed by numerous education, law enforcement, public safety, business, agriculture, and healthcare groups.
- ★ Recently awarded the Defender of the Peace Award, the highest honor given by the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, for his leadership on law enforcement and crime issues.
- ★ Married to the former Susie Sembera of Jackson County. They have a daughter, Erin, a son and a daughter-in-law, Shane and Holly, and a granddaughter, Payton. The Armbristers are members of Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria.

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drawing for a \$1,000 gift certificate will also be held. Music will be provided by the Lazy Farmers, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Los Caprichosos 7-11 p.m.

Chamber dinner is Nov. 10

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold a fried chicken dinner to salute our veterans. The dinner will be served Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Prairie Edge Museum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may dine in or take the meal home.

Understanding your dreams

In Nov., a class will be offered on understanding your dreams and channeling their power for positive development with meditation. Learn to open your heart to all the gifts the universe has for you, while releasing the fear and anger in your life. Allow your spiritual light to shine Thursday, Nov. 7, 14, 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. Please call 979-234-5936 for registration and/or information. Beverages will be served during the discussion period.

Senior Friends mystery trip is Oct. 23

Don't forget to sign up for the Senior Friends Annual Mystery Trip on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Are you wondering where they are going? Well, it's a secret! Cost is \$45 per person and includes lunch. Clue: The date sure is close to Halloween! Please RSVP to Robin at 979-282-6808.

Jim KEARNEY

★ For Colorado County Judge

Since my opponent has claimed "Promises made...promises kept," it is appropriate to point out the promises that he has not kept.

- He promised not to take retirement. His retirement is being funded.
- He promised to hold open town meetings in the evenings throughout the county. No such meetings have been held.
- He promised not to take a salary increase. He sponsored a salary increase for himself.
- He promised an advisory committee of local agricultural leaders. No such committee was constituted.
- He promised a "team effort" in county government. He has attempted to make county government a one-man show.
- He promised economic development. Our neighbors get a new Wal-Mart distribution center, we get nothing.
- He promised to reduce government. He sponsored land use regulations that increase government.
- He promised the county an emergency management plan. The county still does not have a certified plan.
- He promised to fix 9-1-1. He pushed through Commissioners Court an inadequate radio system that causes our emergency personnel daily problems.
- He promised a respectful hearing of all citizens. Citizens and elected officials are routinely treated in a rude and discourteous manner.

Running for county office is more than making empty promises, putting up extravagant billboards and spending lots of money. The citizens of Colorado county cannot be bought. It's time for a change!

Political advertisement paid for by Jim Kearney for Colorado County Judge campaign, Paulina Kearney, Treasurer, 2582 FM 2434, Weimar, Texas 78962