

Colorado County Deed Records

Deed, Carolyn Keaton to Hillbolt Operating LP, var. tracts H&TC RR Co. et al surveys, Colorado and Austin Counties, filed Aug. 28.

Deed, Leroy Keaton to Hillbolt Operating LP, var. tracts H&TC RR Co. et al surveys, Colorado and Austin Counties, filed Aug. 28.

Deed, Patricia S. Keaton to Hillbolt Operating LP, var. tracts H&TC RR Co. et al surveys, Colorado and Austin Counties, filed Aug. 28.

Special Warranty Deed, Dean Gary Kocurek to Diane Marie

Kocurek, 0.905 acre tract J. Prude League, filed Aug. 31.

Warranty Deed, Jerris Kay Za-topek Kulhanek to Brent and Jayme Donalson, lot 5 block 3 City of Co-lumbus, filed Aug. 30.

Memorandum of Oil and Gas, Terah Lebow to Samson Lonestar Limited Partnership, 320 acres GH&H RR survey, filed Aug. 30.

Deed, Brenda Lord to Hillbolt Operating LP, var. tracts H&TC RR Co. et al surveys, Colorado and Austin Counties, filed Aug. 28.

Deed, Jack Lord to Hillbolt Oper-ating LP, var. tracts H&TC

RR Co. et al surveys, Colorado and Austin Counties, filed Aug. 28.

Warranty Deed with Vendors

Lien, Mike Madden to Kelly K. Gray and other, 1 acre tract B. Wickson survey, filed Aug. 28.



EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 10-16-06	84/66	2.58
Tue. 10-17-06	91/66	0.00
Wed. 10-18-06	89/58	0.50
Thu. 10-19-06	67/48	0.00
Fri. 10-20-06	85/50	0.03
Sat. 10-21-06	75/45	0.00
Sun. 10-22-06	85/45	0.00

Early Election Voting Continues Through Friday, November 3

Persons voting early by personal appearance in the Nov. 7 general election may vote at the Colorado County Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. through Nov. 3. There will also be early voting on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Qualifications for Persons Wishing to Vote Early by Mail

Darlene Hayek, Colorado County Clerk is now accepting Applications for Ballots by mail for the General Election.

The law requires that the

address to which the ballot is going to be mailed must be the residence address of the voter indicated on the mailing address record with the Voter Registrar. The exceptions to the rules are as follows:

1. The voter is 65 or older, or disabled.
- If the grounds for voting by mail is either 65 or over, or disability, the application must give the address of a hospital, nursing home, long term care facility, or retirement center, or the address of a relative within the second degree of affinity or third degree

of consanguinity, with whom the applicant is living.

2. If the voter is confined in jail.

If the reason is confinement to jail, the application must give the address of the jail facility at which the voter is confined, or the address of a relative within the second degree of affinity or third degree of consanguinity.

3. If the voter is expected to be absent from the County.

If the voter is expected to be absent from the County on election day and during Clerk's regular office hours for the remainder

of the early voting period, the application must give an out of County address to mail the ballot, if submitted after early voting in person has begun. Early voting by personal appearance begins on Oct. 23.

Persons voting by mail must have their applications in the County Clerk's office by the close of regular business hours on Oct. 31.

Limited Ballot

1. The Election Code authorizes voting a limited ballot after changing County of residence.
2. The person voting a limited

ballot under Section 112.001 of the Texas Election Code is entitled to vote only on each office or measure to be voted in a territorial unit, State or District of which the person was resident both before changing their County of residence and after the change.

Eligibility

1. After changing residence to another County, a person is eligible to vote a limited ballot by personal appearance or by mail if:
 - a. The person would have been eligible to vote in the County of former residence on Election Day

if still residing in the County.

b. The date of election is not more than 90 days after the new residence was established. A voter registration for the person in the County of new residence is not effective on or before Election Day.

2. A person is not eligible to vote a limited ballot by mail unless in addition to satisfying the eligibility requirements prescribed above, the person is eligible to vote early by mail under the standard early mail rules.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the county clerk at 979-732-6860.

County Courthouse Report

A 20-year-old Columbus woman has been indicted for capital murder in the death of her 14-month-old step-daughter.

The Colorado County grand jury returned the indictment against Brittanie Nichole Kloesel on Thursday, Oct. 19.

The indictment states she caused the death of the child, Emily K. Fitzgerald, by "throwing it to the floor" on Sept. 7.

The child died after being taken to Columbus Community Hospital for treatment.

County Attorney Ken Sparks said an autopsy showed the child died of a "blunt force head injury."

Kloesel was arrested a week after the death after she gave a video-taped statement to sheriff's investigators.

The injury occurred at the woman's residence at the Co-

lumbus Oak Apartments, east of Columbus.

Two other children, ages 5 months and 15 months, were living in the residence at the time.

They have been in care of relatives.

Kloesel has been jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 bond in the case.

Sparks said that by law, the murder of a child under the age of six is considered capital murder.

The county attorney said he has filed notice that he will not seek the death penalty.

If convicted, he said, the woman could receive a penalty of life without parole.

In order to have the death penalty assessed, Sparks said, there must be a showing that the accused represents a continuing threat to society.

Fourteen other individuals were also indicted by the grand

jury.

They included:

- Andrea Monick Carter, 28, of Columbus, forgery on Aug. 4 and Aug. 12.
- Gary Dean Goebel, 52, of Carmine, theft of 10 head of cattle from Carole Halla on Jan. 16.
- Bobby Daniel Green, 30, of Eagle Lake, DWI on Sept. 29.
- Charles M. Hamilton, 25, of San Antonio, possession of a controlled substance on Sept. 28, methamphetamine and cocaine.
- George Hernandez, III, 28, of Columbus, criminal mischief on July 10.
- Rudy Teague Hernandez, 45, of Columbus, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, on Sept. 8.
- James Darrell Johnson Jr., 28, of San Antonio, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and cocaine, on

Sept. 28.

- Michelle L. Lleverino, 35, of Columbus, fraudulent possession of a prescription for codeine on Aug. 31.
- Somalia D. Reed, 31, of Columbus, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, Sept. 13.
- Alvaro Rodriguez, 21, of Garwood, sexual assault of a child on Aug. 12.
- Joseph M. Sizemore, 23, of Columbus, aggravated assault on Sept. 2.
- Stevan W. Torres, 34, of Eagle Lake, burglary on March 26.
- Brandon Michael Watts, 28, of Katy, DWI on Aug. 20.
- Valentino S. Zamarripa, 30, of Sealy, assault, family violence on Sept. 22.

Divorces Granted

Mary Katherine Martin and Charles Henry Martin III, Oct.

23. Patricia Guthrie and Shawn Guthrie, Oct. 23.

Divorces filed

George D. Black and Thella Black, Oct. 16.

Cindy Cruz and Gonzalo Cruz Jr., Oct. 16

Edith Ona McCoy and William Wallace McCoy, Oct. 20.

Lori Dawn Zaragoza and Luis Antonio Zaragoza, Oct. 24.

Four Lawsuits In District Court

Four civil lawsuits were filed last week in Colorado County District Court.

They included:

On Oct. 16, Harley-Davidson Credit filed suit against Kim Lee Miller in a dispute over a installment contract to purchase a 2002 Harley Davidson. The company claims \$13,083 is due

on the note.

On Oct. 23, Linda Munos filed suit against Ralph Woodruff in a dispute over a loan. The suit states that Munos loaned Woodruff money to purchase a 2003 Chevrolet pickup and that \$10,297 is still owed.

In a separate suit on Oct. 23, MBNA America Bank NA, filed suit in a dispute with Mary D. Tromblee. The suit claims \$10,420 is owed.

On Oct. 24, Baker Hughes Oil Field Operations Inc. filed suit against Petrosearch Operating Co. LLC. The suit states that between July 10 and Aug. 7, Baker Hughes provided labor, equipment and or material to Petrosearch for oil exploration. The suit claims that \$453,254 is owed to Baker Hughes.

FIRST IN A SERIES OF REPORTS ON THE LCRA-SAWS WATER PROJECT

Who Owns the Water in the Colorado River?

Water in Texas rivers and lakes belongs to all Texans and is regulated by the state. Water in the Colorado River is a state resource that belongs equally to the people in our river basin and in neighboring basins.

Problem is, because of the state's population growth, there won't be enough water in Texas for the future – unless we plan now.

- Texas will have 25 million more people in 2060 – double the 2000 population. ¹
- Texas will need 27% more water between 2000 and 2060. Cities will need twice as much water, while agriculture will need slightly less. ²
- Texas will have 7% less surface water supplies between 2010 and 2060 as silt builds up in reservoirs. ³

Without planning for future water shortages, Texas won't have enough water to meet demands by 2060. ⁴

References

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5. txsdc.utsa.edu/txpepp/txpopest.php, Texas State Data Center and Office of the State Demographer.

Map source: Texas Water Development Board.

With these statewide shortages in mind, it's important to take an honest, realistic look at the lower Colorado River basin's situation.

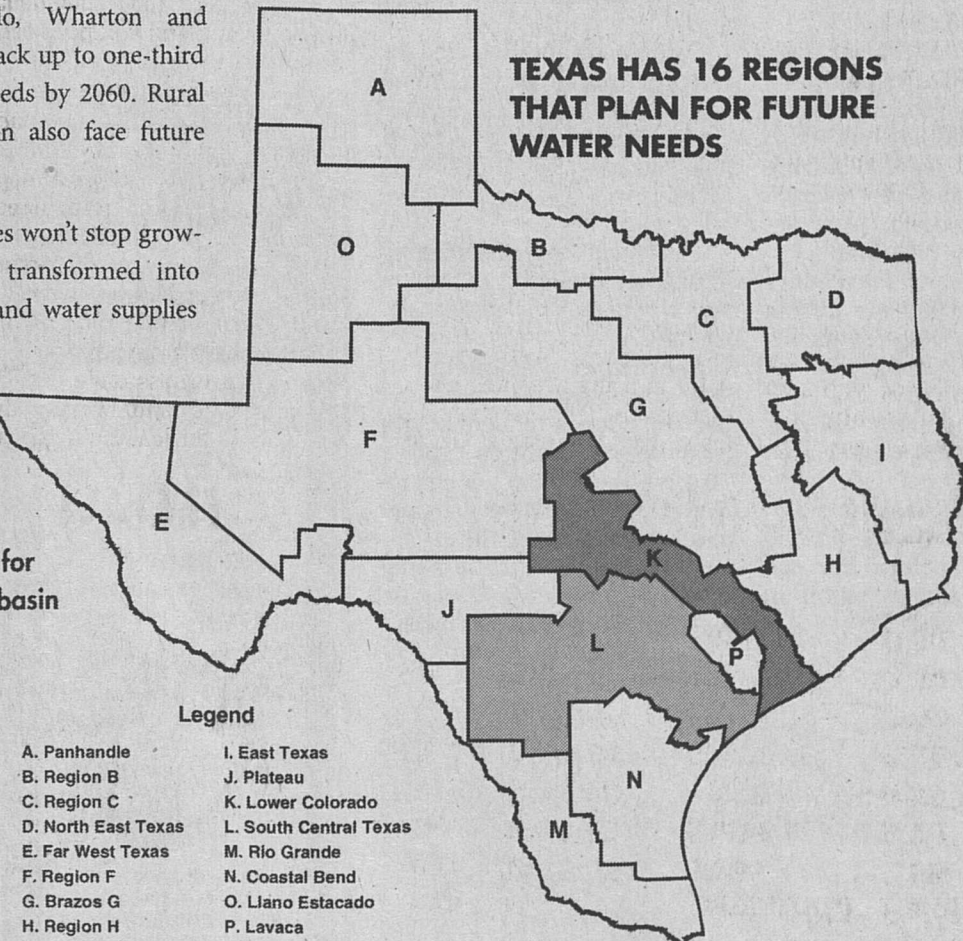
- Growth will affect future water supplies. In the past five years, there were 37 new residents in river-dependent Travis, Burnet and Llano counties for each new resident in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties. ⁵

- As cities and industries grow, their need for water will grow, too. As this happens, water rights now designated for agricultural use likely will be shifted to municipal and industrial use.

- Agriculture in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties will lack up to one-third of the surface water it needs by 2060. Rural communities in the basin also face future water shortages.

There's no easy answer. Cities won't stop growing, seawater can't yet be transformed into affordable drinking water, and water supplies for agriculture are likely to decrease.

The bottom line is, water shortages are a reality for our basin. It's up to us to prepare for them – the future of our basin depends on it.



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This series of reports provides the facts about the LCRA-SAWS Water Project, a proposed long-term water supply project to meet future water shortages in the lower Colorado River basin and some shortages in the San Antonio area. The Lower Colorado River Authority and the San Antonio Water System are conducting a six-year in-depth study of the project's technical, financial and environmental effects to determine if the project should proceed.