



Barbara Peterman of A L & M Hardware (left) donates Houston Texan tickets to Auction Co-chairman Paula Frnka for "A Night at the Old Brunson Saloon" fundraiser on November 10th at the Live Oak Art Center.

## Live Oak Art Center Gala Nov. 10

"A Night At The Old Brunson Saloon". This very popular event will take place on Saturday night November 10 at the Art Center Brunson Building on Milam Street.

The evening begins at 6:00 with appetizers and drinks on the beautiful moonlit patio with music by famous Austin jazz guitarist Carlos Cedillo.

Guests will enjoy wandering ghosts from the past and a silent auction of wonderful goodies. The seated dinner begins at 7:00 with food by Poody served by his waiters at your elegantly set table.

A live auction of highly sought-after items will follow the gourmet meal. Ticket prices include all food and drinks.

This much anticipated event is always sold out, so tickets should be purchased early. Reservations are by check only - no phone reservations accepted.

All proceeds from the evening will go toward Live Oak Art Center projects to provide the city with more educational programs, workshops, art exhibits and juried shows. Donations are tax deductible. Call Bonnie Roberts for tickets or information at 732-6068.

Live Auction Items Include:

\* An historic evening on the

Wray Ranch with dinner catered by Peggy Harrison and served in the historic old Columbus railroad depot.

\* An A-1 Red Angus bull from James Lynch of Lonesome Dove Ranch in New Ulm

\* Two fabulous glass-blown pieces by well-known Austin artist Jeff Ballard - to be auctioned separately.

\* Tickets for Six to the Houston Texans vs. Denver football game with parking permits

\* A sports collectors dream: a football signed by the amazing Schobel boys

\* A ceramic vase by artist Paulina van Bavel Kearney

\* An exquisite necklace donated by Bill Stein and designed by Gin Bartlett for this occasion

\* A week-long stay for 12 on the beautiful 9-acre retreat of artist Bobbie Kilpatrick in Ruidoso, New Mexico

\* Dinner with local famous artists who will cook and serve 8 lucky people at the Live Oak Art Center. Music, fun, and surprises from these famous artists.

\* 3-nite Stay for 8-12 people at a scenic river-view Concan, Texas cabin with round of golf for 4 at the top-rated Concan Country Club Golf Course.

\* The collectible original pen and ink drawing done for our program cover, by well-known artist Pat Johnson.

\* A full day of beauty from Judy Werland including microdermabrasion treatment, lunch, mani, pedi, and facial.

Silent Auction items include:

\* An embossed lino print by artist Shawn Roberts

\* \$100 gift certificate to famous Salt Lick Restaurant - use there or by mail order

\* Beautiful Silk Jacket and turquoise necklace from Mary Richter

\* Hand-made lap quilt by Patsy Melnar

\* A Peggy Harrison German Chocolate Cake donated by Ester and Gary Chandler

\* A handmade ceramic platter made by artist Pat Johnson

\* A framed, signed and numbered limited edition 16"x 20" photograph "Fall Forest" by photographer Lynda Counts

\* A one-hour reflexology treatment by Sharon Hanzelka

\* 2 hand-made purses made by Thea Weeks-Ramirez - auctioned separately

\* 3-month membership to the Columbus Health and Fitness Center

## New Arrivals

Zion Cheyenne Henderson David and Adrianna Henderson of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a daughter, Zion Cheyenne Henderson born on October 24 at 10:36 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

She weighed five pounds and measured 17 1/4 inches at birth.

She is welcomed by her siblings Daviana who's 6, David Jr., who's 2 and Zeaya who's one.

Maternal grandparents are Juvenal and Cynthia Sanchez of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Katherine Henderson and the late Larry Henderson, Sr. of Altair.

Great grandparents are Guadalupe Gonzales and the late Alfred Gonzales of Eagle Lake and Maggie Henderson and the late Norman Henderson, Sr. of Altair.

### Bobby Wayne Whitehead

Bobby and MaryJo Whitehead of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, Bobby Wayne Whitehead, Jr., born on October 23 at 11:50 a.m. at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

He weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

He is welcomed by his siblings, Devyn who's five and Janey who's 2 1/2.

Maternal grandparents are Darlene and Bernt Tharaldson of Killeen.

Paternal grandparents are Omi Penny Morgan of Killeen.

Great grandparents are Ralph and Phyllis Heim and Robert and Heiga Morgan of Killeen.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Reader Discusses LCRA and Water District

Dear Editor,  
LCRA moved the fence when they jumped their water plans for a reservoir out of Colorado County and into Wharton County (Pierce Ranch Project).

LCRA also plans to drill and pump large quantities of groundwater. The site of the LCRA wells has yet to be determined.

LCRA may soon become "our neighbor in the next county with the biggest well and the biggest pump."

Wharton County has a GCD to protect their groundwater from harmful withdrawal and determine safe levels for pumping.

Wharton County has also seen the demand for their groundwater double with the addition of a new industry that provides power to Houston.

The GCD in Wharton County

has collected historical data, and estimated "desired future conditions."

These tools are vital in determining safe levels for pumping in their district, and setting limits to prevent damage to the household and agricultural groundwater wells of historic users.

We share the same aquifer. Our county serves as a recharge zone for the aquifer, helping replenish this underground water supply.

The LCRA project and other water projects in Wharton County have the potential to adversely affect our groundwater in Colorado County. **WE DO NOT HAVE A GCD, and we do not have a means to protect our groundwater, or determine safe levels for pumping.**

A GCD will give us the means

to establish the needs of our historic users, ranchers, and homeowners.

And it will give us a way to protect them by setting safe limits for removal. A GCD also gives us the ability to plan for future needs, and vote in our Groundwater Management Area (13 neighboring counties served by the Gulf Coast Aquifer).

Do not let the recent move by LCRA lull you into thinking our groundwater is safe. Do not let inaccurate interpretation of the law lead you to believe a GCD will aid the cause of water marketers. We do not have a GCD, so we do not have the ability to establish and set safe limits for groundwater use as we face the challenges of future growth.

Laura Myres,  
Citizens for the Colorado  
County GCD

### Temp. Water Board Gives Presentation Summaries

Dear Editor,  
This is our time to make a reservation for Groundwater Conservation District (GCD). We have agreed, disagreed, presented, debated, and most importantly, stimulated interest and learning. The opponents have challenged the supporters. The challenges taught us to listen, ask questions, dig deeper for answers, and that respect is critical to success. We have seen one common thread in this process - a desire to protect our groundwater.

The temporary board of directors presented programs in Columbus, Eagle Lake, Weimar, Bernardo, Frelsburg, Garwood, Sheridan, and Rock Island. Three area GCD managers and the Texas Water Development Board presented us with factual information concerning laws and protection of groundwater in Texas.

Our neighboring GCD's have shown us the need for individualized plans because water needs and supplies vary greatly. Whar-

ton County, with an abundant water supply, recently saw water usage double with the arrival of a large user (one with future plans to triple use). Fayette County, challenged with a smaller water supply and the need for more stringent conservation measures, monitors multiple aquifers. Gonzales County charges the city of Sequin export fees for water taken from landowner water leases. Gonzales County has denied permits to SAWS, and is entering into an official hearing process based on a protest from SAWS.

Our presenter from Gonzales told us it is important to implement a GCD before (not after) the big water marketers arrive. Allowing an entity to spend millions in our county, gives the entity rea-

sonable expectations. Attempts to stop a big water marketer after arrival would allow them to claim "stranded investment", and they could expect compensation.

Our GCD will provide us to protect our groundwater resources according to the laws of Texas, while implementing our rules based on those laws. Our GCD will provide us with the means to protect and conserve our groundwater now and for future generations.

We all want to protect our groundwater. Now we have the opportunity to vote for our GCD on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Marian Schonenberg,  
Secretary, Colorado  
County GCD

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**VOTERS**  
We have been told that we must have a Groundwater Conservation District so that Colorado County will have "A SEAT AT THE TABLE" at the Groundwater Management Area (GMA) meetings.

**FACT:**  
According to the Bill Analysis for SB 3 which just passed in the 80th Legislative Session, it states "...it is the policy of the state to encourage public participation in the groundwater management process in areas within a groundwater management area NOT REPRESENTED BY A GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT." It now appears any interested citizen can have a seat at the table, so long as, we DO NOT HAVE a GCD.

**FACT:**  
Also contained in the Bill Analysis for SB 3 it states "...this statute DOES NOT ENCOURAGE THE CREATION OF SINGLE-COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS." So why should we vote for a Colorado County GCD, when it appears this is no longer the direction the State policy is headed? Also remember, once we vote for the local GCD, we will continue to be taxed, whether we like the regional plans, or not!

**QUESTION:**  
Why have the experts that have come to our community to urge us to vote for the local GCD and our local leaders not told us these facts? What else is there that they might not be telling us? Surely we should NOT fund a GCD with local property taxes when the rules they enforce may not be in the best interest of Colorado County citizens.