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**In Memoriam**

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**Event Calender**

**Watercolor Painting Class**  
**FREE to our citizens!**  
 Held at City Hall once a month.  
 Contact Thelma Cale for more info  
 914-3861

**City Council Meetings are held at City Hall the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month and begin at 6:30pm unless posted otherwise at City Hall.**

**The Planning Commission Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30pm at City Hall unless posted otherwise at City Hall.**

**[www.cisantaclaratx.us](http://www.cisantaclaratx.us)**

Check out the VIDEO of the Santa Clara Birthday celebration on the website!  
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Would you like to receive the newsletter by email ? Let us know!  
 It is also available in PDF format at the City of Santa Clara website.

Want to contact the City of Santa Clara regarding City business by email?

Mayor Mueller's email – [mayorsantaclara@yahoo.com](mailto:mayorsantaclara@yahoo.com) or Telephone (830) 914-2387

One of our citizen's dogs was shot on his property a few weeks ago, if anyone has any information on this incident, please contact the Mayor or a City Councilman.

**Mayor David Mueller's Message**

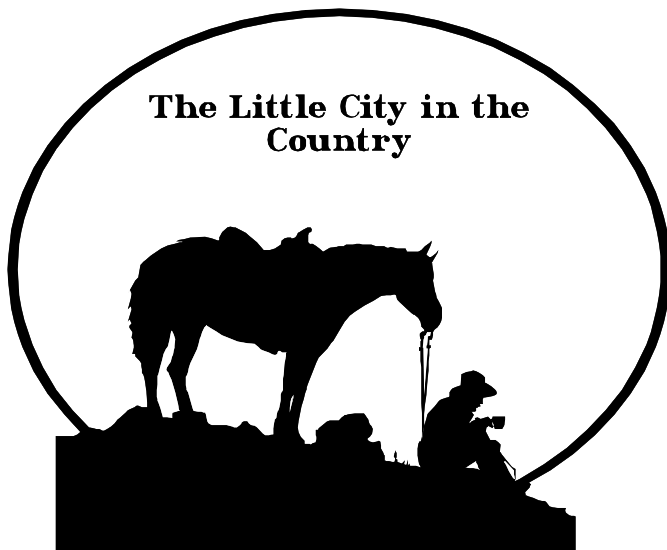
We recently completed the 2008/09 City Audit. As necessary we spent more than we received, primarily for our road system. I want to thank each of our Taxpayers for their contribution to the City for the 2009/10 year. It will balance the budget. There is much work to be done and we have an enthusiastic group of citizens working to see that it does.

We have had continuing problems with a couple of areas in the City, the worst being the Youngsford/Wetz road intersection. A contract was let with Double S Paving to install culverts to keep the spring-fed water off the road. This project should be completed within the next two weeks.

Your City Council and Planning Commission consistently adhere to the Texas Open Meetings Act pertaining to any Public Meeting. We are also aware at every step of the need for transparency in our city government. Our Newsletter and the City website are examples of our desire to keep everyone informed on the progress of the City. If you have questions of me, e-mail me or telephone.

I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful Spring we have on the way!

**The Little City in the Country**



## Santa Clara City Council Update – March 2010

During the time frame this Update covers, City Council Members heard a variety of our Citizens concerns. Council Members welcomes all of your genuine interests and concerns on how we effectively manage our City business. Most inquiries were presented at the Council Meetings, during the Citizens to be heard portion of the Council Meeting. This time is devoted to hear all Citizens express their concerns, which are heard by all Council Members present. While many of the concerns may not be resolved at the attended meeting, the concerns will be officially introduced in the Council Meeting. If possible, the concern may be resolved immediately; or, as is in most cases, resolved at a later date. Unresolved issues will be discussed during regularly scheduled meetings, or the issue may be assigned to a Council Member for further research. Some issues are assigned to a Committed appointed by the City Council. The final solution to the inquiry will be available to the requestor in a meeting or a written response. A more efficient approach may be to submit your concern(s) in written form. This approach becomes an official request, which could be thoroughly reviewed and may include reference sources and other materials relevant to the requestor's point of view. Without source references, valuable time would be expended in timely research of records and files or other reputable sources. I think you see where I'm going with this. For example, if you want to know where or how your tax dollars are being spent in Santa Clara, be specific with your questioning. For example, ask how much money is being spent on Road Repairs in a month, year, etc. Or, if you have a question pertaining to a City Ordinance, Road Maintenance, City Council Meeting, Appointments to Official Positions, or how Committees are Formed, then all answers or responses can be derived at in minimal time. And, responses would be presented to you in a written response. Recently, a Citizen asked me about the City's procedure for correcting a perceived problem this individual had with a previous Neighbor. Apparently, the Neighbor moved his house from a lot next door to the concerned Citizen. In so doing, the neighbor left unsightly trash where the house used to be, and the trash has been there for several weeks. The Citizen did not understand the City's procedures for handling this kind of complaint, and getting a response to the Citizen will be delayed. Why? City Officials do now know who this Neighbor is, when and how the neighbor left, what's the address, and was the house within the City Limits. Provided with this kind of information at the time of complaint would assist in getting the proper response quicker. In summary, continue to keep your City Officials informed on all City related issues; but please prepare your inquiries properly to help us expedite a correct response.

Thank you, H. E. Felix

### Courtesy of GVEC and Texas Co-Op Power Magazine, March 2010.

**GVEC Home can help you replace your aging appliances and heating/cooling units with new, energy efficient models and get \$45 to \$1,675 back!**

The Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

#### What you need to know:

- Rebates are limited, so it's important to reserve your rebate online or by calling a 1-800 number about two weeks prior to April 16, 2010.
- Purchases must be made during Earth Week: April 16 - 25, 2010.
- GVEC Home can help you select a qualifying appliance and get the required information you need to register for your rebate.

Appliance	Rebate	with \$75 Recycle Rebate
Refrigerators	\$240	\$315
Freezers	\$180	\$255
Room Air Conditioners	\$45	\$120
Clothes Washers	\$150	\$255
Dishwashers	\$110	\$215
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### City Election!

We will have an election this year. Six (6) of our citizens have signed up for three (3) positions open on the City Council.

**They are:**

**Harrell Felix – Incumbant**

**Jim Folbre**

**Grant Hodges**

**Marshall Chamberlain**

**Ron Crockett**

**Tracy Jonassen**

We will send a Special Election edition of the Newsletter before early voting begins on April 26, 2010.

**EARLY VOTING WILL BE AT THE  
MARION COMMUNITY LIBRARY!**

**David Mueller, Mayor**

**Information Only**

**Schertz EMS Passport to Care**

**By now many of us have received a flyer from Schertz EMS regarding their new Passport Care Plan.**

**Their deadline for enrollment is March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Should you have any questions please contact Schertz EMS at (210) 619-1450 or**

**[www.schertzemspassport.com](http://www.schertzemspassport.com)**

**Your City Council**

David D Mueller, Mayor	(830) 914-2387
David Cale	(210) 410-2492
Harrell Felix	(830) 914-4392
Robert D. Courtney	(830) 237-1642
Chris Koehler	(830) 620-7537
Tom Owens	(830) 914-3187

Joyce Damerau, City Secretary (830) 420-3405

***All Emergencies call 9 1 1***

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

John D. Peters, Chairman  
Philip Sierer, Vice Chairman  
James D. Folbre, Jr.  
Dennis D. Lee  
Barbara Trammell

(Planning Commission vacancies are in process of selection)

**Interested in serving your City? Contact the Mayor or one of your City Councilmen.**

**TOP SECRET RECIPES**

**Someone called me requesting this but I have misplaced my list. Please call me again.**

**Barbara 914-4069**

**Ever want to know how they make Bisquick or other secret recipes? There is a book out that gives you all the recipes. It's over 400 pages so I would have to send it via the computer. Interested? Let me know!**



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**Dream Bars** – submitted by Lorine Damerau

½ cup butter	¼ tsp. salt
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar	1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup all-purpose flour	2 eggs
1 ½ cups shredded coconut	1 cup firmly packed brown
1 cup chopped walnuts	sugar
2 tblsp. all-purpose flour	2 tsp. vanilla extract
powdered sugar	

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a medium bowl, mix butter, ½ cup brown sugar and 1 cup flour with fingertips or fork until crumbly. Pat into 12 X 8 baking pan, covering bottom evenly. Bake 10 minutes; cool. In food processor or blender chop coconut into ½ inch pieces. In small bowl, beat/cream eggs, 1 cup brown sugar and vanilla. Fold coconut into creamed mixture.

Pour over cooled crust, spreading evenly. Bake 20 minutes or until golden brown and filling is set. cool slightly, while still warm, using a sharp knife, cut into 48 bars. cool in pan. Sift powdered sugar over bars.

*Shirley Mae Kraft 1943 – 2010*

Shirley was born on Aug. 13, 1943 in Frederick, Oklahoma while her father was in the military. Her father Roman Kraft Sr. (in 2008), her mother Edna Hubertus Kraft (in 2009) and her brother Roman Jr. preceded her in death.

Shirley passed on Feb. 20, 2010; an angel in life, she will be deeply missed by her brother Dennis, her sisters Carol Kraft, Hope Mayer & husband James, Joyce Friesenhahn & husband Andrew, one niece, three nephews, five great nieces and one great nephew.

Shirley attended school in Selma at OLPH and Canyon High School in New Braunfels. She worked at Ben Franklin's Five & Dime in Schertz and at the Lighthouse for the Blind until she no longer had transportation. Even though she endured many hardships and lost her sight she never complained. Shirley enjoyed listening to the radio and, as a devout Catholic, she said her Rosary every day & never missed Mass or the news on TV. She lived with her parents, Roman and Edna Kraft, most of her life and helped them all she could, especially in their later years. She enjoyed growing ivies, remembered birthdays, and kept the family informed of anything that would be important to them, such as birthdays or the passing of friends and family

Shirley's primary focus was family!

## They will be remembered!

*Dorothy "Dot" Harborth 1947 - 2010*

Dorothy, wife of the late Dr. Kermit Harborth, passed away March 1, 2010. She was born March 14, 1947 in New Braunfels to Raymond A. & Laura (Wahl) Jentsch. Dot's husband, a well-known veterinarian in our area, passed last September and they will both be greatly missed.

Sons, Karl & wife Sondra (in Kansas) and Chris & wife Michelle of Marion, two grandchildren Konner & Ava and numerous friends survive her.

Dot was active in the Guadalupe County Fair Association and the Eagles Club of New Braunfels.

*Delmore "Buddy" Zwicke 1938 – 2009*

Delmore , known as Buddy, Zwicke was born November 9, 1938, he passed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2009; his parents and a stepdaughter preceded him in death.

Buddy is survived by his wife Thelma, stepson Glen Wohlfahrt of La Jolla, California, step-daughter Sharon Grimm & husband Ronnie of Santa Clara, Grandson Byron Grimm & wife Brandy of New Braunfels, grandson Ty Grimm and great grandson Logan Grimm, as well as his brother Elmer Zwicke & wife Peggy of Marion and sister Jenalyn Schneider & husband Harry of San Antonio.

Buddy loved hunting and shot his last deer on his birthday, Nov. 9, 2009. He and wife Thelma enjoyed numerous cruises and tours, to destinations such as Alaska and Germany.

Buddy will be greatly missed by neighbors, family and friends!

*T.J. Bates 1929 - 2009*

T.J. passed away on August 23, 2009. He was born, to Thurman J. and Ruth Bates, Sept. 12, 1929, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

He is preceded in death by his son, Tee Bates, his parents, his sister Judy Raum and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ross and Laura Tondre.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Roslyn T. Bates, daughter Lynn Messmore and husband Russell; daughter-in-law Sherry Bless Bates Christian and her children, Claudia & Clint; granddaughter Kara Bolf and fiancé Chad Gann; great granddaughter Marlee Gann; niece Jeri Lynne Houghton; nephew Jim Raum and many friends.

T.J. was a graduate of Texas A&M class of 1952 and a dedicated member of the Aggie Club throughout the years. After college, he served in the United States Air Force for two years at Lackland AFB. An active business and family life followed in Dallas, Killeen, McQueeney and Seguin being President of the Killeen Chamber of Commerce and Charter Member of the Rotary Club. He was then President of the Seguin Rotary Club and a member of First United Methodist Church in Seguin as well as a member of the Seguin Elks Lodge No. 1229 and the American Legion H.U. Wood Post No. 245.

## **AG news....4-H news....**

Guadalupe County Extension (AgriLIFE)  
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX 78155 (830) 303-3889  
<http://guadalupe-tx.tamu.edu>

**Drought Recovery Program – March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Contact Jeff at (830) 303-3889 for information.

**Reminder - 4-H District Photo Contest**  
Register on 4-H Connect March 1-15.  
Photos must be submitted to the office by March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**County 4-H Photo Contest –deadline is Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Guadalupe County 4-H Livestock Exhibitors! Call Jeff or Travis or e-mail at [j-hanselka@tamu.edu](mailto:j-hanselka@tamu.edu) or [t-franke@ramu.edu](mailto:t-franke@ramu.edu) for assistance with your livestock projects.**

**4-H TALENT, do you have it? – Deadline March 19<sup>th</sup> for the 2010 Texas 4-H Roundup. Find out more on the 4-H blog.**

**4-H Leaders “4 Life Skill-A-Thon - April 24<sup>th</sup> , Deadline is March 15th**  
4-H Council Members ages 14-19 are invited to learn more about this contest. Contact Laura for more information.

**New On-Line Orientation for 4-H Volunteers.**  
<http://campus.extension.org>

**Service Learning Opportunities – There is a new partnership between Texas 4-H and the Dept. of Aging and Disability Services, offering some service learning opportunities for 4-H’ers. To find out more, go to [www.silverlingatdads.org](http://www.silverlingatdads.org).**

**4-H Blog <http://guadalupe4h.blogspot.com>**  
It provides up-to-date info and allows you to post messages.

**Mission Possible Mentors Needed...**  
Deadline April 15<sup>th</sup> , contact the office for more info.

**4-H Outdoor Challenge Training – March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Deadline March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Training is FREE but you must sign up, contact the office for more info.

## **BITS & PIECES**

**CALICO ROSE in downtown Marion has been re-modeled and is under new management. Not just a great selection of gifts but CLASSES too.**

**A new CERAMIC CLASS has just started and it’s not too late to get in on it.  
No experience necessary!  
Stop by Tuesday through Saturday to get more info from Glendora.**

**TA’s (antiques & gifts) also in beautiful downtown Marion is now serving lunch, Stop in and check them out!**

### **La Quinta discounts for 4-H**

**As you travel take advantage of the Texas 4-H rate at La Quinta hotels. When booking your stay just type in *tx4h* in the promotion/corporate code box. The Texas 4-H Foundation also receives support from this.**

**Extension Education Spring Meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup> in Fredericksburg. Delegates and other members may ride in the van. Contact your club president or Amy Harris.**

**Lunch & Learn at the Silver Center  
510 East Court, Seguin, TX 78155.  
Contact Amy Harris at Extension Office for schedule.**

**Marion Extension Education Club meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at the Marion Public Library at 7:00pm. Contact President Lorine Damerau at 420-2462 for more info or stop by the next meeting and say hello.**

### **Get Your Goodies Here...**

**The 4-H Ambassadors hosted the Merchandise Booth during the Youth show and there are still some items available such as hoodies, t-shirts, signs, bears, luggage/backpack tags, scrapbook sets, cookie cutters, key chains and car magnets. Stop by the Extension office to get your goodies!**

## More Bits & Pieces...

**Fun Shoot – March 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Bexar Community Shooting Range, contact the Extension Office for more info.**

**4-H Dog Project Meeting – March 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Extension Office**

**Texas 4-H Roundup Invitation Day – June 10<sup>th</sup>, find out more on the 4-H blog.**

**Texas 4-H Golf Challenge – June 17<sup>th</sup>, Lubbock Register April 26 – May 28 (ages 11-19). Contact Extension Office for more info.**

**District 4-H Fashion Show in Fredericksburg on April 17th**

**Youth Development Initiative Conference April 5 & 6 in Austin  
For more info : <http://www.ydi.tamu.edu>**

**Lawn Management Seminar April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm LaVernia Chamber of Commerce. Call Wilson County Extension Office (830) 393-7357 to register.**

**Guadalupe County 4-H Fashion Show Workshop & Contest  
Entry Deadline – March 19 by 4 pm. Fee is \$5 per contestant.**

**Workshop – February 24 at 6:30 pm at Seguin Extension Office.**

**Show – March 25, Registration at 5:45 pm at Seguin Extension Office**

## First Aid for Horses with Colic

**First aid:** If you come in to find your horse displaying signs of colic what to do depends on how severe the signs.

*If the signs are mild:*

1. Take away all his feed, small amounts of water are OK.
2. The next step is to take his temperature; if he has a fever (above 101) call the vet.
3. Put a lead rope on him and walk; or lunge him at a trot for about 10 to 20 minutes or go for a trailer ride for 20 min. Many mild colics will improve with either of these treatments.
4. Then put him back in the stall and watch him. If you are unsure about his condition, offer a small handful of feed and see if he will eat it. A colicky horse as a rule will not chew and swallow feed, though he may play with it.
5. If he is over his bout of colic, continue to check him frequently for 4 to 5 hrs. to make sure the pain does not return. He should not be fed for 6 hours after his appetite returns completely. He should be allowed water free choice.
6. If he remains painful or you are unsure about his condition call the vet.

Even if Old Faithful gets over his pain, talk with your vet about possible causes and prevention.

*If your horse is very painful you are going to need help:*

1. The first priority is to call the vet.
2. You would like to prevent the horse from hurting himself and one of the best ways of doing that is to walk him. If the horse is so violent that he is dangerous stay away, otherwise halter him and walk him until the vet arrives.
3. If the horse insists on lying down, that is OK so long as he does not roll. Lately many colic specialists have questioned whether rolling causes bowel twists, but until the jury is in, try to prevent it.

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## **Snow in Calallen by Charles Cale**

**We lived in Calallen, Texas; my family moved there in 1936, leaving our home on David Street in Corpus Christi, Texas. I was seven years old and my brother Donald and I were both born in that David Street house. Dr. Barnard delivered Donald on Dec. 3, 1926 and I made my appearance on Aug. 22, 1929.**

**Dad, A.V. Cale, was the superintendent in charge of the ice cream section of the Borden Creamery in Corpus Christi. When he started work there it was called the Mistletoe Creamery, before Borden bought the company around 1926.**

**Mr. Gail Borden, Jr. founded the Borden Company and he was the one who discovered the process of condensed milk. Mr. Borden patented the process for condensed milk and it was in great demand during the Civil War. He was born in 1801 and was the inventor of many useful products. He died in Borden, Texas in 1874.**

**In 1936 my dad bought a dairy in Calallen from Clarence Priour. It was about 15 miles from Corpus Christi. He milked over a hundred cows and sold the milk and cream to the Borden company. Later his herd increased to 185 Jersey cows.**

**On Dec. 13, 1939 I suffered a big pain in my right side and was operated on in the Fred Roberts Hospital in Corpus Christi. My appendix was removed and I was in the hospital for about seven days.**

**A month or so later I opened my eyes to see our hilltop covered with snow. I was ten years old. In one of dad's sheds I found an old 55 gallon wooden barrel that bulged out of its middle. It was about to fall apart so I helped it.**

**I took two of the wooden staves from the barrel and some leather from an old pair of dad's boots. I made ski straps by cutting the boots with one of my mother's pairing knives and I nailed the ends of the short straps to the sides of the barrel staves so my feet would slip into them. The makeshift ski boards angled up in the front and in the back, so I could then ski over the snow.**

**Our house was on a hill and I was so excited. Leaning over I put my feet into the make-do leather straps and as I stood up the skis slipped out from under me. The pairing knife, still in my right hand, stuck in my left hand at the base of my thumb as I fell. After a trip to the house and a loving mother who bandaged my bleeding hand, I was back on the skis (without the pairing knife this time) and skied down the hill several times; I still have a scar on my left hand.**

**This was the only time I ever remember it snowing while we lived in Calallen. It snowed two or more inches and the countryside was very pretty. I have a vivid memory of this snow experience even today.**

**In 1951, when I was in the U.S. Army and stationed at Ft. Lewis near Olympia, Washington, I was able to ski on real skis in Snoqualime Pass with seven feet of snow on the ground. At Mt. Rainier, we, my Army buddies and I, skied on 10 to 12 feet of snow. It was heavenly! It had been a long period of 12 years since my first ski experience with homemade wooden skis on a tiny slope. Washington State snowfields with their unlimited slope runs were a treat for this South Texas flatlander.**

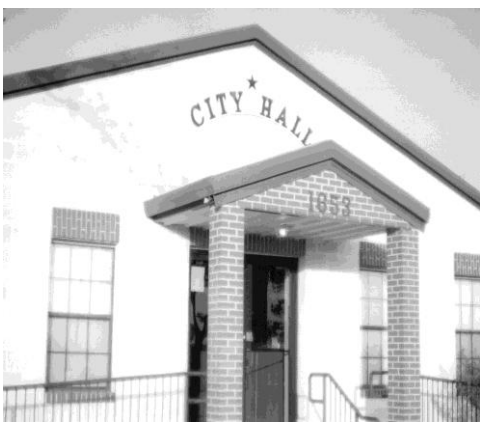
**Returning from the army in 1952, I joined my dad and mom to farm in Marion, Texas, where they moved in 1951.**





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Happy St. Patrick's Day



### **City Election!**

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