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At annual awards banquet . . .

CofC gives community awards

Service to the Fairfield community, and accomplishments, during 2009 were recognized last week at the annual chamber of commerce awards banquet.

The awards banquet was held Thursday evening at Fairfield VFW Post 5872.

In recognition of almost 30 years of community service, in elective and volunteer positions, a Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to the family of the late Monte Cole.

A 3-term Fairfield mayor, Cole was serving as Fairfield Hospital District board chairman at the time of his death last month.

Over the years, he was president of the chamber of commerce, Fairfield Eagle Club and Fairfield Rotary Club, and was a member of the boards of directors for Fairfield Industrial Development Corporation and Freestone Central Appraisal District.

In 1984, Cole was named "Citizen of the Year" by the chamber.

A Freestone county native, the honoree worked a number of years in the restaurant industry in the Dallas area before returning home to pursue varied business interests. During



"CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" Bettye Trask, left, receives congratulations for her honor by Fairfield chamber of commerce president Gail Farrish.

his career, he owned more than 75 restaurants and convenience stores.

Active in First Baptist Church of Fairfield since 1981, he was instrumental in the design and construction of the church's Christian Life Center, was

regional director of the Texas Baptist Men's Group and participated in the Lay Renewal.

Citizen of the Year for her service to the community is Freestone County

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THE FAMILY OF LONGTIME civic leader Monte Cole accepts a "Lifetime Achievement" award presented at the chamber of commerce banquet. Pictured are: l-r, 2010 chamber president Mary Small, Janice Cole, Mark Cole and Karen Cole.



FAIRFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL District presented "Teacher of the Year" and "Youth of the Year" at the chamber of commerce banquet. Pictured are: l-r, FISD superintendent Katie Ryan, high school nominee Renae Worley, elementary school nominee Melanie Bonner, district honoree Angie Ridge, junior high nominee Lisa Taylor, student honoree Lilly Duarte and FISD deputy superintendent Sheila Dove.

City, school office filings open Monday

Candidates for school boards and city offices can start filing Monday for elections slated May 8.

All total, Freestone county voters elect 19 candidates.

Hopefuls may file for election from Monday through March 8.

School board trustees serve 3-year terms and city officials serve for two years.

On tap this spring for City of Fairfield voters is election of a mayor and filling three seats on the council, one of which is for the remaining year of an unexpired term.

In those offices are Mayor Roy Hill and councilmen Joe Lee Kirgan, Jr., in place one and Luke Ward, Jr., in place two. The unexpired term is for post that was occupied by the late Lane Stripling.

Fairfield school board members whose terms are expiring are Teresa Vandiver, LaCharles Bass and Steve Schauwecker. Fairfield trustees are elected at-large.

Because of a couple of vacancies, Teague city voters must fill four out of five council seats, and elect a mayor. Currently serving, and with terms expiring,

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UIL alignment restores rivalries

University Interscholastic League realignment announced Monday morning returns Fairfield to a familiar fold, facing the same district teams it did in 2006-08.

The biennial alignment puts the Fairfield Eagles back into district competition with Mexia, Groesbeck and Madisonville, along with Palestine and Palestine Westwood.

The district is again designated 20-AAA.

Gone from the district are Crockett, which drops down to AA, Brownsboro and Athens.

Alignments, for athletic and academic competition, are changed every two years by the UIL.

From 1984-2008, the Eagles competed in the same district as the Mexia Blackcats and Groesbeck Goats, making for a long standing rivalry.

However, two years ago that rivalry ended as the Blackcats and Goats were shuffled to District 19-AAA with Robinson, Lorena, Connally and LaVega.

Teams in the new 20-AAA that advanced to the playoffs in football last season were Mexia and Palestine. Mexia defeated Palestine in the bi-district game and bowed out at the area level.

Enrollment in Class AAA high schools is set at 430-989 students this year, virtually unchanged from two years ago.

Also returning to the schedule after an absence of seven years is the Teague Lions. The Eagles and Lions will resume their cross-county rivalry in a pre-district game.

Other teams that will be on the pre-district schedule are Ferris, Hillsboro, Rusk and Kemp.

Teague is in District 11-AA with Crockett, Elkhart, Malakoff, Trinity and Troup, a complete change in opponents.

The Teague Lions had been facing Leon, Hearne, Franklin, Marlin and Rosebud-Lott in district competition.

Wortham joins Bremond, Chilton, Dawson, Frost and Hubbard in District 10-A.

Hubbard and Dawson remain on new schedules, while LaPoyner, Crossroads and Cayuga are reassigned.

With 2010-11 alignments in hand, 20-AAA coaches were to meet Tuesday morning to finalize football schedules.

In grand jury session . . .

Assault at fair presented

A Teague man arrested in connection with a stabbing in Fairfield during the 2009 Freestone County Fair was indicted last week on a felony aggravated assault charge.

The indictment against Adrian Inderman, 52, was returned last Wednesday at the regular monthly grand jury session.

Inderman is charged in connection with a June 15 assault of Michael Crockett of Fairfield that occurred at W.L. Moody Reunion

Grounds.

About 80 people were in the area of the assault at the horseshoe pitching competition during the county fair.

Crockett sustained knife wounds to the face and chest.

The grand jury heard evidence on charges of aggravated assault, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, attempted burglary, evading arrest, possession of a controlled substance and burglary.

Also indicted were:

—Randall Page Moore, 51, of Dallas on a Nov. 12 charge of manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine. Moore pleaded guilty to the charge immediately and has been assessed seven years of probation, or a 5-year prison term, \$1,500 fine and \$436 court costs, and has been ordered to make \$140 restitution.

—Peggy Darlene Scott,

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To meet IRS rules . . .

County looks at travel pay

Temporary employment, payroll sheets and use of county autos topped Monday's discussions at the regular meeting of the Freestone county commissioners' court.

County auditor Brittan Blanks told commissioners at the meeting that IRS

guidelines direct users of county vehicles to either park the vehicles at their offices at the end of the day, or to consider the miles driven to and from home as income, with taxes deducted accordingly.

Only a few county employees are affected by

the guidelines, and most will work out the issue with their supervisors. However, county emergency management coordinator and environmental health officer Loren Miller is under the supervision of

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