

# Museum

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he declared, "You better do what the boss man says."

The jail served Freestone county from 1879-1913, was a private residence from 1913-1966 and then was deeded to Freestone County Historical Commission for use as a museum.

Site for the brick structure also was the site for a prior jail.

Over the years, four inmates were hanged at the site, and Sheriff J.B. Rogers was gunned down in 1872 by horse thieves less than a block away.

"I think there was a lot of despair in the area," museum curator Sandy Bell says.

Cameras set up during the weekend investigation picked up the first floor lights in the old jail turning on when nobody was in the building, an occurrence reported on several occasions by museum volunteers.

While the crew was away from the grounds eating supper, audio equipment picked up the sound of a door opening and closing in the jail.

A K2 meter measures changes in electromagnetic fields and started registering wildly in the exhibits building the second night of the investigation, when several persons present reported the sound of footsteps running, banging noises and shaking at a cabinet.

Cameras captured two orbs at different locations in the exhibits building—one of the orbs, green in color, appeared before a locked gun cabinet and it was later noticed that a pistol inside was cocked.

Billman and investigator Mike Johnson had a

personal experience as they were standing outside the church and heard footsteps over frosted grass and saw a shadow walk between the church and a nearby cabin.

"It was the first time Mike had ever had anything happen," Billman says. "We were the only people outside at that time."

Being a site of paranormal activity could be a source of revenue for the museum if board members decide to let guided groups spend nights conducting their own investigations, or experiencing ghostly encounters, for a fee.

The TEXPART investigator reports that the group investigated several sites in downtown McKinney and found paranormal activity. They then helped set up a "Ghost Walk" there at Halloween that generated \$48,000 in revenue in a single night.

"I want to get these places funded to get them built up," Billman says. "The kind of money this can generate can mean survival for a business."

In addition to investigating sites, TEXPART takes groups to experience paranormal activity. The team does not charge to act as guides, but donations have helped purchase equipment.

Billman reports that he has nearly 1,000 people interested in going on a paranormal investigation, gathered through a web site.

"I have people begging me to bring them down here," he says.

Ms. Bell also says that she is generating a list of people who are interested in spending time at the



**PARANORMAL INVESTIGATOR Jimmy Kelly Billman explains to Freestone County Museum board members the methodology and findings from a January visit to the museum by Texas Paranormal Advanced Research Team.**

Freestone County Museum.

The museum curator and TEXPART investigator report that a writer working on a book about paranormal activity spent part of one night during the January event at the museum, but fled about 4 a.m. after having an experience in the jail.

"This whole thing changed his thinking and it will be a major part of his book," Ms. Bell says.

Billman also has spoken to Brad and Barry Klinge, founders of Everyday Paranormal and stars of the Discovery Channel show "Ghost Lab" about what was found at the museum, and it possibly could develop into a segment for the show.

"It got their attention. That's the kind of things

these shows are looking for," the TEXPART investigator says.

Ms. Bell reports she has been contacted by Jackson Burns, star of "Redneck Archeologist" which airs on the Discovery Channel and History Channel about doing a historical perspective on the museum complex.

And, a paranormal investigating team from Waco is interested in coming to the museum to see what it can find.

The museum board will make the final decisions on how to use its new-found paranormal activity information, whether to use it to generate funding.

In the meantime, Billman says that TEXPART wants to make a return trip to Fairfield to look at other promising sites.

# County children live in poverty

A report from the Center for Public Policy Priorities shows that 18.8 percent of the children in Freestone county live below the poverty level.

The report was issued Friday as part of the annual Texas Kids Count data book, "The State of Texas Children 2009-2010."

Data shows that Texas' approach to the well-being of children is not strengthening families or helping children.

"Decades of belt tightening have left us with more poor, uninsured and hungry children than almost every other state," Texas Kids Count director Frances Deviney says.

With nearly one in four Texas children living in poverty, Texas' child poverty rate exceeds most other states—the United States average is 18 percent.

That means nearly 1.5 million Texas children live in families making less than the federal poverty level, less than \$17,600 for a family of three in 2008.

In Freestone county, 765 children live below the poverty level.

High unemployment is a consistent indicator of high child poverty rates. The Texas unemployment rate doubled in the last two years and was 8.3 percent in December.

The unemployment rate in Freestone county was 6.3 percent in December, up from 4.1 percent two years ago.

For the 10th consecutive year, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured children in the country, 20 percent—nearly twice the national average.

This rate is predicted to rise to 24 percent this year.

The number of uninsured children in Freestone county is predicted to be 875 this year, or 18.2 percent.

Increases in the rate of Texas' uninsured children in 2008 were the largest in families whose income was too high to qualify for public health benefits, but not enough to purchase individual private insurance plans.

Texas faces the second highest rate of childhood insecurity in the country with 16.3 percent of households unsure where their next meal will come from, or how they will afford it.

In 2007, one of every five children received food stamps, now known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

In Freestone county, 786 children, or 17.9 percent, received SNAP. That number has now increased to 1,108.

CPPP is a non-profit, non-partisan policy institute dedicated to improving the economic and social conditions of low- and moderate-income Texans.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: DONNA ADAMS

Greeting:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the ORIGINAL PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 1ST day of MARCH AD., 2010, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court of Freestone County, at the Court House in Fairfield, Texas. Said ORIGINAL PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP was filed on January 15, 2010, file number of said suit being No. 10-023-B

The names of the parties in said suit are:

**IN THE INTEREST OF CARLY RUTHANN ADAMS, A CHILD**

The Nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: TERMINATING PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is GEORGE ROBINSON, 129 SOUTH MOUNT, FAIRFIELD, TEXAS 75840

Issued this January 15, 2010

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: you have been sued. you may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.**

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Fairfield, Texas, this January 15, 2010.

Janet Chappell, District Clerk  
P.O. Box 722, Fairfield, Texas 75840  
Freestone County, Texas

Teresa Black  
Deputy  
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TO: TIMOTHY JOHN LANE

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of a certain order of sale, issued by the clerk of The County Court of Freestone County, Texas on the 7th day of January, 2010, in a Cause numbered 5040, wherein Architectural Control Committee of Southern Oaks, L.L.C., is Plaintiff, Harold Scott Bellamy, is the Defendants, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of three thousand two hundred eighty three and 39/100 dollars (\$3,283.39). Together with all costs of suit, that being the judgment recovered by the Plaintiff on the 7th day of January, 2010.

I, Ralph Billings, Sheriff of Freestone County, Texas on the 25th day of January, 2010 at 8:00 am, have levied upon, and will on the 2nd day of March, 2010 at 10:00 am, at the Courthouse doors of Freestone County, in the City of Fairfield, a Texas which is within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all of the right, title and interest of Harold Scott Bellamy, the Defendant, in and of the following described property to wit:

All that certain rights and title to Lot

**111, Block 1, Phase 1 of the Southern Oaks Subdivision. As more specifically described in Volume 929, Page 746, in the real property records of Freestone County, Texas. Save and except all of the oil, gas, and other minerals not classified as surface minerals reserved unto the grantors and their assigns.**

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment of \$3,283.39 in favor of the Plaintiff, together with the costs of said suit and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2004  
Ralph Billings, Sheriff

By Clayton Aldrich, Deputy  
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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 05  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 29, 2010  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 15, 2010  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P.O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-7324  
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0264412  
Status/Permit No. 690315

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STROUD PETROLEUM, INC., [RRC Operator No. 828082] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec., Bk., PALACIOS, M R Survey, A-21, FREESTONE (CV-BOSSIER CONS.) and OLETHA (TRAVIS PEAK) and WILDCAT and PERSONVILLE (TRAVIS PEAK) Fields, LIMESTONE County, being 8.7 miles W direction from DONIE, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator of lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by quali-

fied representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED, DELIVERED, FAXED OR E-MAILED ON THE SAME DATE TO THE APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE SERVICE LIST. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON:**

**Mar 15, 2010**

**IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.**

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

**FIELD: FREESTONE (CV-BOSSIER CONS.)**

Lease/Unit Name: ROGERS GAS UNIT  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 5  
Lease/Unit Acres: 330.4  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 178.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) 2150.0  
Lease Lines: 505.0 F SW L, 1375.0 F SE L  
Survey Lines: 2900.0 F SE L, 17200.0 F NE L

**FIELD: OLETHA (TRAVIS PEAK)**

Lease/Unit Name: ROGERS GAS UNIT  
Lease Unit Well No.: 5  
Lease/Unit Acres: 330.4  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 178.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 2150.0  
Lease Lines: 505.0 F SW L, 1375.0 F SE L  
Survey Lines: 2900.0 F SE L, 17200.0 F NE L

**FIELD: WILDCAT**

Lease/Unit Name: ROGERS GAS UNIT  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 5  
Lease/Unit Acres: 330.4  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 178.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 2150.0  
Lease Lines: 505.0 F SW L, 1375.0 F SE L  
Survey Lines: 2900.0 F SE L, 17200.0 F NE L

**FIELD: PERSONVILLE (TRAVIS PEAK)**

Lease/Unit Name: ROGERS GAS UNIT  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 5  
Lease/Unit Acres: 330.4  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 178.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 1200.0

Lease Lines: 505.0 F SW L, 1375.0 F SE L  
Survey Lines: 2900.0 F SE L, 17200.0 F NE L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

**FREESTONE (CV-BOSSIER CONS.):**  
GAS Special Rules 467/600, 640.0 acres.  
GAS Optional Rules 467/600, 20.0 acres.

**OLETHA (TRAVIS PEAK):**  
GAS Special Rules 467/1320, 40.0 acres.

**WILDCAT:**  
Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

**PERSONVILLE (TRAVIS PEAK):**  
GAS Special Rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Charla Polph, at (903) 9843443.  
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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACTS(S)**

Dist/Div: Bryan  
Contract 0057-03-034 for INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS in FREESTONE County will be opened on March 10, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the

TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 32126

State Office  
Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)  
Bryan District  
District Engineer  
1300 N Texas Ave  
Bryan, Texas 77803-2760  
Phone: 979-778-2165

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Dew Independent School District is offering the following items for sale by sealed bid. The items described below may be viewed at the Dew ISD Bus Barn by appointment only. Bids are due by no later than 2:00 pm on March 4, 2010. The successful bidder shall be notified via certified mail. All items are sold as is, where is and shall be removed from school property within ten (10) days of notification.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and accept the bid the District considers most advantageous.

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