

Public invited to hear of possible economic impact of Cline Shale

An informative presentation on the potential economic impact the Cline Shale oil field may have on McCulloch County is part of a presentation that will be given by James Beauchamp with Motran, the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, and Cathy Ballard with the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board.

According to Community Development Director Kathi Masonheimer, the meeting will be part of the Brady Economic Development Corporation's regular meeting that is sched-

uled for noon on Friday at the Brady Civic Center.

"There is a lot of data that is going to be presented to show folks who attend Friday's meeting of the potential impact this oil field is going to have even on McCulloch County," said Masonheimer.

The Cline Shale area is not as large as the Eagle Ford Shale, but is estimated to be much richer in oil. Devon Energy recently stated that the shale contains 3.6 million barrels of recoverable oil per square mile.

The direct impact on McCulloch County is the demand

Cline shale



Source: Keith Schaefer, Oil and Gas Investments Bulletin, (4/10/12)

for frac sand that is supplied by the four sand plants in the area.

With area trucking companies and sand plants working to provide a competitively priced product to the fields, wells using frac sand are using between 1-4

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City's smart meter installation underway

By NEAL ULMER

After a considerable amount of controversy about the use of smart meters in City of Brady utilities, only in the past two weeks have meter swaps actually begun to happen.

As in Brady and most regions of the U.S., the electric, gas and/or water infrastructure is over a half century old. The current utility meters, however, at only 10 years of age, are officially in the process of being replaced and upgraded with new "smart meters".

The result of a plan insti-

gated by former city manager James Minor, the current council approved a plan that will replace the old meters with new smart meters at a cost of approximately \$2 million financed over the next 10 years. The plan includes not only new electric and gas meters but also the software and equipment necessary to operate them.

"We have the infrastructure in at City Hall for the electric and gas smart meters," stated Lisa Remini, finance officer for the City of Brady. "We also have the collection stations (receiving towers) in place at the water towers. The signal goes to City Hall through a wireless system."

She said they will continue to have three separate meters at your house - electric, gas and water. Currently work crews are installing the gas and electric meters. The City's gas department is installing the gas meters and Utiliuse of Arlington, Texas, a sub-division of AquaMetric, are installing the electric smart meters.

The gas department started in the hospital area while Utiliuse started in the lake area. When completed there, they will move to the north end of town and work towards the south end of town. The project will take approximately six months to complete. When they finish installing the electric meters, then they will begin installing the water meters.

For the electric meter it takes about 30 seconds to one minute to exchange meters. City gas crewmen will be changing out gas meters. Efforts will

be made to notify customers a couple of days in advance. The gas department will put a door hanger or tag on the door knobs a couple of days in advance of changing the meters.

In most cases service will not be interrupted. When service is interrupted city crews will relight pilots if customer does not want to light their own pilots. Notice of service interruption will be posted on customer's door. The exchange of the gas meters should take about 15 minutes.

For those of you who may be worried about whether there are any harmful effects of the radio frequency (RF) waves, the City of Brady has reprinted two handouts to read. One handout, "Radio Frequency and Smart Meters" is published by SmartGrid Consumer Collaborative. This tells what radio frequency waves are and addresses health concerns by showing a graph. The graph shows radio frequency power density levels of common devices. The graph shows a very high density level with use of a cell phone as compared to a smart meter. The smart meter emits a low level of radio frequency energy that is both FCC (Federal Communications Commission) approved and lower than the level of RF energy emitted by many other devices that are used daily by millions of people.

Another handout, "Customer Facts - Smart Meter Safety," is published by the Public Utility Commission of

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Couple's loss carries on in worldwide water ministry

By JAMES STEWART

When your life is changed by dramatic and sometimes traumatic events, predicting where you'll be and what you'll be doing in the future is just like rolling the dice.

For former Bradyite Sara Erwin, three years ago, little more than being a mother to her unborn son crossed her mind as she and her husband, Chet, waited for Holden's arrival.

Today, she spends her days as a stay-at-home mother to her one-year old daughter and being an administrator for an ever-growing non-profit 501c3 organization.

There is a 5K run set this weekend here in Brady and for many folks, the name "Holden Uganda" might not ring a bell. But for a growing number of folks here in the Heart of Texas, this benefit has deep-rooted and emotional ties to people with a heart to help bring clean water to needy people around the world.

Holden Uganda is the name of the non-profit organization that builds drinking water wells in Uganda. The organization is named in memory of Holden Erwin, the son of Chet and Sara, who was stillborn on August 28, 2010.

In 2009, Sara and Chet became pregnant and she had what she and her doctors deemed a normal pregnancy—normal up until the day Holden was born. In a life-altering



Photo by Shuffield Photography

WHERE IT ALL STARTED—Sara, Chet and Holden Erwin in a photo taken on August 28, 2010.



change of events for the couple, delivery day events went from completely normal to one they would never forget.

Since that one tear-filled day, a gesture by a friend who named a well in memory of Holden has spawned what can only be described as an amazing effort to save lives.

"A friend I had met at a baby shower who was also pregnant when I was, made this amazing gesture and it really meant a lot to Chet and me," said Sara. "Later that year, we had

become so involved with the clean water projects throughout different areas of the world, Chet and I decided to make an effort to provide nine wells over the next nine months to honor the memory of children like Holden."

It was a lofty goal that many didn't think would even take off, but that is exactly what it did.

Through an amazing network of contacts who started the effort to build suitable drinking water wells, nine wells soon became 10 and so

on, and so on.

At a cost of \$2,000-\$2,500 per well with larger wells costing \$3,000, the Erwins' efforts have become even more successful than they ever dreamed. So much so that the foundation is now a full-fledged 501c3 organization and even has a full-time employee hired for the specific purpose of administering efforts to build wells. Team members and board members help with the worldwide effort to cut out middlemen to ensure every dollar raised helps build wells for the cheapest cost possible.

"To date, we have successfully built 120 wells and we have plans for many more," said Sara. "God has definitely used our lives in such a different way that we each had pictured for ourselves. If you would have told me two and a half years ago that I would not have a son and would currently be spending my time running a clean water ministry, I would have told you that you were crazy."

The Erwin's goal is plainly visible on their organization's Web page. The scriptural verse of John 4:14 reads, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Sara moved away from Brady in 2004 to pursue her

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UCRA schedules follow-up watershed stakeholder meeting

In a follow-up meeting concerning the long-term water quality of the Brady Creek Watershed, there will be a stakeholder meeting on Thursday, April 25 at 10 a.m. at the Brady Civic Center hosted by the Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA).

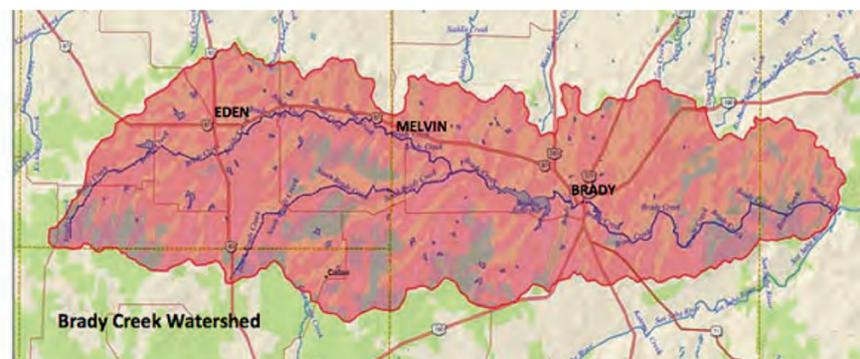
The Brady Creek Watershed encompasses almost 513,000 acres and includes the city of

Brady, Eden and Melvin. The majority of the watershed is utilized for agricultural production. The project is designed to create a locally-driven plan to protect and improve water quality. Brady Creek is currently impaired for dissolved oxygen within the urbanized Brady segment. Other concerns throughout the watershed are increased salinity in Brady

Lake, brush infestation and maintenance of flood control structures.

The UCRA will complete a Watershed Plan for Brady Creek whose primary goal is to restore water quality within impaired segments and maintain the integrity of remaining watershed.

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AFFECTED AREA—This map shows the area encompassed by the Brady Creek Watershed plan that is being developed by the UCRA. The entire area is comprised of approximately 513,000 acres.



OATH OF OFFICE—McCulloch County Judge Danny Neal administers the oath of office Tuesday morning to Maggie Sawyer who was sworn in as the new Justice of the Peace.

Sawyer sworn in as new McCulloch JP

By NEAL ULMER

In a special meeting Tuesday morning, the McCulloch County Commissioners started things off by swearing in Margaret "Maggie" Sawyer as McCulloch County Justice of the Peace.

Mrs. Sawyer, a longtime resident of McCulloch County, has worked for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS) for 21 years. Her duties there most recently dealt with case work assistance.

She is married to Larry Sawyer, a trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety with the weights and measures division. Together, they have a daughter, Lacey Fincher.

"I am ready to dedicate the time to the office to continue the good work that has been

part of this office for years," said Mrs. Sawyer.

She resigned her position with CPS effective the date of her appointment by the commissioners and began her official duties today after being sworn in.

After the brief ceremony, the commissioners approved two agenda items including a DataPoint Basic Public View Station software license for the county clerk's office and minutes of the April 8 meeting.

County Clerk Tina Smith said she needed the Local Government Solutions software to put records on a viewer station for the public. This would add an extra \$130 per month to pay along with \$670 to make a total of \$800 per month.

This software is used by 60 counties in the State and

would include all records with the exception of death and birth records due to personal information. The district clerk's office uses this same software.

The commissioners also approved the minutes of the regular meetings on April 8-9.

In April 9 meeting, the commissioners approved the West Texas Rural Counties Association Preferred Risk Pool Charter Interlocal Agreement and the West Texas Rural Counties Association Preferred Risk Pool Fund Bylaws.

Smith told the court her office will be closing at 4:45 p.m. in order to close out the daily totals, which has to do with the computer's software.

District Clerk Michelle Pitcox requested more storage room for her records.



MAGGIE SAWYER
MCCULLOCH COUNTY
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Meters—

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Texas. This handout is very similar to the other one and it states, "The smart meter, which is usually installed on the exterior of a building, such as a home, emits an occasional RF signal that is typically less than one-tenth of the FCC standard and is considered safe for everyday exposure."

In response to a question regarding in-home monitoring and

automation of the smart meter, Tom Pautz, a District Manager – Public Power & Cooperatives of the Sensus Company said: "The Sensus iConA meter will only provide in-home automation if they are in-home devices that are equipped with ZigBee radios and the iConA meter has a corresponding ZigBee radio. The ZigBee radio is an option that must be purchased at the time of order and cannot be retrofitted in the meter. Since the City of Brady has elected to not purchase ZigBee radios in their

iConA meters, then there is no ZigBee in-home monitoring or automation available."

There is also one page that is a two-sided handout the City has printed on Frequently Asked Questions regarding the exchanging of gas and electric meters.

If you have a problem with an interruption of gas or relighting a pilot after normal working hours, then please call the Brady Police Department at 325-597-2121 and ask the dispatcher to inform the gas department.

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The plan will meet the nine required elements established by the Environmental Protection Agency. Under this project, the UCRA will:

- Refine the Brady Creek Watershed Characterization Plan by conducting water quality monitoring and modeling and further identify and quantify pollutant loading sources.
- Utilize the Brady Creek Master Plan by prioritizing BMPs identified in the Master Plan for the City of Brady.
- Identify additional BMPs for the greater watershed.
- Estimate costs and load reductions to be achieved through BMP implementation.
- Create a schedule for implementation with measurable

milestones and methods of determining whether milestones have been met.

• Involve Stakeholders throughout the process.

The goal of the completed Brady Creek watershed plan will be to give basin stakeholders a strategy that will result in the maintenance and restoration of water quality conditions consistent with the State of Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (TSWQS) for the designated uses of the stream or water body.

Total Cost: \$293,278
Federal Cost: \$175,967
Non-Federal Match: . \$117,311

Project Partners providing match dollars and in-kind services are the Upper Colorado River Authority, Texas Institute of Applied Environmental Research, Lower Colorado River

Authority (LCRA), and the City of Brady.

The UCRA is the lead agency and will provide both in-kind and cash match. TIAER is the sub-contracting agency responsible for computer while the City of Brady will be conducting some of the project monitoring as part of the in-kind match. The LCRA will provide biological assessments through the Texas Clean Rivers Program Special Study and assist with data verification and submittal.

Minutes from the February meeting are on the Brady project page of their Web site. <http://www.ucratx.org/NPSBrady.html>

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million pounds of frac sand per well thanks to fracturing technology developed in recent past.

The discovery of the available resources also includes a large supply of natural gas.

Currently, area sand plants and trucking companies are operating at regular levels and have not seen any drastic change in demand.

The general public is encouraged to attend Friday's meeting to learn more about the potential impact the oil industry may have on the area.

There will be two other agenda items covered by the BEDC prior to the presentation. The first is consideration of a matrix proposal previously made by Quincy Ellis and the second is a discussion on the EDC's recommendation to council on the Executive Director position.

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college degree at Texas Tech. She met and later married Chet Erwin in 2008 and settled in Snyder where they currently reside.

Her fraternal twin, Charys Ballem, and her family still live in Brady where until recently, she worked for a local bank and even helped out at Trudi's restaurant. Together, they truly share unbreakable bonds.

This weekend, they are helping raise funds with the

help of the Brady High School FCCLA group and Snap Fitness, to sponsor more wells for Holden Uganda.

Money raised at the event will be donated to a well named in memory of Evie Armstrong, the daughter of BHS teachers and coaches, Chris and Julie Armstrong.

Participants are asked to donate \$30, but donations of any size are welcome. To learn more about Holden Uganda or the Erwins, visit their Web page at www.holdenuganda.org.

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—John 4:14

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Appellate court orders recall election, candidates file for seats

Council incumbents withdraw; harassment cited as reasons

By JAMES STEWART

In a decision that was delivered to the Brady City Secretary at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, the Third Court of Appeals in Austin voted 3-2 upholding a lawsuit mandating the recall election of Brady Mayor Gail Lohn be added to the May 11 ballot.

In its decision, the court ordered the city secretary to deem the petition for recall as sufficient and the recall be placed on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled election. The announcement was made only minutes

before the start of the council's special meeting that was scheduled to order the election.

According to state law, the council recessed until 7:30 p.m. at which time they ordered the election.

On the ballot will be 26 proposed charter amendments. Four of those amendments are the result of citizen petitions.

Also on the ballot will be the decision of whether or not to recall Mayor Gail Lohn as well as the general election of two seats on the city council.

Gabe Moreno, Latria Doyal and Anthony W. Groves have filed for Place 5 on the Brady City Council. Incumbent Missi Davis had filed but in a surprise announcement on Monday afternoon, she and Place 4 Incumbent Brendan Weatherman both withdrew their names from consideration. With Weatherman withdrawing from the race, Jack Turk, the only other person to file for that seat, will be the next councilman in that position.

In a written statement, Davis writes, "It has been brought to my attention that there are great lengths some citizens are willing to go in their efforts to ensure that I am not re-elected. In light of this information, for the

sake of community peace, the health and welfare of myself and those closest to me, it is with a heavy heart that I announce my withdrawal for City Council Place 5 in the upcoming election.

"While serving is often not easy, I stand behind the progress this council has made, and deeply appreciate the support I've received over the last four years. I will serve out my current term, and will continue to fully support the City of Brady—this is my home!"

In his statement, Weatherman had similar sentiments. His comments read, "On March 1, I placed my name on the ballot as a candidate for City Councilman Place 4, with the intent on running

for re-election.

"Since that time, I have been made aware of the lengths that some community members, who are in opposition of my service, plan to go, to ensure that this does not happen. I am deeply saddened that my desire to volunteer for a board in my hometown has resulted in such a man-

ner of division and politics. While not all decisions made during my term were easy or popular ones, I made each of them with conviction and prayerful consideration for the betterment of Brady.

"I have truly enjoyed this opportunity to serve our com-

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City's legal counsel offers summary of recall chain of events

The recent petition for, court action, and ordering of a special election to consider recalling Mayor Gail Lohn from office has given rise to questions among the citizens of Brady. The following report was submitted by Interim City Attorney Monte Akers to provide a factual summary of the matter.

PROCEDURE FOR RECALL IN GENERAL:

Brady's Home Rule City allows its citizens to remove the mayor or a council member through a process known as recall. The basic procedure the Charter describes is as follows: (1) a voter files an affidavit with the City Secretary alleging that a council member should be recalled for incompetence, noncompliance with the Charter, misconduct, or malfeasance in office; (2) the City Secretary provides the voter with a petition form for the purpose of getting a minimum number of signatures from city voters in support of having a recall election; (3) after the petition is returned, the City Secretary certifies that it is either sufficient or contains insufficiencies; (4) if it is insufficient for lack of valid signatures, the petitioners may amend it one time; (5) if the petition is sufficient, it is presented to the City Council, which calls a recall election; (6) if it is insufficient, the petitioners may request that the City Council overrule the City Secretary's determination and call the election; and (7) if the Council is not asked to overrule the City Secretary or is asked but refuses to do so, no recall election is called.

THE PETITION FOR RECALL OF MAYOR LOHN:

By affidavit dated January 18, 2013, Jeannie Logan alleged that Mayor Gail Lohn should be recalled for acts alleged to be incompetence, noncompliance with the Charter, misconduct, or malfeasance in office. The City Secretary, Christy Badilla, issued the petition forms and sought the advice

of the Interim City Attorney, Monte Akers, as to whether the grounds stated for recall were sufficient to support a recall election. Mr. Akers and his law firm researched the matter and provided the City Secretary a 14-page memo analyzing the Charter, Texas law, and the factual allegations, and recommended that "none of the allegations provided by the affiant . . . constitute legally sufficient grounds for recalling Mayor Lohn."

The petitioners amended the petition one time to obtain sufficient valid signatures, after which the City Secretary found there were enough but certified the recall petition as insufficient because none of the factual matters it described met the legal definitions of incompetence, noncompliance with the Charter, misconduct, or malfeasance in office. The petitioners asked the Council to overrule that finding, but the Council, on February 1, declined to do so.

THE MANDAMUS PROCEEDING

Following the Council's action, four petitioners, Donald Ray Lee, Latria Doyal, Paulette Savage, and Jonathan Chase, filed an application for a Writ of Mandamus with the Third Court of Appeals in Austin. A Writ of Mandamus is an order by which a court may compel a public official to perform a "ministerial act." Quoting the Third Court of Appeals, an act "is ministerial when the law clearly spells out the duty to be performed by the official with sufficient specificity that nothing is left to the exercise of discretion."

On Feb. 28, the Third Court of Appeals handed down its decision. Two of the Court's three justices, Field and Jones, decided the Brady Charter does not authorize the City Secretary or City Council to decide "whether

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UCRA discussion centers on water quality

By NEAL ULMER

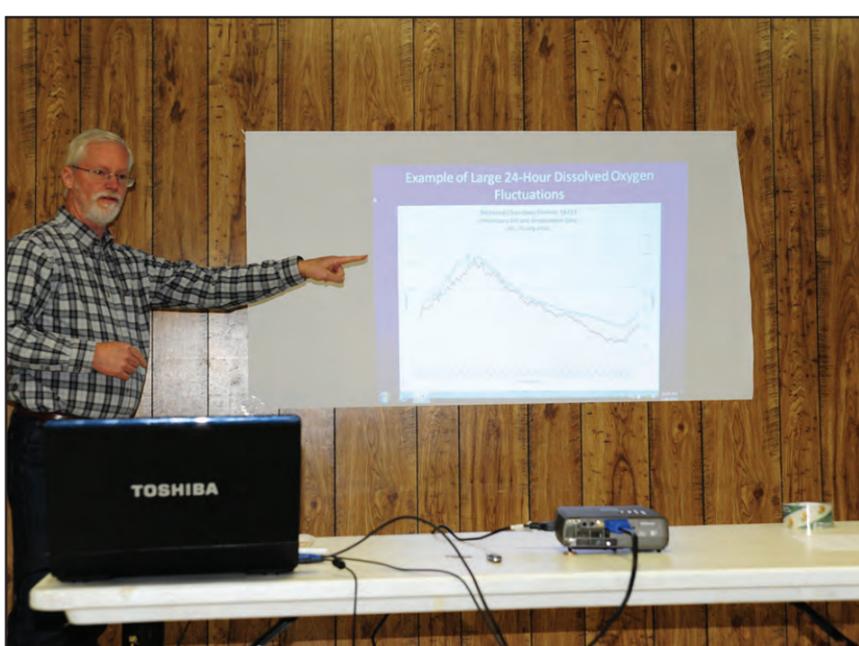
Even though there were less than 25 people who attended the Brady Stakeholder meeting last Thursday morning, the updates and information they received on the Brady Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) and the distressed dissolved oxygen (DO), will help them in their future plans.

The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m. with Chairperson Joe Mosier calling the meeting to order with brief, general introductory remarks. He then introduced Chuck Brown, director of operations of the Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA) moderating.

The goal of the completed Brady Creek WPP, a plan for the entire Brady Creek watershed, is to give the Basin Stakeholders a strategy that will result in the maintenance and restoration of water quality conditions consistent with the State of Texas Surface Water Quality Standards for the designated uses of the stream or water body.

Brown gave a brief overview of the Brady Watershed Protection Plan project, how it came about and where it is going. Brown mentioned the DO impairment in the river segment that runs through the City of Brady. Brown explained that Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) primary focus of this WPP is to develop a way to achieve the de-listing of this impairment. He also mentioned other stakeholders' concerns would be addressed.

Following the introductory remarks and discussion, Brown stated that ambient monitoring and storm water monitoring for the project



MAKING A POINT—Dr. Larry Hauck, a lead scientist for Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, makes a point in his presentation on the various computer models regarding certain characteristics of surface waters in the Brady Creek Watershed. He was one of three speakers at the Brady stakeholder meeting held last Thursday morning at the civic center.

has concluded. He showed a map of five monitoring site locations and a water quality data table. He said the water quality in the upper basin is good except for the chlorides and excellent in the lower basin.

Due to the lack of rainfall events (storms), only two of the planned three Urban Brady storm water monitoring events were completed, one very small event and one large event. There was one significant phosphorus accident that was measured but it was attributed to localized paving activity that uses phosphoric acid in the process.

Brown next mentioned previous structural BMPs (Best Management Practices) that were placed in Brady Creek and briefly discussed what BMPs are. It was mentioned that in all likelihood, because of the lack of available land areas at potential BMP sites, that vortex separators are the most likely candidate for storm water treatment in Brady. Typical pollutant removal efficiencies are 80 percent for solids, oil, and grease, and 50

percent for nutrients.

Stakeholders brought up three different concerns which included the salt in the soil in the Melvin area, that farming activity can cause salinity problems through the use of NPK fertilizers and Golden Algae that caused a huge fish kill on Brady Lake in February 2012.

Next on the program was Dr. Larry Hauck, a lead scientist of the Texas Institute of Applied Environmental Research (TIAER), who gave an overview and update on the various computer models to be used in the project and provided a power point presentation.

Hauck described the benefits of using models and why models are preferred by EPA in projects such as this one, that is, they are predictive. Most of the discussion centered on the SWAT, SWMM and the QUAL2K models.

He said mathematical models are analytical abstractions of the real world approximating characteristics of concern in the real system, in this case Brady Creek, its tributaries, and Brady Lake. For this project the TIAER

at Tarleton State University is under subcontract with the Upper Colorado River Authority to apply various models to make predictions regarding certain characteristics of surface waters in the Brady Creek Watershed.

The Storm Water Management Model (SWMM) is being used to estimate rainfall induced storm water runoff within the City of Brady and areas immediately outside the city. SWMM is a storm water model that has the capability of estimating water quality parameters and hydrologic parameters. The purpose is to evaluate the effectiveness of urban best management practices. SWMM was tested against storm water data collected by the City and UCRA and then was applied to two urban watersheds evaluating

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BISD approves renovation project for new administration office

By NEAL ULMER

The Brady ISD Board of Trustees met for a special meeting last Thursday at noon to approve the bids for renovation of what will be the new administration building located at 1003 W. 11th Street.

Supt. Johnny Clawson explained to the board members that Waldrop Construction Co., Inc. of Brownwood is the Construction Manager at Risk, who was chosen by the board recently.

"The Construction Manager at Risk gets the entire subcontractor bids in every category, like plumbing, electrical, etcetera," said Clawson. "Then they put it all together and give us a guaranteed maximum price for the project. That price is \$376,750. There will be two exemptions, which will be an addendum to the original bid."

Waldrop will be the project general contractor, who will oversee the overall planning, coordination, and control of the project from beginning to completion.

The trustees approved all of the bids with the exception of two. The first one will be tiling at the entry way and in the bathrooms instead of stained concrete. The second exception is the board did not accept the concrete bid, but will try to get local concrete companies to bid on the project.

Clawson said the start date is March 4 with Waldrop getting the subcontractors in line and obtaining city permits.

The time frame of the project is four months, but the board wants to be out of the building sooner if possible.

Are you a registered, qualified or valid voter?

By SHELLY PERKINS, CHAIRPERSON

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
If you don't have a voter registration certificate, your first step is to pay a visit to Sylvia Campos and complete a voter registration form. Ms. Campos is the voter registrar for all of McCulloch County—for all federal, state, county, city, school board and special district elections.

Her office is located at 302 W. Commerce St., 325-597-7607, Ext. 3, which is also the location of the McCulloch County Tax Office.

If you've completed everything once before, and can't find your voter registration, Ms. Campos can order a replacement for you. If you have changed your name or mailing address since the last election, she can handle those changes as well.

Your new voter registra-

tion will then arrive by mail shortly after your visit. However, if you are just beginning the process, below are some of the definitions and processes and answers to why there is so much confusion.

"Registered voter" is the term heard most often and is, generally, a term referring to someone who is able to vote. To make changes in your name or address, or if you will be 18 years of age on election day, you may register to become a voter. You must be a United States citizen. You will then be asked to complete a registration form which includes your name, address, date of birth, and social security number or Texas driver's license number. Once you've done that, you are technically "registered," but not yet officially "qualified."

Ms. Campos will then enter your name into the Texas

Voter Registration Data Base. This is maintained by the Secretary of State of the State of Texas. That office confirms whether the information on your registration form is the same as in the state data bases. Once the information is the same, then you are "qualified" and your new voter registration certificate will arrive by mail.

Perhaps the last names on the mailing addresses did not match or the driver's license numbers did not match. In these cases, the registration form would be returned, you would be notified and you would not yet be "qualified" by the State of Texas to vote until the request has been amended or the question resolved.

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munity in this role. To have done so with such willing servants has been inspiring. I fully plan to fulfill my current term and to continue to support the City of Brady and all of its citizens in whatever role the Lord sees fit, but at this time I feel impressed to step aside, withdraw my name as a candidate for this upcoming election, and begin to put my family's needs first."

Rumors and social media exploded on Tuesday concerning the reasons for both council members' decisions. Unsubstantiated rumors citing bomb threats to the mayor were even circulated.

At Tuesday's regular city council meeting, the session began with Weatherman making a statement as the first spokesperson during citizen comments.

Following Weatherman, six other members of the audience spoke all of whom condemned any type of alleged action as it pertains to the election.

A transcript of Weatherman's statement was not available at press time, but will be posted on the newspaper's Web site and Facebook page.

In what appeared to be a visible sign of support of the council, nearly 100 citizens attended the meeting to listen to the short agenda.

The items on the agenda included a discussion about code enforcement which ended with the council giving interim city manager Dale Brown instructions to pursue options related to entering into a full service contract with Bureau

Veritas for necessary building and construction permits. At the same time, they wanted to explore options of hiring a full time code enforcement officer. No formal action was made on the issue.

The council also approved a committee "how-to" handbook submitted by Brown. The handbook will serve as a basic guideline for city committees and boards.

In the last item discussed in open session, the council approved the names of Charlotte Harper and Mrs. Bobbie Williams as the first two names of the five-member

ordinance review task force. A request for volunteers to serve on that board is outstanding.

The discussion of city manager applicants was held in executive session and no action was taken.

The council will meet in a special session at 5:30 p.m. Thursday with the only agenda item listed as "possible action regarding legal issues related to potential threats and suggestions of intent involving improper or illegal action made by individual citizens about and against city council members and council candidates."

Water—

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effectiveness of BMPs in reducing pollutant loadings to Brady Creek. The area included in the model will likely be expanded to include more urban drainage areas within the near future to evaluate a broader approach to reducing storm water pollution.

Because the portion of Brady Creek going through the City of Brady has depressed dissolved oxygen, a model referred to as QUAL2K has been developed for that portion of the creek. QUAL2K was tested against data collected by UCRA and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and is now being applied to evaluate alternative practices to improve the dissolved oxygen levels in the creek. These alternatives include increasing the flow in the creek, which could occur by pumping some of the discharge for the city's wastewater treatment plant up to the Richards Park area, and the benefits on dissolved

oxygen of the reductions in storm water pollution.

The SWAT model was used in the upper basin above Brady Lake. Different conditions have been run on the model including brush control and removal of SCS (Soil Conservation Service)

Dams. Outputs of the SWAT model supply inputs to the model being used for flows into the lake.

Scott McWilliams, Hydrogeology and Technical Services of the UCRA, pro-

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Recall—

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the facts as alleged give rise to a legal basis for recall under the City Charter," and ordered the Council and City Secretary to order a recall election. In doing so, the Court's majority wrote that "the language of section 9.04 (of the Charter) is ambiguous, at best, concerning what review, if any, the secretary can perform with regard to the sufficiency of the petition beyond verifying the number of signatures of qualified voters."

The third justice, Goodwin, dissented and stated she would have denied the petition for the writ of mandamus, saying "[g]iven the majority's conclusion of ambiguity, I am hard pressed to conclude that the secretary or members of the City Council failed to perform a ministerial act that is subject to mandamus by this Court under the confines of our standard of review."

The City Council, in response to the Court's ruling, ordered, on Feb. 28, a recall election to be held on May 11, 2013 in addition to the general election to fill two seats on the City Council, an election

to consider 26 propositions to amend the Charter, an election to convert the Brady EDC from a Type A to a Type B corporation, and an election, in response to another voters' petition, for initiative, to require the Council to change the time of its regular meetings.

Effect of the Court's Ruling, the Recall Election, and Proposed Amendments to the Charter.

The Court did not attempt to rule whether the grounds stated in the recall petition describe actions by the Mayor that meet the definitions of incompetence, noncompliance with the Charter, misconduct, or malfeasance in office. Instead it ruled that the Charter does not give the City Secretary or the City Council authority to make that determination. Should a majority of the votes cast on May 11, 2013 be for the removal from office of Mayor Lohn, she will step down and Mayor Pro Tem Brendan Weatherman will perform the duties of mayor until a new mayor is elected at a special election that cannot be held under state law until the next uniform election date in November, 2013. Mrs. Lohn will be prohibited under the

Charter from holding any elective office in the City within a period of 18-months following the date of the election.

The ambiguity identified in the Brady Charter by the Court of Appeals is the subject of four proposals to amend the Charter that will be on the ballot on May 11, 2013, two of which are proposed by the Brady Charter Review Commission, as modified by the City Council, and two of which are proposed by petition of qualified voters of the City. The two proposed by the City would amend the Charter to establish definitions of incompetence, noncompliance with the Charter, misconduct, and malfeasance in office and to clarify that the City Secretary, with assistance of the City Attorney, has authority to determine if grounds alleged in a recall petition meet those definitions. The two proposed by voters' petition would amend the Charter to provide that the people of the City reserve the sole authority to determine if the reasons cited in a recall petition are valid, and that the sufficiency of a recall petition shall be based solely on its timeliness and the required number of certified signatures.

Voter—

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a "qualified voter." The confusion comes because, once you register to vote, there are so few occasions in which you would not be qualified and so the two terms are often used interchangeably. Basically, you "register" that you want to be a voter and the State of Texas "qualifies" you to be a voter. So, there are some fine legal points to recognize when you're dealing with legal matters, but, generally, the two mean the same type of voter. To be cautious and very, very accurate, most legal documents now refer to "qualified" voters rather than "registered" voters.

So, who is a "valid voter?" This is a term which is used

by state employees and voter registrars when they are talking to each other. Sometimes they use the term when talking to citizens—which makes everyone even more confused. You may even have heard someone refer to a "validated registered voter role." Most of this is just the result of American English being a language that takes bits and pieces from all the other languages of the world and is meant to keep us all on our toes and ask a lot of questions.

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Brady Elementary Honor Roll

Brady Elementary School has released the "A" and "A-B" Honor Roll and "Perfect Attendance" for the fourth six weeks.

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Daryl Adair, Logan Alexander, Davanie Cooper, Justice Duque, Cohen Dye, Victoria Evridge, Sergio Fernandez, Aiden Fletcher, Delilah Garcia, Lola Hernandez, Jace Jennings, Elizabeth Johnson, Sarah Jones, Nevaeh Lott, Reagan Luna, Thomas Malaer, Angela Maldonado, Luke Marshall, Gatlin McBee, Riley McBride, Hannah McDaniel, Evan McMullin, Kaelan Money, McKenna Moreland, Emma Neveri, Cy Nobles, Kathryn Phillips, Justin Pierce, Aiden Roberts, Aiden Roque, Amaris Ruiz, Kaydence Tully, Kevyn Vaughn, Gracerson Williams, Caitlyn Zamora

SECOND GRADE

Aminy Anderson, Jozlynn Andrews, Hayden Baronet, Paulina Bernal, Keats Bohannon, Eric Bracken, Emily Brown, Mariah Case, MaKinley Cavness, Gatlin Click, Kacie Corbell, Seth Deramus, Kylee Dossey, Kaydence Eckert, Jacob Fletcher, Samuel Flores, Keegan Hines, Israel Morales, Savannah Ortega, Zenida Paradise, Colton Rowen, Daniel Sadowski, Madyson Samford, Trever Sharp, Kaitlyn Simmons, Kaylynn Slaughter, Emma Smith, Grace Spurgin, Isaiah Tarr, Ricki Teague, Kelby Thomas, Sean Tully, Alexis Zapata

THIRD GRADE

Paige Bauer, Bryce Davis, Nina Delafuente, Felicity Hernandez, Edgar Ibarra, Melissa Jasso, Duncan Jones, David Powell, Elizabeth Steadham, Kristin Tidwell, Brylee Torres, Jack Werle

FOURTH GRADE

Kaitlyn Adair, Shelby Adair, Giselle Ashton, Johnathan Avalos, Camryn Carrithers, Samantha Castillo, Christian Corralejo, David Fekri, Addison Garcia, Amari Gonzalez, Shelby Gothard, Joe Johnson, Cody McBee, Kelly Muniz, Michael Neal, MaKenzie Olivarez, Keegan Pitre, Kyler Pitre, Keller Schmidt, Rance Siler, Weston Slone, Zoe Sparks, Abigail Walker

FIFTH GRADE

Mason Allsup, Kasen Baronet, Jady Cavness, Tatum Christie, Dylan Evridge, John Marshall, Anna Masonheimer, Katie McAnelly, Marissa Molina, Gabriella Moreno, Rylee Myers, Isaac Pena, Georgia Tucker

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FIRST GRADE

Joshua Boyd, Joseph Calderon, Gabriella Contreras, America Delarosa, Ava Dodds, Colton Dossey, Evangeline Escobedo, Edward Gonzalez, Marissa Guerrero, Daniela Hernandez, Gregory Hinton, Kenze Holubec, Giselle Jimenez, Randall Jinkins, Joe Moreno, Tomas Palacio, Kayna Raybion, Zea Rendon, Jorge Reza, Dominic Salinas, Diandra Solis, Bridgitt Stidham, Jeremiah Stidom, Klee Teague, Jayden Villarreal, Mariah Watkins, Holton Weatherman, Sam Werele, Ethan Woodlock

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THIRD GRADE

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Mallory Meyer, Spencer Morris, Kendall Morton, Wesley Muniz, Evan Neveri, Seth Pfister, Helen Pierce, Madison Pitcox, Salma Salas, Selest Saucedo, Lacy Torres, Abigail Torrez, Jesse Tucker, Victoria Vargas, Averyan Weston

FOURTH GRADE

Christian Aguirre, Omar Aguirre-Sanchez, Thomas Allin, Danae Ceja, Savanna Contreras, Sonia DeHoyos, Joanie Dobson, Joseph Dry, Jayden Ewing, Justus Fletcher, Nicole Flores, Alicia Garcia, Macaela Gray, Chloe Guzman, Daniel Hernandez, Lane Jacoby, Keeley Johnson, Dristin Lunsford, Phoenix Martinez, Roman Martinez, Ryan Medrano, Dalli Miller, Nathan Mork, Nolan Mullins, Natelie Najera, Alyssa Nino, Samuel Ortega, Giselle Perez, Domminic Pin, Michael Ramsey, Anthony Rendon, Cesar Reza, Jameson Roddie, Gael Rodriguez, Mayra Salas, Anna Schaake, Harley Teague, Marisol Trejo, Mark Valdez, James Villanueva, Jacob Wernecke, Alexander Zulayka

FIFTH GRADE

Walker Bauer, Cooper Bean, Zoe Camarillo, Marcos Contreras, Anthony Cook, Carter Cornwall, Desiree Duque, Alejandro Escobedo, Jacob Escobedo, Joslynn Ewing, Sierra Gevara, Shelby Goodwin, Myra Hernandez Solis, Deandra Hinton, Benjamin Jacoby, Jacoby Laureles, Zachary Lozano, Irvin Martinez Perez, Alexia McDaniel, Adler Meyer, Gonzalo Morales, Savanna Morton, Dominique Rodriguez, Edgar Serrato, Jacklyn

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THIRD GRADE

Bailey Bookhamer, Kenneth Brown, Dezzarae Enix, Zane Gillaspia, Jesus Gloria, Giovonnie Gonzalez, Abby Grinstein, Kaden Jones, Juan Leon, Adrian Medrano, Yasmeen Morado, Spencer Morris, Wesley Muniz, Seth Pfister, Jadin Sanders, Dominic Solis, Josue Torres, Jesse Tucker, Thomas Zapata, Joshua Joshua

FOURTH GRADE

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FIFTH GRADE

Mason Allsup, Walker Bauer, Jady Cavness, Tatum Christie, Marcos Contreras, Jacob Escobedo, Brant Farmer, Caleb Galindo, Benjamin Galindo, Jaden Galindo-Sherman, Alexia McDaniel, Isaac Pena, Andy Pin, Andres Pinedo, Ivan Rodriguez, Jamie Slaughter, Jasmine Solomon, Isaac Tijerina, Alicia Valdez, Stephen Zapata

Water—

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vided an update of the oil field issue six miles south of Melvin in the area where bulls died from drinking surface water in a stock tank. This area is in sub watershed for a tributary to Brady Lake and may likely contribute to the high chlorides that have been measured in the recent years.

Another problem that was mentioned by a stakeholder was reports of saltwater dumping on CR 126 from a big truck. This is an area of shallow groundwater with noticeable seepage. The Texas Railroad Commission is involved and is now doing a thorough study. Extremely high ammonia levels in both the stock tank and the produced water from the oilfield is an indicator that the problem could be oil production related.

McWilliams reported that the Texas Railroad Commission has responded at UCRA's urging and is in the process of conducting a study of the nearby oilfield activities. Water quality sampling, soil sampling, casing pressure testing and possibly other tests will be conducted by them. McWilliams presented a copy of the letter sent to UCRA regarding the site. He stated that the time frame for completing the study could be lengthy, given his experience with the Railroad Commission.

The general discussion centered on the concern for diminished flow downstream of Brady and potential land value diminishment. Mr. Brown briefly detailed the City of Brady's plan to pump treated effluent from their waste water treatment plant (WWTP) to Brady Lake to offset evaporation losses. Joe Mosier stated that the City of Brady has a grant/loan application submitted and currently under review by the Texas Water Development Board that includes construction of a new WWTP and the pipeline to pump effluent to the lake. Mosier also stated that pumping some of the water through Richards Park is included in the application. Downstream stakeholders object to any lowering of downstream flows.

McWilliams stated that additional model runs would be made over the next couple weeks and available options will be refined. Another stakeholder meeting will take place in about a month. At that time various BMPs will be presented to the stakeholder group and they will have to arrive at a consensus regarding what remedial measures are going to be included in the WPP. Downstream stakeholders vowed to have increased representation at the next meeting.

Rochelle ISD Honor Roll

Rochelle ISD has announced its honor roll for the fourth six weeks.

A HONOR ROLL

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THIRD GRADE

Lacie Herry, Caylee Vogel

FOURTH GRADE

Colton Coleman

FIFTH GRADE

Terrell Owens

SEVENTH GRADE

Britney Cook

TENTH GRADE

Adrianna Castillo, Rachael Davis

ELEVENTH GRADE

Elizabeth Stringer, Tymbur Wallace

TWELFTH GRADE

Cole Blankenship, Sierra Murray

A-B HONOR ROLL

FIRST GRADE

Sayde Gonzalez, Brooke Herry, Fallon Owens, Emberlynn Wallace

SECOND GRADE

Patricia Burkhart, Dylan Sellers, Roy Jalomo, Dayllyn Roberts, Angel Stratton, Mayci Stringer, Van Virdell

THIRD GRADE

Brooke Cox, C.J. Jalomo

FOURTH GRADE

Anna Stidham

FIFTH GRADE

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SIXTH GRADE

Michael Hall, Chase Hall

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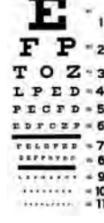
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