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MUSIC-N-BOOKS—

Thursday was a night of singin' and playin' at the city library as Rockdale troubadour Ronnie Caywood and friends provided an evening of music. From left are Allyson Steinbecker of Milano, Charlie Weyler.



No decision on moving wells

MILANO—After a three-hour-plus public hearing attended by about 75 persons Tuesday night, the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District did not make a decision on a request to change well locations on one-third of the sites to serve the controversial Vista Ridge Pipeline.

Blue Water Vista Ridge had requested changing point of withdrawal on 11 of the 33 already-permitted sites "to accommodate topography and landowner requests."

About 10 persons spoke

against the request during Tuesday's public hearing.

The matter is expected to be considered again during the POSGCD's monthly session, set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the POSGCD's Milano office.

Construction on the Vista Ridge pipeline itself is expected to start in about a month. Garney Construction of Kansas City is designer and builder.

But it hasn't been a smooth month for pipeline promoters.

In addition to the opposition at Tuesday's meeting, *The San Antonio Express-*

News reported on Monday the two water suppliers at the core of the deal—Metropolitan Water Co. and BlueWater Systems—are back in court in litigation over payments and contracts.

Water leases in Milam and Burleson Counties—with whose groundwater the POSGCD is charged with managing—are under contract to supply San Antonio Water System with up to 16.3-billion gallons per year.

It's the largest transfer of water in Texas history, the *Express-News* noted.

Four draw district court action

CAMERON—Four persons were sentenced in recent 20th District Court action, according to Prosecutor Bill Torrey, who listed them as follows:

- Andre Lamario Walker, 33, Rockdale, was sentenced to a four-year prison term, and was ordered to pay \$340 in restitution to the victim after pleading guilty to burglary of habitation.

- Anthony Carl Williams, 30, Cameron, was placed on three years deferred adjudication probation, ordered to pay a \$3,000 fine and \$180 restitution to the DPS lab after pleading guilty possession of marijuana (4 ounces to 5 pounds).

- Janie Renee Woolridge, 28, Giddings, was placed on three years deferred adjudication probation, with standard substance abuse conditions of proba-

tion, including the successful completion of theft aversion class and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and restitution in an amount to be determined after pleading guilty to engaging in organized criminal activity.

- Israel Rangel, 40, Cameron, was sentenced to a six-year prison term after pleading "true" to a motion to revoke probation for an original assault causes bodily injury family violence, with previous conviction, and was also sentenced to a 15-month state jail term and ordered to pay \$3,212 restitution to the victims after pleading guilty to theft (less than \$2,500) with priors.

Gospel show set in Giddings

Branded, Second Chance featured

By PAUL SCHLESINGER

GIDDINGS—Tired of what passes for music on radio and TV? Plan to attend the third annual Country Gospel Jamboree, Sunday, April 2 at the Giddings High School auditorium.

The opry-style show kicks off at 7 p.m., hosted by Second Chance, the band of the Lee County Cowboy Church. Admission is free, and \$6 hamburger plates will be available, beginning at 6 p.m.

HEADLINERS—Headline act is Branded, a nationally famous country gospel duo from Conroe.

Branded has won the Inspirational Country Music Awards' Duo of the Year for 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2012, as well as Song of the Year for 2008.

Second Chance will back a select group of area talent well versed in traditional, country-flavored gospel music.

The husband and wife team of Tommy and Cindy Hart of Lexington have a music ministry and perform in several area retirement facilities and churches, including the Lee County Cowboy Church.

SINGERS—Vocalist Lynn Martin of Milano will return to the opry stage as a featured guest.

She has been involved with cowboy church music ministry for over 12 years and currently serves as a vocalist for the

Burleson County Cowboy Church.

Lynn and her husband Tim helped stage the popular Milano Opry, which ran for many years.

Entertainer Dennis Schroeder of Thorndale, is a true cowboy singer in the tradition of Roy Rogers and Gene Autry.

He plays rhythm guitar, bass, fiddle, and writes cowboy poetry and gospel songs., and currently runs the family ranch with his wife Sallie, along with his quarter and paint horses.

He is a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church music group, Created to Praise.

Kimberlyn and Curtis Krause are a daughter-father team from Giddings.

Kimberlyn sings, plays guitar, piano, fiddle, accordion, and banjo. Performing on stage since age 7, she is currently a student at Texas A&M and a member of the Praise Team Band at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in College Station.

Curtis has played bass professionally with many area bands, including the Central Texas Sounds and CR 114. He currently serves with Immanuel Lutheran Praise Team in Giddings.

INSTRUMENTALS—The Second Chance band consists of fiddler and vocalist Paul Schlesinger of Taylor, his wife Tara Schlesinger on keyboard, and bassist Bill Tucker of Lexington.

Steel guitarist is Billy Barnett of Milano, who serves as music team leader for the Burleson County Cowboy Church. Drummer Chip Dunsmoor of Miner-



Headliner Branded, Robert Welch (L) and Paul Staggs.



Second Chance, (L-R) Paul Schlesinger, Tara Schlesinger, Bill Tucker.

va, who serves as the music team leader for the Milam County Cowboy Church, rounds out the band.

All of the entertainers will be performing a mixture of classic country gospel tunes, old time hymns, and several original songs.

The last show, held in 2014, drew a crowd of nearly 300.

The Jamboree is presented in a non-denominational format.

Donations/proceeds go to the Lee County Cowboy Church. For more information, contact Paul Schlesinger (512) 352-3665 or Bill Tucker (281) 757-0566.

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