On October 26, 2013, the Colorado River Municipal Water District hosted its first antlerless / spike deer hunt of the 2013/2014 season, for kids from the South Texas Children's Home (STCH). Three boys and two girls from the Children's Home participated in the doe and spike hunt. A rather pleasant and moist morning, along with a warm afternoon, was the setting for the hunt. Everyone saw a variety of game, and had a wonderful time enjoying the outdoors. These hunts are a great management tool in controlling deer populations, but more importantly, they provide a wonderful opportunity to experience hunting, companionship, and the great outdoors to those who would not normally get a chance to do so.

Wal-Mart of Ballinger donated a gift certificate as a prize for the hunter who harvested the biggest antlerless deer and young lady hunter Sunny, guided by Monica Minzenmeyer of Rowena, TX., won the honors with a big doe weighing in at 72 lbs. This was her first time to bag a deer and she was excited. There was also a gift certificate donated by an anonymous giver for the marksmanship contest, which was won by young hunter Jonathan, who was a sharp shooter on the shooting range. Good job guys and gals! A third cash prize, also donated by an anonymous donor, was given for the most unique deer harvested (ever). Young hunter Mateo, bagged his first deer which was a "doe" with 8" spike antlers. This was a first for everyone

there; to actually see a doe with antlers. Mateo was just some of those excited, and a little puzzled over what he had shot. What deer tag should he use: a buck or doe tag? After some discussion, it was decided that a buck tag was required on such an animal.

Throughout the hunt, all were blessed with great food. A grilled hamburger meal, with all the fixings, chips, and cookies were provided by the Ballinger Morning Lion Club, along with great company and plenty of humor. Enough food was left over for each of the kids to fix a burger after the evening hunt. David and Vicky Steward of Voss, Texas, provided breakfast for the hunters, along with soft drinks. Also, Norene Jamison of Voss, baked up a batch of chocolate chip-pecan cookies, to satisfy the sweet tooth of the hungry hunters. Not a single cookie survived.

Those assisting as hunting guides where Monica Minzenmeyer of Rowena, Chris Grimes of Ballinger, Mark Halfmann of San Angelo, Karen and Mike Perkins, and Dustin Gordon, of the South Texas Children's Home.

Game Warden Norman be singing Christmas car-Terry of Coleman County ols at A Small Town gave a very informative Christmas, practice days Q&A program which cov- will be Monday, December ered a wide spectrum of 2, and Tuesday, December issues, along with several 3. They will be held at interesting work related 5:30 pm each day at stories. Deer corn was pro- Robert Lee Baptist Church. vided by the Coleman If you can't attend one Grain Inc. of Coleman, practice, please make Shopping Basket (IGA) of plans to attend the other. Ballinger, and Ballinger Feed & Seed of Ballinger. forming at the gazebo on The use of corn is a great December 6's Robert Lee asset, as it allows the Christmas celebration "A young hunters with a Small Town Christmas". greater opportunity to see



**CRMWD Youth Hunt!** Participants and guides at this year's CRMWD Youth Hunt included (top row, from left) Guides: Dustin Gordon, Karen Perkins, Mike Perkins, Chris Grimes and Monica Minzenmeyer; (bottom row) Jonathan, Rhea, Steven, Mateo, and Sunny.

wildlife, and to harvest a deer.

## **Holiday Choir** Practice times noted

For those wishing to participate in the Robert Lee Texas Parks and Wildlife Community Choir who will

The Choir will be per-



Quilt Raffle! Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club is raffling off a quilt donated by an anonymous person. The drawing will be at one of the RLHS basketball home games in December. You do not have to be present to win. You can contact Brandi Sawyer, Natalie Clawson, Valerie Howard or Tracy Grantham for tickets.





## HOMEMADE KOIIS 12 Rolls in a 9"x13" pan \$10/Dozen Deadline to order is Monday, November 25. Pickup is Wednesday, November 27. Call Katie at (928) 369-6808.