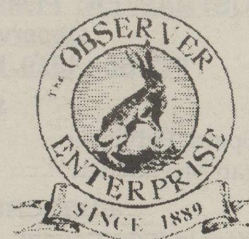


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Fort Chadbourne to celebrate 150th

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21st. The Fort Chadbourne Foundation would like to invite you to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the fort beginning at 5:30 pm that evening at the Fort Chadbourne Parade Grounds.

Much work has been done in the restoration of the fort. All of the buildings have been completely stabilized. While two buildings are completely restored, the East Barrack building is under reconstruction. The donations from the 150th anniversary celebration will help the foundation build and install windows, doors, and floors to the East Barracks building. Some archeological investigations are being started as well. Since the end of June, the porch has been added, and the entire roof is complete.

Red Steagall and other

celebrities have visited the fort to gain information for Red's nationally aired program, and they were amazed at the progress that has been made just in the past two months. If you haven't visited the fort recently, you are in for a real surprise.

The 150th anniversary celebration will include a prime rib dinner, live theater historical re-enactment, and an auction. Once again, the date is September 21, 5:30 pm at the Fort Chadbourne Parade Grounds. Fort Chadbourne is located 12 miles north of Bronte on Hwy. 277. Turn into the entrance across from the Fort Chadbourne billboard.

For more information, contact (915) 743-2555. All proceeds are tax deductible and benefit the restoration of the East Barracks building at Fort Chadbourne.

Swine Validation tags to be ordered

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to exhibit barrows at the major shows; Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo or Houston must have a state swine validation tag to be eligible. Barrow or gilts that will only be shown at county show do not have to have a validation tag. Absolute deadline for ordering tags is September 18. Cost of the tags will be \$7 each. If you want validation tags, contact your Ag Science teacher or the County Extension office before the 18th.

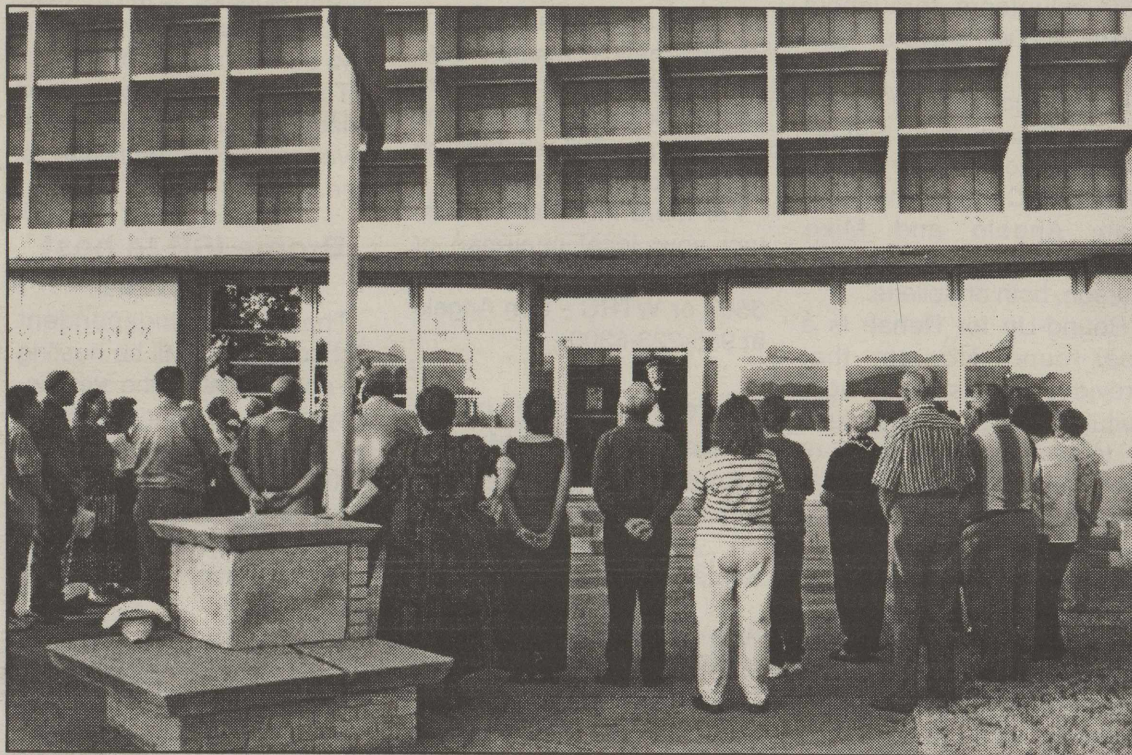
Revival set for Pecan Baptist Church

Revival services will be held at Pecan Baptist Church beginning September 22 and going through September 25. The Sunday morning service begins at 11:00 am and the Sunday evening service will begin at 7:00 pm. Evening services during the week will start at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and worship together for this revival. There will be

great preaching, singing, and fellowship. Come and enjoy the blessings of God through this revival.

Bro. Kirk Shelton will serve as evangelist. Bro. Shelton has served as missionary on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington state, has served as Director of Association of Baptist Students at Stephen F. Austin State University, has served as Program Director for LifeWord Broadcast Ministries and has served as pastor of various churches in Texas and Arkansas. Bro. Shelton currently serves as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Red Oak, Texas. Bro. Kirk is married to Toni, who serves as Assistant Director of Publications at Dallas Baptist University. The Sheltons have three children, Katie and son-in-law, Eric, of Waxahachie, Christopher a recent graduate from Ouachita Baptist University and Kimberly, who is a freshman at Ouachita.

Over the years Bro. Kirk has been used extensively in revivals, Bible conferences,



A good group of Coke County citizens assembled at the courthouse on Wednesday, September 11, 2002, to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon. County Judge Jackie Walker served as emcee for the ceremony which included retired RLISD superintendent Weldon Koepl leading the group in a stirring rendition of "God Bless America". Pastor Steven Rowe, of the First Methodist Church, delivered a short inspirational message and a prayer to honor those who lost family members and loved ones in the terrorist attacks.

mission trips, youth conferences, and retreats. Bro. Kirk is a wonderful communicator of the Bible and will encourage hearts through the power of God's Word. He has a heart for God's church and a desire for Christians to experience true renewal of purpose and commitment as God's representatives to their culture.

Rehab asks friends to stitch quilts

An important element of West Texas Rehabilitation Center's annual telethon in January is the quilt/afghan auction, which features handmade items donated by individuals and quilting clubs throughout West Texas.

Each year, these handcrafted gifts raise about \$25,000 - all of which goes directly into rehabilitation treatment programs for children and adults who are trying to stitch together the pieces of lives which have been ripped apart by illness or injury.

With Rehab 2003 scheduled for January 18, WTRC is asking its quilting friends to begin stitching together their quilts and afghans now - and let Rehab know about it. To get more information or to say

"Yes, Rehab you can count on me for a quilt or afghan," call the donor relations department at WTRC San Angelo at (915) 223-6300.

The Rehab Center provides outpatient rehabilitation care to more than 20,000 patients each year through its facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. Top quality treatment services are provided to every patient regardless of their financial status - thanks to the generous support Rehab receives for such fundraising events as the annual telethon.

Robert Lee Street Affair update

A called meeting for the Robert Lee Street Affair committees will be held at 5:00 in the library on September 12th. The next scheduled meeting will be held in the library on Thursday, September 26.

This meeting will be a brief meeting to discuss the parade, the antique car show, the food and craft booths, the old jail tour, the 5-k run, the dessert cook-off and the dinner and dance planned for October 5, 2002.

Volunteers are needed. The statement, "Somebody

should do that," is often heard. If you can be a "somebody" come by and sign up.

CC retired teachers meeting scheduled

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, September 16, 2002. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Shannon Clinic to host cancer screening

Shannon Clinic in San Angelo is joining a nationwide effort to fight a cancer that will affect one of every 11 men.

Sept. 16-17, the clinic will offer free prostate cancer screenings as part of National Prostate Cancer Awareness Week. During this two-day period, the clinic hopes to screen 225 men. Screenings will be from 6 to 9 pm at the main clinic location at 120 E. Beauregard. Those interested in receiving an exam should schedule an appointment by calling 481-2231.

Football Games

September 13
Horns at Rotan • 7:30
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8 pm

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Round-Up for Rehab
 Coke County's Clifton Reed and Ed Cumbie are among 150 volunteers throughout Texas who will serve as local chairmen of West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 43rd annual Round-Up for Rehab. They are joined by regional chairman Carter Behrens of San Angelo and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson, both of Abilene.

Round-Up for Rehab is a year-round program that provides friends in the agriculture industry an opportunity to show their support of West Texas Rehab. Fall is the most active time of year for the event with seven special auctions scheduled. Cattle sales will be on Sept. 19 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and Sept. 24 at Abilene Auction. Specialty sales (all animals) will be Oct. 2 in Coleman, Oct. 4 in Dublin, Oct. 10 in Ranger, Oct. 14 in Junction and Oct. 30 in Stephenville.

Ways to participate include:
 *Donate livestock to a sale in your area
 *Make a cash gift to WTRC
 *Attend one of the sales and join the bidding on livestock or novelty items.

Since 1953, West Texas Rehab's mission has been to improve the quality of life for every child and adult who enters its doors - regardless of their financial circumstance. A private, non-profit organization that treats more than 21,000 patients each year, WTRC has outpatient facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, Texas.

Its primary services include adult and pediatric physical, occupational and speech therapies, audiology, industrial rehabilitation, orthotics/prosthetics, hospice care and home medical equipment and facilities make it one of the premiere physical rehabilitation organizations in the nation.

For more information, contact your local chairman or WTRC - Abilene at 915-793-3507 or WTRC - San Angelo at 915-223-6300.

Zera Fields honored on 93rd birthday
 Zera Fields was honored with a surprise birthday party on her 93rd birthday, September 4, 2002.

Bill Carwile conducts the Wednesday evening Prayer Meetings each week at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Zera is always there as she was September 4. Bill started the meeting in the usual way asking for prayer requests. Many prayers were voiced and prayer grams signed.

After the last prayer, "Happy Birthday" was sung to Zera as Bonita Copeland played the piano. Zera was sitting on the front row and turned to "Thank" everyone for the song. To her surprise there were 50 plus fellow church members, family members and friends sitting behind her and there to honor her.

Bill seated Zera in front of the members and guests. Many of those present told of events they remembered about Zera and what she meant to them. She received many cards and "Best

Wishes" for many more years.

Members of the Adult II Couples Class of the Robert Lee Baptist Church provided and served refreshments to those present. Bill and Pat Carwile, Don and Johnetta Lawrence, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, and Add and Barbara Davis made homemade ice cream. Johnetta provided a beautiful birthday cake with Jimmy and Beverly Sinclair assisting.

San Angelo craft fair
 The Greater San Angelo Crafts Guild will be having their Fall Fair the weekend of Sept. 14th and 15th. It will be located in the Pavilion Building on the Fair Grounds in San Angelo. It will be held Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday noon until 4 pm.

There will be hourly door prizes and six gift certificates given away. Admission is free.

Bronte ISD to host open house
 The Bronte Independent School District will be hosting an open house at the elementary and secondary campuses Thursday, September 19, 2002, from 6 to 7 pm.

All parents need to meet in the auditorium at 6 pm before proceeding to the classrooms.

Lady Bird's wildflowers by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
 Texas' landscape is a marriage of our Western heritage and progressive future. Glass skyscrapers are nestled between our prairies and ranch lands. Technology firms are as prominent as our oil and gas industries. But one thing remains constant - the natural beauty of our state. And nowhere is that more evident than in the fields of wildflowers that border our state's highways, courtesy of one of our nation's most revered first

ladies, Lady Bird Johnson.

Lady Bird, who earned her nickname as a child because she was "purty as a lady bird," was born Claudia Alta Taylor in far east Texas. It was in Austin, where she studied at the University of Texas, that she met Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Lady Bird and Lyndon were married and became one of our state's most influential couples. She labored side-by-side with her husband as he worked his way up to Vice President of the United States. When President Kennedy's 1963 assassination thrust LBJ into the role of Commander-in-Chief, Mrs. Johnson was there to comfort a grieving nation.

As First Lady, she worked hard to beautify our nation and our capital. She labored tirelessly to raise funds to improve the landscape and plant thousands of flowers and trees throughout Washington, D.C. While traveling the country with President Johnson, she noticed the cluttered, unsightly mess that many roadways had become. She decided to do something about it. In 1965 she launched the Highway Beautification Act, one of the first major legislative campaigns undertaken by a First Lady.

In 1982, on her 70th birthday, Mrs. Johnson opened the National Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas. She launched the Center to "educate people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants." As a testament to her dedication, the 42-acre site was later renamed the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Each year, thousands of visitors flock to the Center just south of Austin to marvel at the fields of sunflowers, poppies and bluebonnets that flourish in the warm Texas Spring. The Center also serves as an educational resource to teach visitors from around the world about

the importance of conservation and caring for our environment.

One particular focus of the Center is landscape restoration, the effort to "heal" ecological systems that have been damaged or destroyed. Researchers at the center study unique ways to reintroduce vegetation to damaged ecosystems and help re-establish natural growth processes that have been interrupted.

The Wildflower Center is a great place to learn about the native plants that are unique to our great state and how we can all participate in ensuring they are still around for future generations to enjoy.

Lady Bird's legacy will forever grow along our Texas and national highways. The next time you pass a field of Texas wildflowers - stop, take a picture, and remember the loving handiwork of one of our nation's greatest leading ladies, Lady Bird Johnson.

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 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
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 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 (915) 453-2176
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Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
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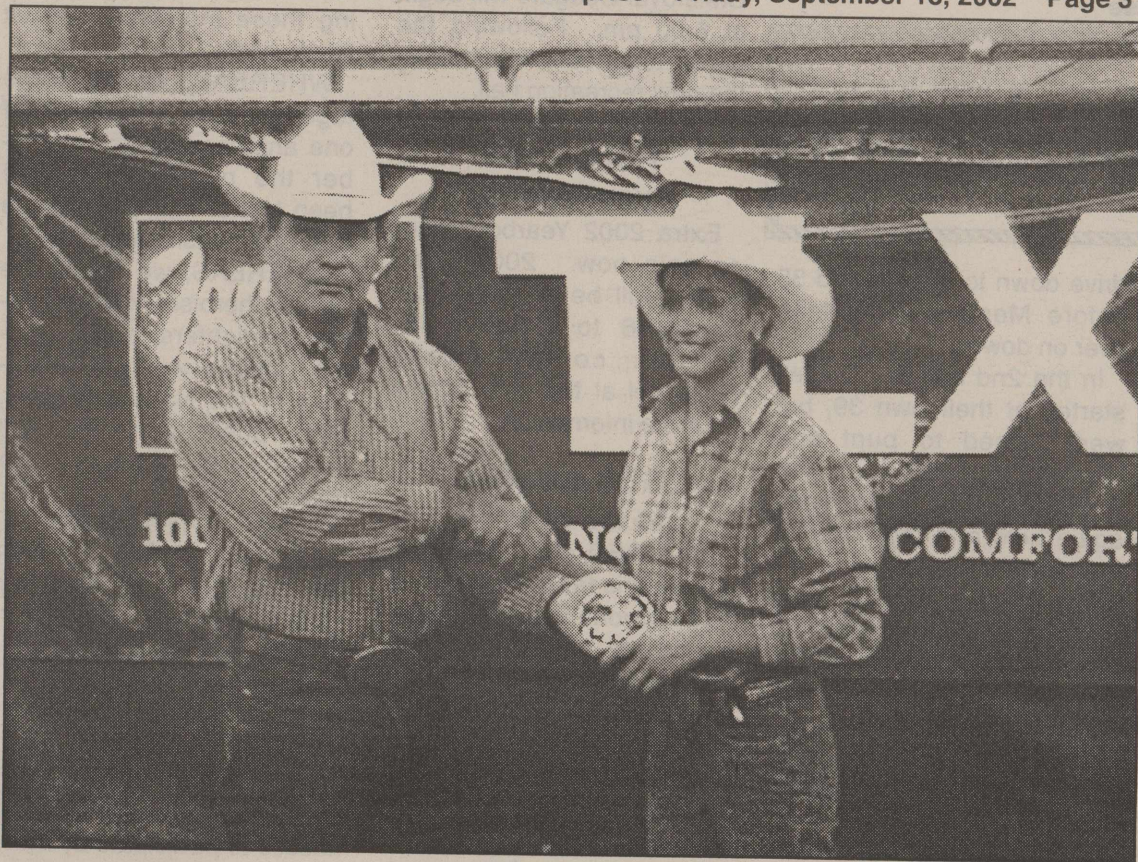
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Lillian McMullan won the Invitational Young Guns Ladies' Breakaway Championship Sunday, September 2, 2002, in Abilene, Texas. Forty of the top 20 year old and younger lady ropers from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma competed in the 4-head breakaway event. Presenting Lillian with the Championship buckle is Pat Gulley. A freshman at Bronte High School, Lillian is the daughter of David and Mary McMullan of Bronte. She also took the National Barrel Horse Association Youth Division Championship and was honored at the Award Banquet in Brownwood Tuesday evening, September 10. For this honor, she received a brand new 2 horse trailer - the first of her competitive career.

Tessie McMullan, Lillian's older sister and a 2001 graduate of Bronte High School, won the NBHA Open Division. However, she opted to receive the cash value for the trailer to help with funds for college. Tessie attends Vernon Regional Junior College.

McCutchen family gathers for reunion in Bronte

The families of the late Monroe and Mattie McCutchen met for a family reunion Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st at the Bronte Community Center. Seventy-eight family members from Lubbock to Kilgore to Del Rio to El Paso, and all areas in between had a great time visiting, taking pictures and eating Bar-B-Q.

The eldest person present was 90 year old Eula Maud McCutchen of Bronte and the youngest was 6 week old Caitlin Lange of Ballinger. Friends of the family in attendance included: Mildred (Stinebaugh) McGuire, former Bronte resident from Junction; Jerry & Laura (McGuire) Fountain, Lorena, Tx; David Roberts, Arlington, Tx; Mallery Bryan, Wink, Tx; and R.W. Blackmon of Bronte.

Kim, Gina, JoAnn and Bette McCutchen spent many hours gathering family members' recipes. These four ladies did a terrific job of coordinating and printing the "McCutchen Family Cooking" cookbook for 2002. Everyone appreciates the hard work and will enjoy and refer to this book for many years to come and pass it on to future generations.

Coke County Ministerial Alliance elects new officers

The Coke County Ministerial Alliance has reorganized for the new year. At its August meeting, members elected new officers, set its next meeting, welcomed new

members, and a good time of fellowship. New officers include president Morris Johnson of Bronte's First Baptist Church and vice-president Steve Rowe of Robert Lee's First United Methodist Church.

The Coke County Ministerial Alliance is open to ministers from any church in our county. Regular meeting times are the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 am, at

the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Breakfast will be served, possible by-laws will be considered, upcoming community Thanksgiving services will be discussed, and a report on the Coke County Food Pantry will be presented.

Alliance president Morris Johnson encourages every minister in our county to come to this meeting; if more information is needed, feel free to contact him at 473-2331 or 473-5661.

SHAMROCK CLINIC OF ROBERT LEE TO CLOSE DOORS SEPTEMBER 27

After 12 years of service in Robert Lee, the Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee will close its doors effective Friday, September 27, 2002.

Shannon Medical Center remains committed to the health and welfare of Coke County. The Bronte Family Health Center continues to welcome new patients and is available to serve your medical needs.

Medical records will be available at the Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee. Thank you for letting us care for you and your family!

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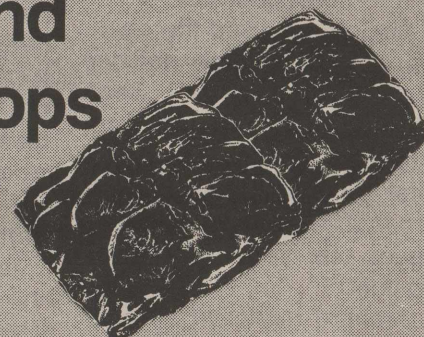
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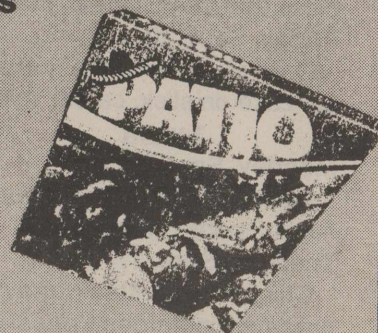
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers fall short against Yellowjackets

by Bill Burns

The Menard Yellowjackets came to Robert Lee last Friday night to give the Steers a rematch of the Bi-district game last fall. This game was much better than the previous one but Menard did come away with the win.

Everyone hates to lose but this loss could be a lot better for the Steers than the big win last week over Cross Plains. It's not nearly as much fun but a loss like this will show what needs to be worked on to improve the team and that should make the Steers a stronger team for their future games.

1st quarter

Menard received the opening kick but the Steer defense led by Cooper Riley, Sean Edging and Anson Lott stopped Menard short of a first down and Menard punted to the Steers. The Steers made one first down but had to punt.

Menard made no yardage and punted to the Steers. The Steers moved the ball for two more 1st downs before Menard stopped them at the Menard nine yard line.

Menard fumbled on the first play and Cole Flanagan recovered for the Steers. On the first play for the Steers,

Stewart Millican passed to Travis Pitcock for a 7 yard TD play. The kick failed and it was 6-0 for the Steers.

2nd quarter

The Steers had the ball at the start of this quarter and they put together a great drive that included four first downs and ended with a 1 yard TD pass, again Millican to Pitcock. A big play of this drive was a deflected pass that Jaziel Gallegos caught for a 56 yard gain.

Menard was held scoreless and the quarter ended 14-0 in favor of the Steers as Millican went to Pitcock for the two point conversion.

2nd half

The Steers ran into some problems during the second half and it took awhile to overcome them. Finally toward the end of the game the Steers overcame the problems except the big one, the clock. The Steers were moving the ball down the field and gained four first downs.

Time was running out and the Steers needed a big play. The Steers came up short 22 to 14 on the score board but statistically, they should have won. **GOOD EFFORT STEERS!!!**

Dogies fall to Menard

The Dogies kicked off to Menard and they returned it to the 47 yard line. They then drove the ball down to the 2 yard line before Cameron Hodge picked off a pass in the end zone to end the drive. The Dogies then threw an interception on 3rd down to turn the ball back over at their own 25. Menard scored to make it 0-6 in the 1st quarter.

On the 3rd play in the 2nd quarter, Kevin Honse got loose for a 55 yard TD run to tie the score 6-6. Menard returned the kickoff to the Dogies 16 yard line, but the Dogies would hold and take over on their own 22 and

drive down to the Menard 35 before Menard would take over on downs.

In the 2nd half the Dogies started at their own 39, but were forced to punt and Menard returned it to the Dogies 30. The Dogies once again held and took over at their own 21.

The Dogies punted once again and Menard returned this one to the Dogies 23. The Dogies held once more and took over at their 21 but had to punt it back where it was returned to the Dogies 34.

Menard scored from the 5 after a drive to go up 6-12. The Dogies made one last drive but came up a little short and fell to Menard 6-12.

PIPs to host pre-homecoming meal

The Robert Lee PIPs will be hosting a Mexican Pile-On Supper Friday, September 20th.

The pre-homecoming meal will be held in the school cafeteria from 5:00-7:30 pm. Tickets will be priced at \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under and can be purchased from any PIPs coach or player.

Take out and delivery will be available.

Robert Lee homecoming

Robert Lee High School homecoming will be September 20th.

An outdoor pep rally will be held Thursday evening, September 19, at 9 pm at the football field.

There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2:00. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "Steers: Superheroes".

The parade will end at the high school where a pap rally will be held at 2:50. The football game against the

Christoval Cougars will begin at 8:00 pm. Following the game, a dance will be held at the new recreation hall.

Robert Lee yearbooks

Extra 2002 Yearbooks are on sale now. 2003 yearbooks will be on sale from Sept. 16 to October 15. Please contact Kelly Beuschel at the high school for more information.

GED classes to be offered

Free GED classes will be offered this fall at Robert Lee ISD. Anyone wanting to take classes to earn a GED will need to call Gayle Bolding at 453-2508. A minimum of 8 people will be needed in order to have the class. The classes will meet 2 days a week at night. Please call this number for more information.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, freedom itself was attacked causing immense damage and tragic loss of life in Washington, D.C., New York and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Americans have always been united in our resolve to protect our freedom, and throughout history we have shown the world that we are a nation of people who will overcome any acts which attempt to threaten our freedom; and,

WHEREAS, America's diversity provides an unshakable respect and tolerance for each other, and demonstrates our unity and support

for each other especially during these incredibly difficult times; and

WHEREAS, we all come together now in support of one another, and to remember the people who have been lost or injured by these acts of terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, we salute the selfless heroism of the countless firefighters, police officers, rescue workers, members of the National Guard, other public servants, and volunteers across the country.

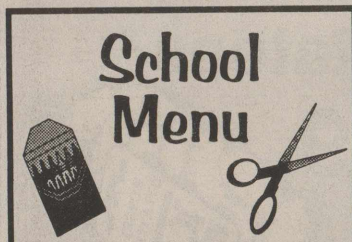
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARLAND DAVIS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2002, as

"A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE" in Robert Lee, Texas, and I urge our citizens and businesses to participate by flying the American flag.

Garland Davis, Mayor
City of Robert Lee

Personal

Visitors in the home of Doris Shandley this weekend were: daughter, Beverly & husband Rick of Grapevine; brother, Claude Hamilton & wife Leona of Roswell, NM; niece, Kim Carter of Midland; nephews, Mark Gaddy of San Angelo, Allan Hamilton of Roswell, NM and John Hurley & wife Betty of Robert Lee; cousin, Durward Hamilton & wife Lou of Winters and friend Lorene Blair of Robert Lee.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 16

Orange juice/apple juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Orange juice/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Orange juice/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Thursday, Sept. 19

Orange juice/apple juice, biscuit/sausage, cereal, milk

Friday, Sept. 20

Orange juice/apple juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 16

Pizza, salad, corn, apple sauce, teddy grahams, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, peas & carrots, roll, banana, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Grilled cheese, pickles, French fries, broccoli/carrot sticks w/ranch, pudding, milk

Thursday, Sept. 19

Lasagna, salad, green beans, roll, fruit, milk

Friday, Sept. 20

Sloppy Joes, cheese sticks, tator tots, pickles, fruit, milk

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Horns fall to Cougars

The Bronte Longhorns took it on the chin Friday night as they lost to a very good Christoval team by the score of 50-0. A stout Christoval defense and a big play offense led to the Cougars victory.

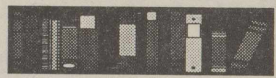
Three Bronte turnovers and special team miscues led to 28 Christoval points. The Cougars had 11 first downs to Bronte's 8, but the Cougars outgained the Longhorns 366 to 148 in total yards. Bronte had three turnovers and Christoval had none.

Tonight, Bronte will travel to Rotan and take on the Yellowhammers at 7:30.

Bronte Homecoming planned for September 27-28

The Bronte Ex-students Association is planning for a "Big" homecoming celebration on September 27-28. Although Bronte schools have a homecoming celebration every year, the Ex-Students plan on "Big"

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Sept. 16**
Cereal, peaches, toast & jelly, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 17**
Pop tarts, orange juice, teddy grams, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 18**
French toast sticks, apple juice, milk
- Thursday, Sept. 19**
Donuts, applesauce, biscuits & jelly, milk
- Friday, Sept. 20**
Breakfast burrito, grape juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Sept. 16**
Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes & green beans, rolls, chocolate pudding, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 17**
Taco salad with cheese, lettuce & tomatoes, refried beans, Spanish rice, tortilla chips, pink panther cake, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 18**
Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, sweet corn, peaches, bread sticks, milk
- Thursday, Sept. 19**
Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli with cheese, crackers, jello, milk
- Friday, Sept. 20**
Cheese burgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, buns, peanut butter cookies, milk

homecoming activities every four years. Letters have been sent out to ex-students. Since addresses change often, please be sure to tell friends and neighbors about the celebration.

A parade will kick off the homecoming activities on Friday afternoon in downtown Bronte, followed by a pep rally in the high school gymnasium. Bronte will play Eden in a football game at 7:30 that evening.

Saturday's activities will start with tours of the new school building at 11:00. Rick Styles will cater a barbecue lunch from 11:30 to 1:00. At 1:00, there will be an Ex-Students Association meeting in the school auditorium.

Please call Fran Crumpler at 473-2691 or 473-2911 for reservations to the barbecue dinner.

Bronte Girl Scout meeting slated for September 16

The Bronte Girl Scouts will hold their meeting Monday, September 16, 7:00 pm at the Bronte Church of Christ. Girls grades 1-6 and a parent are encouraged to attend.

Youth Rally scheduled for September 21 in San Angelo

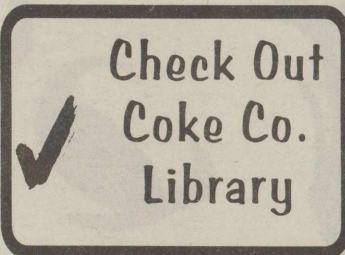
Keith Davis, former New York Giants football player, will be the highlight of the Right Choices Youth Rally, Saturday, September 21, 4:07 pm, at the San Angelo River Stage.

Sponsored by Shannon Right Choices for Youth, KIXY and Coca Cola, the rally is free and open to youth of all ages. Gates open at 4 pm with youth information booths until 7 pm, the San Angelo Police Dogs at 4:30 pm, demonstrations by Spirit Fit at 5:00 pm, and the San Angelo Civic Ballet at 5:30

pm. Concessions will be available for purchase and Coca Cola will provide free soft drinks.

Davis will take the stage at 6:00 pm and talk to kids about peer pressure, success in school, drug and alcohol awareness, self esteem, promiscuity and responsibility.

For more information, contact Shannon Community Health Services at 915-659-7370.



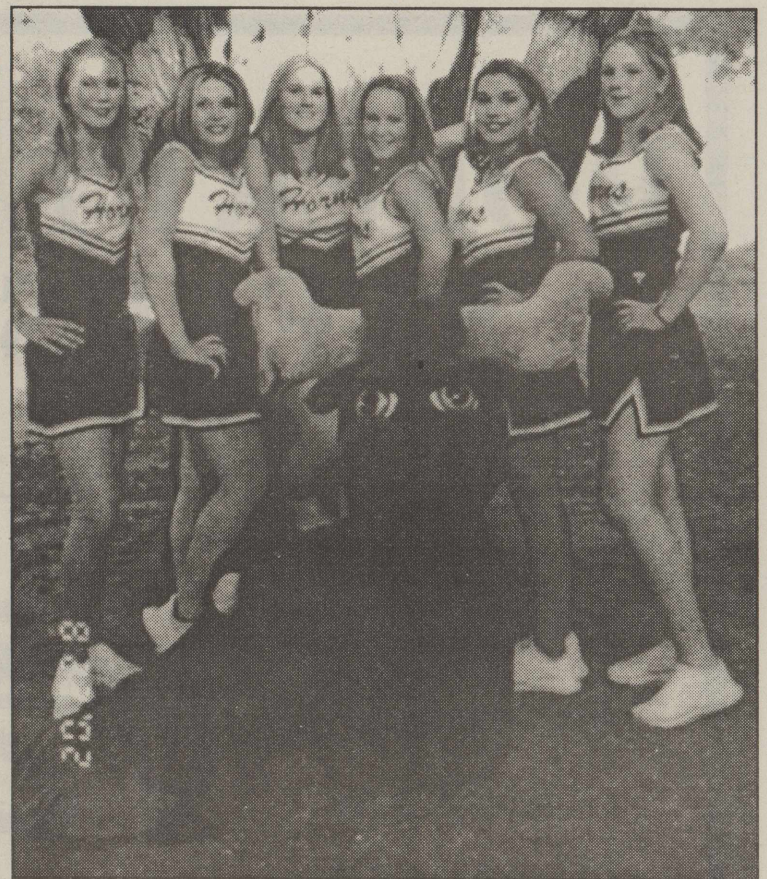
The Coke County Library Story Hour will begin Tuesday, September 17, at 10 am. Children from the ages of three to five are welcome as are parents, caretakers, and volunteers.

Head Start Story Hour has begun and the children will be coming at 9:30 am on Wednesdays.

September is Get a Library Card Month. Several people have dropped by to get a card. The library card is free and a card is not necessary to have in hand to check out books. Books are checked out for two weeks. Over-due fines are not charged, but are accepted. Food for the Food Pantry may be in lieu of fines.

Some interesting excuses for over-due books were listed in the Big County Library System Newsletter: 1. I lost them in the divorce. Call my ex.; 2. I've got too many to carry.; 3. I don't know where the library is.; 4. They were in the back seat of the car and my husband sold it.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the book drop in front of the library.



The Bronte High School Cheerleaders for the 2002-2003 school year are (from left) Jenna Herold, Kayla Hilliard, Heather Richey, Corin Garcia, Ashley Torres, and Kanah Coalson. The Longhorn mascot is Lindsay Springer. You can catch these ladies in action every Friday night on the sidelines as they lead the crowd in supporting the Longhorns.




Cheering on the Shorthorns for the 2002-2003 school year are the Bronte Junior High School Cheerleaders. They include (back row, from left) Crystal Waller, Casey Harris, Heather Mitchell, (front row, from left) Emily Austin, Katie Cooper, and Terrah Macon.

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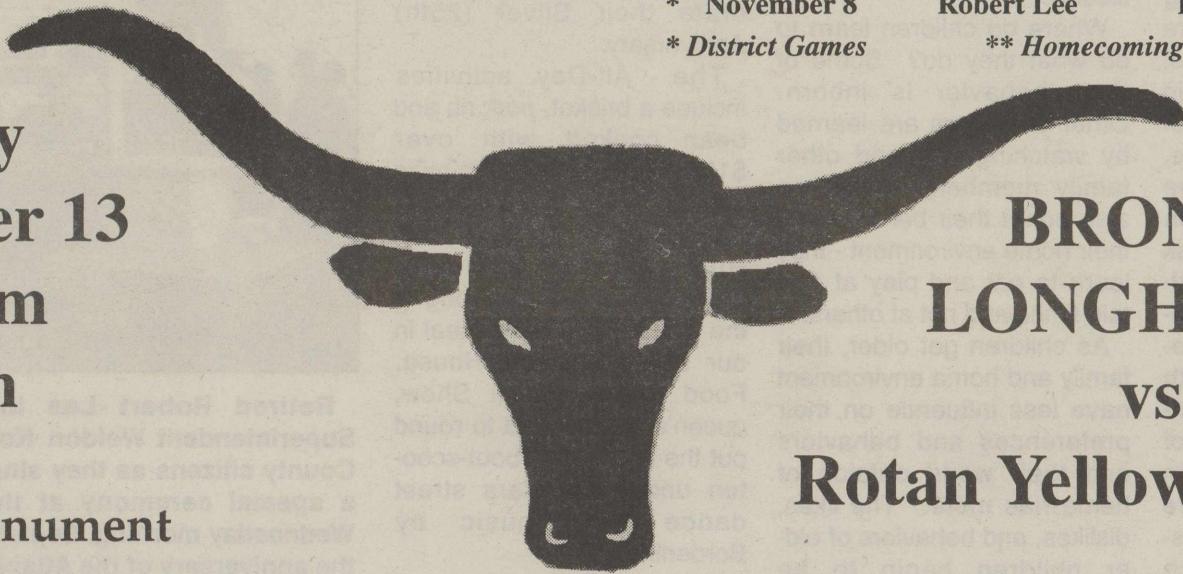
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September 6	Christoval	Here	7:30 0 50
September 13	Rotan	There	7:30
September 20	Open		
** September 27	Eden	Here	7:30
October 4	Hamlin	There	7:30
* October 11	Sterling City	There	7:30
* October 18	Roby	Here	7:30
* October 25	Miles	There	7:30
* November 1	Roscoe	There	7:30
* November 8	Robert Lee	Here	7:30
* District Games	** Homecoming		

Friday
September 13
7:30 pm
Rotan



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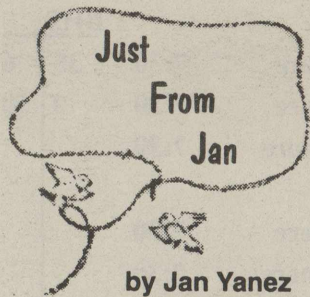
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by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Getting kids to eat well and be active

A child with healthy eating and activity habits is more likely to enjoy a healthier life. Parents play a key role in helping their children establish these life-long habits. The dramatic rise in the number of American children who are overweight or at risk for being overweight - estimated as one in four - is concerning because weight problems are associated with poor eating habits and sedentary lifestyle. The effects of unchecked weight gain in children are evident as more children are developing obesity-related diabetes. As much as fifty percent of obese adolescents will be obese as adults, and the likelihood increases when one or both parents are obese. This sets them up for increasing their risk for chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and certain forms of cancer.

As a parent, you are the gatekeeper to your child's health. That's why over the next couple of weeks we will be offering strategies for communicating with your child in ways that will effectively steer him or her toward eating well and being active.

How children develop habits

Children begin to develop habits as soon as they are born. In fact, infants even enter the world with sensible eating habits! Their natural appetite "thermostat" tells them to eat when they're hungry and to stop when they're full. That's why pediatricians encourage parents to feed very young children "on demand" and allow them to control how much they drink and eat.

Preschoolers enjoy copying the behaviors of their parents; they want to grow up to be just like you. If you enjoy taking a walk after dinner, they probably will too. They'll also copy some, but not all, of your eating habits (after all, preschoolers are known for their pickiness!). And as they get older, their eating habits are likely to resemble yours even more.

The environment in your home - the food, eating schedule, available toys and sports equipment - is a strong influence on your child's eating and activity habits. Children are more likely to choose healthful snacks when foods like fruits and vegetables are readily available. They are less apt to graze throughout the afternoon and evening when a

schedule is set for meals and snacks. A playroom or garage stocked with balls and jump ropes may entice your child to choose physical activity rather than television.

Knowing your child's preferences and behaviors

Every child has definite likes, dislikes, behaviors and attitudes. The more familiar you are with your child's individualities, the easier it will be for you to communicate with him or her about a healthy lifestyle.

Where do children learn to do what they do? Some of their behavior is inborn. Other behaviors are learned by watching you and other family members. Children also adapt their behaviors to their home environment - they learn to eat and play at certain times and not at others.

As children get older, their family and home environment have less influence on their preferences and behaviors and their world outside of home has more. The likes, dislikes, and behaviors of older children begin to be shaped by their friends, teachers, television, advertisements, popular music, computer and video games, and other influences. Food likes and dislikes in particular reflect a combination of inborn preferences, parental influence and out-side factors.

*Infants are born with preferences for particular flavors and especially for foods and liquids that taste sweet.

*Toddlers may sometimes resist trying new foods. You may have to serve the same food up to 10 times before your toddler will try it.

*Toddlers and infants stop eating when they're full. Parents who force children to clean their plates undo this natural calorie-control system.

*Young children won't eat what they don't like. The harder you push, the more they may say no.

*Some research suggests that children whose parents strictly limit and control high-fat, high-calorie foods may actually start preferring them because they are "forbidden," then refuse to eat a variety of foods.

Activity preferences are both inborn - think of the newborn who seems to never stop moving - and learned,

primarily in school. Because many schools have cut back or cut out their physical activity requirements and classes, students are becoming more sedentary. However, a child whose parents and friends are active is more apt to enjoy a more active lifestyle.

Cotton Festival slated Sept. 14

Fun, fun, fun is the word for the Annual Miles Cotton Festival to be held on Saturday, September 14th in Miles, Texas as they celebrate their Silver (25th) Anniversary.

The All-Day activities include a brisket, pork rib and bean cookoff with over \$1,000.00 given away in prize money; a parade, breakfast, arts and crafts, Kid's Fair, Fun Run, washer pitching, Entertainment all day long in the City Park, a noon meal in our historic Opera House, Food Booths, Quilt Show, queen's contest and to round out the activities a boot-scoot dance with music by Borderline.

For more information call 915-468-3611 or 915-468-3001 or check on the web at www.milestexas.com.

Pet Talk

Rover may not yet be a regular at the bingo parlor or making plans to retire in Florida, but he may be getting up in years.

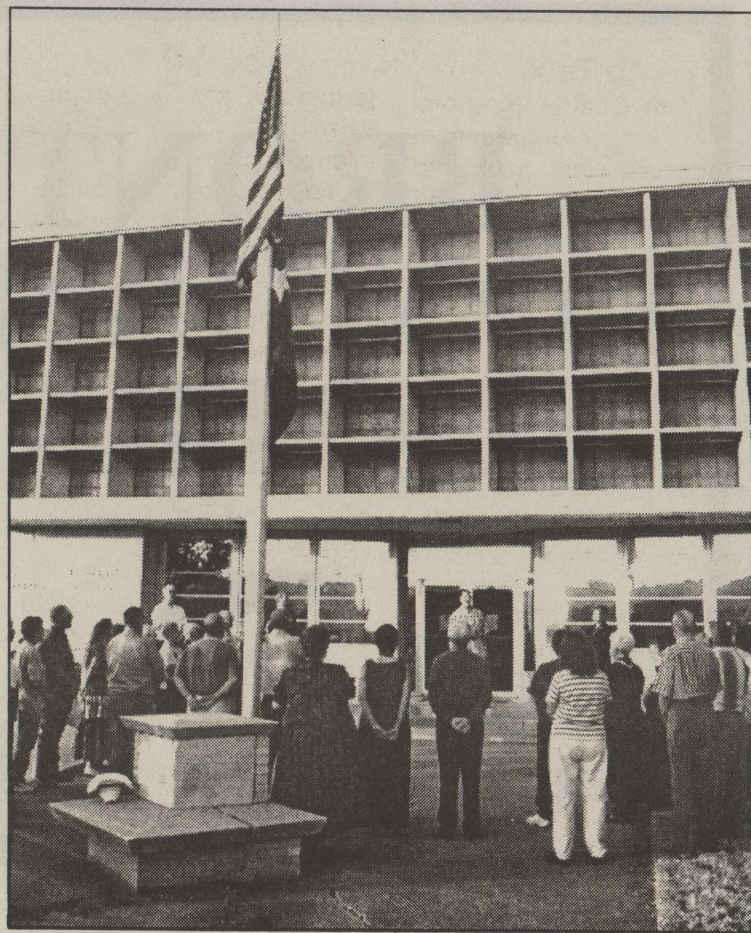
People are living longer, and so are pets. If you have an aging pet, the most likely growing-old signals are the subtle but significant changes in its health care needs.

Depending on your dog or cat's size and breed, it may be entering the prime of its life or the golden years, according to Dr. Raquel Brown, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University.

Cats and small dogs up to 50 pounds are generally considered "old" at 11 years or more. For large and giant breeds of dogs, the numbers drop to eight and seven, respectively, while statistics show mixed breed dogs live longer than pure breeds.

No matter the type or age of your pet, it will eventually need health care more attuned to the changes aging brings, Brown stresses.

"With today's improved veterinary health care, better



Retired Robert Lee Independent School District Superintendent Weldon Koepf leads the group of Coke County citizens as they sing "God Bless America" during a special ceremony at the Coke County Courthouse Wednesday morning, September 11, 2002, commemorating the anniversary of the Attack on America.

nutrition and increase in indoor living, pets are living longer on the average," says Brown. "However, with this longer life expectancy comes a multitude of health concerns to which senior pets are susceptible."

Some common health problems in older pets include periodontal disease, heart, lung or kidney disease, cancer, degenerative joint disease, diabetes and hearing and/or vision loss. While you may not be able to prevent all of these conditions, Brown recommends providing a diet formulated for your pet's changing needs, more frequent visits to the veterinarian, and an exercise program that accommodates any physical limitations.

will help provide playground equipment for Cody Bill Park.

Lunch will be provided after the ride. Money raised needs to be turned in by September 30th to Zena Williamson 453-2795, at 1424 Washington or any AON Club members.

Please wear your bike helmet if you have one.

Prizes will be given!!! \$50.00 Savings Bond will go to the top money raiser!! T-shirts will be given to each child that raises at least \$35.00. There will be prizes for the most miles ridden in each age group as well.

Please help support the children when they come around to collect money for the Bike-A-Thon. The money goes towards a great cause.

Pedal for the Park Bike-a-Thon

The annual Pedal for the Park is fast approaching. The Bike-A-Thon will be held September 14th, 2002. Sign up will be at 8:30 and the riding will start at 9:00 and last until 11:00. This Bike-A-Thon

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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
Special Election
NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Explanatory Brief for HJR 2

HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Ag Talk
by Charlie Stenholm
Congressman

Congress went back into session recently, following the August break, and there is plenty to do before the scheduled adjournment in October.

Not only has Congress failed to write a budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins October 1, it has not yet completed action on a host of other issues and the next few weeks are going to be hectic.

USDA extends emergency haying & grazing

The USDA has extended emergency haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres through November 30 in order to continue relief to the farmers and ranchers suffering from the effects of drought.

The extension will provide additional feed and forage to producers who have lost their hay stocks and grazing lands to weather disasters.

This emergency action will permit CRP participants to continue to hay and graze livestock from CRP acreage.

USDA will waive rental reduction fees to encourage donation of hay to farmers and ranchers in immediate need.

Disaster aid

During a speech in South Dakota recently, President Bush said he would not support additional relief for farmers other than funds provided for in the farm bill, saying that any additional spending should be offset.

Recently, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle proposed legislation to provide disaster aid for farmers and ranchers to cover losses this year and in 2001.

Senator Daschle's proposal would authorize between \$5 billion and \$6 billion in payments.

Under this proposal, farmers would be eligible if their losses exceed 35 percent of a normal crop, and ranchers would be compensated for feed expenses.

Republican senators from states affected by the drought appear to be considering support of the majority leader's proposal.

Others seem to feel that producers should be satisfied with the new farm bill President Bush signed earlier this year.

Senator Daschle said the farm bill does not provide relief due to economic disaster, and his proposal would provide relief on a formula basis, putting money into crop loss and livestock assistance programs already in place.

The Senate is expected to vote on this proposal next week, and rumor has it there is sufficient support to pass it.

USDA extending deadline for planting & yield data

The USDA has extended its

August 31 deadline for farmers to provide updated planting and yield information.

Under the new farm bill law, eligible producers have the option to update their farm base acres and yields. Landowners who elect to update their base acres may also update their yields for counter-cyclical payments.

Oilseed producers may also establish a yield for direct and counter-cyclical payments.

In general, producers who wish to establish or update yields must have actual verifiable production evidence such as weight tickets, loan deficiency payments (LDPs), crop insurance appraisals or sales records.

There are, however, crops that are harvested in a manner that does not result in tangible records or measurable production. These include crops that were grazed, harvested as silage or hay, or fed on the farm.

In these situations, previous LDPs on record at the county office may be used to establish field yields. When LDPs are not available, FSA may assign a yield based on the actual grain yield for three similar farms.

If producers cannot meet any of these requirements, or they have experienced abnormally low yields, then 75 percent of the county average yield will be used as specified in the new farm bill law.

FSA centers will begin accepting yield updates in mid-September and, on October 1, producers can apply for direct and counter-cyclical payment program.

It is worth noting that the longer farmers wait to update their data, the greater the chances will be that their payments will be delayed.

All applications for updates must be received before April 1, 2003.

President Bush signs Trade Act of 2002

President Bush has signed the Trade Act of 2002 into law, giving the president Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) for the first time since 1994.

TPA gives the president the ability to negotiate trade agreements, and is of particular importance to the nation's agricultural and manufacturing sectors.

I believe it is critical that the president have this authority and I worked very hard on his behalf when the House took up this legislation last year.

One out of every three acres of agricultural products in the U.S. has to be exported, and 96 percent of our customers live outside of our borders.

With TPA, the House and Senate Agriculture Committees will have a much more active role to play in what our negotiators are doing at the trade table, and

this will help our farmers and ranchers.

In signing this legislation, the president noted that U.S. exports accounted for approximately 25 percent of all U.S. economic growth in the 1990's.

The president says he intends to push for more access for U.S. farm and food, and I will work with him in every way possible to accomplish this.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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Lucy and Tommy Williams

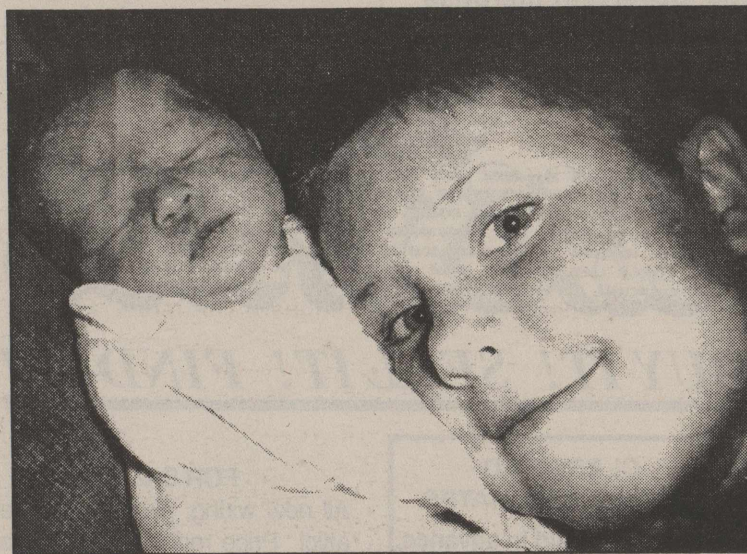
Social Security facts

The first Social Security benefits were one-time, lump-sum payments made in January 1937.

COLAs (cost of living adjustments) were first paid in 1975 as a result of a 1972 law. Prior to this, benefits were increased periodically by special acts of Congress.

Women accounted for 57% of adult Social Security beneficiaries in 2001.

The fastest growing segment of America's older population is those who are at least 85 years of age. Since 1970, the number of people aged 85 and older has more than tripled.



LOOK WHO'S NEW • KYALYN JADE SEALES

The newest citizen of Bronte, Kyalyn Jade Seales, was born July 16, 2002, at San Angelo Community Medical Center. Proud parents of Kyalyn (pronounced Ki-a-lyn, rhyming with violin) are John and Kelly Seales. Jaylon Kyle Seales is Kyalyn's extra proud BIG brother. She has lots of other new family members like grandparents Marylyn and James Gill of Bronte and Kathy Seales of Oklahoma City. Her GrandDave is Dave Scott of Granbury. Her great-grandparents are Gena and Sellers Brown, also of Granbury and Ramona Bennett of Midland. Last, but certainly not least, she has a "Granny" Dora Galloway of Bronte. Kyalyn wants to everyone to come and see her, after 2 pm of course, and as long as you don't mind seeing her Mom in her night gown!

Disabled workers and their dependents account for 14 percent of the total Social Security benefits paid.

The average age of Social Security disability insurance beneficiaries has fallen from about 57 years old in 1960 to about 51 years old today.

Men do change, and change comes like a little wind that ruffles the

curtains at dawn, and it comes like the stealthy perfume of wildflowers hidden in the grass.

John Steinbeck

Travelers are always discoverers, especially those who travel by air. There are no signposts in the sky to show a man has passed that way before.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INDIGENT HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE

West Coke County Hospital District of Robert Lee, TX, will provide from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003 Indigent Health Care services to all eligible persons who meet the Hospital District eligibility requirements. Any resident of WCCHD is eligible to apply for these services. Eligibility criteria includes household composition, income and other available resources. Supporting documentation is required for all components of eligibility. Eligibility for Indigent Health Care services will be limited to persons who can prove residency in the WCCHD and whose family income meets the criteria of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Texas Department of Health as shown to be effective May 2000. Application for this program can be made at the business office of the Robert Lee Care Center. This notice is made in compliance with the plan administration for annual public notification of service availability.

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The Coke County Underground Water District will hold a meeting at 9:00 AM on September 20, 2002 at Coke County Underground Water Conservation District Office, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, 13 E. 7th St, Robert Lee, Tx to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2002. The proposed tax rate is 0.01254 per \$100 of value.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coke County commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting to consider and act on an application by Tennyson Wind, L.L.C., to designate certain property located in Coke County as a Reinvestment Zone eligible for property tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The property is located on certain land in precinct one (1) and precinct three (3) of Coke County and is intended for use as a wind power facility by Tennyson Wind, L.L.C. A legal description of these lands is available at the Coke County Courthouse. In determining whether to designate the Reinvestment Zone, the Court will consider whether such a designation would contribute to retention or expansion of employment in the Zone or would attract major investment in the Zone that would benefit the land to be included therein and contribute to the economic development of the County. The

public hearing will take place at 9:00 am on September 23, 2002, in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas. All interested persons may appear and present testimony and evidence regarding the application.

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Texas' medical malpractice crisis

by Bill Hammond

Serious consequences await consumers, physicians and the Texas economy unless dramatic changes are made to our state's medical malpractice insurance system. The signs of strain already are evident and will only worsen with inaction.

Members of the Texas Association of Business and the public have identified holding the line on rising health care costs as this state's top priority. When physicians are in the street protesting skyrocketing insurance rates, doctors are forced to either close their practices or leave Texas, and patients - many in this state's most medically underserved areas - are denied health care, then it's time for our leaders to step forward and meet the challenge. That time is now.

Outrageous jury awards and frivolous lawsuits are strangling the delivery of health care in this state.

The American Medical Association has identified Texas as one of 12 states that are in serious danger of doctor shortages because of the sharp increase in medical malpractice insurance premiums. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that a medical malpractice insurance system containing reasonable rates on noneconomic damages will save taxpayers at least \$30 billion each year by reducing federal health-care spending.

TAB has proposed an eight-point plan to reform Texas' medical malpractice insurance system. The reforms are designed to return financial stability to the marketplace and allow physicians to concentrate on patient care instead of defensive medicine.

The highlights of TAB's medical malpractice reform package include:

*Limit non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, to \$200,000 for each claimant and establish in statute that "economic damages" does not include punitive or non-economic damages.

*Ensure the bulk of any award goes to the claimant by establishing a sliding scale for attorney contingency fees of 33 percent for the initial \$100,000 in damages, with fees decreasing as the recovery increases.

*Strengthen expert witness requirements that are now being abused, and allow the defense to immediately appeal a decision on expert witness qualifications or a trial judge's failure to dismiss a lawsuit when expert witness reporting requirements are not met.

*Encourage the use of arbitration to settle disputes.

Lawmakers are taking notice. A special Senate committee and the House Insurance Committee have been directed to look into the medical liability insurance issue and to recommend legislation to the 2003 Texas Legislature.

Indicative of their public policy importance, the reforms also have been sent to Gov. Rick Perry, gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez and lieutenant governor candidates David Dewhurst and John Sharp, the officials who will lead Texas and who also must commit to tackling this problem head-on.

Our proposals are modeled after legislation California adopted in 1975, and which observers have pointed to as a blueprint for solving the medical malpractice crisis.

The reforms are designed to ensure that Texas' medical malpractice system fully compensates any patient injured through negligent acts. But at the same time, a stop must be put to trial lawyers who use our courts primarily to enrich themselves at the expense of consumers, patients, doctors and our health care system.

The medical malpractice reforms are one component of a comprehensive package of proposals TAB has developed to make health care affordable and accessible in Texas.

The volunteer task force that developed these health care solutions had a single

goal in mind; to make Texas a better place to live and work. We trust that our state's leaders and legislators will accept TAB's recommendations in that spirit: an earnest attempt to solve a common problem.

Bill Hammond is president and CEO of the Texas Association of Business, which was founded in 1922 and is a broad-based, bipartisan organization representing more than 140,000 small and large Texas employers and 200 local chambers of commerce.

Filing a consumer complaint

by Attorney General John Cornyn

Q: I have been scammed by a company, and I know a bunch of other people have been, too. Can you sue the company for us so we can get our money back?

A: Consumer complaints filed with our office do sometimes form the basis for legal action. Whether or not we file suit depends on a number of factors, including the availability of resources, priorities of this office, the number of consumers affected, the consistency and extent of harm, and the practicality of legal action. However, any legal action

taken by our office is on behalf of the State of Texas, not private consumers or groups of consumers.

When we do take legal action, we try to obtain restitution for consumers if at all possible. But sometimes we aren't able to. The company may have filed for bankruptcy or spent all of its assets, leaving nothing with which to pay consumers back.

Our primary goal when we file suit in such instances is to halt a company's deceptive trade practices and prevent more consumers from being harmed.

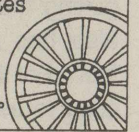
For more information on the dispute resolution process and to read consumer education brochures that address a wide range of topics, please visit the Consumer Protection section of our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Phamiliar phrases

a "fifth wheel"

The spare wheel was a cumbersome attachment to horse-drawn carriages. It had to be taken down and then relashed at each stop requiring luggage from the rear storage space. The term today denotes feeling unwanted in a group.

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Questions, Anyone?

Get answers about federal government programs, benefits, and services from the Federal Consumer Information Center. Just call toll-free 1-800-FED-INFO (that's 1-800-333-4636) Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time or visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call.

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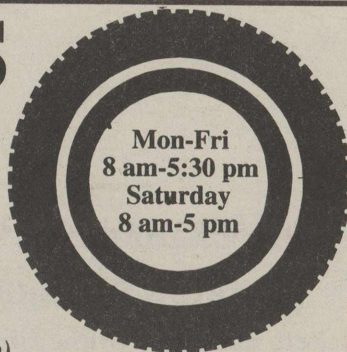
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Psychology of color

Studies show that the color of paint on a wall can have a dramatic effect on both body and mind. Color psychologists say that paint color is a powerful decorating tool that can actually have a profound effect on a person's mind and body.

If you're about to repaint a room in your house, here are some things you should know about the colors you might use:

Red vibrates with intensity, physiologically speaking, by increasing blood pressure, heartbeat and energy. It instills feelings of intimacy and passion. Red can also stimulate the appetite, which explains why it is so often used in restaurants and is a good choice for a dining room.

Orange, like red, tends to warm a room, but in a more friendly and welcoming way. As a result, tints and tones of orange (peach or terra-cotta, for example) work well in living rooms, family rooms, and entrance halls.

Yellow is also warm and welcoming, but it is more attention-getting than red or orange. It also has an inherent "sunny feel". For this reason, it's a good color to use in poorly lit areas, like hallways or basement playrooms.

Blue is on the palette of the "cool" colors, and evokes a feeling of calm so it's ideal for use in bedrooms. Some studies show that blue works as an appetite suppressant, so unless you're on a diet, it's not the best option for kitchens or dining rooms. Blue can also be a good choice for a bathroom color, as it is reminiscent of water.

Green is another relaxing color, but more versatile than blue. Light greens are ideal for bedrooms and living rooms; midtone greens are good for kitchens and dining rooms (many foods are green, and it is seen as a "natural" color). And, because it is calming, it's often used in hospitals, workplaces and schools.

Violet is a tricky color, psychologically speaking. Since it's a mixture of red and blue, it's the bridge between the "warm" and "cool" colors of the rainbow. Many adults are not fond of violet, but do like rose, which can work in a variety of different rooms, including dining rooms, bedrooms and libraries. Young children, on the other hand, respond well to violet, so this color might be used in children's bedrooms and playrooms.

These are just general guidelines, of course, but since they are based on extensive studies they might be a good starting point in your search for a paint color. But experts are also quick to add that color is a personal choice and, ultimately, the color you choose should suit you, your family and your lifestyle.

And, after investing time to select just the right color of interi-

or paint, make sure it continues to look good for a long time by investing in a top quality product.

According to experts at The Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute, a top-of-the-line interior latex paint is the best choice for walls, ceilings and trim. These paints go on smoothly and evenly, cover well, resist stains and scrubbing and hold their color over time.

If you would like more advice on interior painting, color selection or color psychology talk to a knowledgeable paint salesperson. Or, for interactive color selection, use the digital color wheel in the expanded "Design Center" section of the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute Web site located at: www.paintquality.com.

Risk of concussions low in contact sports

If your teenagers are itching to join the soccer team, sign them up -- the benefits outweigh the risks.

"With contact sports, there is always the chance for injury, including concussions," said Dr. Albert C. Hergenroeder, professor and chief of adolescent medicine and sports medicine at Baylor College of Medicine at Houston. "This risk should not be a reason to keep adolescents out of any contact sport including football, soccer or baseball, unless they have had several concussions associated with loss of consciousness or persistent symptoms."

A concussion is a traumatically induced alteration of mental status, not necessarily associated with loss of consciousness. Symptoms can include headache, dizziness, nausea, fatigue and memory problems.

Generally, concussions are graded as mild, moderate and severe. A mild concussion is characterized by confusion only, without amnesia and loss of consciousness that lasts less than 15 minutes. If amnesia occurs, or if the confusion lasts more than 15 minutes, it is considered a moderate concussion. If any loss of consciousness occurs, even for a few seconds, the concussion is severe.

"It is important to closely monitor any athlete who shows signs of concussion, including initial confusion, ringing in the ears, and seeing 'stars,'" said Hergenroeder, who is also chief of adolescent medicine and sports medicine at Texas Children's Hospital.

To avoid injuries when playing contact sports, he offers the following tips:

*Wear the proper helmet, and make sure that it fits properly.

*Play sports in an environment where dangerous play is penalized.

*Teach and encourage young players to use proper technique when 'heading' the ball during a soccer game.

*Discourage 'heading' the ball on long kicks when playing soccer. Instead the player should attempt to trap the ball below the neck.

*If a player has one moderate or severe concussion, they cannot return to the game until cleared by a physician. If the first concussion is mild, they can return to contact play in 15 to 20 minutes, as long as all symptoms have disappeared. After the second concussion, the player should be cleared by their physician in order to continue participating.

"Parents who have children participating in sports should be aware of the possibility for injury, yet they should not be overprotective," said Hergenroeder. "If a head injury is suspected, the child's physician should be notified immediately to ensure proper care and recovery."

Social Security news

by Fredi Franki

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Social Security is part of almost every older American's life. It's the dependable check in the bank every month.

As President Bush has said, "For more than six decades it has protected our elderly against poverty and assured young people of a more secure future. It must continue to do this important work for decades to come."

Today, about 32 million retired workers and their family members get monthly Social Security retirement benefits. That's nine out of 10 Americans who are age 65 or older.

The benefit payments aren't a fortune, but they can be invaluable to retirees. For workers with average earnings who retire at age 65 in 2002, the monthly Social Security retirement benefits are about \$1,080. And each year there is a cost-of-living adjustment that preserves the purchasing power of the benefit payments for retirees and their families.

These are financial facts of life that will not change for anyone who is now retired and getting Social Security benefits...or for anyone who is nearing retirement age. The latest Social Security Board of Trustees Report, in fact, says that the Social Security trust funds will be able to pay all benefits that are owed until 2041.

This means, for example, that any 55-year-old working today would be able to retire and get full benefit payments until he or she was 94 years old. And even then, with no changes in the current system, Social Security could still pay about 73 cents of every dollar in benefits owed.

However, the current system must be strengthened so that the children and grandchildren

of today's older Americans will receive retirement benefits from Social Security. That's why there are so many headlines about Social Security in the nation's papers, why a blue-ribbon Commission on Strengthening Social Security has proposed improvements and why the Commission called for a year of discussion about the future of Social Security.


But the discussion is about the long-range future of the program. Social Security Commissioner Jo Anne Barnhart has said, "Regardless of what proposal you look at in terms of reform, I want to reassure retirees and near-retirees that they will not have a reduction in benefits."

And she noted that the very first principle that President Bush established when he named the Commission was that "promises made to current retirees must be kept."

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