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Fun Day set for Bronte Park Saturday, August 9

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will host a Fun Day in the Park this Saturday, August 9th. Proceeds from the day's activities will be used to repair the Bronte Swimming Pool.

The day will start Saturday morning with a Sand Volleyball tournament. The two person teams will square off on two courts beginning at 9 am. The top three teams will be awarded prizes.

A Free Throw contest will also begin at 9 am. Horseshoe and Washer Pitching contests will begin at 5 pm.

The swim-a-thon will begin at 5 pm. Kids are encouraged to pick up a sign-up sheet so that they can participate in this fun-filled activity. Children raising \$20 will receive a t-shirt.

At 6:30, Paul Burns and his helpers will feed our community catfish under the pavilion. The food is free, but donations will be gladly accepted.

The ladies of the Central Baptist Church will have cakes available for a cake auction at 7 pm and Bronte Merchants Association will have cobbler to purchase by the bowl. The cobbler will go great with ice cream made by the Eastern Star. The Sorosis Club will sell slushes from their booth. A silent auction will also be held during the dinner hour.

Barrel train rides will be available beginning at 6:30 pm. Face painting and children's carnival-type games will also begin at 6:30 pm.

At 7:30 pm. Clint Porter's karaoke equipment will be provided for those who are ready to have fun and entertain the crowd.

A Shaving Cream Throw and Three Legged Race will also be held at 7:30 pm.

If you would like to help the Fun Day or any activity to add to the pool fund, please contact Fran Crumpler at 473-2911.



Several Coke County citizens and elected officials attended the Public Forum held at the Courthouse Thursday, July 31, 2003. Topics of discussion included the new budget, the Robert Lee baseball field, and a unit road system.

"Answers on Aging" meeting to be held in Robert Lee August 13

The Robert Lee Senior Citizens Center and the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments are hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2003, at 11:00 am at the Robert Lee Senior Citizens Center located at 1402 County Park Road in Robert Lee.

"Answers on Aging" is a community meeting designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals. A brief introduction to the Area Agency on Aging will be followed by a question and answer session. Senior citizens, their families and friends, and other persons who are interested in issues affecting the aging population are invited to share their insights, concerns and thoughts for solutions to the unmet needs of the county's older population.

A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will also be available. Area Agency on Aging representatives with expertise in the areas of Information & Assistance, Benefits Counseling, Nursing Homes, Care Coordinator, and

Caregiver Coordinator will attend to answer questions.

Persons wishing for more information may contact Annice Walker at 453-2314 or the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at 325-223-5704 or 1-877-944-9666.

Make plans to attend this important event at the Robert Lee Senior Citizens Center and the Area Agency on Aging staff will help you get...answers! Services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley are funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

Funds established for Oakland, Gloria at Robert Lee State Bank

Funds have been set up for Taylor Oakland and his mother, Heather Randolph. Those wishing to donate to this fund are asked to contact Robert Lee State Bank concerning the special checking account in the name of Heather Randolph for Taylor Oakland.

A savings account has been set up for Janie Gloria at RLSB under - Ruth Minjarez Special. Mrs. Gloria is undergoing treatment for her liver. She is in need of a transplant.

BHS Class of 1968 reunion set

The Bronte High School class of 1968 is holding their 35th class reunion August 9th at the Clarion Inn in San Angelo. There will be a buffet lunch starting at 12:00 noon with visiting continuing throughout the afternoon and night.

For more information call Linda Gladden at 915-655-6693 or Don Hageman at 915-947-5207.

Revival slated for Pecan Baptist

A Revival is scheduled for August 10-13, 2003, at Pecan Baptist Church.

Worship services for Sunday, August 10, are scheduled for 11 am and 7 pm. Evening services on August 11, 12, and 13 will be at 7:30 pm each evening.

The evangelist for the Revival is Bro. Gary Weaver. Pastor of Pecan Baptist Church is Bro. Dale Patterson. The church is located twelve miles west of Robert Lee on Highway 158.

RL PTO Potluck/Meet the Teachers Event

The Robert Lee PTO will host a Potluck Dinner/Meet the Teachers on Thursday, August 14, at 7 pm in the cafeteria.

Prepare your family's favorite food and bring it to the meal. Following the meal, school staff members and school board members will be introduced. There will be a brief PTO Meeting after the introductions. For more information, please contact Laura Bell at 453-9104 or Katie Drennan at 453-2343.

4-H and FFA lamb and goat validation

Any 4-H or FFA member who plans to exhibit either a market lamb or meat goat at any of the major shows, Ft. Worth, Odessa, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston or Star of Texas must have them validated. We must know how many lamb or goat tags exhibitors will need before August 20. You can contact either your Ag Science Instructor or the County Extension office to order your tags. These tags are not necessary for the county show.

Big Country Air Power Day to be held

The Dyess Air Force Base Big Country Air Power Day will be held Saturday, August 16. Gates open to the public at 9:30 am.

Wheat Meeting slated.

Texas Cooperative Extension is holding a wheat production meeting August 11, 2003, in the Taylor County Extension office at 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, TX. The evening meeting is designed to help producers plan for the coming 2003-2004 wheat growing season.

"We'll begin with an industry-sponsored dinner at 6:30 pm and follow it with an update on the management needs for the upcoming wheat production season," said Gary Bomar, Taylor County Extension agent and the meeting's coordinator. "We'll also offer three continuing education unit credits for participants with a Texas Department of Agriculture Applicators License."

Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist at San Angelo, will open the program with a wheat pricing forecast for the coming season. Dr. Billy Warrick, San Angelo-based Extension agronomist, will follow with herbicide recommendations and findings from result demonstration work conducted on the Rolling Plains.

A relatively-new pest to the area, the Hessian Fly, will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist at San Angelo. He will also offer management suggestions on ways to cope with the insect.

Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Extension state small grain specialist at College Station, will round out the program's slate of speakers with wheat variety information, fertility issues and research and demonstration plans scheduled with small grain on the Rolling Plains.

Persons planning to attend are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension office at (325) 672-6048 by August 8 for meal planning purposes.

San Angelo Writers' Club meeting slated

Steve Mild, an investigator with the Tom Green County Sheriff's Department, will address the San Angelo Writers' Club at 7 pm, Tuesday, August 12, in the conference room at VistaCare Family Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Drive in San Angelo. Mild will talk about crime scene investigation and forensics.

An informal social will precede the meeting at 6:30. Anyone interested in writing, whether or not a published author, is invited to attend. For more information, call Barbara Barton at 949-7303.

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Death Notices

Geist

Jack Geist, longtime resident of Coke County, died August 1, 2003, in the Dallas VA hospital after a lengthy battle with cancer. Jack lived in Mineral Wells at the time of his death.

Survivors include daughters; Debbie Nance of Mineral Wells, Shelly Morrison & husband, Royce of San Angelo; Susan Wilson & husband, Connor of Mertzon; 2 grandsons; BJ Nance of Stephenville and David Geist of San Angelo; sister, Elaine Shackelford of Odessa; several nieces and nephews; numerous friends and a very special friend in his life, Carolyn Harrison of Mineral Wells.

Family and friends will gather at 423 E. 32nd Street in San Angelo on Saturday, August 9th, in the afternoon.

Pearce

Minnie Pearce, 82, of San Angelo died Saturday, August 2, 2003, in Shannon Medical Center.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, August 5, in Johnson's Funeral Chapel followed by interment in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by three sons, Danny Pearce and wife, Judy, of North Richland Hills; Dale Pearce and wife, Lana, of Flower Mound; and Stephen Pearce of Robert Lee; two daughters, Donna Robison of Euless and Patti Monroe and husband, Sonny, of Nolanville; three sisters, Frances Sagstetter of Fort Worth, and Neta Raburn and Lois Cunningham, both of San Angelo; and seven grandchildren.

Montez

Justino Montez, 84, of Bronte, died Friday, July 25, 2003, in a San Angelo nursing home.

A prayer service was held at 7 pm Sunday, July 27, at New Life in Christ Church in Bronte. Funeral service was conducted at 10 am Monday, July 28, at the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Maria Montez of Bronte; sons, Tony and Francis Montez of Brownwood, Ray and Margie Montez of San Angelo and Raul and Mary Montez of Bronte; one brother, Steven and Carolina Montez of San Angelo; 17 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Locals visit San Francisco

Joan Davis and daughter, Nadine Davis, of Abilene spent the last week of July in San Francisco. The timing was good considering Texas heat was 100+ degrees the entire time. When their plane landed, it was a cool 57 degrees in California with daytime temps ranging from 65°F to 73°F. They were glad former visitors had advised windbreakers and jeans. A tour guide credited Mark Twain with saying "the coldest winter I ever spent was the summer I visited San Francisco".

Wonderful sights included the redwoods in Muir Woods, Monterey, Carmel, fields of artichokes and strawberries, Chinatown, and Fisherman's Wharf. The pair also enjoyed Alcatraz, the Golden Gate Bridge and the beautiful flowers and yards.

It was a great trip without a hitch except that Joan's artificial knees set off the airport alarms in both DFW and San Francisco, causing more attention than she wanted.

Robbins-Kirkland reunion held

Five generations of the family of Annie Lee Robbins Williams were present for the annual Robbins-Kirkland reunion July 5th and 6th in Bronte.

Annie Williams lives in Midland. Also attending from Midland were Janet and Norman Koonce, Don and Regina Clary, Bettie Chambliss, Ann Green and Rusty, Misti Chambliss and Nathan, Guy Lewis, Bobby Chambliss, Christi, Michael and Logan Horvell. Lance Bonthe, Sue Chambliss, Roy Hanks, Misty Hanks and Christopher. Pauline and Les



Five generations of the family of Annie Lee Robbins Williams are pictured during the Robbins-Kirkland Reunion held in Bronte July 5 and 6. They include (front row, from left) Bettie Jean Williams Chambliss with Rusty and Christopher Hanks, Annie Lee Robbins Williams, (back row, from left) Regenia Clary, Ann Green, Misty Hank, Christi Harvell, and Sue Chambliss holding Logan Harvell.

Hobgood came from San Antonio. Ollie K. Hogue and Gay Nell Meyer attended from Wimberly. John and Judy came from Rowlett, a special thanks to Judy for sending the invitations to family members each year. Gwen Brice attended from Tula. Coming from Dallas were James and Wilma Carroll. Joyce Dickerson, Kala Williams and Michael, and Karen Lane attended from Pasadena.

The following attended from San Angelo; Earnest and Maxine Allen, Tammie Masters, Jettie, Glenn and Susan McKnight, Steven Milton, Clif, Renee, Drew and Delaney Robbins, Portis and Mary Robbins, Wayne, Stefanie and McKenna Keel, Sherry Jackson and Kayce, Edd and Mary Patterson.

Bronte attendees were; Carroll and Lillian Robbins, Alonzo and Kay Robbins, Ronnie and Carolyn Robbins, Helen Kirkland, Bill and Maxine Labenske. Also

attending from Miles was the Bob Evans family. We appreciate very much using the nice facilities at Bronte.

Bronte All-Sports Booster Club meeting planned

On Monday, August 11th, 2003, at 7 pm there will be a Bronte All-Sports Booster Club organizational meeting (elect officers, set schedule, etc.) at the School Cafeteria. Parents of all athletes from the 7th through the 12th grades are strongly encouraged to be there. The monies raised benefit all student athletes - volleyball, football, cheerleading, basketball, track and field, tennis, and golf.

The Booster club is for everyone (parents, grand-parents, Bronte sports fans), and is most beneficial when everyone is involved. Let's all meet at the school cafeteria, Monday, August 11th, at 7:00 pm. See ya there.

Churches of Robert Lee

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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Bro. Miller Robinson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
(915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
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The Church at the foot of the mountain

It could have been the artist's brush that placed the immaculately kept white church in the serene setting at the foot of the mountain. Or, it could have been the author's pen, prompting the reader to paint it with the brush of imagination on the canvas of his mind. The fact is it was placed there in the providence of God. There it stands - white, pretty, in stark contrast to the rugged terrain of the mountain behind it. God, in His infinite wisdom, planted Pecan Baptist Church there in 1897. Located in Coke County, 12 miles from the west Texas town of Robert Lee and 45 miles from San Angelo, at the foot of Green Mountain, the church has been a Gospel lighthouse for 106 years. No other structures are visible from the porch of the church. The building stands alone in that vast west Texas ranch country.

You know, of course, that in spite of its appealing appearance the building is not the church. As children we played a little hand game. With palms together and fingers intertwined we said, "Here's the church," then raising our two index fingers together we said, "and here's the steeple," we then opened our hands, intertwined fingers sticking up and said, "open it up and here's all the people. And what good and godly people there are in the church at the foot of the mountain - ranchers, school personnel, people in law enforcement, retirees and honest, hard-working people in other fields of endeavor. They are a resolute, hospitable God-fearing people of the west Texas variety. They have stayed up, stayed in and stuck together through all kinds of times. They have learned to praise God and keep trusting Him in the good times, and to trust Him and keep praising Him in the hard times. A visit to the church confirms their sincere love for the Lord, their genuine love for one another, and their obvious love for their pastor and his family. Didn't Jesus say the Great Commandment is, "To love God with all your heart, and the second is to love your brother as yourself?" And didn't He say, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another?"

Dale Patterson and his wife Martha presently serve with this church. Both children of Baptist preachers (he the son of Pete Patterson and she the daughter of the late Ted Stanley), their roots go deep into BMA soil. Their loyalty to God, their church and their BMA heritage are without question. Brother Dale, as the people affectionately refer to him, began his ministry with Pecan Church in 1998. The church not only loves him and his family, but they demonstrate their love. Shortly after he became pastor the church provided him the amount needed to purchase a new

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

—Winston Churchill



Pecan Baptist Church

vehicle as they had done for previous pastors. Can they do such because they are rich? No, God enables them to do it because they are generous. They understand that God does not give them money to hoard, but to use in ministry. They have apparently learned when a church takes care of their pastor and takes care of missions, God takes care of them.

Pecan Baptist Church is, numerically speaking, a small church. But they are a fine example of the fact that numbers do not indicate the strength of a church. It is not a perfect church, but they are a good example of imperfect people walking together as they follow the direction of the perfect God. They are not a rich church, but they have learned that wealth is not measured by the amount of money in the church's treasury, but by the spirit in the hearts of the people.

If you are ever in Coke County, near Robert Lee, at church time you will be blessed to visit Pecan Baptist Church, the church at the foot of Green Mountain. Drive west on Highway 158, 12



Bro. Gary Weaver, shown with wife, Carrie, will be the evangelist for the Revival at Pecan Baptist Church August 10-13. The Weavers serve as church planters for the BMA of Texas Missions. They are currently in Harker Heights near Killeen.

miles from Robert Lee. There will be men in Wranglers, boots and cowboy hats. The ladies will be neatly dressed, the children will be happy, the spirit of the congregation will be warm and friendly, but best of all, you'll find them meeting with God, and they will want you to join them.

[Editor's Note: The above article appeared in the July 30, 2003, issue of the Baptist Progress.]



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King family reunion held

The descendants of the late Sam and Anna King gathered for their annual reunion on Saturday, August 2, 2003, at the Robert Lee Community Center. Sam and Anna (Benson) King were long time residents of Coke County. They were married on January 1, 1890, in the home of W.C. Benson in Edith.

One hundred and nine family members and friends were registered. The day was spent visiting, swimming, eating, and trying to stay cool. In the afternoon, Sam Plumlee Jr. and Tim King sang and played their guitars.

Attending the event were:

Thomas (T.L.) King family: Lorraine Brooks, and Angel and Mike Wade of Artesia, NM, Anna Mae Hartsell; Kathy and Larry Hartsell of Ardmore, OK, Kay and David Hall, Josh King and Brian Morin of Arlington.

Will (W.S.) King family: Don and Dorothy King of Stanley, NM.

Beulah King Gaines family: Randy Gaines, Jess and Dorothy Gaines of Dallas, Belinda Biddle of Sherman, Dorothy and Scott MacCormack of Fort Worth, Alene and David Key, and Dee Anna and Joe Harmon of Robert Lee, Clara Belle Deese, Loucille Middleton, Karla Kay and Christopher Ryan of Wichita Falls, Katie and Waymond Dixon, and Kari Wilson all of San Angelo, Annie Faye King of Wingate, Sharon and Joe Glaze of Merkel, Brittney and Ryan Glaze, Lauri, Jim, Robert and Dusty Hall of Hawley, and Hunter Hall of Hamlin.

Vela King Davis Plumlee family: Eugenia Smith, Sam and June Plumlee, Sam Jr. and Sue Plumlee of Carlsbad, NM, Bessie Brice and Raymond Smith of Robert Lee, Trudi Green of Sunlakes, AZ, Pam, Aaron and Sarah Gandy, and Shirley Strakos of San Angelo, Darlene Gower of Ballinger, Judy Snowden of Odessa, Brent, Christa and Emily McClellan of Midland, Amy and Justin Gunn, Joshua and Dennis Ellis of Abilene, Brittany and Dacoda Gunn of Point Blank, Melanie and Sierra Neal of Joshua, Kathryn Sue, Gary, Jacob and James Acker of Sallisaw, OK, and Rasler and Amber Smith of New Braunfels.

Ottis Frank King family: Jim and Olivia King of Robert Lee.

George King family: Alvin King of Whitesboro, and Beth Brice of Odessa.

Lillie Belle King Gaines family: Bertie and Forrest Wanker of Fairview, OK, Willie and Jesse Eads, Jr. and Jesse Eads IV of Robert Lee, and Frank Wanker of Albuquerque, NM.

Dave King family: Vivian King of Robert Lee, Bobby and Joyce Walker of Odessa, Gwen and Harry Anderson of Granite Shoals, Dan and Helen Hall of Columbus, OH, Royce and Eunice Wilkerson of Grapevine.

Mae King Blair family: Delle Thomas of Arlington, Sam Keel, Vivian Keel, Al Blair, Nita Blair and Anicia Lazonia of San Angelo, and Carl and Pauline Blair of Bronte.

R.B. King family: Burt and Lavelta McVicker of Buchanan Dam, Ralph Clayton and Eva King, Tim King of San Antonio.

Friends joining them for the day were Timothy Kelly of Dubuque, Iowa, Wanda Suttle of Odessa, Mary Lynn Waters of San Angelo, James and Nell Robertson of Brownfield, and Harold and Mary Robertson of Grand Prairie.

Arrott reunion held at Bronte

Descendants of Jim and Nora Arrott held their annual reunion on July 25th, 26th, 2003, at the Bronte Community Center. Jim and Nora Arrott had 9 boys and 2 girls, one child died at birth, another was killed at nine years of age. The remaining 9 children, there are only 3 living, Leeman Arrott of Palo Pinto; Exa Smith of Miles; and Buck Arrott of Stephenville. Also, there is Marie Arrott, wife of Clarence Arrott (deceased), of Bronte, Grace Arrott, wife of Houston Arrott (deceased) and Teena Arrott, wife of Jack Arrott (deceased) both of San Angelo.

Families represented and present were: Clarence (deceased) and Marie Arrott had 31 attending; James Arrott (deceased) had 22 present; Monroe Arrott (deceased) had 25 present; Leeman Arrott had 5 present; Exa Smith had 8 present; Buck Arrott had 6 present; Houston Arrott (deceased) wife Grace Arrott was present. The only families not represented were the families of Weldon and Keeney Arrott, who are both deceased. This registered a total of 99 relatives and 3 guests who attended the reunion.

The farthest distance traveled was Leeman's son, John Arrott and wife Shirley, of Clarendon, Oklahoma. The oldest present was Marie Arrott, wife of Clarence, who is 98 1/2 years old.

Friday afternoon the overnight campers came and the cooks started preparing the meat for Saturday's meal, barbecue and all the trimmings. Saturday was filled with fun activities such as golfing, polish horseshoes ("crazy golf"), washer pitching and skeet shooting. The skeet shooting was quite entertaining for all who participated as well as the spectators. Family group pictures were taken followed by the blessing of a wonderful family and the excellent food.

Lots of visiting, reminiscing, and catching up with everyone's families was enjoyed by all.



This year's Bronte Junior High Cheerleaders include (from left) Jessie England, Emily Austin, Savannah Martinez, Holly Huskerson, Ariel Coalson, and Nicole Reed.

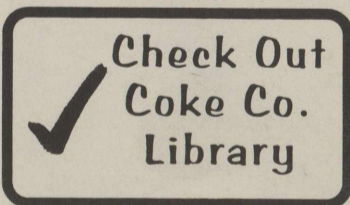
Hinnard halfway through deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John W. Hinnard, son of Thelma J. Hinnard of Robert Lee, is halfway through an eight-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious transport dock ship USS Nashville, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

During the first half of the deployment, Sailors and Marines from Hinnard's ship operated day and night inserting Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit into Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. They also participated in two major exercises and made a port visit to Trieste, Italy.

USS Nashville supports amphibious operations using landing craft air cushions which are specially designed hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces and deliver vehicles and equipment. The ship also has conventional landing craft and helicopters embarked, and is equipped with medical facilities staffed by Navy doctors, dentists, nurses and corpsmen.

Hinnard is a 1985 graduate of Robert Lee High School and joined the Navy in April 1990. For more information, visit the Navy NewsStand at www.news.navy.mil/.



The Coke County Library Story Hour has been set to begin Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 10:00 am. Mrs.

Trish Rowe will be the Story Hour "lady" again this year. Children ages three to five years old are eligible for Story Hour. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join in. The children will hear a story, do a project, and have a treat and watch a video if time allows.

All summer readers are encouraged to look under the bed and behind the couch for books checked out this summer. It will be appreciated if the books are returned before school starts. The books may be returned to the 24/7 book drop on the front porch of the library, or they can be brought into the library, of course. Bronte readers can return their books to the Main Street Market.

A nice collection of hardback books and a group of paperbacks have been donated this week. Some of the best sellers are also on the shelves.

Personal

Crystal Hammerton of Stephenville and Kacee and James Roberts of Robert Lee spent several days in the home of their grandparents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. Crystal was pleased to attend a San Angelo Colts baseball game with the Robert Lee group of parents and players of the 6-9 year old Robert Lee Steer baseball team. James served as batboy during the Colts' game.

Personal

Bobby and Jeffie Roberts were accompanied by her parents, Floyd and Jessie Harmon, to visit in the home



In June, Amanda Thurman attended the Sports Medicine Camp at the University of Texas in Austin. There, she studied about sports injuries, how to properly wrap to prevent some injuries, and how to be a member of the support team aiding the coaches in keeping the athletes healthy. Amanda has been named as a new trainer for RLHS this fall. She is the daughter of Jana Thurman and the granddaughter of Harrell and Janice Foshee.

of their son and brother, Jerry and Janie Harmon of Weatherford. Bobby and Jeffie attended a meeting at the Eastern Star Administration Office in Arlington Saturday, August 2. The annual Founders Day Activities were going on the grounds. Jeffie will serve on the Credentials Committee at the annual Eastern Star Grand Chapter to be held in October in Ft. Worth.

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Senior Airman E4 Justin Brickey has returned home from serving in an undisclosed location overseas. He is currently stationed with the Fire and Rescue at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. Justin, a 1998 RLHS graduate, is the son of George and LeeAnn Brickey of Robert Lee.

RLISD meal prices

Breakfast - Reduced student - \$.30; Adult/student - \$.75
Lunch - Reduced lunches - \$.40; Pre-K - 6th grade - \$1.50; 7th - 12th grade - \$1.75; Teacher - \$2.25; Visitor - \$3.00.
 Extra milk with any meal is \$.35.
 Tickets can be purchased in the cafeteria.

Students whose family income qualifies them under the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program will receive either free breakfast and lunch or the reduced student price.

Remembering the pool

Remember when Joe Don Wilkins and Richard Wayne Reese taught swimming lessons? It was important to learn "artificial respiration" in case someone was drowning. To do

this, the victim was laid on their stomach and the rescuer alternated pushing down on their back, and pulling their elbows up toward their head. The "pumping" motion was supposed to empty the water out of their lungs.

Remember when lots of the kids wore "nose clips" to keep the pool water out of their nose when they dived?

Remember when Mr. Denman would not allow the girls to wear two piece swimming suits? If a visitor came to swim with a two piece swimming suit, she had to wear a t-shirt over it to swim.

Brian Arrott remembers when Joni Barrett fell off the high diving board and split her head open.

Emergency farm loan apps being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses cause by drought that occurred from January 1, 2002, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Sweetwater, TX.

Coke County, as a contiguous disaster county, was recently declared eligible for FSA EM loss loans.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000.00, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the PIC or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under



This year's Bronte High School Cheerleaders are (back row, from left) Kanah Coalson, Senior; Britney McCutchen, Senior; Ashley Torres, Senior; (front row, from left) Cheyenne Webb, Sophomore; Corin Garcia, Senior; Katie Cooper, Freshman; and Mascot Logan Acker, Senior.

this emergency designation apply as soon as possible. The FSA office in Sweetwater will be accepted until Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing. pm, Monday through Friday.

BRONTE I.S.D. today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Each school and/or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS 2003-2004 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$11,674	\$16,613	\$973	\$1,385	\$225	\$320
2	15,756	22,422	1,313	1,869	303	432
3	19,838	28,231	1,654	2,353	382	543
4	23,920	34,040	1,994	2,837	460	655
5	28,002	39,849	2,334	3,321	539	767
6	32,084	45,658	2,674	3,805	617	879
7	36,166	51,467	3,014	4,289	696	990
8	40,248	57,276	3,354	4,773	774	1,102
9	44,330	63,085	3,695	5,258	853	1,214
10	48,412	68,894	4,036	5,743	932	1,326
11	52,494	74,703	4,377	6,228	1,011	1,438
12	56,576	80,512	4,718	6,713	1,090	1,550
For each additional family member add:						
	+\$4,082	+\$5,809	+\$341	+\$485	+\$79	+\$112

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE." The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, campus principals will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Alan Richey, Superintendent, P.O. Box 670, Bronte, 76933. 325-473-2511

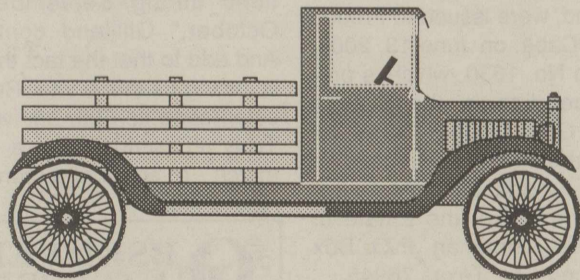
Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes he/she has been discriminated against, he/she should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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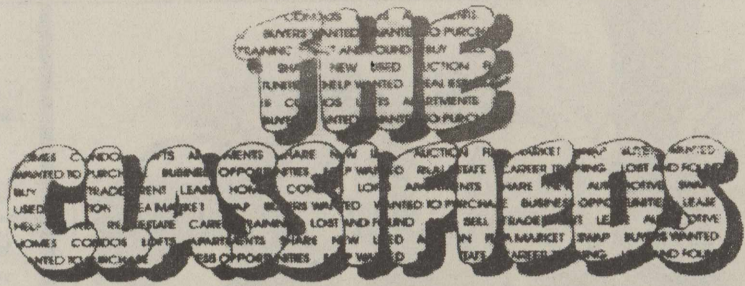


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THANK YOU
 for your support for me in prayers, thoughts, letters, packages and e-mails. You kept me going. Remember the others that remain to enforce the peace.
 Justin Brickey
 US Air Force
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NOTICES
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELVA WILLIE KINNAMAN, DECEASED
 Publication of this notice is to notify all persons or entities which may have a claim against the Estate that such claim must be presented to the Court within time limitations and in the manner of presentation as is required by the law.
 Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Elva Willie Kinnaman, Deceased, were issued to Fredda Jane McCabe, on June 13, 2003, in Cause No. 1630, which is presently pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas. All claims should be addressed in care of Fredda Jane McCabe, Representative of the Estate of Elva Willie Kinnaman, P.O. Box 450, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. Dated: Friday, August 8, 2003
 Respectfully submitted,
 Law Office of Monty Kimball
 Monty Kimball, SBN#11418040
 P.O. Box 539
 Alpine, Texas 79831
 432-837-5832
 432-837-1813/fax
 Attorney for Executor
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School Supply List

BRONTE

Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities and Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 pair Blunt 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 3 bottles 1.25 oz. Elmer's Glue
- 2 boxes Kleenex Facial Tissue
- 1 box "Ziplock" Bags, Quart Size
- 1 set Washable Crayola Thick Markers
- 2 rolls Scotch Transparent Tape
- Dispenser Refills - 3/4"
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Assorted Colors Construction Paper (9" x 12")
- 1 *Spiral Notebook (100 count Wide Rule)
- 1 *Pocket Folder
- 1 *Large Zippered Top Backpack
- 1 *Set of extra clothing

*Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class' glue box.

Please consider clothing that will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.

Kindergarten

- 3 boxes Crayola Crayons (8 count)
- 3 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 6 No. 2 Pencils, American
- 1 box - Crayola Thick Markers (10 count)
- 4 bottles 1.25 oz. Elmer's Glue
- 10 Folders with only Bottom Pockets
- 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 40 Gallon Size "Ziplock" Bags (these need to have a "zipper")
- 2 Pink Bevel Erasers
- 1 Plastic School Box
- 3 8.5" x 11" Spiral Notebooks (70 count Wide Rule)
- 1 School Bag or Backpack
- 30 9" Paper Plates
- 1 roll 1/2" Transparent Tape

1st Grade

- 1 box Crayola Crayons (16 count)
- 1 box Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 12 No. 2 Pencils, American
- 3 bottles Elmer's 4 oz. Glue
- 8 Assorted Folders (Pockets only)
- 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 5 Pink Bevel Erasers
- 1 Plastic School Box
- 1 School Bag or Backpack
- 1 Box Map Pencils (7", 12 count, sharpened)
- 1/16" Wood Ruler (Standard & Metric)
- 1 Box "Ziplock" Bags, Gallon Size
- 3 rolls 1/2" Scotch Transparent Tape
- 1 Pencil sharpener w/receptacle

2nd Grade

- 1 box Crayons (24 count)
- 1 box Facial Tissues (100 Count)
- 20 No. 2 Pencils, American
- 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue
- 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 2 Pink Bevel Erasers
- 1 Plastic School Box
- 1 School Bag or Backpack
- 8 Folders with Pockets only
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Spiral Notebook (70 count Wide Ruled)

3rd Grade

- 1 box Crayola (24 count)

- 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 12 No. 2 Pencils, American
- 1 box Crayola Markers (Thick, 10 count, assorted colors)
- 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue
- 6 Folders (Pockets only, assorted colors)
- 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 1 set of Watercolors (8 count)
- 1 Pink Bevel Eraser
- 1 Plastic School Box
- 1 Elmer's Glue Stick
- 1 Spiral Notebook (70 count Wide Ruled)
- 1 School Bag or Backpack
- 2 Red Check Pencils, Uncapped
- 2 pkgs. Filler Paper (200 count Wide Rule)
- 1 Box Map Pencils (7", 12 count, sharpened)
- 2 rolls Scotch Transparent Tape (1/2" x 500)
- 1/16" Wood Ruler (Standard & Metric)

4th Grade

- 1 box Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 12 No. 2 Pencils - American
- 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue
- 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 1 School Bag or Backpack
- 1 Red Medium Stick Pen
- 1 pkg. Filler Paper (200 count Wide Rule)
- 1 box Map Pencils (7", 12 count, sharpened)
- 1/16" Plastic Ruler (Standard & Metric)
- 2 Red Pocket & Brad Folders
- 2 Green Pocket & Brad Folders
- 2 Blue Pocket & Brad Folders
- 2 Yellow Pocket & Brad Folders
- 1 Box of 4 Dry Erase Markers

5th Grade

- 1 box Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 4 No. 2 Pencils, American
- 1 box Crayola Markers (Thick, 10 count, assorted colors)
- 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue
- 3 Folders with pockets & brads (assorted colors)
- 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 1 School Bag or Backpack
- 2 Red Medium Stick Pens
- 1 Blue Medium Stick Pen
- 1 pkg. Filler Paper (200 count Wide Rule)
- 1 box Map Pencils (7", 12 count, sharpened)
- 1 roll Scotch Transparent Tape (1/2" x 500)
- 1/16" Wood Ruler (Standard & Metric)
- 1 Pink Bevel Eraser
- 1 Spiral Notebook (70 count Wide Rule)

6th Grade

- 1 box Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 6 No. 2 Pencils, American
- 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue
- 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 1 School Bag or Backpack
- 2 Red Medium Stick Pens
- 1 Black Medium Stick Pen
- 2 pkgs. Filler Paper (200 count Wide Rule)
- 1 box Map Pencils (7", 12 count, sharpened)
- 1 Roll Scotch Transparent Tape (1/2" x 500')
- 1/16" Wood Ruler (Standard & Metric)
- 3 Folders (Pockets Only)
- 1 box Gallon Size Ziplock Bags
- 1 Pencil Sharpener w/receptacle

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Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 box crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 bottle school glue

- 2 pencils
- 1 pkg. assorted construction paper
- scissors
- water colors
- 1 school box
- 2 large boxes kleenex
- backpack
- bottled drinking water (if desired)
- extra clothing (including undergarments)

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING Kindergarten

- crayons (no more than 24)
- 1 bottle school glue (white)
- 2 glue sticks
- 6 regular pencils
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 small school box
- 1 large box kleenex
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 pkg. assorted construction paper
- towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- backpack
- 1 change of clothes for accidents
- bottled drinking water (if desired)

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING INITIAL EACH CRAYON

1st Grade

- 1 box of quart size ziplock bags
- 6 #2 pencils
- 2 large pink erasers
- 2 100 count white index cards (3x5)
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 1 small supply box
- 5" Fiskar sharp scissors
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 2 large Elmer's glue (no colored)
- 1 recipe box for index cards
- 1 box water colors
- 2 sturdy slick pocket folders (no brads)
- 2 small spiral notebooks-wide rule only

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING 2nd Grade

- 1 small spiral notebook-wide ruled
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 large pink pencil eraser
- 1 pkg. construction paper
- 1 large box tissue supply box (small)
- scissors
- crayons
- glue
- 1 small box baggies-ziplock (quart)
- 2 sturdy slick pocket folders (no brads)

NO MARKERS PLEASE 3rd Grade

- WIDE RULED notebook paper**
- 12 #2 pencils
- erasers
- 2 red pens or red pencils
- pencil sharpener w/shavings holder
- 2 spiral notebooks-wide ruled
- construction paper
- good scissors
- crayons
- glue gel
- map colors
- ruler-centimeters and inches
- ziplock bags
- 3 boxes of tissues
- pocket folders with brads-red, blue, green, purple, yellow
- small supply box or zip pouches

PLEASE NO TRAPPERS OR NOTEBOOKS

4th Grade

- 1 box kleenex
- 8 #2 pencils
- 1 spiral notebook (wide ruled)
- 2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 1 3-ring notebook binder (large)
- 2 pkgs. 3-ring colored subject dividers
- 1 zipper pouch for notebook
- 1 12" ruler
- 3 50 count zipper seal sandwich bags

5th Grade

- 2 boxes of kleenex
- scissors (sharp-heavy duty variety)
- Wide ruled paper
- map colors
- 1 fine point black marker
- Elmer's glue
- 4 #2 pencils
- 1 zipper pouch for notebook
- 2 red pencils
- 2 highlighters (any color) markers or crayons
- 1 spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- 2 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow pocket folders with brads
- 1 large 3-ring notebook binder
- 2 pkgs. 3-ring subject dividers

6th Grade

- loose-leaf notebook divider pages
- 2 pkg. wide-ruled notebook paper
- zipper pouch for pencils



2003 Property Tax Rates in East Coke County Hospital District

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for East Coke County Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 291,903
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 85,853
Last year's total taxes	\$ 377,756
Last year's tax base	\$ 82,242,445
Last year's total tax rate	0.459320 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 377,435
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 74,897,630
= This year's effective tax rate	0.503934 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.519052 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 291,655
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 74,897,630
= This year's effective operating rate	0.389405 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.420557 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.115469 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.536026 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If East Coke County Hospital District adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.503934 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2002 taxes by \$4,481.

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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Schedule B 2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Interest to be		Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Paid from Property Taxes		
General Obligation Bonds	\$70,000	\$13,205	\$0	\$83,205
Total Required for 2003 Debt Service				\$83,205
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2003				\$83,205
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2003				\$4,379
= Total Debt Levy				\$87,584

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Coke County Tax Office, 13 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Gayle Sisemore

Title: Tax Assessor-Collector Coke County

Date Prepared: August 4, 2003



COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

By Tommy Ancilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Prussic acid poisoning in livestock

Certain pasture grasses and forage, especially Sudan and Johnson grass are more prone to producing prussic acid. This usually occurs following frost on these plants, but in the conditions we are in now with the Johnson grass stressed due to heat following a rapid growth spell, any showers we might get could trigger the production of prussic acid.

The most dangerous time to graze these plants is following a sudden change such as showers on drought stressed plants. Livestock should not be allowed to graze these plants for 10 days to 2 weeks. Following this lay off time, the prussic acid should be gone from the plant as it will turn to a gaseous state and precipitate.

If you have some Johnson grass or other susceptible plants in your fields or pastures that have gone through this stress period, it is a good idea to hold off grazing for up to 2 weeks following a rain shower. When you do turn your livestock in these pastures, make sure they are relatively full when turned in, and not hungry, as they will go straight to the green plants.

Prussic acid poison can act quickly and can kill animals within minutes. In most cases, animals become infected within 10 minutes after eating toxic material and can die within 2-3 minutes.

Soil test for small grains

Farmers should be thinking about soil testing your small grain fields in the next several weeks in preparation for sowing.

Soil tests performed now will have plenty of time to return early enough to apply recommended rates and incorporate them into the soil.

Small grains that are grazed require more fertilizer than ungrazed grain because nutrients are removed by grazing. About 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen are removed in forages grazed by stocker cattle for each 100 pounds of beef produced per acre.

This nitrogen must be replaced to provide adequate nutrition for grain production after livestock removal.

A general "rule of thumb" indicates that wheat requires about 2 pounds of nitrogen per bushel of grain produced. Therefore a 20 bushel yield will remove about 40 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

A lot of times, a correct soil test will make more money in fertilizer savings by knowing the exact amounts of nutrients needed, instead of a "shotgun application" where more nutrients are applied than actually needed.

August garden checklist

Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of the year if they are to remain lush and active until fall. Fertilize with 21-0-0 at the rate of 1/3 to 1/2 pound per square feet of bed area and water thoroughly.

*Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Hollies will frequently drop their fruit under drought conditions.

*Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs.

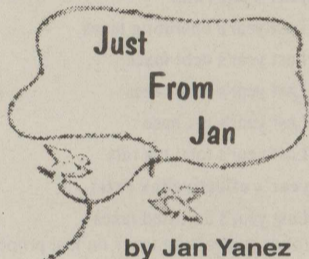
Hold off on major pruning from now until midwinter. Severe pruning now will only stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

*Time to divide spring-flowering perennials such as iris, Shasta or ox-eye daisy, gaillardia, cannas, day lilies, violets, liriopsis, and ajuga.

*A late-summer pruning of rose bushes can be beneficial. Prune out dead canes and any weak, brushy type of growth. Cut back tall, vigorous bushes to about 30 inches. After pruning, apply a complete fertilizer, and water thoroughly. If a preventive disease-control program has been maintained, your rose bushes should be ready to provide an excellent crop of flowers this fall.

*It is not too late to set out another planting of many warm-season annuals such as marigolds, zinnias, and periwinkles. They will require extra attention for the first few weeks, but should reward you with color during late September, October and November.

*Continue pruning fall blooming perennials through August. Chrysanthemums, Mexican Bush Sage, Copper Canyon daisies, autumn asters and cigar plant cuphea (Cuphea macropecta) all benefit from light pruning (remove top growth of 4-6") at this time.



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Food safety while dining outdoors

As grills across the country heat up for picnics in the park or backyard barbecues, so does the risk of food poisoning. Luckily, summer chefs can protect their patriotic feasts by sticking to a few easy food-handling and preparation steps.

When it comes to safely preparing foods for outdoor grilling and dining, survey results show that while a few play it safe, most of us are striking out. For example, 56% of Americans don't know that favorites like hamburgers should be cooked to 160 degrees F and chicken to 170 degrees F for safe eating. And, when it comes to leftovers, 33% report leaving foods unrefrigerated for more than an hour in hot weather (90 degrees F or above) - an environment that allows



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harmful bacteria to multiply quickly.

A kitchen on the move - Consider your picnic basket, grill and cooler an extension of your kitchen. Apply the same home food safety techniques whether preparing meals indoors or out.

This is especially important when grilling, as this type of outdoor dining continues to top family menus - three out of four Americans report consistently using a meat/food thermometer to check the doneness of meats. And 35% say they transport raw meats both to and from the grill on the same plate, risking cross-contamination.

Safe summertime eats - Follow these home food safety tips from ADA and ConAgra Foods to guard your grill, protect your picnics and destroy any dangerous bacteria:

*Suds up the BBQ. Be sure to scrub the grill, outdoor utensils, coolers and other containers with hot soapy water before cooking or packing up your favorite summertime treats.

*Props with purpose. Make home food safety a topic of conversation at your Fourth of July and other summer celebrations by incorporating colorful red, white and blue soft - and hard-top coolers, cutting boards, plates and aprons that not only fit the party theme, but serve an important safety purpose for your guests.

*Separate treats for backyard feasts. Keep raw meat and ready to eat foods separate.

Pack extra plates - always use a separate plate for raw foods and another for cooked to prevent cross-contamination. This holds true for your refrigerator, too - store raw meat on lower shelves to prevent raw juices from running onto ready-to-eat foods.

*Got it made in the shade. Stock coolers with plenty of ice and/or ice packs to keep foods refrigerated at temperatures

below 40 degrees F. Drop a refrigerator thermometer in your cooler to make sure foods are stored at a proper temperature. And then transport food in the air-conditioned back seat of your car instead of the hot trunk. Once at your outdoor dining destination, try to keep foods out of direct sunlight. Set up camp in the shade to make sure your food and guests stay cool.

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