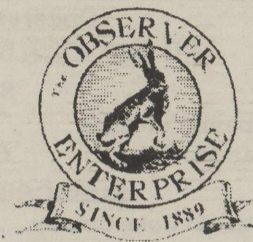


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Meet the Steers night slated

The Robert Lee High School Sports Boosters are sponsoring a "Meet The Steers" brisket supper at the High School football field Tuesday, August 26, beginning at 6 pm. The RLHS Stompin' Steer Band will play and be introduced. Following the band, introductions will be made for the Junior High and High School teams in Cross Country and Football, the cheerleaders, and the RLHS coaching staff for 2004. Photo buttons will also be made at this time.

These students give 110% working hard to represent Robert Lee. Come out and support the students and enjoy the brisket.

Meet the Longhorns night slated

Meet the Longhorns night has been slated for Thursday evening, August 21, at the Bronte park.

Kicking the activity off is the Hamburger Supper at 5:30 pm, sponsored by Project Graduation. The program will begin at 7 pm.

All parents of athletes are required to bring homemade ice cream. All parents of band members are required to bring cookies or brownies.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this event supporting Bronte's youth and school.

Golf tourney to benefit Taylor Oakland

A benefit golf tournament for Taylor Oakland will be held September 1, 2003, 8:30 am,

at the Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee, Texas. It will be 4-person, 18 hole, select shot format. Door prizes will be drawn and concessions available.

Contact Jesse Flores (325) 453-2317 for information on fees. Call to sign up early. Payout will depend on number of teams.

Taylor, a four year old, suffers from adrenoleukodystrophy ("Lorenzo's Oil"). His medical condition is extremely critical and his prognosis is day to day.

Project Graduation meeting to be held

Robert Lee High School Project Graduation will have a meeting tonight (Friday, August 22) at 6:30 pm in the high school library. All parents who have a child in the RLHS Class of 2004 are urged to attend.

Bronte FUMC Revival set

First United Methodist Church of Bronte will hold a revival September 7-10. New Pastor of Bronte United Methodist Church, Rev. Carol Fiero, will lead the services.

The services will be held at 7 pm each night. Congregational singing is planned for each evening. Everyone is invited to come for a great time of singing together, fellowship and renewal.

Football Pages slated

Football season in Coke County officially begins August 29 when the Robert Lee Steers will face the Cross



Coke County cowboy Clint Head, age 8, covered all three head in the Calf Riding recently at Saginaw, Texas. Clint took home two buckles from the competition - one for his 3rd place finish in the West Region and a Reserve Champion buckle in the finals of the Calf Riding.

The Texas Youth Bull Riders Association (TYBR) hosts approximately fifteen rodeos throughout the state with the annual finals in August at Saginaw. Clint is the son of Clint and Brenda Head of Bronte.



Plains Buffaloes at home and the Bronte Longhorns will travel to May to face the Tigers.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the August 29 issue of the *Observer/Enterprise*.

All 2002 sponsors will be included on the 2003 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call the office at 453-2433 by 2 pm, Tuesday, August 26.

A complete list of sponsors is included below.

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Street Affair art display entries open

Area artists will have an opportunity to display their works at the second annual Coke County Art Show which will be held in conjunction with the Robert Lee Street Affair on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Entries accepted will include original paintings in all mediums, drawings, sculpture, and pottery. The show will be juried. There will be an entry fee for each piece displayed. Crafts will not be considered for this show.

All works should be suitably prepared for display and delivered to the Ben Bessent Chevrolet showroom on Friday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Cash prizes will be awarded. For further information on entry fee, the following numbers are available: 453-5215 (from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm); 453-2578 (from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm) and 450-8430 (from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm).

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The West Texas Rodeo Association ended its rodeo season Saturday, August 16, by awarding saddles to the year-end champions. Lance Millican won the 13-15 Boys All-Around title and Jake McCabe won the 16-19 Boys All-Around title. Both young men are students at Robert Lee High School. Lance's parents are Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee and Jake is the son of Mike and Diane McCabe of Silver.

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Obituaries

Standefer

Frank Standefer, 76, of Robert Lee, died Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at his residence.

Services will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, August 23, 2003, at South Side Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Frank was born on September 26, 1926, in Muleshoe, Texas, to Walter and Myrtle Standefer and married Iris Andrews on September 8, 1946. They moved to Lake Spence in 1979 and then to Robert Lee in 1996. He worked as a paint contractor in Lubbock for 40 years.

He was a story teller who never let the facts get in the way of a good story. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and golf. He was the happiest when all his family came to visit.

Frank is preceded in death by his daughter, Pam Littlefield.

Survivors include his wife, Iris Andrews Standefer of Robert Lee; one son, Pat Standefer of Lubbock; three daughters, Debbie Payne of Robert Lee, Janie Miller of San Antonio, and Kay Hurst of Robert Lee; one sister, Ruth Fariss of Amarillo; eleven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; five nephews; and four nieces.

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Riley

Amanda Sue Riley, 22, of Bronte, died Thursday, August 14, 2003. Memorial service was held at 10:00 am, Monday, August 18, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger with Rev. Ferris Akins officiating.

Survivors include her children; daughter, Kyra Caples and son, Colby Hildenbrand, both of Bronte; mother, Patsy

Pospichal Riley of Bronte; sisters, Ashley Riley of Bronte, Tammy Poole and Leslie Alvarado, both of San Angelo; grandmothers, Bessie Riley of San Angelo and Julie Pospichal of Rowena. She is also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

Brackeen

Kenneth Wayne Brackeen, 74, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, in Hermleigh. Service was held in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Pyron Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Leona Brackeen, resident of Robert Lee Care Center; son, Kenneth W. Brackeen Jr. of Sterling City; daughter, Pamela S. Helm of Ira; sister, Pat Barbee of San Antonio; brother, Harold Brackeen of Tacoma, Washington; and brother-in-law of Bill & Pat Carwile of Robert Lee.

Abalos

Willie Barrera Abalos, 73, of Robert Lee, died Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at his residence. A Rosary was held at 7:00 pm Wednesday, August 20, 2003, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 am Thursday, August 21, 2003, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Mickey Montanez Abalos of Robert Lee; sons, Willie Abalos, Jr. of Midland, Tony Abalos of Amarillo, Rudy Abalos of Houston, Poly Abalos of Midland, Jorge Abalos of Artesia, NM, Danny Abalos of Sonora, Ernie Abalos of Robert Lee, and Gilbert Abalos of Bristol; daughters, Susie Ramirez of Sonora and Mari Ann Bagley of Odessa; brothers, Joe Abalos of Sweetwater, and Selso Abalos of Winnie; and sisters, Maggie Jacobo of San

Angelo, Lita Gonzales of Robert Lee, Ann Purcell of Lancaster, Ohio, Mary Gonzales of El Paso, and Aurora Stephens of Odessa.

Personal

Bobbie Varnadore of Blackwell has just returned from a trip to Alaska taken with her stepson, Lee Varnadore & his wife Diana of Acworth, Georgia. They met in Vancouver, Canada and got on the Dawn Princess for a 6 day cruise, spending time in Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Glacier Bay.

They left the trip at Seward and traveled by bus to Denali National Park for 3 days, then took the Ultra Dome Railroad to Fairbanks, from there flying home.

It was a marvelous trip with beautiful scenery and glaciers that defy description. Lee (Billy) spent time in Robert Lee as a youth and still has family ties here.

ASU summer

graduates announced
Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 213 students during 2003 Summer commencement exercises August 16 in San Angelo.

The 2003 Summer graduates include the following from the Bronte area: Barbara Segale Porter, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude.

From the Robert Lee area: Angelo Hope Abalos, Bachelor of Arts; Clint C. Askins, Master of Education; Stacy Lynn Hendry, Bachelor of Science; and James Paul Skipworth, Bachelor of Science.

RL PTO news

The Robert Lee PTO held its first meeting of the year on Thursday, August 14, 2003, in the school cafeteria. The staff/faculty was introduced by Mrs. Wallace followed by a potluck meal. Over 80 people were in attendance.

The officers for this year's PTO are President Laura Bell, Vice President Katie Drennan, Secretary Melodie Barnes, and Treasurer Mary Tinkler. Many items were discussed including Fall Festival, Street Affair, membership dues, and other upcoming activities.

Any person wishing to be a member of PTO may contact one of the officers for information. Membership dues will be

due by the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2003. Items on the agenda will include the Robert Lee Street Affair and the Fall Festival.

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson
Secretary

The fire department has been busy this first half of August. August 1st at 3:21 pm, RLVFD received a call their help was needed, 2 miles South of Tennyson. Quail Valley fire department was first on the scene of a car fire. They called for Bronte and Robert Lee as the grass was on fire and it was windy. A tire blowout was the cause of the accident. 10 men responded.

August 8th, 6:50 pm, there was a grass fire under a bridge 6 1/2 miles North on 208. Cause was unknown and 11 men responded.

August 9th, 3:20 pm, a grass fire at Summit Drive and Driftwood Lane. Resident was burning trash in a barrel and something fell out of the barrel and ignited dry grass. 11 men responded.

August 13th, about midnight, dispatch was not called about grass fire on 15th street near the water tower. Chief Rick Drennan and 2 firemen took truck 6 and put it out. Cause unknown.

August 14th, 5:45 pm, MVA. Mutual Aid Quail Valley and Tom Green Fire/rescue units on the scene. Robert Lee assisted with traffic control. Cause wet pavement and driver lost control. 9 men responded.

August 15th, 5:50 am, 9-1-1 sounded the sirens. 9-1-1 called dispatcher Bud Thompson via radio. He called out the firemen and told them it was a Trash-A-Way truck in the back parking lot of the school. Bud arrived at the scent at 5:56 with truck 5 close behind. On investigating the scene, aerosol cans were in the trash compartment and when the truck compacted the trash, some of the cans had burst open or exploded, causing a chemical reaction which ignited the trash. The workmen heard the explosions several blocks from the school and looked for a safe place to dump the trash on

the ground. The fire was out by 6:20 am, and the pumper truck was on stand by at the scene until Trash-A-Way employees, with assistance from the City of Robert Lee employees and their backhoe had the area cleaned up.

RLHS Senior

swimming party held

On Friday, August 2, 2003, the Robert Lee Senior Class of 2004 had a swimming party at the Coke County Swimming Pool, hosted by their parents. The Seniors swam, splashed, and attempted to build human towers for an hour and a half, while their amused parents took pictures and prepared a meal for the Seniors. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Parents have planned other activities to highlight the last year of high school for the RLHS Senior Class of 2004.



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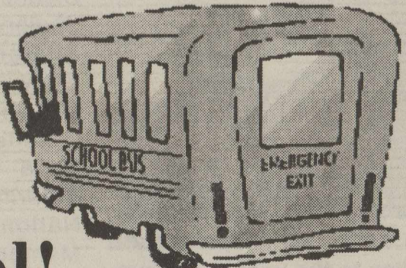
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4-H members win at Winters show

This past weekend, several Coke County 4-H members exhibited their livestock projects at the Winters Summer Classic show. Beginning with the market steer show, Clay Antilley showed the Champion American Breeds steer and the Champion Crossbred steer that went on to win Overall Grand Champion steer honors.

In a very competitive lamb show in the Light Finewool class, Stacey Denton had first and Cody Denton had third. In the heavy Finewool, Cody Bridges had second and Reserve Breed Champion and Molli Hinderliter had fifth. In the Finewool Cross lightweights, Briana Brisbin had third and fifth, Dawson Brisbin had sixth and ninth and Taylor Percifull had tenth. In the heavy Finewool Cross, Briana Brisbin had second and reserve Breed Champion, Cody Denton third, Cody Bridges fifth, Taylor Percifull sixth, Stacey Denton seventh, Cody Hinderliter eighth. In the light Southdown class, Briana Brisbin was first and Reserve Breed Champion and Cody Denton was second. In the heavy Southdown, Stacey Denton was fifth.

These exhibitors should be congratulated on their accomplishments as they prepare these animals for other prospect shows, county show and major shows next spring.

BISD trustees meet in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held its regular board meeting, Thursday, August 14, 2003, at 8:30 pm in the board room. Bob Frazee and David Scott were absent from the meeting.

Minutes from the July 23rd and August 11th meetings were read and approved.

The Principals Rick Howell, Secondary, Terry Marrs, Elementary, and Michael Bohensky, CCJJC, gave their reports.

The board held a review of the 2002-2003 Budget and the Comparison of Budgets and discussed the 2003-2004 budget.

Board approval was given to the Unemployment Agreement with TASB for 2003-2004 and the paying of the July 2003 bills.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a report on the facilities and summer projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm by the president.

Small grain final purchase date told

The final date to purchase a NAP policy on any small grain for grazing in our country is September 1, 2003. Since there can be no late-filed requests it is very important that interested persons contact our office before September 1, 2003. The \$100.00 fee must be paid no later than September 1st.

Also, a reminder, that September 1st is the final date to purchase crop insurance on your small grain. If you are participating in the new CDP program and must purchase crop insurance on your small grain the deadline is the same, September 1st. Don't delay; call your crop insurance agent today.

For more information call (325) 453-2751 or come by the office.

Robert Lee Street Affair update

The chairmen of the Third Annual Dessert Contest in connection with the Robert Lee Street Affair, Saturday, October 4th, have announced the guidelines for this year's competition.

The three categories will be cakes, pies, and cookies. A winner will be announced in each category and prizes will be awarded in each category.

This year's special event will be a Junior Contest. Cooks from five through thirteen are eligible to enter cakes, pies, and cookies to be judged in the Junior Contest. Prizes will also be awarded in each category.

Cooks are asked to bring desserts to the library by 9:00 am, October 4. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Items should be on a disposable plate or in a disposable container. Each entry will be cut and one large serving removed for judging. The remainder of each entry will be sold whole or by the slice. Proceeds from the sales will go to the library. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of refrigerator magnets showing the hours and phone number of the Coke County Library.

For information call Marilyn White 453-2026, Joan Burns 453-2144, or Janie Munoz 453-4336.

The Street Affair will also feature a Little Miss and Little Mister Contest this year. Participants must be four or five years old as of September 1. They must also be a resident of Robert Lee or West Coke County. Winners will

represent Robert Lee on any floats during the year and will present next year's awards for Little Miss and Little Mister contest. Prizes will be awarded to the participants and to the winners. Three of the out-of-town vendors will be asked to judge the contest.

To enter the contest put the name, address and date of birth, as well as the name of the parents on a plain piece of paper. Also, contestants should put a few words about some of their favorite things and/or activities on the paper.

Entries may be deposited at the library during library hours. They may also be put in the drop-box on the porch of the library. Entries will be accepted through September.

This year's Street Affair is welcoming all craft and food vendors to participate in the event. Commercial goods, second hand goods, imports and hand-made crafts are eligible for a space.

Booth holders will be responsible for tables and shade. Electricity is limited and available with advanced notice. There will be a fee for each booth and spaces will open at 7:00 am. Booth size is 10 feet by 12 feet. Call Committee numbers below for price of booth space.

The Street Affair Committee will offer spaces for non-profit organizations. Please call Committee for available spaces for your organization. Numbers to call are 453-4642 or 453-4349.

The committee chairmen are excited about this year's event and with advanced publicity, the numbers should exceed last year's attendance.

Also planned for this year's Street Affair are a Quilt Show, Art Show, Balloon Carnival, Historical Tour, and Antique Car Show.

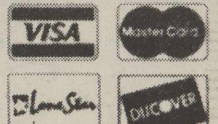
Funds established at Robert Lee State Bank

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.

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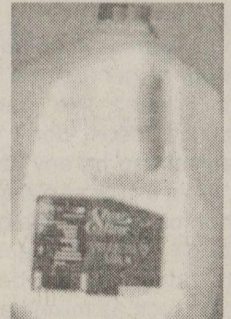
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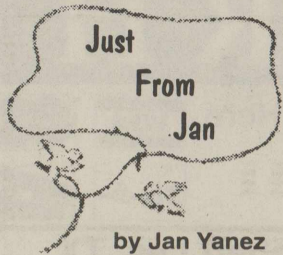
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by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
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**Back to school with
good nutrition**

As a new school year begins, kids will be running out the door with thoughts of seeing old classmates, joining new clubs, participating in school sports and getting good grades. With all that in mind, chances are these kids are not paying much attention to the proper nutrition needed to accomplish all of this.

Nutrition and learning go hand in hand. Kids who are nutritionally fit are more likely to have the energy, stamina and self-esteem that enhance their ability to learn.

To kick off this school year, here are some tips to help ensure both proper nutrition and a successful school year for your child.

What's for Breakfast? Start with a healthy breakfast. For children and teens a morning meal is especially important. Breakfast prepares children to meet the challenges of learning. Those who regularly eat a morning meal tend to perform better in school, often scoring higher on tests.

Breakfast eaters have higher school attendance, less tardiness and fewer hunger-induced stomachaches in the morning. They concentrate better, solve problems more easily and have better muscle coordination. Kids who eat breakfast are less likely to be overweight, too.

Make breakfast fun by planning it with your child; decide who prepares what and work together to get it done. If your child doesn't like traditional breakfast foods, don't worry - breakfast can be any food they like, even a slice of pizza.

Short on time? Keep quick-to-fix foods on hand or get breakfast foods ready the night before, such as mixing a pitcher of juice.

If kids use the excuse of not being hungry, start them out with a light bite, perhaps juice or toast. Then send them off with a nutritious mid-morning snack; yogurt, cheese or a bagel.

How about lunch? For children and teens, meals served at school contribute significantly to their overall nutrient and energy needs. Do you know what they're eating? In most school districts, school meals are regulated through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Through guidance from the USDA, many schools are improving the nutritional quality of lunch and designing the meals to supply about one-third of the nutrition needs for young people.

However, parents can play a role in school meals served to your child. Here are some ways you can help him or her choose healthful meals:

*Get familiar with the menu. Keep a current school lunch menu in your kitchen and go over the menu with your child. Talk with him or her about making choices in the cafeteria line and practice at home.

*Get involved. Join the parent advisory committee for the school food service program. If

none exists, take charge and work with the school staff to set one up.

*Support the nutrition education efforts at school. Find out what your child is learning and try to apply those lessons at home.

If your child prefers to brown bag it to school, pack meals that are easy to prepare and fun to eat, as well as healthful, safe and nutritious. For example, sandwiches, raw veggies, crackers, string cheese, whole fruit and pudding are fun foods that still supply good nutrition.

Let children help plan and prepare school lunches. When they're involved, chances are they will resist trading their carrots for cookies.

Find out if your child prefers a brown bag, insulated bag or lunch box. A lunch box is easier to clean and it may keep food cool longer, but be sure to wash it after every use. If a brown bag is the tote of choice, use a new one every day.

What about those after-school snacks? Carefully chosen, snacks promote good health and add pleasure to life. They can supply needed nutrients that can be missed in meal choices. Stock your refrigerator and cabinets with ready-to-go snacks: yogurt, cottage cheese, lean deli meats, fruit juice, milk, washed ready-to-eat fruits and vegetables, animal crackers, popcorn and cereal. Your child will appreciate the convenience of grabbing a quick healthy snack as a way to "re-fuel".

Overall A well-nourished child is a ready-to-learn child. Food nourishes at every age and stage in a child's life and proper nutrition is crucial for social, emotional and psychological development. Teaching children how to eat healthy will enable them to establish a foundation of good nutrition and healthful lifestyle habits.

Germes on the run

Germes have their favorite nesting places in the home. Some are obvious; others may be surprising. Here are some ways to send those germs packing!

Keep rooms well-ventilated to reduce mold and mildew. This is particularly important in bathrooms (because baths and showers produce so much additional moisture) and in bedrooms (because so much time is spent here). If there's a humidifier in the bedroom, clean it regularly so that you don't inhale dirt and germs.

If there are pets in the household, focus cleaning efforts on their "high traffic" patterns. This will protect the rest of the family from pet hair, dander, fleas, food, etc. Steam clean or shampoo upholstery, carpet and window treatments. Pay close attention to high-traffic areas (e.g., bedrooms and the family room).

Water attracts germs, mold and mildew. Check and repair any plumbing leaks in kitchen, bathroom, basement and laundry room. Poor laundry habits can encourage germs. Don't leave wet clothes in the washer. After removing them, leave the door slightly ajar, so excess moisture evaporates. When possible, dry the clothes in an automatic dryer or outside on a clothesline.

For tubs, showers and toilets, consider using a non-abrasive, disinfectant cleaner so that germs and soil are eliminated in one cleaning process. Use a toilet bowl cleaner for the inside of the bowl. Don't use it to clean any external surfaces.

Food spills, dirt and crumbs accumulate in the kitchen, particularly on floors and countertops. Disposable floor cleaning systems offer a rinse-free way to remove dirt from the floors. Pop-up wipes are great for quick clean ups on common-touch surfaces, such as refrigerator and faucet handles, light switch covers, door handles, and tele-

phone receivers. Use a kitchen cleaner or disinfectant cleaner for countertops. Check the product label to make sure it can be used on these surfaces.

Check the stove, including cooktop, controls and backsplash, for stains and spills. Allow cooking surfaces to cool before cleaning. As always, follow the appliance manufacturer's cleaning recommendations. If they are no longer available, use a non-abrasive all-purpose cleaner.

Food safety on the road

Whether taking a family vacation via travel on the highway or picnicking for a weekend outing, following safe food handling tips can avoid an after-the-event catastrophe.

With warm weather temperatures, perishable food can easily remain in a dangerous temperature range unless it is kept in a suitable cooler. For this reason, planning ahead is important. A well insulated and stocked cooler is critical for transporting perishable items such as meat, poultry, eggs, fish and milk products. Dairy or meat-based dips or salad spreads need to be kept cold during transportation.

Some foods don't require cold storage and may be a better choice if car space is limited. Peanut butter and jelly and some cheeses, or canned meats may be a good choice if a cooler is not available.

Pack foods safely. Load perishables directly from the refrigerator to the cooler. For some foods, pre-freezing before pack-

ing in the cooler may be a good idea. Be sure to securely package any raw meat or poultry foods so that juices will not drip or leak and contaminate other foods. A full cooler will maintain a cold temperature longer than a partially filled cooler, so it's a good idea to plan to keep the cooler filled, using additional ice or foods like fruit or vegetables to fill the space. It's a better idea to keep the cooler in the passenger section of the car, if possible.

If there is any doubt that perishable foods have reached a temperature above refrigeration temperatures (40°F) for any period of time, it is best to discard these and any leftover foods. Plan to pull from the cooler only the foods that will be eaten for one meal or snack.


One of the best safety precautions is to plan for good hygiene and cleanliness as much as possible. Hands and utensils are critical. If soap and water are not available, plan for moist towelettes. Soiled dishes can be packaged and cleaned thoroughly when the days destination is reached.



When snacking is warranted on the road, plan for healthy and easy-to-eat snacks, as well as those that are easy to store and won't make a mess in the vehicle. Some fresh and dried fruits are a good snack, as is dried cereal, vegetable pieces such as carrot sticks, cheese and crackers and some precooked bread products such as nutritious cookies or muffins.

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**Bronte All-Sports
Booster Club news**

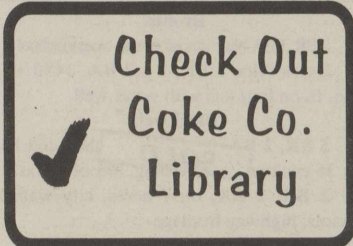
On Monday, August 18th, 2003, at 6:30 pm, the Bronte All-Sports Booster Club met for their regular meeting (held every Monday night at 7:00 pm at the school library). There were 20 enthusiastic parents and Bronte supporters in attendance who were greatly appreciated, but at last calculation, we have 100 plus student athletes (7-12 grades) who will be participating in competitive athletics at our school. Of course, this is a busy time of the year, and there are many other activities parents are involved in for our kids at school and this is understandable. But even under those circumstances, it would seem more could have attended.

A very good reason to be a BASB member and enthusiast is that our Longhorn high school football team has 12 seniors with at least 3 years experience, and a large, enthusiastic BASB membership can help rally the team to a more successful season. And if that doesn't stir your competitive spirits and community pride, step over to the gym to be a BASB part of your kids and the States 3rd ranked Lady Longhorns volleyball team which has 6 seniors. Can you be an influence on their run for the state playoffs? Of course you can, become involved in your kids athletics to benefit as many of the kids in our athletic programs (grades 7-12) as possible. The enrollment in the elementary school is the largest it's ever been. Committee positions and your involvement in BASB are still needed and wanted. These reasons are the best reasons to be a part of BASB.

Officers are (and can be contacted at any time): Randy Springer, President (473-7018, Mickey Ehl, Secretary (282-2083, Alisa Webb, Treasurer (473-2811), Kenny White, 1st Vice-President, Becky Wills, 2nd Vice-President and a 3rd Vice-President, Gloria Allen.

The kids need your support as the club prepares for the season, and the statewide respected Bronte volleyball tournament on

September 5 & 6. The next meeting is Monday, August 25th, 2003, at 7:00 pm at the Bronte school library. Come on folks "Let's Get'er Done".



The Coke County Library has received several donations of books recently that will relieve the Dog Days of Summer syndrome. Too hot to garden, the swimming pool is closed, too hot to cook, the kids are in school, it's time to start a reading habit. Besides helping to stave off Alzheimer's, books from the library are free. From romance to western to mystery to non-fiction, the choices increase at the library.

The "Dog Days" term came from ancient days when the stars were not obscured by lights and the people drew images in the sky - sort of a "connect the dots" - game. The images seen by the Egyptians were different from the Chinese and they were different from the Native Americans. These images are called constellations now. The brightest of the stars in the constellation Canis Major (the big dog) is Sirius. In the summer Sirius, the "dog star" rises and sets with the sun. The ancients believed that the earth received heat from it also. Romans named the period of time that the star was in conjunction with the sun "dog days."

Story Hour will begin September 7 at 10:00 am for all three to five year olds in the county. Story Hour lasts about 45 minutes and includes a story, an activity, a treat and video. Children learn to listen, interact, check out books, and enjoy the library during Story Hour. Parents and care-givers are welcome.

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 24/7 book-drop on the front porch of the library.

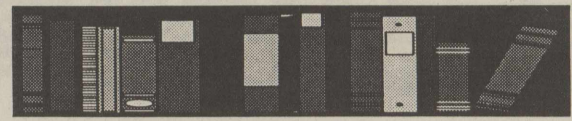
Corley reunion held

A Corley reunion was held on Aug. 9th & 10th at the Tidwell Ranch at Marie. Families attending were: from Bronte: James & Brenda Tidwell, Mary & Jim Morrow, Becky Cochran, Benny & Jackie Corley, J. B. & Martha Arrott, Effie Corley, Jack & Glenda Corley, Deana, Cliff & Nicole Reed; from San Angelo: Jim Bob Arrott, Allen Latham, Travis & Shelene Black, Caleb Usry, Kaci, Kacelyn & Lynn Follis, and John Belew; from Rankin: Tommy & Joyce Latham; from Monahans: Denny Latham; from Veribest: Karen & Whitney Ensor; from Mertzon: Shannon, Tristan & John Morrow; from Wingate: Conda, Tami & Kyler Richards; from Midland: Davis & Eileen Corley; from Winters: Peggy & Scotty Belew; from Crane: Rusty & Coby Corley; from Panther Creek: Tyler & Caylor Corley & friend John; from Mason: Kenley & Chance Stockbridge; from Arlington: Jordyn Tidwell & friends, Jessica Klassen & Megan Brown; from Nolan: friends, Margie, Elroy, Donald, Mitch, & Lindsey Butler; from Milano: friends, Jantzen & Jaxson Robinson.

On Saturday, golfing, swimming, washers, clothes line golf, dominoes & visiting were enjoyed by everyone. The young people challenged the older ones in a game of clothes line golf. The older people won! The women then challenged the men in a game of clothes line golf. The men won!

Sunday was a special day as family church was held outdoors. Everyone reported having a very good weekend.

**School
Menu**



Bronte School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Aug. 25**
Cereal, apple sauce, toast, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 26**
Blueberry muffin, apple juice, teddy grams, milk
- Wednesday, Aug. 27**
Sausage, grape juice, biscuit, milk
- Thursday, Aug. 28**
Breakfast pizza, apple juice, milk
- Friday, Aug. 29**
Pancake & sausage on a stick, orange juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Aug. 25**
Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, banana pudding, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 26**
Frito pie, chili & cheese, tossed salad, pinto beans, corn chips, jello, milk
- Wednesday, Aug. 27**
Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, corn on the cob, rolls, white cake chocolate icing, milk
- Thursday, Aug. 28**
Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk
- Friday, Aug. 29**
Chick-fil-lay sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, bun, chocolate chip cookies, milk

**Robert Lee
School Menu**

Breakfast

- Monday, Aug. 25**
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 26**
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, Aug. 27**
Juice, sausage, biscuit, cereal, milk
- Thursday, Aug. 28**
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Friday, Aug. 29**
Juice, French toast, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Aug. 25**
Burrito, salad, tator tots, pineapple, ice cream, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 26**
Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wednesday, Aug. 27**
Corn dogs, broccoli/carrots with Ranch dip, French fries, fresh fruit, milk
- Thursday, Aug. 28**
Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, applesauce, milk
- Friday, Aug. 29**
Hot dog, chili & cheese, pork & beans, fritos, peaches, milk

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ments right on the windshield. Just pick your payment and then pick your vehicle. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under factory warranty. "With our pre-owned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Mr. Beaty added.

Extra sales and finance staff will be on hand to assure customers prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Beaty said, "We'll have over \$4 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

Trade-ins will be accepted, and customers should bring their title or payment book to expedite delivery.

"The opportunity San Angelo area bargain-hunters have been waiting for happens this Wednesday through Saturday at Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$59 then start making payments.* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Beaty.

After the \$59 Super Sale ends at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to (915) 949-1811. Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is located at 4105 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

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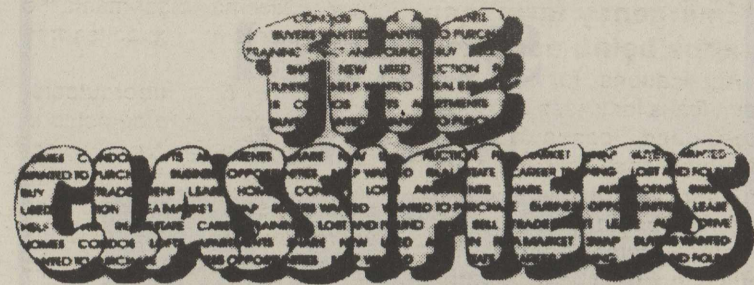
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Thanks again, Clint Head & family **05-1tp**

KASSANDRA AND I
would like to thank each person who helped with our Quinconera. We are very grateful for all your help. We would also like to thank everyone for the gifts. They were all great. I continue to pray for each one of you. You all made our day very special. Thank you once again and may God Bless you always.
Sincerely,
Stephanie Trejo & Cassandra Galvan **05-1tc**

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DABNEY WINSTON BLAYLOCK, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DABNEY WINSTON BLAYLOCK were issued on August 13, 2003, in Cause No. 1634 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to:
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The residence of such Executrix is Coke County, Texas. The mailing address for the Executrix is:
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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Applications for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses caused by drought that occurred from January 1, 2002, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Sweetwater.

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 emergency designation will be accepted until 2/27/2004 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing. The FSA office in Sweetwater is open from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

USDA amends bovine Tuberculosis

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is amending the bovine tuberculosis regulations regarding state and zone classifications by removing New Mexico from the list of accredited-free states and adding it to a list of modified accredited advanced states. This action is being taken to help prevent the

spread of tuberculosis because New Mexico no longer meets the requirements for accredited-free state status.

Recently, two tuberculosis-affected herds were detected in Roosevelt County, N.M. Under the regulations, if two or more affected herds are detected in an accredited-free state or zone within a 48-month period, the state or zone will be reclassified as modified accredited advanced. The two herds have been quarantined, and a complete epidemiologic investigation into the potential sources of the disease is being conducted. In cooperation with the state, APHIS has tested area cattle continuously for tuberculosis since the disease was detected.

Notice of this action is published in the July 24 Federal Register and becomes effective upon publication. However, the date for complying with certain requirements of 9 CFR 77.10 for sexually intact heifers, steers and spayed heifers moving interstate from New Mexico is Sept. 30.

Siren warning signals

Tornado sirens for the City of Robert Lee are: 3 long blast is a public warning to take immediate shelter. If a tornado is spotted, or the city is in imminent danger of Severe Weather or very large hail, the fire department members, who are also the Skywarn Team, and are out checking the skies, are in contact with the National Weather Bureau, and they will set off the siren. 3 long blasts of the siren is the signal to take shelter, preferable a sturdy building, storm cellar or interior room or hall. 1 long blast of the siren will signal the all clear.

The fire department utilizes the sirens, when there is a fire or meeting. 2 blasts of the siren is a call for firemen to assemble at the station.

dates, she matches medical professionals with health care organizations in need of their services.

The need for the program is staggering. More than half of the counties in Texas have a serious shortage of medical personnel. There are 138 counties in Texas without the services of a pediatrician and 24 counties have no primary care physicians.

The federal government designates an area as a health professional shortage area when the ratio of primary care physicians is one for every 3,000 or more people. Texas has 130 counties that are designated as shortage areas throughout the state in urban and rural communities. And part of 10 other counties are so designated.

The year-old program was started with a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The program's database lists physicians, dentists, physician assistants, specialists, certified nurse midwives and nurses at the registered nurse level or higher and community clinics, hospitals and medical practices where their services are needed.

There are more than 100 candidates in the database and almost 300 openings in more than 100 Texas communities. The program has facilitated matches for places as far-flung as Cotulla and Arlington and as diverse as San Antonio and Groesbeck.

The program is free. Gleasman explains how the program works, "We send the candidates' profiles of each site that appear to match their interests. They let us know which one they're interested in, and at that time we send the profile of the person to the site."

The benefits of the process of self-selection include confidentiality since candidates will know which sites will receive their information in advance

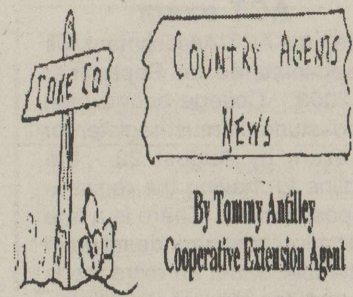
and candidates looking for jobs in rural areas won't be sent to urban areas and vice versa.

Since the program began, in January 2001, there have been nine matches. Gleasman says this record is on par with other states during the first year of operation. Kristin Kang, a physician assistant, was the first. Kang moved from a professional school in suburban Piscataway, New Jersey to small-town Luling, Texas. She faced some surprises. Luling has a population of a few thousand and one main road. Kang wasn't accustomed to seeing cows on her morning commute.

Why Luling? Kang says, "Cathy Gleasman gave me the profile about Luling, what it was like and what they were looking for, and I really liked it." Once Kang visited and interviewed for the position, she knew it was a good match. Kang cites the matching of candidates' skills to site needs as the greatest strength of the Texas Practice Sites Program.

After searching for more than six months, Sherry Hill, director of the Gonzales and Luling Community Health Centers, had not found a physician's assistant for the Luling clinic. The TDH program sent her a dozen candidates as possible matches. Hill interviewed a few by phone before proceeding with face-to-face interviews. Kang really stood out. "I liked her education. She had a real feel for working with indigent patients in a rural setting," Hill said.

Not all of the sites are in rural shortage areas and some offer incentives - moving expenses, income guarantees or job relocation services for spouses--to medical professionals. Interested applicants can enroll or find out more about the program via the Internet by visiting



Willow Baccharis control tested

A new brush test has been placed on John Jacobs ranch two miles west of Robert Lee on highway 158. The plots are located on the south side of the highway. There are two different areas that are infested with Willow Baccharis.

The area on the west end of the pasture was treated utilizing the Brush Busters leaf spray with a mixture of 1% Grazon P+D (Picloram and 2-4D) in water with surfactant and dye. Cost of this mixture to treat the plot was \$3.89.

The area on the east side was treated with a mixture of 1% Weedmaster (2-4D) in water with surfactant and dye. Cost of mixture for this plot was \$4.47. Difference in cost is mainly due to cost of Weedmaster A \$34/gal versus P+D \$27.83/gal. The plants were leaf sprayed until completely covered. Also, there were several clumps of cat claw located just west of the gate that were treated with a leaf spray of 1/2% Reclaim and 1/2% Remedy mixed with water, surfactant and dye (same mix as Brush Buster mesquite leaf spray). Cost of this mixture for the plot was \$1.75 to treat ten large clumps or 17.5 cents per clump. The plants were sprayed to cover leaf area but not to point of runoff. Both of these tests will be monitored over the next couple of growing seasons for efficacy.

How to manage wildlife and keep your Ag Valuation

If you are a landowner that is managing for wildlife and would like to keep your Ag Valuation exemption for the property, this seminar is for you. The program will be held August 21, 2003, at the LCRA Riverside Conference Center in Bastrop, TX. The program is put on by the Cooperative Extension's Texas Leadership Institute in conjunction with PLATEAU Integrated Land and Management, Inc.

Registration is \$99.00 which includes lunch, materials, and instruction, and is due by August 14, 2003. The program will begin at 8:30 am with registration and conclude at 5:15 pm. You will learn about: *Wildlife Appraisal Legislation that affects Texas landowners

*Requirements for Wildlife Valuation

*Developing a "Wildlife Management" plan using appropriate techniques for the region

*Documenting wildlife practices for the appraisal.

Registration forms may be obtained at the Coke County Extension office in the courthouse. If you have any questions please call (325) 453-2461.

Matching medical professionals

Cathy Gleasman, coordinator for the Texas Practice Sites Program for the Texas Department of Health (TDH), is a matchmaker. No, she doesn't set up people on blind

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Coke, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Coke, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday.

Sept. 13, 2003, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el Sabado, Sept. 13, 2003 para votar)

en la Elección Especial para _____ (para adoptar o rechazar la _____)
enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 78a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

- Pct. 1 - Robert Lee Senior Building
- Pct. 2 - Bronte Senior Building
- Pct. 3. coke county courthouse
- Pct. 4. Bronte Depot

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

Coke County Clerks Office - County Courthouse
Coke County Clerk's Oficina (location) (sitio) - county courthouse

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

Issued this the 18th day of August, 2003.

(Emitida este día 18th de Agosto, 2003.)

Roy Blum
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

Just trying to help the good folks at Bronte

[Editor's Note: The following article was forwarded to me by Lonnie Rankin, who publishes the "Miles Messenger" newspaper. It originally appeared in the July 17, 2003, issue of the "Jeff Davis County Mountain Dispatch", at Fort Davis, in far West Texas.]

Dr. Allen Anthony keeps a close watch on his bills - after all, he and his wife Elizabeth are retired school teachers and like many here, every penny has a destination.

Anthony, who taught at Sul Ross State University for many years, recently told his wife, a longtime Fort Davis educator, that he was curious about an entry on his phone bill. About \$2 had been charged for "city taxes."

Now the Anthonys have been around Fort Davis for over a quarter century and were very aware there is not now, nor has there ever been a city tax - in fact, there is no city government.

So, Dr. Anthony decided to give MCI a call and ask the meaning of the \$2 charge.

He was told it was just like it said, "for city taxes." He explained there was not a city, and after a long pause was told it must be a mistake. He then asked the MCI spokeswoman just where the money was going since it wasn't going to Fort Davis. She left the phone for several minutes and came back with, "Bronte". Which, of course, is some 235 miles to the east.

College tuition assistance

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Thought the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that

have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 1000 different private scholarships sources. The scholarship list include the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 3209, Fairfax, VA 22038-3209.

AG office protects children

by Greg Abbott

Attorney General of Texas

The Internet has given child predators the anonymity to act on their perversions. That is why it is imperative for us to be vigilant in tracking down and locking up these predators. Today, law enforcement agencies across Texas and the nation are working together to bring justice to those who prey on our children.

The Texas Attorney General's Office formed the Internet Bureau to track online predators and train law enforcement officers. Our investigators are online every day looking for evidence of cybercrimes against children.

In the last three months, the Internet Bureau has intensified its efforts, arresting nearly a dozen suspected child predators. In a four-day period alone, investigators arrested four men.

Three of the men traveled to Hays County expecting to meet 13-year-old girls. Another traveled to Kendall County to meet what he thought would be a 13-year-old boy.

Three men have been charged with attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child. Another has been charged with criminal solicitation of a minor. Both charges are felonies.

The "children" the men stalked turned out to be Internet Bureau undercover investigators. The men allegedly initiated sex talk with the children in Internet chat rooms and allegedly planned to meet them to engage in sexual activity.

The true intentions of child predators are clear, and our

Internet Bureau officers have no qualms whatsoever about taking these people off the street and putting them behind bars when they cross the line. I will not tolerate the victimization of children.

While we are pleased that our efforts have been successful at taking predators out of chat rooms and putting them into jail cells, it is important to remember that you as parents are still the most effective tool at protecting your children.

The fact is, when you strike up a conversation by e-mail, you have no idea who you are dealing with. Predators use this fact to take advantage of trusting, curious young people. We turn the tables and use it against the predators. But too often the predator's target really is a child.

You can protect your child by taking some simple precautions. You should be aware that in chat rooms, someone may very well pick up on your child's youth, gender, and vulnerability. You might be shocked to find out how quickly a dangerous contact can occur. Our investigators posing as children have no problem attracting predators.

Surf the Internet with your children. This will allow you to assess the types of Web sites and chat rooms your children

visit. You may wish to place your computer in a family room or the kitchen, which will make it easier for you to monitor your children's Internet activity.

Establish ground rules for Internet surfing. Set the hours when your children can access the Internet, for how long, and what Web sites they can visit. Most Internet service providers (ISP) provide technical safeguards that allow parents to restrict certain Web sites. Contact your ISP for more information.

The Internet is a wonderful way for children to learn and grow. As long as you provide a little guidance, they can safely enjoy the World Wide Web.

Final date on NAP told

The final date to purchase a NAP policy on any small grain for grazing in our county is September 1, 2003. There can be no late-filed requests so producers need to come by the office and pay the \$100.00 before it's too late. This is on your small grain grazing crop.

Also, a reminder that September 1st is the final date to purchase crop insurance on your small grain. Don't forget, call your agent today.

For more information call us at 453-2751 or come by the office.

Register for ACT exam

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on September 27, 2003. College-bound high school students must register for the exam by August 22 - the deadline for having the registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of September 5, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can get registration packets from their high school counselors or register online at www.act.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools. Many colleges, including Yale, Duke, Amherst, Vassar, Colgate, Johns Hopkins and others will accept ACT scores in lieu of both SAT I and SAT II scores. The ACT is not an aptitude test - it is an academic achievement test that measures students on what they learned in high school. The test fee is \$26.

ACT's website (www.act.org) has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials. A free sample test is available from high school counselors in a brochure call Preparing for the ACT Assessment.



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