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## Health Fair slated for Wednesday, August 17

Texas Cooperative Extension in Coke County is hosting a Health Fair on Wednesday, August 17, 2005, from 10 am until noon at the Robert Lee Rec Hall, and from 2 pm until 4 pm, at the Bronte Community Center. The general public is invited to attend this health fair for both information on various health topics, as well as free blood sugar testing and blood pressure checks.

Information booths will be on hand with free brochures and bulletins. These include: Texas Cooperative Extension concerning the new Food Guide Pyramid, Angel Care Home Health, Lakeview Saveall, TLC, Vista Care, Family Home Medical, Lincare, Texas OxyCare, Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center, Concho Valley Drug & Alcohol Council, Bronte Health & Rehab Center, Robert Lee Care Center, Premier Health, Area on Aging, Health South and Artex Medical.

This program is being sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Family and Consumer Science Committee and Angel Care Home Health. All programs of Texas Cooperative Extension are available to everyone without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this program. We ask

that you contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461, as soon as possible, to advise us of the auxiliary aids that you will require.

### Jurist Summons need to be returned

District Clerk Mary Grim has informed the *Observer/Enterprise* that citizens who received a summons for jury duty for August 22, 2005, are not returning the juror questionnaire in a timely fashion.

If you received a summons for jury duty on August 22, 2005, please fill out the juror questionnaire and return it immediately to District Clerk Mary Grim at the Coke County Courthouse. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Grim at 453-2631.

### Last Day / Last Dip cancelled

The Last Day - Last Dip activity slated for August 20 at the Bronte Pool and Park has been cancelled due to the unanticipated early closure of the pool.

Bids for refurbishing the pool are currently being accepted through August 31. Further information on this project will be announced at a later date.

### 4-H & FFA validation tag order due for lambs and goats

Any 4-H or FFA member who plans to exhibit their lamb or goat at one of the major shows



**Vision Meeting!** Interested Robert Lee residents attend the third community meeting August 4 in the Commissioners Courtroom. Those attending began establishing goals for the city.

must have them validated with a state validation tag. Deadline for ordering these tags is August 19. Please contact the Extension office at 453-2461 to order your tags.

### Bronte Elementary to host Open House

Bronte Elementary School will be hosting an Open House Monday, August 15, from 3 to 4 pm. For more information, contact the school at 473-2251.

### FSA Program sign ups to end soon

The FSA office has been taking applications for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) and the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). Both LAP in Coke County and CDP in Coke and Sterling sign-up will end on the same day, September 9, 2005. Since there can be no late-filed applications it is important that any producer interested in either one of these programs come by the office as soon as possible.

Don't forget, September 9, 2005, is the last day to sign up for LAP and CDP.

### COC nomination period extended

There has been an extension given by Washington on nominating someone to the County Committee. Producers now have until August 15, 2005, to nominate an individual in LAA3 to the COC election ballot.

Producers may come by the office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

### RLVFD needs volunteers

The fire department needs volunteers. "Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman contact City Hall, any fireman, or call Bud Thompson at 453-4423.

There is a program for young adults. Cadets ages 16 to 18, with parents consent, receive Fire and Rescue training. They attend classes, and can go to the fires and observe only.

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings, first Monday of each month, and Training Classes, or work nights the other Mondays. Meetings are held at the fire station.

### Third RL vision meeting sets goals for community

A third community meeting was held in Robert Lee on Thursday, August 4, in the Coke County Commissioners Courtroom. A smaller group of citizens braved the rain storm to begin establishing goals for the community based on the vision for the town that was established on July 14, 2005.

Several goals emerged from the community-based vision. The goals were as follows: (1) Increase population; (2) Support local school system; (3) Broaden tax base to support infrastructure; (4) Support local businesses and seek new businesses; (5) Develop outdoor recreation assets; (6) Develop natural and cultural assets.

The next step in the process is to set objectives to achieve the goals. Goals define what is wanted; objectives outline how to reach the goals and establish a

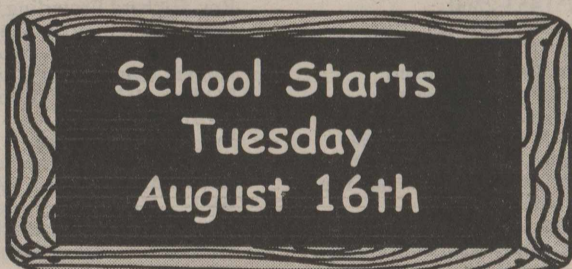
time-line for accomplishment. The community has the "what" in the goals set; and now comes the more difficult task of proposing what must be done to reach the goals.

On Tuesday, August 23rd at 5:30 pm at the Big Rec Hall in the Coke County Park, the next step will be taken in deciding on a plan which will direct the future of Robert Lee. By establishing objectives for the next three to five years, Robert Lee will be able to move forward by accomplishing each objective. Mary Kay Kuss of the Workforce Development Board and Lisa Michaelwicz of the Small Business Association will chair the meeting. Their knowledge of community planning and government programs is a valuable resource.

Once the objectives have been established, two more meetings will be held to decide upon strategies which will tell "how" the objectives will be met and then action steps will identify "who" will be taking action on the strategies within the next three to five years.

Robert Lee exists today because of the volunteers in the community who have served the EMS, the RLVFD, governmental boards, the school, and the service organizations. Most volunteers in small towns serve in more than one capacity. Their leadership has been unrecognized for the most part, but has remained dedicated. Volunteers are self-directed people who know and take satisfaction by meeting a community

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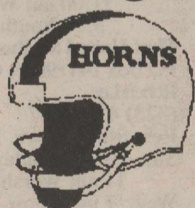
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## Death Notices

### Bailey

Michael "Jared" Bailey, 16, died Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services for Jared were held at 11 am on Saturday at Roy Salee Gymnasium in Ira with Rev. Mike Henson and Rev. Kenneth Martin officiating. Burial followed in Fairmont Cemetery in Bronte, directed by Bell - Cypert - Seale Funeral Home.

Michael is survived by his parents, Dana and Michael Bailey; sister, Jordan Bailey of Ira; grandparents, Donald & Joyce Bailey of Bronte and Duane & Dorothy Goodnight of May; aunts, uncles and cousins.

### Blumentritt

Marvin "M.V." Blumentritt, 87, of San Angelo, passed away on Friday, Aug. 5, 2005 in San Angelo Community Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in San Angelo. Graveside service with military honors followed in Lawnhaven Cemetery.

Marvin leaves behind his wife, formerly of Bronte, Prestin Davis Blumentritt, two sons, David Blumentritt and USAF Lt. Col. John W. Blumentritt and five grandchildren.

### Fish fry honors new members of Masonic Lodge & Eastern Star

Members of the Hayrick Masonic Lodge in Robert Lee hosted an Old Fashioned Fellowship and Fish Fry to honor their members and members of Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187. Families of these members were also invited. The event took place at the Lodge Hall in Robert Lee Friday, July 29, 2005.

Those frying fish were Bobby Roberts, John Jacobs, George Gray, Pete Prentice, Bobby Blaylock, and David Chesshir. Their wives assisted in preparing and serving cole slaw, beans, cobbles, and the trimmings. Those who attended had plenty of good food and a lot of good visiting.

### Roberts family attends Eastern Star Founders Day Family Picnic

Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Kacey Roberts, and James Roberts of Robert Lee attended the Eastern Star Founders Day Family Picnic at Pruitt Park on Spring Creek south of San Angelo, Saturday, August 6, 2005. Each year in the past the event has been held in Arlington, Texas, to honor Rob Morris, the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Worthy Grand Matron of Texas decided since the Eastern Star property in Arlington had been sold that each 50 sections in Texas would hold an individual event.

District 5 Section 1 and 2 which includes, Ballinger No. 266, Brady No. 167, Bronte No. 1048, Concho No. 826, Paint Rock No. 391, Robert Lee No. 187, San Angelo No. 10, Winters No. 80, Ft. McKavett No. 783, Sonora - Eldorado No. 575 and Ozona - Big Lake No. 287 joined together for this picnic. The event was organized by Jerry and Betty Fountain, Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron of San Angelo No. 10 and were assisted by the Founders Day Committee Members Leonard Leverington of Bronte, Pat Wittenborn and Janet Vogt of San Angelo. Fred and Pat Thomas of San Angelo No. 10, also, assisted.

Others from Coke County attending were Lois and Leonard Leverington from Oak Creek - Blackwell. The food, visiting, and outing was greatly enjoyed by all that attended.

### 90th celebration held for Wylie

Mary May Wylie was honored Saturday, August 6, at the Robert Lee Care Center with a birthday luncheon to celebrate

her 90th birthday. Attending were her daughters and son-in-law, Prescilla Davis of San Angelo, Fran and Mike Lomas and dear friend DeeAnna Harmon.

On her birthday, Thursday, August 11th, she celebrated the day serving cake to the staff and residents of the Care Center.

### Ross family gathers for annual Round-Up

On Saturday, July 23, 2005, the children of the late Roy & May Ross, along with their families, gathered at the Senior Center in Robert Lee for the 15th annual Ross Round-Up. The first of the crowd arrived around 8 am and enjoyed coffee and sweet rolls for breakfast.

Others came in throughout the morning and at noon, 49 of the family members enjoyed a pot luck lunch together.

Following the midday meal, there was a brief business session to plan the reunion for next year. The remainder of the afternoon was spent eating, visiting, swimming, eating, golfing, and picture taking. Several of the group stayed to enjoy eating leftovers for the evening meal.

Those attending this year were Marie, Dennis and Roxie Ross, Barbara and Elmer Adkins, Wallace and Billie Ross, Nellie, Ricky, Becky, Mason and Meagan Ross, Jo Nell, Tommy and Amanda Blair, and Royce and Alice Wallace, all from Robert Lee. From Brownwood were Preston and Norma Ross, Chris, Gina, Seth and Emily Ross. Others attending included Mike, Sam and Stacie Conley, Diane, Leslie, Cressie and Patton McClatchy from Bangs; and Beau, Natalie and Hunter Blair from Lubbock. There were also 3 guests for lunch and 2 other friends of family members came by to visit, Foster Allen, Garrett Blair, Jonathan Pagan, Ethan Green, and Maudie Conley.

Everyone seemed to enjoy a most pleasant, relaxing day and are looking forward to

next year.

### Williams affirmed Oral Historian of Coke County Veterans

Donna Borden of the Library of Congress in Washington has affirmed Frankie Beth Fletcher Williams as Oral Historian of the Coke County Veterans Oral History Project, which will be housed in the Library of Congress. Frankie always described herself as a Coke Countian who lived 42 years in Las Vegas, Nevada. She attended the old Green Mountain School, the Robert Lee School and the same schools in Houston that Dan Rather attended, Lamar, Jeff Davis and John Marshall.

She served in the USO in World War II. She was a leader of Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Webolos, past President of PTA and Business and Professional Women.

Always active in business, owner of "Frankie's", a fine clothing store for ladies and a partner in Williams Mattress and Upholstery Company. Frankie went back to school in Las Vegas. She belongs to the honor societies at Clark County Community College and UNLV. She made the Dean's List the one semester she was able to attend full time. She was Historian for the Orphan Train Society in Nevada and also Clark County Museum's Heritage Street which is now associated with the Smithsonian in Washington.

She was an officer in Clark County Democratic Ladies Club, Pointers, Italian Genealogical Search Group and Southern Nevada Women's History Project, a Pilot Project in the United States formed for the gather-



Frankie Beth Fletcher Williams

ing of history about the roles and contributions of Nevada women of every class, race and ethnic background. She is very proud to have been a lobbyist with NWHP, obtaining legislation to place Sarah Winnemucca, an Indian Princess, in the Hall of Statues in Washington and raising enough money to make it happen.

Interviews with Coke County Veterans will begin in September. Frankie can be reached at 453-4478.

### Fund to benefit Fluhmann set up

A fund has been opened at Robert Lee State Bank to assist the Fluhmann family.

Mike Fluhmann recently has had severe heart trouble and is in need of a heart transplant.

### Caliche Loop Bird & Wildlife Refuge sets Sunday evening picnic sessions

Everyone is invited to the Red Canyon Bird Habitat every Sunday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 to roast marshmallows and enjoy the peace of the bird sanctuary. Bring your chairs and drinks and come visit. There will also be grills available for hot dogs and hamburgers if you wish to bring and cook them. FMI call 453-4488.

## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

<p><b>Bronte Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 346 • 118S. Jefferson                  Bronte                  (325) 473-3291                  Preacher John V. Driggers                  Sun. 10 am &amp; 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm</p> <p><b>Central Baptist Church</b>                  324S. Franklin • Bronte                  (325) 473-4811                  Tim White, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 6 pm Worship                  Wed. 6 pm</p> <p><b>Emmanuel Pentecostal</b>                  PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2360                  Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am &amp; 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b>                  424S. Washington • Bronte                  (325) 473-2331                  Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor                  Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,                  10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth                  and Worship                  Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  Corner of Washington &amp; Holmes                  Bronte                  (325) 473-3281                  Rev. Larry Tianen                  Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School                  11:00 am Worship                  5:00 Youth</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  PO Box 144 • 9th &amp; Chadbourne                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2417                  Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School                  11 am Worship                  Wed. 7 pm Choir</p> <p><b>Iglesia Bautista Bethel</b>                  101 Houston • Robert Lee                  (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296                  Pastor: Basilio Esquivel                  Sun. 9:45, 11:00, &amp; 11:30 am                  &amp; 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm</p>	<p><b>Northside Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 388 • 9th &amp; Chadbourne                  Robert Lee                  (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685                  Portis Ribble, Minister                  Services: Sun. 10 am &amp; 1:30 pm;                  Wed. 6 pm</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church</b>                  601 W. 10th, Robert Lee                  (325) 365-2687                  Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor                  Sat. 6 pm</p> <p><b>Pecan Baptist</b>                  PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee                  on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004                  Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 7 pm, Worship</p> <p><b>Robert Lee Baptist Church</b>                  PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th                  (325) 453-2724                  Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 7 pm, Worship                  Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>Southside Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 698 • 8th &amp; Houston                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2176                  Frank J. Daniels, Preacher                  Sun. 10 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 7 pm, Worship</p> <p><b>Tennyson Baptist Church</b>                  Hwy 277 • Tennyson                  Joe Hodges, Pastor                  (325) 473-2040                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  11:00 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>Victory Assembly of God</b>                  PO Box 638 • 6th &amp; Houston                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2208                  Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  10:45 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting</p>
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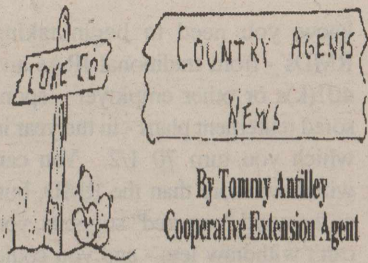


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## Career Opportunities

Call: Greg Windham, District Manager  
 325/486-9700 to see if you qualify.



By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

**Animal ID highlights beef conference**

The proposed National Animal Identification System will highlight Texas Cooperative Extension's Big Country Beef Conference. The event is set for 8 am Aug. 25 in the Big Country Hall located on the Taylor County Expo Center grounds in Abilene.

Robert Pritz, Extension agent for Callahan County and a coordinator for the biennial conference, said the program will focus on the identification program and ways beef producers can earn premiums for source-verified cattle.

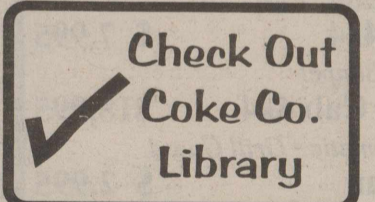
"Due to demand by both consumers and foreign markets, retailers are beginning to pay premiums for beef from source-verified cattle," Pritz said. "Identifying cattle and managing the resulting information are key factors to ensuring that the nation's beef supply is a safe, wholesome, top-quality product. Our goal for this program is to equip regional beef producers with the latest beef cattle management information available, so they can maximize profits on the current strong cattle market."

Program topics include: Maximizing Small Grains, Herd Health Management, Current Market Trends and Foreign Animal Disease Impacts, Premise Identification and Animal Identification Programs, Source Verification & ID Program - Working to the Producers Advantage, National ID Data Collection Process - Impacts/Concerns to Producers, and "Facilities and Equipment - Making it Work at the Ranch."

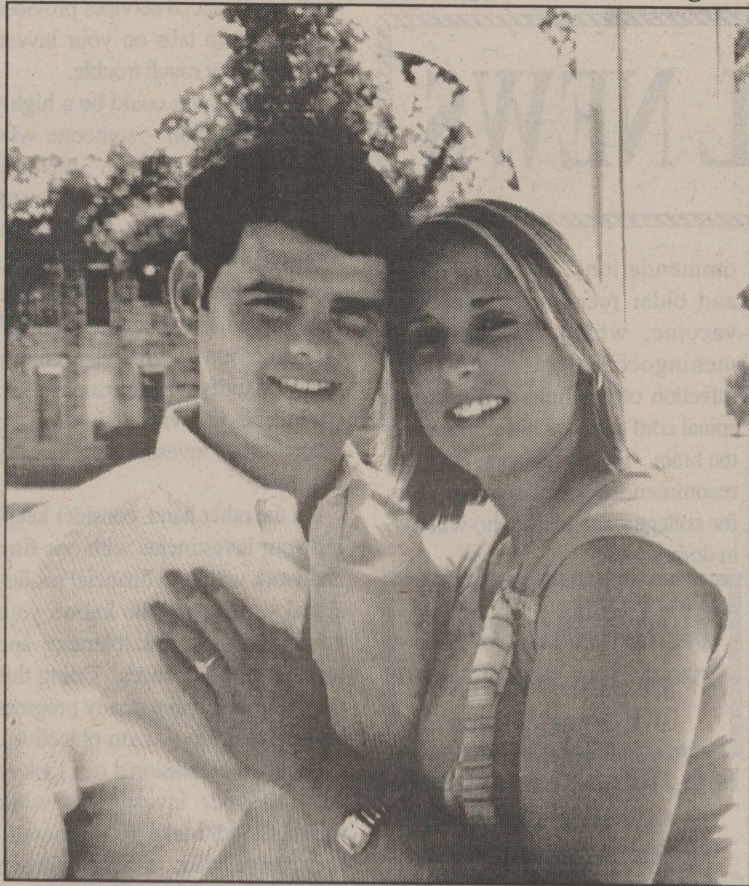
The conference is sponsored by the Extension offices in Callahan, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford and Taylor counties.

Individual registration by Aug. 19 is \$5. After Aug. 19, the cost is \$15.

To register or for more information call the Extension office in Taylor County at (325) 672-6048, or call any of the sponsoring county Extension offices.



The Coke County Library is getting ready for a new Story Hour time. Mrs. Trish Rowe will direct the program on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am beginning on September 13th. Children ages three to five years old can enroll in the program on September 13, or anytime during the year. The starting date is the Tuesday following Labor Day



**Engagement Announced!** *Cliffy and Deeana Reed of Bronte are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Natasha Dawn Reed, to Tommy Edward Neal of Warren, Texas. He is the son of Larry and Sheila Neal, also of Warren. Natasha's grandparents include J. B. and Martha Arrott and Clifton and Bonnie Reed, all of Bronte. Tommy's grandparents include Mrs. Betty Joyce Connor and the late Mr. Guy Connor, and the late Robert and Jimmie Neal, all of Warren.*

*The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Bronte High School. She attended Tarleton State University and is transferring to Angelo State University.*

*The prospective groom received his bachelor degree from Texas A & M University and a masters degree from Stephen F. Austin University. He is currently employed by Edward Jones Investments.*

*The couple plans to be wed October 1, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.*

holiday as that seems to be the best time for families who are getting other children off to school. Stories, activities, treats and a video fill the 45 minute time slot.

The Head Start Story Time will be held at a time convenient for the staff and children in Head Start program and this will be announced soon. For the last several years the Head Start staff have braved the elements to walk with the children to the library. The event is inspiring to watch, and an extra lap is always welcome.

The Summer Fun Reading Program was a big success thanks to enthusiastic local readers and some visiting

grandchildren who were also serious readers. Readers are asked to look under the bed for any Coke County Library books and return them before school starts. Books may be returned to the book drop on the porch of the library on a 24/7 basis. The Main Street Market in Bronte will accept returned books also. Several Bronte readers are good enough to bring the books back when they come to the library.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Beginning Tuesday, September 13, Story Hour for three to five year old children will be held at 10 am.

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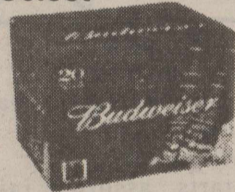


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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Bronte All Sports Booster news

By Randy Springer  
On Tuesday, August 2, at 7 pm, the Bronte All-Sports Booster Club met for their first regular meeting of this school year at the school library.

Installed as new officers for the year were: President - Mike Harris; 1st VP - Kenny White/Kyle James (Concessions); 2nd VP - TBA (Fall Festival); 3rd VP - Gloria Allen (Fund - raising); Publicity/Media Relations - Randy Springer; Treasurer - Tammy Royall/Ann Bennett

BASB welcomes all the new officers (and hope they don't hate us at the end of the year). All will make a great contribution to BASB.

We heard from Coach Bohensky on volleyball and Coach Rawls and his staff, and all our kids have worked hard over the summer and made extensive improvements. The girls started scrimmaging last week and the boys travel to Irion County in Mertz on this Saturday (13th) for a 10 am scrimmage. BASB is looking forward to a great season.

The next regular meeting is Monday, August 15, at 7 pm at the library, and everyone with a child playing in junior high and high school should be there. "Meet the Longhorns Night", scheduled for the evening of August 18th, will be discussed and coaches will update us on scrimmages and practices.

For more information, please contact Mike at mike.harris@co.com-green.tx.us, Randy Springer, 473-7018, rmcspringer@msn.com, Kenny White, 473-5307, Alisa Webb, 473-2811, Gloria Allen, 473-2213, Tammy Royall, 473-2123.



**Breakfast**  
**Tuesday, August 16**  
Cereal, peaches, toast, jelly, milk  
**Wed., August 17**  
Pop tarts, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk  
**Thurs., August 18**  
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk  
**Friday, August 19**  
French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk  
**Lunch**  
**Tuesday, August 16**  
Pizza, tossed salad, corn, fresh fruit cup, milk  
**Wed., August 17**  
Nacho grande, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, apple, tortilla chips, milk  
**Thurs., August 18**  
Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), broccoli, Texas toast, peach cobbler, milk  
**Friday, August 19**  
Corn dog, French fries, baked beans, orange quarters, chocolate chip cookies, milk

Longhorn fan yard signs and maroon caps are available from Gloria Allen and myself. "Hook'em Horns".

## Bronte Band Boosters meeting set

The Bronte Band Boosters will have a meeting on Wednesday, the 17th, at 6 pm in the commons area at the school. FMI call 473-2511.

## BHS Band to issue horns & music

The Bronte High School band members will be issued horns & music from 9 - 3 on Friday (12th) & Monday (15th). The band members will receive these in the Bronte band hall.

## Youngsters require new vaccinations

As of Sept. 1, children in early - childhood programs must be vaccinated against Invasive Pneumococcal and Hepatitis A, the Texas Department of State Health Services reports.

Pneumococcal disease is caused by a bacterium that often leads to middle - ear infections, pneumonia, blood - stream infections, sinus infections and meningitis. The vaccine - also known as Prevnar and PCV7 - is required for children ages 2 months to 5 years attending public school facilities.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease most often spread by putting objects in the mouth that have been contaminated with the feces of someone who has the disease.

Children in pre-kindergarten programs who are 2 or older will need two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine given at least six months apart.

Also new this year is the rec-

ommendation that children 11 and older receive the menactra vaccine, which is to prevent meningococcal meningitis, an infection of the fluid of a person's spinal cord and the fluid surrounding the brain. This vaccination has been recommended for about five years for college - age teens who will live in dormitories.

## FINANCIAL FOCUS With Jim Woodruff of Edward Jones

### Is it time to consolidate your assets?

If you're like many people, you keep investment vehicles in different places. You might have started traditional IRAs with two or three financial - services providers while buying some stocks from still another. And you may also have purchased a fixed annuity from an insurance company. As long as you keep track of all these accounts, you might think it doesn't matter where they are "housed." However, if you scatter your investments here, there and everywhere, you could end up in uncharted territory when it's time to pull everything together.

What are some of the potential problems of keeping your investments at a variety of different institutions? For one thing, despite your best intentions, you could actually forget about one or more of your holdings. State treasurers' offices regularly advertise "unclaimed" property, including investments. People move, change jobs, divorce and undergo all sorts of changes in their lives - and sometimes, they leave their investment dollars behind. But, if you consolidate all your holdings

with one financial services provider, you can keep tabs on your investments without much trouble.

Of course, you could be a highly organized person - someone who would never "misplace" financial assets, no matter how dispersed. But, even so, your far - flung investments could slow your progress toward your important financial goals. If you maintain several different accounts, without a central focus or unifying philosophy, you could end up with redundant or inappropriate investments - a costly mistake.

On the other hand, consider keeping your investments with one firm and work with one financial professional - someone who knows your family situation, risk tolerance and investment preferences. Doing this may help you make steady progress toward your long - term objectives. A qualified professional can look at how all your investments work together, and make recommendations, as needed, to help improve your portfolio's performance within your stated level of risk.

### Required minimum distributions issues

Consolidating your various investment accounts can also help you in the area of required minimum distributions (RMDs). As you may

know, you need to begin taking RMDs - from traditional IRAs and 401(k)s or other employer - sponsored retirement plans - in the year in which you turn 70 1/2. You can withdraw more than the RMD, but, as the word "required" suggests, you can't withdraw less - and you could face tax penalties for taking less than the minimum or failing to take the RMD on time. Consequently, if you have multiple IRAs and employer - backed plans, you'll have to "reel them in" at the right times to make sure you're making the proper RMD moves.

If you do have several IRAs, from various providers, you'll need to determine the RMD for each IRA separately. You may, however, choose to aggregate your RMDs for any given year from a single account. Again, though, you will find it much easier to track your RMD options if all your IRAs are "under the same roof." Plus, your financial professional can help you decide if the aggregate RMD route is the one to take. (Your 401(k) or similar employer - sponsored plan cannot be aggregated with your IRAs to determine your RMD.)

So there you have it - some reasons to consolidate your investment accounts. Consider taking this step to simplify your life.

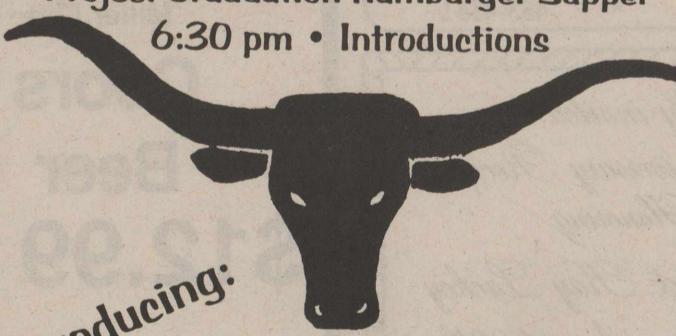
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**MEET THE LONGHORNS!**  
Thursday Evening • August 18  
Bronte Park  
5:30 pm  
Project Graduation Hamburger Supper  
6:30 pm • Introductions



Introducing:  
Bronte Student Athletes  
Bronte Coaching Staff  
Bronte Cheerleaders  
Longhorn Band

**Meet the Steers scrimmage slated**

Travel to May, Texas, this Saturday for a 6 pm Robert Lee Steer Scrimmage to see the upcoming football team and cheerleaders in action. Then, stay home to support the Robert Lee Steers at "MEET THE STEERS NIGHT!"... the Steers will meet Panther Creek on Saturday, August 19, 2005, for their 2nd scrimmage, slated to begin at 6 pm at the Robert Lee Football Stadium.

Serving for donations, the Robert Lee Booster Club will have hot dogs and drinks. Memberships will be available.

The scrimmage will be followed by the traditional "Meet the Steers and Dogies", including all athletes and Stomping Steer Band members. Open to ALL Robert Lee interested fans, the Robert Lee Booster Club will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the high school library.

Let's all wear our orange and black and come together as a community to give our school the support it deserves.

For more information on the Booster Club, contact President Vic Conner, VP, Jimmy Munoz, Secretary, Cynthia Dillard, Treasurer, Patty Percifull or Reporter, Mary Rodriguez. See you there!

**RLISD posts meal prices**

Meal prices for the 2005-2006 school year at Robert Lee Independent School District are listed below.

Breakfast: Reduced, \$.30; Pre-K through 12th grade students, teachers, staff and visitors, \$1.00; extra milk, \$.35.

Lunch: Reduced, \$.40; Pre-K through 6th grade students, \$1.75; 7th through 12 grade students, \$2.00; teachers and staff, \$2.50; visitors, \$3.00; extra milk, \$.35.

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.

**Mountain Creek Golf 2005 Tourney schedule**

August 13 - Casey Eubanks 3 person select shot

August 27 - Suzie Wilson 3 person select shot

September 17 & 18 - Coke County Couples

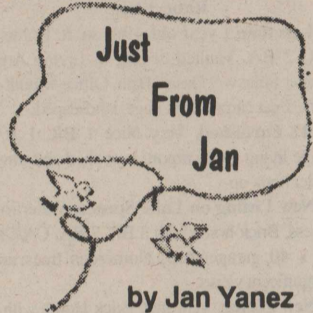
October 8 & 9 - Club Championship

The Annual Thursday night Special Scramble starts at 6 pm. Call in or be there by 5:30. Clubhouse phone is 453-2317.

**Cattleman's Scholarship deadline announced**

The National Cattleman's Foundation, in conjunction with

the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, will award 20 - \$1,500 college scholarships to students who intend to pursue a career in the beef industry. Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors or full-time under graduate students enrolled at a two-year or four-year college. Application deadline is September 30, 2005. Please contact the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau office at 453-4505 for more information and applications.



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

**Choosing the Correct Backpack for Your Child**

It's that time of year again -- back-to-school time! Many parents and children prepare for that first day of school by doing some back-to-school shopping, which often involves buying new clothing, pens, pencils, paper, markers, etc. However, backpacks are one of the biggest necessities for both college-aged and younger students, and it's important to choose wisely.

There are so many backpacks to choose from, and choosing the right one for your child is not always easy. Backpacks come in all sizes, colors, fabrics, and shapes, all of which help kids express their own sense of style. As practical as backpacks are for those who use them, backpacks can cause strained muscles and joints and back pain when worn incorrectly.

The human spine is made up of 33 bones called vertebrae, and between the vertebrae are discs that act as shock absorbers. When something heavy such as a backpack filled with books is incorrectly placed on your child's shoulders, the force of that extra weight can pull your child backwards. To compensate, your child may bend forward at the hips or arch his or her back, which can cause your child's spine to compress unnaturally. Because of the heavy weight he or she is carrying, your child might begin to develop shoulder, neck, and back pain. What can we do about this? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that before you purchase a backpack, look for the following five criteria:

\* Choose a lightweight backpack that doesn't add a lot of weight to your child's load. For

**ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS**

example, although leather backpacks look cool, they weigh more than traditional canvas backpacks.

\* Choose a backpack with two wide, padded shoulder straps. Straps that are too narrow can dig into shoulders.

\* Choose a backpack that has a padded back, which provides increased comfort and protects the wearer from being poked by sharp edges (such as pencils, rulers, notebooks, etc.) inside the backpack.

\* Choose a backpack that has a waist belt, which helps distribute the weight more evenly across the body.

\* Choose a backpack that has multiple compartments, which also helps distribute weight more evenly.

Although most backpacks come with two shoulder straps, this doesn't mean that your kids will use both straps! Many kids wear their backpacks over just one shoulder, which is the wrong thing to do. This makes the person lean to one side to offset the extra weight, and they might develop lower and upper back pain and strain their shoulders and neck. Wearing the backpack incorrectly can also lead to poor posture. So, make sure your children wear the backpack using both straps. It's also a good idea to tighten the straps enough for the backpack to fit close to the body, and it should sit 2 inches above the waist.

Girls and younger children may be especially at risk for backpack-related injuries because they're smaller and may carry loads that are heavier in proportion to their body weight. Doctors recommend that people (especially children) carry backpacks that are no more than 10 to 15 percent of their body weight. For example, if a child weighs 80 pounds, 15 percent of his or her body weight is 12 pounds. So, for an 80 pound child, the backpack and its contents should not weigh more than 12 pounds, but remember, lighter is always better.

**Lifting and Positioning Backpacks**

Children also need to know how to lift and position their backpack. Improper lifting can cause damage. Teach your children these four simple steps to safely lift their backpacks:

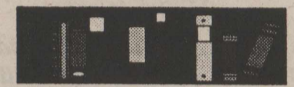
1. Face the backpack before you lift it.
2. Bend at the knees.
3. Using both hands, check the weight of the backpack.
4. Lift with your legs, not your back.
5. Carefully put one shoulder strap on at a time; never sling the backpack onto one shoulder.

Another option to consider when purchasing backpacks is to look for a backpack on wheels. However, these types of backpacks may be less practical than traditional backpacks because they're difficult to pull up stairs.

If you're thinking about purchasing a rolling backpack for your child, contact the child's school first to be sure that they are allowed. Many schools don't allow rolling backpacks because they pose a tripping hazard in the hallways.

By following these guidelines, your child will start off this school year with a healthy back!

**School Menu**



**Breakfast**

- Tuesday, August 16**  
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Wed., August 17**  
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
- Thurs., August 18**  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Friday, August 19**  
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

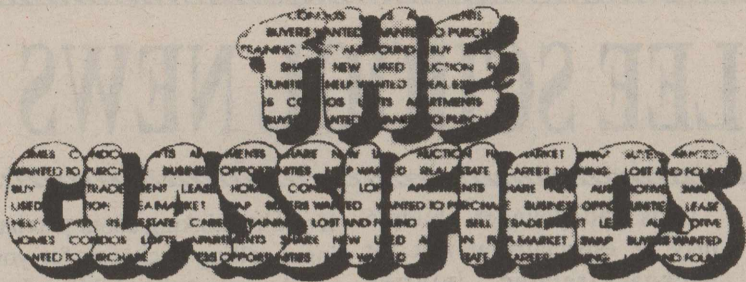
**Lunch**

- Tuesday, August 16**  
Corn dog, baked chips, pork & beans, diced pineapple, milk
- Wed., August 17**  
Bean chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, cheese, milk
- Thurs., August 18**  
Salisbury steak, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, strawberries, milk
- Friday, August 19**  
Burrito, salad, corn, fruit cup, milk

We would like to express our appreciation to the firefighters and all others who helped extinguish the Mitchell, Nolan and Coke County fire. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,  
Arledge Ranches


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**PIANO FOR SALE**  
 Excellent condition, console, \$850. Call 453-2804 after 6 pm. DeeAnna Harmon.  
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**FOR SALE**  
 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage. Needs some repair. Great location near school. Metal roof. \$12,750. 325-949-8027. Lacy & Co.  
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**FOR SALE**  
 1997 F-350 4x4, standard transmission, 460 engine, single cab with heavy duty Diamond "B" front and back bumpers and a gooseneck hitch and tailgate. New tires. \$5,000, OBO. Can be seen at Designs by Toni Beauty Shop or call (325) 450-8727 home, (325) 450-0439 office, or (325) 450-4281 mobile.  
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 28 x 42 Fleetwood doublewide on city lot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, front porch and fence, fenced backyard, covered back porch, 8 x 10 storage shed at 523 North Washington Street in Bronte. \$29,900. 473-6100.  
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 Plus ironing in my home in Robert Lee. Call Gina @ (325) 450-2196.  
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 in maintaining rural cemeteries or cemetery plots. Call George Grim at 453-9902 after 5:00 for scheduled or as needed maintenance.  
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**TREES**  
 Topped, trimmed or removed, Shrubs-brush. Call George Grim 453-9902 after 5.  
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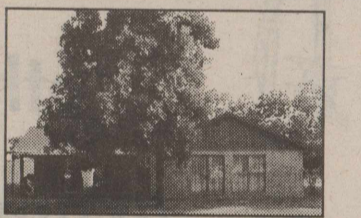
**HELP WANTED**

**NURSES UNLIMITED, INC**  
 needs attendants to assist with personal care, meal prep. and light housekeeping. Part time basis. Please call 1-888-859-0642, M-F; 8A - 5P. E.O.E.  
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 Water Valley location. Cashiers/Food Service workers. Apply in person.  
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**GARAGE SALES**

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 Bicycles, camouflage shirts and pants, electric saw, electric grinder, ladies clothes (12 - 14), ladies shoes (10), lawn mower, toolboxes, stove for workshop, weight bench, and miscellaneous items. Saturday, Aug. 13, 8 - 12, No Early Sales. 113 Driftwood, Bronte.  
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**New Listing on Lake Spence**, Waterfront access, Brick home with 3 BR, 2 BA, CA/CH, 30 x 40 garage/shop, Numerous trees and Magnificent views.  
**New Listing**, Very nice Brick Home with 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 Living Areas, Extra room for Office/Game Room, 2 car garage, 2 car carport, Privacy Fence.  
**2 BR, 1 BA**, 1 car garage, metal roof, CH/CA, workshop  
**It's Private! PRICE REDUCED!** On 2 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA very nice brick home with fireplace, large front porch with view, barn, sheds & pens.  
**Close to School!** 3 BR, 2 BA home with extra room, CA/CH, 2 car carport, on corner lot.  
**Brick Veneer Home** with 3 BR, 2 Bath, over 2560 sq. ft. Large living area with fireplace. Formal dining and living area, 14' x 16' shop.  
**Price Reduced AGAIN!** Brick Home with over one half acre, 3 BR, 1 1/2 Bath, Ceramic Tile floors, CA/CH, Metal roof,  
**Other Listings Available**

attached 2 car carport & Workshop.  
**3 BR, 2 Bath** home with CA/CH, Hardwood floors, Metal roof and 2 car carport with privacy fence.  
**Watch the wildlife from the front porch**, 2 BR, 1 BA Brick veneer home with metal roof.  
**3 BR, 1 Bath** home with screened-in porch with view, Possible Owner Finance \$20's  
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**Acres**  
**1023 +/- Acres**, All pasture and flat to rolling terrain with deep creeks and rough headers, 3 water wells and electricity, excellent deer hunting with turkey and quail  
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**338 +/- AC.** FM frontage, Rolling hills with deep creek, water well & electricity. Under wildlife management.  
**320 +/- AC.** Secluded, rolling terrain with hills and mountainous views, older rock home. Two water wells, crossed fenced. Good hunting.  
**314 +/- AC.** Live Oak trees on Yellow Wolf Creek, good water well, 230 ac. cultivation, good hunting.  
**New Listing! 195 +/- AC.** FM Road frontage. Some cultivation. Beautiful live water creek. Property runs to the Colorado River. Good hunting and fishing.  
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**80 +/- Acres**, Very nice ranch style home with 3 BR, 2 BA 2 Living Areas. All Steel Horse and Cattle Pens. 3 Large Barns.

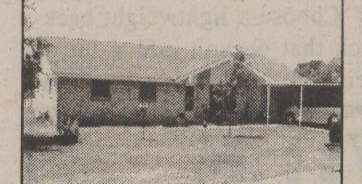
**COME RAIN OR SHINE**  
 garage sale. New Life in Christ. 214 N. Jefferson, Bronte. Baby clothes, childrens clothes, big size womens clothes, misc. Burritos.  
 04-1tc

**NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
 Coke County will receive bids for City of Bronte Swimming Pool Renovations until 2:00 pm, on August 31, 2005, at The C.T. Brannon Corporation, 1321 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 pm, on August 31, 2005, at the office of the Engineer. The project is partially funded through Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreation and Parks Account. Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of



**BRICK WITH METAL ROOF!** Approximately 28 x 24 Den with Fireplace! Kitchen has appliances & skylight! Double Car Garage/shop! Apartment in back! \$70's!



**NEAR GOLF COURSE & PARK!** 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Brick Home updated with ceramic tile in the entryway and dining room and Berber type carpet! Small screened porch and fenced yard. Double carport! \$60's!!!

work as follows: Modernization and installation of new pool equipment for existing swimming pool.

All quantities are estimated and subject to change. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of the C.T. Brannon Corporation and Coke County.

One (1) set of proposal, contract, and bonds, plans and specifications may be purchased for \$40.00 from The C. T. Brannon Corporation, 1321 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701, (903) 597-2122.

A cashier's check payable to the order of Coke County, in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid, or, Bid Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in Texas in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Coke County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Coke County for a period of not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

In order to assure that all potential bidders receive any corrections or addendums to the specifications, an official "Bidder's List" will be maintained in the Engineer's office for the project. Any notices of changes in the specifications will be sent to those on the "Bidder's List" and the Engineer will not be held responsible for those not on the list.

Judge Roy Blair  
 Coke County  
 August 2005  
 03-2tc

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**NOTICES**

**Indigent Health Care**  
P.O. Box 3622

San Angelo, Texas 76902

STERLING COUNTY will continue to use the following rules and procedures to comply with its responsibility under the INDIGENT HEALTH CARE TREATMENT ACT.

Effective September 1, 2005:

An Application Form can be obtained at the Stelling County Courthouse, via Judge Robert Browne. Assistance completing the application will be provided if needed. STERLING COUNTY will use rules and procedures found in the COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE HANDBOOK published by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In summary, these are the rules:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out.  
2. Verification of income, termination of income, residence, household composition, and resources are required.

3. Net income is figured on a gross monthly screening table found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Manual.

4. Liquid resource assets cannot exceed \$2,000 or \$3,000 if the house contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car can not be greater than \$4650. Personal property and homesteads are exempt assets.

5. Eligible persons must be residents of STERLING COUNTY and must intend to stay.

6. Applicants must provide all requested information and documentation requested, or applications will be denied.

7. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

STERLING COUNTY HAS

NO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY for Non-Emergency Services or Prescriptions rendered to eligible residents by Non-Mandated Providers.

STERLING COUNTY WILL ONLY ACCEPT AND PAY the Standard Payment rates as determined by Texas Department of State Health Services. These rates approximate AFDC Medicaid rates.

**RLVFD news**

By Marian Thompson  
Secretary

The fire department held its business meeting on Aug. 1st. 14 members were present. The minutes and Treasury report were approved and at 7:08, we got a 911 call of a fire on Water Valley Hwy., 1 mile east of Hwy. 87. This was the end of the meeting and it was agreed to come back on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Bud Thompson gave the monthly report for July: 1 business meeting, training classes were not recorded, 316 hours of activities, mostly repairing the trucks, (both of the brush trucks were out of service), 2 assist WCEMS with landing zones (1 was on Hwy. 158), not at the station, 18 fire calls, 12 county, 4 city, 2 other, 407 man hours (fire calls), 90 truck hours, 176 truck miles one way, 55 acres burned in Coke County, 3 MVAs, 2 grass fires. 1

assist Nolan/Mitchell County, 2 assist Bronte VFD, 3 range fires, 1 bees, 1 car fire, 1 controlled burn extinguished, 1 false alarm, 1 rattlesnake in house, and 1 mop up after the severe storm (looking for dangerous situations, trees, power lines, and check on welfare of residents).

Bud then read the mail he received regarding Fire Fighting Schools and from the M&M Ranch in Nolan County. We then held election of officers for the one year positions: President is Perry Kehrer, VP is Curtis Walker, Secretary/Treasurer is Marian Thompson, The Assistant Chief quit; so his term will be completed by the Captain, and we voted on a new Captain.

The amendments to the Constitution were then approved with a few changes. The Department Policies (S.O.P.s) were approved, with a few changes for the benefit of newer members. They had never been listed. In the past, they were all verbal. The meeting was adjourned. 2 members quit the department and in the following days, 3 more members quit.

Current members of the fire department are Rick Drennan, Bud Thompson, Marian Thompson, Wayland Drennan, Bucky Sparks, Lynn Denton, Fred Sales, Perry Kehrer, Brian Hamrick, Lewis

Millegan, Mike Poye, Curtis Walker, Shannon Martin, Jamie Wojtek, Shane Wojtek, Billy Williams and Bobby Longoria.

On July 24th, after the Nolan County fire, truck 6 lost its engine and had to be towed back to the station.

On July 25th, the Forest Service delivered another

truck to replace truck 5, which was beyond repair. 13 members worked together to remove and replace the tank, pump and etc., and in 4 1/2 hours had the new truck 5 ready to fight fires. At the present time, the new truck is white and camouflage, it will be painted in the future. Good job guys.

**2005 Property Tax Rates in COKE COUNTY GENERAL**

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for COKE COUNTY GENERAL. 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:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 933,418	\$ 235,536
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 933,418	\$ 235,536
Last year's tax base	\$ 197,118,252	\$ 194,304,570
Last year's total tax rate	0.473532 /\$100	0.121220 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 929,119	\$ 234,283
- This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 226,862,014	\$ 224,056,098
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.409552 /\$100	0.104564 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.514116 /\$100	

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

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, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 928,091	\$ 233,878
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 226,862,014	\$ 224,056,098
= This year's effective operating rate	0.409099 /\$100	0.104384 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.441826 /\$100	0.112734 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.009506 /\$100	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.451332 /\$100	0.112734 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.564066 /\$100	

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If COKE COUNTY GENERAL adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.514116 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$4,502.

**Schedule A: General Fund - 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
Unencumbered Funds Balance	\$563,691

**Schedule B: General Fund - 2005 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 sale: tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Air Conditioning	\$16,903	\$4,414	\$0	\$21,317
Total Required for 2005 Debt Service				\$21,317
- 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 2005				\$21,317
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 98.00% of its taxes in 2005				\$435
= Total Debt Levy				\$21,752

**Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - 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
Unencumbered Funds Balance	\$257,922

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

Name of person preparing this notice: Gayle Sisemore

Title: Tax Assessor Collector

Date Prepared: August 5, 2005

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**Notice of Effective Tax Rate**

**2005 Property Tax Rates in Sterling County**

This notice concerns 2005 Property tax rates for Sterling County. 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 Years tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$1,884,351
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,884,351
Last year's tax base	\$348,631,010
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .5405 /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,884,351
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$438,502,900
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ .42982 /\$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, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,884,351
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$438,502,900
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ .42982 /\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .46420 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ .46420 /\$100

**... Robert Lee Vision Meeting**

(Continued from Page 1) need. Without a volunteer base, many small towns have ceased to exist. Robert Lee is fortunate that volunteers have developed and maintained strong churches, strong schools; active programs for children and young adults, stable government agencies, and viable service organizations.

Another level has now been added to the need for volunteers. Community development throughout the region is now considered a necessity. Unless the community ceases to decline, the quality of life will continue to diminish for all. A need exists for community leaders and volunteers to search for time to serve as chairmen and on committees to stop the decline.

On Tuesday, August 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Big Rec Hall at the Coke County Park, another step will be taken to direct Robert Lee on an upward step. This project will take leadership, participation, and dedication by an informed community.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead.

**IRS extension deadline looms**

Taxpayers who requested the automatic four-month extension to file their 2004 tax return face an Aug. 15 deadline. People who are unable to meet this looming deadline may seek an additional two-month extension.

Taxpayers with special circumstances or hardships should file Form 2688, Application for Additional Extension of Time to File, before Aug. 15. This extension request is not automatic. If the IRS approves the Form 2688 request, taxpayers will have until Oct. 17 to file their return.

Taxpayers should read Form 2688 instructions carefully to ensure they provide an explanation for their extension request. The extension applies only to the deadline for filing the tax return, not time for paying taxes owed.

Taxpayers can file Form 2688 electronically with the IRS. The form can be sent to IRS e-file either through tax professionals or through personal computers. Taxpayers also may mail it to the IRS center where their tax return must be filed.

IRS e-file and the Free File program, the partnership between the IRS and a consortium of tax software providers, will be available through Oct. 17. Free File provides free software and e-filing for qualified taxpayers.

Also, Telefile for taxpayers who use Form 1040EZ will cease operations after Aug. 15.

**Host families needed for students**

School's starting soon, but it's not too late to open your heart and home. Hosting a high school exchange student is like bringing the world to your doorstep.

F.I.T., a State Department designated exchange visitor program, is still matching international students, ages 15 - 18 with host families in our area. Families of all "types" are eligible to host, retired couples to single parent families. Not only two parent families have enjoyed hosting an international son or daughter.

Students will be arriving real soon. They will bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses. In addition, all students have complete medical insurance. But most of all, they bring their intent desire to become an integral part of their American host family. It's a relationship that will last a lifetime!

Host families agree to provide room and board for their student, and to include them as a member of their family. We have one semester, as well as academic year students. All students speak English. Call to set up an interview with our local representative.

For more information about hosting a student, or joining our team of Local Area Representatives, without any obligation, please call: Foundation for Intercultural Travel, Maryann at toll free (877) 439-7862.

**RLVFD Auxiliary seeks donations**

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department is seeking donations of individual size bottled water, Gatorade, drinks, and/or money. This supply will be kept on hand and available for the volunteer firemen when responding to fires. The Department is also in

need of a used refrigerator. Donations will be accepted at the Robert Lee City Hall or by calling Barbara Sparks at 453-2087.

**Benefit fund for Linda Wojtek set up**

A benefit fund account has been set up at the First National Bank of Bronte for Linda Wojtek. Due to a recent medical diagnosis, Linda has, and will continue to receive costly medical treatments. How long has not yet been determined, but pray it will be real soon. Linda continues to stay in high spirits. For more information contact the First National Bank of Bronte at 473-2911.

**Benefit fund established for Willie Eads**

A benefit fund has been established at the Robert Lee State Bank for Willie Eads. Willie has recently undergone successful cancer

er surgery, but like many others in this situation, the bills are piling up. For information on contributing to this fund, contact the Robert Lee State Bank at 453-2545.

**Cattleman's Scholarship deadline is September 30**

The National Cattleman's Foundation, in conjunction with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, will award 20 - \$1,500 college scholarships to students who intend to pursue a career in the beef industry. Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors or full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a two-year or four-year college.

Application deadline is September 30, 2005. Please contact the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau office at 453-4505 for more information and applications.

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