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## County lakes benefit from weekend rains

by Hal Spain, Publisher

That hurricane we have been wishing for may have been replaced by something better and far less damaging. Weekend rains have dumped from five to six inches of the wet stuff throughout the county, with some areas having received far more than that, as of Monday, August 15.

The amounts vary from five to six inches generally, to an absurd amount (13.7 inches) over the weekend reported on the James Bird Pentecost Ranch toward Silver. Sterling County got hammered with from four to six inches on Saturday, with much of the total in the northern part of the county headed toward Lake Spence. Most of the larger totals in Coke County were received from Sunday afternoon through Monday morning.

As a result, as of 11:00 am Tuesday morning, Spence had risen 4.88 vertical feet or 21,000 acre-feet (see related CRMWD story in this issue). These figures came from John Grant with CRMWD. The lake is now 17% full, with a total of 88,000 acre-feet of water. Grant also related that the quality of the water coming into the lake was good. Spence will receive an additional amount as the runoff from further up the Colorado River has time to enter the reservoir over the next few days.

We have unconfirmed reports that Oak Creek is up approximately 9 feet as of Tuesday morning. The US Geological Survey folks are updating their software, and their website is unavailable for a few days; so it will be next week before we can publish any exact figures as to how much Oak Creek has risen. According

to Mrs. McWhorter at Live Oak Lodge, they have gotten 6 3/4 inches of rainfall since Sunday. As of Tuesday morning, the creeks were still running; so there is a chance we will add to these numbers today and tomorrow. Rain was still in the forecast as of presstime on Tuesday; so we'll keep our fingers crossed and hope we get some more.

As far as I know, there wasn't any hail in these storms, and the only known damage is a multitude of watergaps that will have to be replaced. Right now that seems to be a pretty small price to pay for the benefits we have received from this bountiful moisture.

On a personal note, I received a call from long-time family friend and hunting buddy Carl Bailey from my home town of Haskell, and he related that Lake Stamford is up over the spillway, and water is probably in our lakehouse (my family still has a lakehouse on Lake Stamford). The last time the water was up this high was in 1978, when water got about five feet high in the lakehouse. If you've ever cleaned up one of these type of messes, you'll be glad that the last time it happened was twenty-seven years ago. Will keep you informed on the rising lake levels and the clean-up as it continues.

### Early voting in September 10th elections begins Wednesday

Early voting in two elections begins Wednesday, August 24, and will continue through Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

These elections, slated for



**Dripping Springs??!!** Dripping Springs, west of Robert Lee, should have been called "Roaring Springs" on Monday following this past weekend's rains.

Saturday, September 10, 2005, include an election for Bronte citizens to vote for or against the adoption of a tax freeze for persons who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older; and an election for voters in Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 (Commissioner Precincts 2 and 4) to determine whether beer and wine will continue being sold for off-premise consumption in this precinct.

Citizens may cast their early votes in the "tax freeze" election at City Hall, 114 S. Washington, in Bronte from 8 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 5 pm, Mondays through Fridays, between August 24 and September 6. Citizens may also vote at this location from 7 am to 7 pm on Saturday, September 10 in this election.

Two locations are available for early voting in the "beer/wine" election. Voters may cast early ballots at the County Clerk's office in the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee. This office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm, and 8 am to 1 pm on Fridays. Early voting will also be held at the Coke County Annex in Bronte from 9 am to 1 pm Mondays through Fridays. Polling places on election day will include the Bronte Senior Building for Precinct 2 and Bronte City Hall for Precinct 4.

### Benefit set for Mike Fluhmann

A benefit fish fry and brisket barbecue has been set for Saturday, August 27, 6:30 pm, at the Big Rec Hall in Robert Lee. The cause will assist long time Robert Lee resident Mike Fluhmann. Mike has been an auto mechanic with Ivey Motors for many years. He has recently experienced some health problems which will require him to receive a heart transplant in the near future. Funds from the benefit will help to defray some of those expenses.

Tickets for the benefit have been set for a minimum donation of \$7.00, with fried fish and barbecue brisket on the menu, along with all the trimmings, including homemade desserts. Plans also include a cake auction and live entertainment from Driftwood, a group of local musicians.

Also on the agenda for the evening are the sales of drawing tickets for a homemade quilt by Bonnie Roberts. The actual drawing for the quilt will be held during the Street Affair activities in October.

If you would like to help with this effort, whether it be baking a cake for the auction, making a dessert for the barbecue, selling drawing tickets, helping serve and clean up at the barbecue, etc., or if you have any ques-

tions, please contact Ivey Motors at 453-4561.

### BH&R blood drive set Aug. 30

The UBS bloodmobile will be at the Bronte Health & Rehab parking lot on Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 4 pm - 8 pm. FMI contact Kendall Johnston at 473-3621 or [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com), Sponsor Code>bhr.

### UMW slate fall season kick off

The Robert Lee United Methodist Women are hosting their seasonal Salad Supper August 24, 6:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church. Members of the District UMW Committee will be bringing the program.

Come and join with us and enjoy not only good food, but good fellowship.

United Methodist Women meet twice a month, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 3:00 pm.

### FUMC announces ice cream social in Robert Lee

First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee has scheduled an ice cream social at the Church on Sunday, August 28, 6:00 pm. Come join and enjoy good eating and GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

## Coke County Scrimmages

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**Obituaries**



**Starling**

Dorothy "Dot" Marie Starling, 71, passed away Monday, August 15, 2005, at her home in Robert Lee.

Mrs. Starling is the beloved mother of David, Edward, and Louis Lohman; grandmother of Phaedra, David, Jr., Barbara, and Amber; great-grandmother of Alaura, Jennifer and Rachelle.

Born April 1, 1934, in Cisco, Texas, Dot was the daughter of Mittie and Louis Schlaepfer. She worked her way through LVN and RN school while raising three sons. Dot attended San Angelo University and worked at the Nursing Home in Robert Lee, Texas.

Dot was loyal, dependable, kind, and loving. You could always depend on her and if she gave her word, it was better than a signed contract. She loved to cook and bake.

Dot was a member of the Eastern Star, the Red Hat Club, and the Card Sharks.

Dot's great-grandmother came from Germany and was a member of the Hollenzolern family and was a member of the royal family. Her great-grandfather came from Berne, Switzerland, and in the late 1800's, they came to the United States.

Dot worked at the glove factory in Cisco, Texas. Helen Johnson of Cisco was a good friend and Carol Starling was a very valuable and deeply appreciated family member who gave a lot of care to Dot and moral support to the rest of us. Ed Lohman was another of our around-the-clock caregivers. No matter what Dot actually wanted, she always tried to make everything easier and better for others.

Graveside service is at 10 am Friday at Robert Lee Cemetery, with Rev. Steve Rowe officiating. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

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**Brown**

James Dale Brown, 75, died Friday, August 12, 2005, in his home in Robert Lee.

Graveside services were at 10 am Monday, August 15, at Robert Lee Cemetery, with Ray Aldridge officiating. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Dale was born July 15, 1930, in Robert Lee, Texas, to John and Ruth Prichard Brown, both of whom were members of pioneer Coke County families. On December 22, 1948, he married Juanell Blake. Before retirement, they owned and operated Brown Lumber and Hardware Store in Robert Lee. Later, before retiring a second time, he and his brother, Pritch, were in the appliance repair business in Robert Lee. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, receiving his fifty year pin in 2003.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Juanell and two daughters and their husbands, Marsha and Kenneth Porter of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Patricia and Kevin Reeves of Bastrop, Louisiana. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and his brother, Frank Prichard Brown of Robert Lee and sister, Billie Sue Brown Douthit of San Antonio.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by an infant son, James Michael.

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**Runnels Baptist Assn. meeting set**

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Sunday, August 21, for an 'Evangelism Rally'. It will be held at First Baptist Church in Winters.

The executive board and the W.M.U. will not meet. No meal will be served.

The evangelism rally will begin at 6:00 pm. Jack Ridlehoover will be the guest speaker.

The public is invited to attend.



**Bronte Health & Rehab Center Happenings!** Several residents and staff of Bronte Health & Rehab Center traveled to Abilene July 14 to visit the Frontier Texas Museum. They included (back row, from left) Assistant Director of Nurses Manuela Eubanks, COG Bus Driver Melinda, Nurses Aide Valentine Jimenez, resident Oleta Walker, Activity Director Kendal Johnston, Restorative Aide Debbie Fuentez, and (front row, from left) residents Nina Bivins, Dorothy Carpenter, Bonnie Taylor, Timmy Prince, Clemis Reed, and Bonnie Baker.

**WCC EMS July runs**

- 7-2 - medical
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- 7-4 - trauma
- 7-4 - trauma
- 7-7 - trauma
- 7-9 - trauma
- 7-9 - medical
- 7-11 - medical
- 7-11 - trauma
- 7-13 - trauma
- 7-15 - medical
- 7-15 - medical
- 7-19 - medical
- 7-21 - medical

**BH&R residents tour Frontier**

**Museum in Abilene**

On July 14, 2005, the residents enjoyed a fun and memorable trip to Abilene to see the Frontier, Texas Museum. They left from Bronte starting the journey through the Winters area. They saw various native landscapes, including Texas Mesquite trees, wild grasses, and Mountain Cedar all along the trip. As they got close to Abilene, the residents saw all the new developments that have cropped up in the last few years.

They went into Abilene and stopped to eat a hamburger or two at the Burger King on North 1st Street. They were given a great meal and excellent service. After eating their meal they went to Frontier Texas. When they arrived they saw not only a large rock building but a large bronze statue of a buffalo out front. They unloaded and went into the museum. This museum was filled with animation, various actors play characters such as Cynthia Ann Parker, Buffalo Hunters, Ranchers, and other early day pioneers. The residents really enjoyed this trip and seeing the depiction of the early frontier forts that are found along the Texas Forts trail including our own Fort Chadbourne, which is found on the Fort Chadbourne Ranch located

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**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.

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(325) 473-4811  
Tim White, Pastor  
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11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wed. 6 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
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Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2360  
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Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

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424 S. 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

**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte  
(325) 473-3281  
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11:00 am Worship  
5:00 Youth

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PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
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11 am Worship  
Wed. 7 pm Choir

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PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
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Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
Wed. 6 pm

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601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
(325) 365-2687  
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm

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11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
(325) 453-2724  
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
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(325) 453-2176  
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11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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**RL visionary meeting set August 23**

On Tuesday, August 23, at 5:30 pm in the Big Rec Hall in Coke County Park, some necessary decisions for the future of Robert Lee will be made.

A vision for the town which emerged from a community meeting on July 14, and the goals to realize the vision were set at a meeting on August 4th and will be followed by an objective and strategy session at the August 23rd meeting.

The goals include: (1) increase the population; (2) support local school system; (3) broaden tax base; (4) support local businesses and seek new businesses; (5) develop outdoor recreation assets; and (6) develop natural and cultural assets.

The objectives set at the August 23rd meeting will determine what will be done in the next three to five years to meet the goals. Strategies will determine in what ways the objectives can be met and will also determine who will be willing to step up to work on accomplishing the objectives.

The goals which have been determined for Robert Lee are logical and obtainable. The same goals have been set by other towns in the area and have been successfully accomplished. Much information is available as to how the goals can be met. Volunteers who seek information and resources can successfully accomplish the goals set.

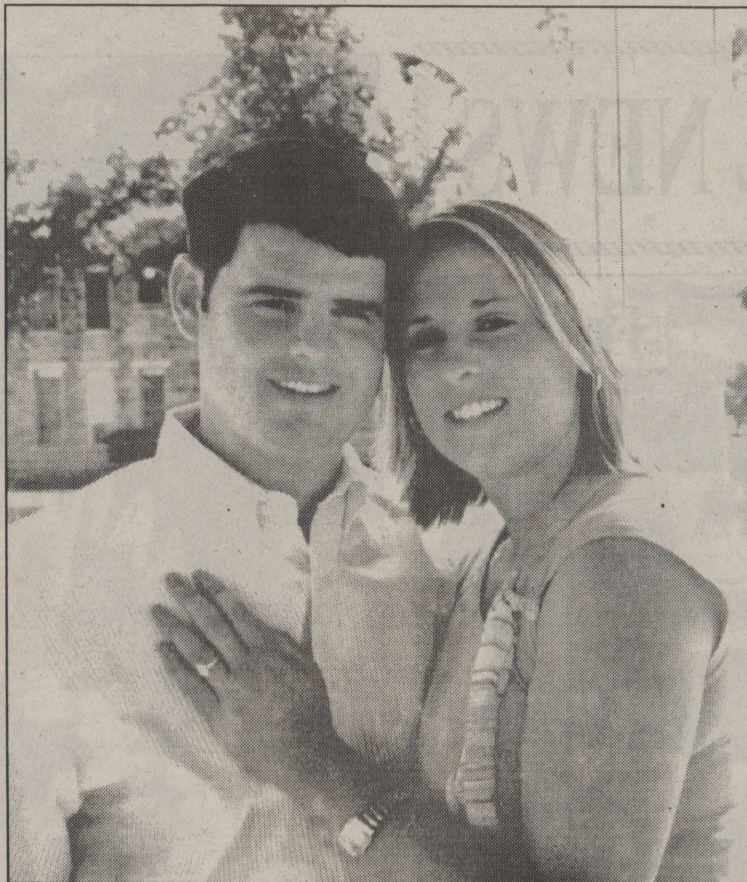
Work Force Development Board's Mary Kay Kuss and Small Business Association's Lisa Michaelwicz will facilitate this meeting. Their associations and training will be valuable to the volunteers who seek to stop the deterioration and make the area attractive to new residents and businesses, as well as tourists.

It has been said that most people are more comfortable with old problems than with new solutions. New solutions are available and when they are identified, the solutions will become comfortable and obtainable.

Business owners, government employees, civic board members, church directors, school personnel, retirees, and employees will all be affected by the direction Robert Lee chooses. Community development is a new solution but it will require the initiative and dedication of community leaders and members to become comfortable as well as successful.

**Blues Jam Session, Silent Auction set to assist RLCC building fund**

The kick-off fundraiser for the Robert Lee Care Center Alzheimer's Unit has been set for Saturday, September 17. The San Angelo Blues Society will present a Blues Jam Session, followed by lunch at the center. A silent auction has also been planned, with auction items to be shown in the lobby of the



**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.*

care center for preview and bidding. Anyone wishing to donate items can call the center at 453-2511, for more information or pickup.

As most know, the east wing of the center has been turned into a certified Alzheimer's Unit, and one of the rooms has been converted to a full kitchen, complete with washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator, and cabinets. The fundraiser will help to further this ongoing project.

**Doris Sims elected to two state boards**

At the 119 Annual Texas Funeral Directors Association Convention held in Galveston, June 13 -17, 2005, Doris Sims was elected to serve another term on the Board of Directors of the Texas Funeral Directors Association. While serving on this board, Doris represented some 461 funeral homes in the state of Texas at the same convention on June 14, 2005. Doris was elected President of the Texas Funeral Supply Sales Club at their annual luncheon. As President of this organization, Doris will be working with manufacturers, suppliers, and sales forces across the state of Texas.

Working with the Texas Funeral Directors Association and the Texas Funeral Supply Sales Club, Doris travels the state of Texas attending regional meetings, golf tournaments, leadership conferences, board meetings, and





committee meetings, etc. Doris serves on several committees such as: The State Convention Committee, Nominating Committee, Programs and Education Committee, Resolution Committee, and Awards Committee. Doris said, "one of the most interesting things in serving on the Board of Texas Funeral Directors Association is working with the legislative body in Austin through our Lobbyists Janis Carter."

The next Texas Funeral Directors Association Convention will be in June 2006 at Arlington. Doris is Vice - President of Corporate Development of National Prearranged Services. She and her husband, Jesse, travel the western half of Texas, from I-35 to El Paso, calling on all independent funeral homes.

Doris and Jesse follow the Bronte Longhorns football and basketball teams, the Lady Longhorns basketball team, as well as the Lady Shorthorns basketball and volleyball teams. She is an avid sports fan.

Doris and Jesse reside in Bronte. They moved to Bronte in 1994 from Levelland. When they are not traveling on the job, they attend the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Doris helps whenever and wherever she can in church and community activities. Doris also serves on the Board of Directors for East Coke County Hospital District.

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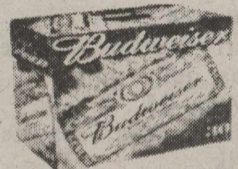


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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**TTAB STATE CHAMPIONS 2005**

**State Champions!** The Bronte Rangers 9 and under baseball team won the state tournament at Hawley the first part of this month. The team includes (front row, from left) Kolby Lee, Kyler Richards, Jared Scott, Josh Puentez, Dakota Pullen, (back row, from left) Christopher Gerhart, Daniel Gerhart, Tyler Mayo, Ty Lee, and Cory Pritchard. The children were coached by Kerry Lee and Conda Richards.

## Bronte Rangers win State Title

The Bronte 9 and under baseball team competed in the State Tournament held recently in Hawley, Texas, and came away with the State Title.

In the first game, Bronte

played San Saba and came away with a 7-1 victory. This would be the toughest competition the Rangers faced the whole tournament.

In the second game, the Rangers faced Coleman and won 15-1 in 5 innings as every member of the team scored at least one run.

As the third game rolled around, the Rangers confidence was very high as the score would show. They easily defeated Dublin 12-0 in 4 innings as everyone once again got in on the scoring.

In the Championship game, the Rangers faced the tournament host Hawley Jets. The Jets had lost one game in the tournament and would have to defeat the Rangers in a double header to claim the Championship. The Rangers were not going to let that happen though, and took care of business in the first game, defeating the Jets 15-5 in 5 innings.

Congratulations Rangers on a perfect 17-0 season. There were a lot of sacrifices made by the kids and parents during this long baseball season, but what a way to end it. The kids worked hard from the very first practice until the very last game over 3 months later.

Way to go Rangers! This is an accomplishment you won't ever forget.

## BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD board of trustees held a regular meeting August 11, 2005, at 7:30 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Gary Acker, Jeff

Schoenfield, Bob Brazee, Scott Frazier, Kendall Gibbs, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Michael Bohensky, Terry Marrs, and Rick Howell. Terry Charles was absent.

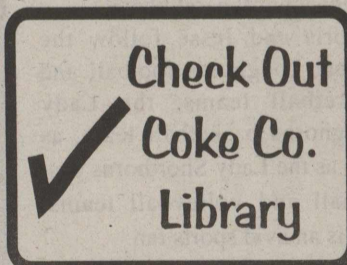
The meeting opened with prayer by Alan Richey.

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

The board approved the GEO contract, approved season passes, and approved the 2005 tax roll. The board accepted State Farm for vehicle insurance and Key and Piskuran for property insurance. 2004 - 2005 and 2005 - 2006 budgets were reviewed.

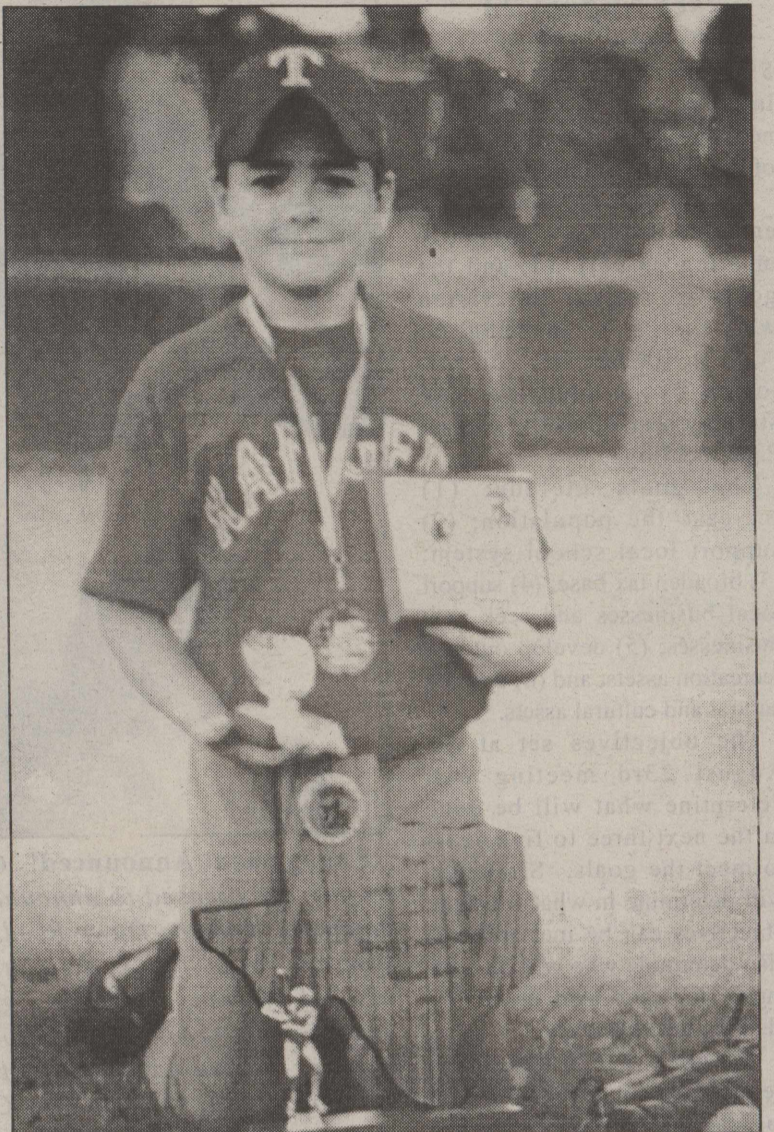
Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a legislative update and a construction update.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 11:40 pm.



One hundred and fifty-three books were returned to the Coke County Library on Tuesday, August 9th. Also, on the same day, 55 books were checked out.

While this may not be a record, it was impressive. Many of the returns were children's books as the summer program has concluded. Some of the books were from



**State Tournament MVP!** Congratulations to Ty Lee on being selected tournament Most Valuable Player recently at the State 9 and under baseball tournament in Hawley, Texas. He was also selected to the All-Tournament Team. Ty pitched in two games and recorded 23 strikeouts. He handled third base and catching duties in the other games. For the tournament, Ty also had a .833 batting average.

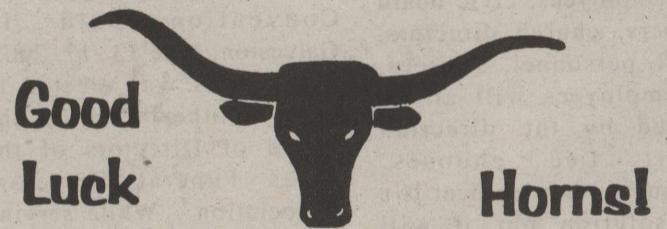
the Bronte patrons who are prodigious readers and check out books by the sack. The remainder were from patrons who come weekly and from folks who just decided it was a good day to drop by the library.

Parents and caregivers of children from the ages of three to five years are reminded that the Story Hour program will begin the week after the Labor Day holiday, September 13th at 10:00 am. Mrs. Trish Rowe will share her enthusiasm and talent with the Story Time group. The registration for this program is open ended and

children can join anytime. The library also sparkles on the day the Head Start students come to get books and hear a story. For a battery recharge, spend awhile with these live-wires.

Early introduction to the library and books is one primary similarity among good students. It is the first step to life-long learning which everyone deserves.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the library book drop available 24/7.



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## School Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, Aug. 22

Cereal, pineapple tidbits, toast, jelly, milk

#### Tuesday, Aug. 23

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

#### Wed., Aug. 24

Blueberry muffins, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

#### Thurs., Aug. 25

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

#### Friday, Aug. 26

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Aug. 22

Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, grapes, roll, milk

#### Tuesday, Aug. 23

Lasagna, tossed salad, corn on the cob, bread sticks, fancy jello, milk

#### Wed., Aug. 24

Fish nuggets, tossed salad, macaroni & cheese, mixed fruit, roll, milk

#### Thurs., Aug. 25

Chicken spaghetti, sliced peaches, green beans, Texas toast, peanut butter cookies, milk

#### Friday, Aug. 26

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, carrot sticks, bun, pudding, milk

# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## RLISD board meets in special session

The Robert Lee ISD board met in a special meeting Thursday, August 4, 2005, in the school library at 7 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Hill.

Members present: Messrs: Reed, Roe, Washam, Hill, Mrs. Torres, Interim Supt. Gordon. Members absent: Riley, McCabe.

Mr. Gordon presented a budget workshop. He gave information regarding the certified appraisal. Values are up about \$21 million due to oil and gas thus revenues will also be up. May need to appeal evaluation if the value is up due to inflated cost of property. Mr. Gordon then explained the Preliminary 2005 - 2006 Estimate of State Aid and Revenues then moved into explaining expenditures for 2005 - 2006. The year end projections were discussed.

The board took a recess at 8:50 pm and reconvened into closed session at 9:05 pm.

The board reconvened into open session at 9:44 pm. Wes Washam made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Roe. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

most limiting factor for small grain production, but with the recent rains we have had, prospects for a good small grain year are starting out pretty good. There are several other factors that must be considered before we sow our grain fields.

First, we need to decide if we are going to try to raise a grain crop or as most producers in this area do, raise strictly a forage crop. If grain production is the major goal, there are several of the newer varieties that are great grain producers, and the need to sow your grain can be delayed until late fall. For grazing or forage production, other varieties afford more opportunity for forage production. Most of the beardless varieties of wheat are more suited for forage production than grain, and they can be grazed out due to the lack of beards or awns on the seed heads. Livestock can utilize the plant longer. Another consideration for forage production is the use of other small grains such as oats or triticale that produce tremendous amounts of grazing.

Fertility is probably the most limiting factor besides moisture. The best source of information for fertility is a soil test to see what is actually available in the soil for the crop. If a soil test has not been taken, there are a few rules of thumb to assist in determining fertility requirements. For forage production, small grains will use about 60 - 70 pounds of nitrogen per ton of forage produced, 20 - 40 pounds of phosphorous and 20 - 40 pounds of potassium. Another way of figuring fertility used is for every 100 pounds of beef produced per acre, small grain will use 30 - 40 pounds of nitrogen. For grain production, small grains will require 2 pounds of nitrogen for each bushel of grain. If the grain is to be grazed, apply 2/3rd's of the nitrogen needs, at or near planting. If the field is for grain only, apply 30 - 40% at planting and the rest in the spring if moisture conditions are right.

Even though we have good moisture now, traditionally fall is one of our dryer periods during the year. Through numerous trials where grain was sown at different times of Mid - August, early October and mid - November results show the August planted grain used most of the available moisture before spring resulting in lower forage production in the spring. In contrast, the November sown grain couldn't use the moisture and produced most of its forage in the spring. The October planted grain produced about half of its forage in the fall and about half in the spring. If you need early grazing plant early, if you need spring grazing plant later in the fall or use a

combination of some fields sown early and some sown in October - November.

Field preparation is also extremely important. Small grains need to be sown in a weed free, firm seed bed. This firm seed bed is very important for emergence of all small grains.

One of the worst practices is to sow grain behind a tandem in loose soil. Unless you have depth bands on your drill, some if not most of the seed will be planted too deep. Every grain produces a coleoptile or first emerged leaf. The length of these first true leaves are pre - determined genetically. If the coleoptile is usually one and a half to two inches long, that is all it will grow to. If the seed is planted too deep, the coleoptile will not break the soil surface even if the moisture is adequate and die resulting in poor stands.

For more information on varieties or small grain production, contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

board. Fill a plastic container with different small bites that kids will enjoy munching on at the lunch table.

### Pizzas are popular!

You might also try a little homemade pizza on a bagel or English muffin. Once they cool, they're ready to pack, and your child will be the envy of the school lunchroom.

### Try new packaging ideas!

To make the lunch period a little more fun for kids, find creative ways to package things. Put an oatmeal cookie on a stick, or several

cookies in a paper towel holder wrapped in some colorful tissue. Putting trail mix in a waffle cone is also a weird and wild idea.

### Include a little love or encouragement!

Hiding a sweet note in your child's lunchbox is a great way to remind them that you love them. Of course, another way of doing this is by packing our kids the healthiest lunch possible.

Have a great school year !!



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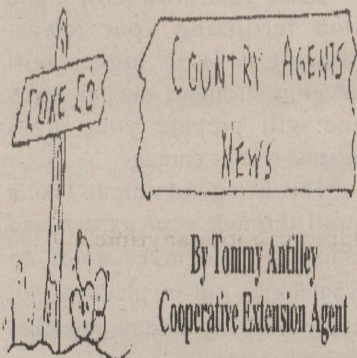
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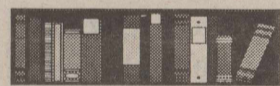
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## Preparation for small grain production

Usually, moisture is the

### School Menu



#### Breakfast

- Monday, Aug. 22**  
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 23**  
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Wed., Aug. 24**  
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Thurs., Aug. 25**  
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Friday, Aug. 26**  
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

#### Lunch

- Monday, Aug. 22**  
Pepperoni pizza, salad, corn, fresh fruit, ice cream, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 23**  
Taco, cheese, salad, ranch beans, apple, milk
- Wed., Aug. 24**  
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk
- Thurs., Aug. 25**  
Baked potato, chili, crackers, broccoli & cheese, peaches, milk
- Friday, Aug. 26**  
Sausage wrap, French fries, ranch beans, orange, cookie, milk

Just From Jan

### by Jan Yanez Cooperative Extension Agent Packing lunch for school

Well, school is back in full swing so it is time to pack school lunches again. After a short summer of letting the kids sleep in and raid the fridge for their daily meals, you've suddenly got to plan healthy and good-tasting meals for your little students. If you're the type of parent who's used to waking up and sleepily stuffing some snack cakes and chips in your kid's lunch box, it's time to get food-wise and organized.

Here are some healthy and fun school lunch ideas:

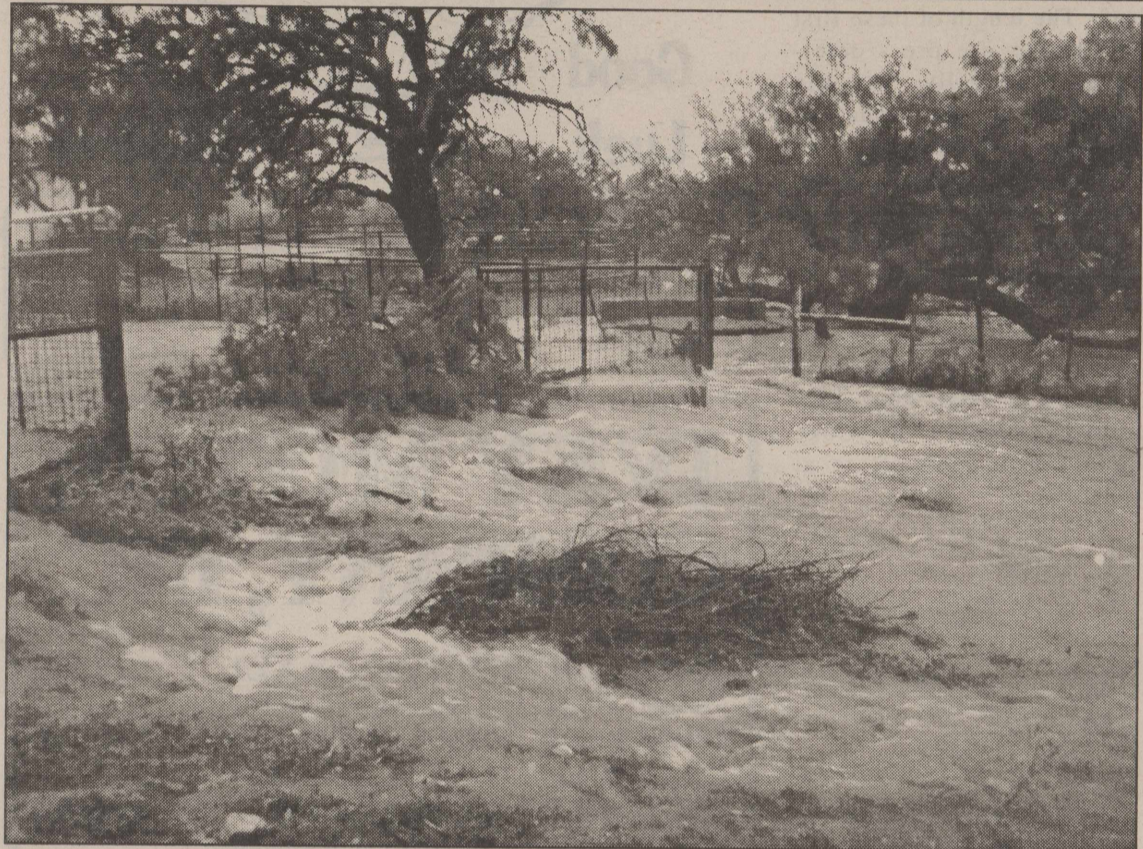
#### Plan a menu with your kids!

It's a good idea to plan a weekly school menu ahead of time. This will help you avoid the early morning panic that leads to poor last minute lunch choices. Letting the kids in on the planning process will also help guarantee that they get lunches that they like.

#### Get creative with food options!

Think outside the sandwich "box". Kids love healthy, tasty alternatives like chicken skewers or colorful pasta salad.

**Try finger foods for fun!**  
Try a finger food smorgas-



**Water Rising Near Silver!** Mike Pentecost (top photo) stands in one of the flooded pens at their ranch south of Silver. The James Bird Pentecost Ranch was flooded with 13.7 inches of rain over the weekend. A spreader dam ran over due to the excessive rainfall and spilled its contents into nearby creeks.

## Football Pages to begin next week

Football season in Coke County officially begins August 26 when the Bronte Longhorns will travel to Cross Plains to take on the Buffaloes at 7:30 pm and the Robert Lee Steers will host Midland Trinity at 7:30 pm.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the August 26 issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

All 2004 sponsors will be included on the 2005 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 23.

A complete list of 2004 sponsors is included below.

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### August Garden Checklist

Submitted by Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

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

\*Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning from now until midwinter. Severe pruning now will only stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

\*Time to divide spring-flowering perennials such as iris,

Shasta or ox-eye daisy, gaillardia, cannas, day lilies, violets, liriopse, and ajuga.

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

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

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

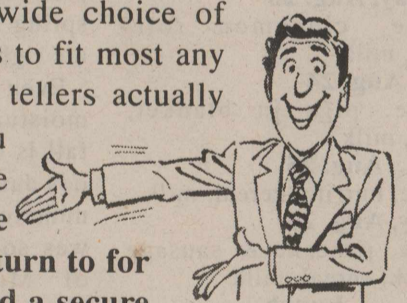
\*Keep pecans adequately watered. This is a critical time when trees are trying to fill out the kernels. Stress due to lack of water now will cause kernels to be partially filled and low in quality.

\*Raise your lawn mower and stop fertilizing your lawns. Mowing a little higher will develop stronger, deeper roots and will prepare your grass against winter damage.

\*This is a good time to take a stroll through your garden and landscape and make notes on what looks out of place or not doing well so the same mistakes won't be made next year.

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**Bake auction benefits BH&R**

On Monday, July 4th, the Bronte Health and Rehab Auxiliary held its annual bake auction.

All proceeds from this auction go to the Bronte Health and Rehab Auxiliary and in turn are used for special projects within Bronte Health and Rehab Center. These projects include new blinds for the dining room, various medical equipment, and special events sponsored by the Activity Department throughout the year.

BH&R feels truly blessed to have an organization within the community that supports such a great cause. This year's total amount of money raised was \$3,213.

**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 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.

**Letter from Bill Williams**

[Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles from and about Coke County veterans. The articles will coincide with a larger effort to increase the inscriptions on the Coke County Veterans Memorial at the depot in Bronte. For more information, contact Frankie Beth Williams at 453-4478 or Dorthey Pruitt at 473-2851.]  
April 5, 1993

Dear Trey,  
Most of my World War II memorabilia is what is left in my consciousness. I feel like I am a 72 year old relic of that war. I was conscripted, drafted, into the 165th Regiment of the 27th Infantry in 1942. Basic training was at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu. I saw the devastation at Pearl Harbor.

Hard training probably saved my life. I hated the

service, but I bonded as needed with my "buddies". We were a mixed bag of American men from about twenty - one to twenty - seven who were mostly Yankees, because my outfit was a New York National Guard Unit which was mobilized when the war came.

Many movies have been made about the 27th, but one of the movies of today, Platoon, is like what I lived through in combat.

At Makin Atol, I was the first man off of the landing barges and onto the beach. I was a machine gunner. The gunner carries the turret, he chooses the deployment of the weapon, his assistant hands him the gun, which he then mounts and fires. I was scared to death, but I was ready to go.

That night, we set up a perimeter and got into foxholes. I was in a hole with a recruit from Redding, California. He was green and shy; he would not relieve himself there in the foxhole. I begged him not to crawl out and tried to pull him back. He was killed in an instant. After that, they came in on all of us. We fought hand to hand with knives, rocks, guns, whatever we could get our hands on there in the dark. My sergeant was killed and my buddy, Charley Vale, got it. Jim from Slayton, Texas, hit a land mind. I don't know how I survived.

Later, my medic was hit. Stengle, from Illinois, lost his right arm. My assistant gunner was a furrier from New York, too frail to ever soldier. On Okinawa, he was so fatigued in the fighting. I told him to get somewhere and take a rest. He crawled into one of the caves and went to sleep. In the pounding of the shells, the cave collapsed and I couldn't get him out. Bill Lilly became psychotic, blaming himself for all the deaths and injuries of those we served with. He was on the ship with me coming home, locked up in the brig until they got him to an institution, where he died years later.

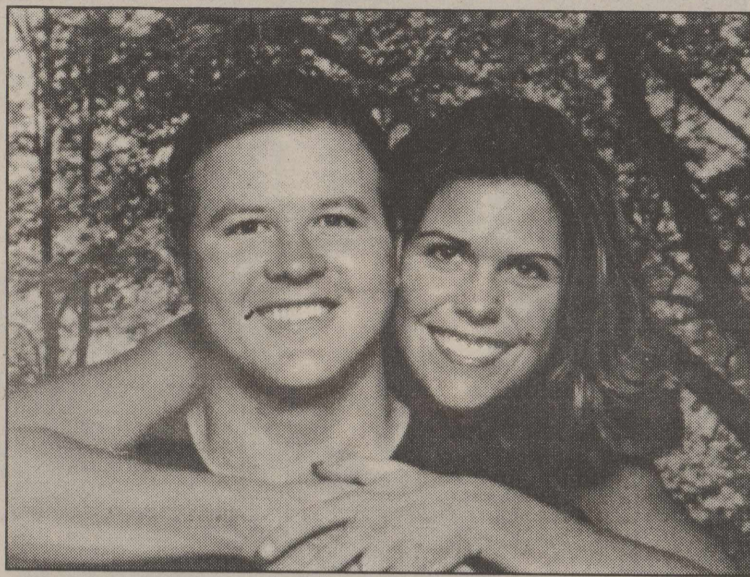
When we were not training or fighting, we tried to have fun. I spent a lot of time swimming in lagoons which were like bath water. We played baseball. It was so hot I tried to get out of it, but the sergeant made me play. We gave each other nick names... Nose, Head, The Hippo, and Duck. They called me The Weep - Willie the Weep. I hated the Army and I bitched all the time.

They used to talk to me about my attitude. "You're a good soldier, you need to get with the program and shape up." I was offered a commission if I would re-up and go to Japan with the Army of Occupation. The thing I wanted was OUT!

World War II was a living hell on earth. I was shot in the head, I had sores that covered my legs and I still had to wear leggings. I had recurrent Dingo Fever. When the War started, I didn't have a single cavity, when it was over I had teeth gone. One was pulled cold turkey by an Army corpsman and another sawed into and filled with iodine by a Navy corpsman just before I got onto the landing barge for the beach at Saipan. I had to use quinine and sulfa extensively. My hearing is impaired. My nerves were shot from the combination of poor diet and fatigue. I foraged for fruits. From time to time, the Red Cross gave us beer and Coke. I didn't drink, so if I got beer, I saved it to trade with.

I went in at Majuro, Eniwetok, and on Saipan I was wounded July 4, 1944. In April 1945, I made the landing at Okinawa. We were preparing to invade the Japanese mainland when we received word some kind of bomb had ended the fighting... the war was over.

The whole time I kept thinking, "Why don't they



**Engagement Announced!** Sgt. Jerrod McClure and Jodi Bledsoe, along with their parents, are excited to announce their engagement. Jodi's parents are Chief Master Sgt. Michael Melarango and wife Glenda of Arvada, Colorado. Jerrod's parents are Cody McClure and Steve and Karla Clark, all of Bronte. Jerrod serves in the US Army where he is currently stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. Jodi attends Pikes Peak Community College as she completes her degree in Child Psychology. The couple is planning their wedding in the summer of 2006.

send these other guys home, everyone here is shooting to kill me!" I am still amazed that I survived, but I love this country and if an old soldier is ever needed I would stand up and go. I would be disappointed in you if you were needed and refused to bear arms for this great Nation.

Retrospectively, I make myself look for some good that came from all of the pain, something more than winning. The war united us as a people, it fathered great

accomplishments in medical science and nuclear physics. Veterans' benefits guaranteed loans for vets like me to buy a home. The building of homes created jobs which broadened the tax base. The G.I. Bill entitled vets like me to educations which upgraded our status and earning capacity immeasurably.

World War II memorabilia, in my case, is the experiencing of the calamity.

Love to you and your sister,  
Bill

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 31, 2005 in the Boardroom, Bronte ISD, 210 S Jefferson, Bronte, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.450000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.450000	\$ 1,675	\$ 7,784
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.456418	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.456418	\$ 1,737	\$ 7,722
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.450000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.450000	\$ 1,809	\$ 7,423

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 47,059	\$ 49,453
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 22,647	\$ 24,562
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.450000	\$ 1.450000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 328.38	\$ 356.15
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 27.77

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.490705. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.490705.

Fund Balances	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$265,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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**Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Annual Convention!** Among those attending the C-S Farm Bureau Annual Convention Saturday, August 6, 2005, were (from left) Gary McGehee, Richard Atkins, Bobby Roberts, Kenneth Dierschke, Joe Maley, John Stephens, Alonzo Robbins, and Russell Davis.

**C/S County Farm Bureau hosts catfish dinner**

By Jeffie Roberts  
Coke - Sterling County Farm Bureau Annual Convention was held Saturday, August 6, 2005, at the Robert Lee Recreation Center at the park. Approximately 61 members present were treated to a catfish dinner catered by the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Robert Lee.

The appreciation dinner was hosted by three of the seven directors and wives just prior to the annual business meeting. Those directors and wives present were President Bobby Roberts and Jeffie, Vice - President John Stephens and Pat, and Secretary Alonzo Robbins and Kay. Directors unable to attend were Gaylon Pitcock, Joe Sefcik, Jeff Eubanks, and Roger Graves.

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Roberts, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and gave a brief "Thank You" to the members present. The meeting was opened by a prayer voiced by John Stephens, Vice President.

President Roberts introduced special member guests: Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke and wife Binnie of San Angelo; State Director District 6 Gary McGehee and wife Carolyn of Mertzon; Texas Farm Bureau Agfund Coordinator Joe Maley of Waco; Agency Manager Richard Atkins and wife Donna of Big Spring; Insurance Agent Russell Davis of Sterling City; and the Outstanding Journalist in Agriculture of Texas award winner and Coke County

newspaper owner, Hal Spain of Robert Lee. Also recognized was Tiffany Roach, a former Coke - Sterling County Office Secretary.

The business meeting consisted of the minutes of August 7, 2004, the Annual Financial Statement, Membership Report which stated 465 members sent to State through July 31, 2005, with a goal set for 560 for 2005.

Other reports were Insurance Services and activities attended by directors and wives which included Coke - Sterling Annual Convention, meeting with Mike Conaway - US Congressman, Planet Agriculture Display in Abilene and San Angelo, Legislative 2004 Seminar in Austin, District 6 Miss Texas FB, Talent Find, and Free Enterprise Speech Contests in San Angelo, Open House in Robert Lee, 71st Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conferences in Austin, Stenholm Appreciation Dinner, Open House for Congressman Mike Conaway, District 6 Legislative Meeting, District 6 County Presidents Informal Meeting with TFB President Kenneth Dierschke, Ag Day in the Classroom for the 4th grade students in Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City, County Farm Bureau Presidents' Statewide Conference and Summer Commodity Conference each in Marble Falls, Secretary Conference, and the Policy Development Meeting in Big Spring.

Joe Maley, Texas Farm Bureau Agfund Coordinator, of Waco was the guest speaker. He gave an interesting

talk on his duties and encouraged all members to participate in whatever they were asked to do so their voice would be heard in the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress. Mr.

Maley is the lobbyist in Austin for your concerns as farmers and ranchers. Door prizes were received by all who attended.

**Union Texas Petroleum holds 5th reunion**

By Jeffie Roberts  
The fifth Annual Union Texas Petroleum former employees and retiree's reunion was held in the Recreation Hall in the Coke County Park in Robert Lee, Saturday, August 13th. A delicious meal was catered by Kenny Blaneck to a group of 39. Bobby Roberts led the group in prayer.

A short business meeting was conducted by Winton Milliff as Jeffie Roberts served as secretary. Winton welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Winton and Virginia reported on telephone calls and correspondence from several who were not able to attend the reunion this year. Jeffie read the minutes of the August 14, 2004, reunion. Treasurer, Virginia Milliff, gave the treasurer's report.

The group voted to have the 2006 Reunion in Robert Lee August 12th if possible. Winton and

Virginia Milliff asked to be taken off the reunion committee. Bobby and Jeffie Roberts agreed to continue to organize the reunion for 2006.

Bobby and Winton prepared a table of Union Texas Petroleum memorabilia that was enjoyed by those present. Jeffie decorated the tables and room with sunflowers and greenery, ivy pot plant with silk flowers, birdhouses, a windmill, and a large milk can holding sunflowers.

Those present for the 2005 reunion were Frank Jackson of Eldorado; Buddy and Gayna Eldred of Blackwell; Charles and Stella Webb of Ballinger; Bo Rose of Lawn; Charlie and Donna Stephens of Novice; Bill Richey of Goldsboro; Joe Tarter, Bill and Georgia Barnes and Cynthia Barnes of Colorado City; and Jerry Wilkes and Raymond Bloodworth of Silver.

Also present were Ettie Hubbard of Bronte; M.C. and Ginger Hendry of Sterling City; Charles and Wanda Davis, Joann Meadows, David Fernandez, Donald Walker, Larry Robinson and Judy

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)**

To the Registered Voters of Bronte, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Bronte 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 September 10, 2005, for voting in a Special election, to persons who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 10 de septiembre de 2005 para votar en la Elección para a Favor/En Contra la adopción de helar impuestos para personas que están incapacitadas o que tienen sesenta y cinco años de edad o más.)

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

114 South Washington  
Bronte, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas (location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. beginning on August 24, 2005 (date)

(entre las 8-12 de la mañana y las 1-5 de la tarde empezando el 24 de agosto de 2005 (fecha)

and ending on September 6, 2005 (date)

(y terminando el 6 de septiembre de 2005 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: (La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Pat Martindale  
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)  
P.O. Box 370  
(Address) (Dirección)  
Bronte, TX 76933  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

*Recommended but not required*

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on September 2, 2005 (2 de septiembre de 2005) (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 4th day of August, 2005  
(Emitted este día 4 de agosto, 2005.)

Martin Lee, Mayor  
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside.)

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... Union Texas

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Byrne of San Angelo; Totsy and Betty Hargrove of Whitesboro; Harold and Martha Snell of Kingsland; Garland Dupriest, and Pete Golson of Rankin.

Others present were Winnie Pitcock, Pete and Emmalee Prentice, D.J. Walker, Bob Bagwell, Winton and Virginia Milliff, and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, all of Robert Lee.

Twenty retirees, and three widows of retirees were present to introduce themselves and spouses, and tell where they worked and when they retired. Several good stories about experiences were told by the retirees. A total of 699 years of service by these twenty - three retirees were reported. They all agreed that Union Texas Petroleum was a great company to work for because they cared about their employees and took care of them.

Winton Milliff presented a gift from the group to Pete Prentice for holding the longest tenure with Union Texas Petroleum. Pete worked for the company 38 years and 7 months.

FairTax goes on the road

Recently, the issue of tax reform through the adoption of the FairTax - an integrated plan incorporating a progressive national sales tax - received an influx of national attention with the release of the new book, The FairTax Book, co-authored by national radio host Neal Boortz and Georgia Congressman John Linder (GA-07). The book outlines the main points of HR 25/S 25, or the FairTax Act of 2005, and illustrates the economic advantages of replacing our current inefficient and broken income tax system with a fair, simple, transparent, non-invasive, revenue-neutral replacement.

Following appearances by Neal Boortz and John Linder on Hannity and Colmes, FairTax.org received thousands of e-mails overnight from people giving their support to the FairTax. With further television appearances planned, as well as various radio talk shows, the FairTax is in the national spotlight, beginning a new phase of the education of the American people of a fairer and more efficient tax system that builds a stronger and more economically-competitive America.

Neal Boortz and Congressman Linder took their case to the public on: Hannity and Comes, Your World with Neil Cavuto, 13 local radio shows in major markets across the country, and three nationally-syndicated radio

shows. In addition, Mr. Boortz goes on a month-long book-signing tour to promote the book.

As a result of the television appearance, the FairTax Houston headquarters was overwhelmed with calls for information about the FairTax, memberships, and signed petitions. These new members also asked for information about how to get involved in the cause.

"We're seeing an explosion of interest from people all over the country," said FairTax.org Executive Director Tom Wright. "There was once a morning when American women woke up and knew they could get the right to vote. That dawn for every American taxpayer is close at hand. We've done our homework. We've gotten the message out. We're making the case. Now it's up to the citizens to call their congressmen and senators, telling them what they want: the FairTax. We're thrilled about the success of the book because it demonstrates the strength of support from the American people. We've been saying all along that support is there and now everyone can see it."

FairTax.org maintains a website, www.fairtax.org, which provides information about the FairTax, research materials, petition sign-up, and materials and procedures for participating. What is the FairTax plan?

The FairTax plan is a comprehensive proposal that replaces all federal income and payroll taxes with an integrated approach including a progressive national retail sales tax, a rebate to ensure no American pays federal taxes up to the poverty level, dollar-for-dollar revenue neutrality, and the repeal of the 16th Amendment. This non-partisan legislation (HR 25/S 25) abolishes all federal personal, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, self-employment, and corporate taxes and replaces them all with one simple, visible, federal retail sales tax-collected by existing state sales tax authorities. The FairTax taxes us only on what we choose to spend, not on what we earn. It does not raise any more or less revenue; it is designed to be revenue neutral. So it is also cost neutral - the final cost for goods and services changes little under the FairTax. The FairTax is a fair, efficient, transparent, and intelligent solution to the frustration and inequity of our current tax system. For more information www.fairtax.org or call 1-800-FAIRTAX.



McMullan Cleans Up! Lillian McMullan of Bronte is shown with the three saddles she won for the year in the American Junior Rodeo Association 16-19 girls division. She won the All-Around World Championship, the Goat Tying World Championship, and the Pole Bending World Championship. She also won the trailer for winning the All-Around Championship during the AJRA National Finals Rodeo. Lillian is a senior at Bronte High School and the daughter of David and Mary McMullan of Bronte.

Meet the Steers set for Friday night

Come and support the Robert Lee Steers at "Meet the Steers Night!" The Steers will meet Panther Creek on Friday, August 19, 2005, for their 2nd scrimmage, slated to begin at 6:00 pm at the RL Football Stadium. Students line up at 5:15 pm for introductions at 5:30 pm.

Introductions will include: JH Football Players, JH Cheerleaders, Stomping Steer

Band, Cross Country, HS Cheerleaders and Stomper. After the scrimmage the HS Football Players and Coaches will be introduced.

Serving for donations, the RL Booster Club will have hot dogs and drinks. Memberships and Steer spirit makers will be available.

Open to all interested fans, the RL Booster Club will have hot dogs and drinks. Memberships and Steer spirit makers will be

available. Boosters meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 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. Hope to see you there.

For more information on the Booster Club, contact Pres. Vic Conner, VP Jimmy Munoz, Secretary Cynthia Dillard, Treasurer Patty Percifull, or reporter Mary Rodriguez.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The ROBERT LEE ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 29, 2005 in the Robert Lee High School Library, 1323 Hamilton Street, Robert Lee, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.500000	\$ 5,981	\$ 2,765
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.570018	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.570018	\$ 7,112	\$ 1,633
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.500000	\$ 7,079	\$ 2,384

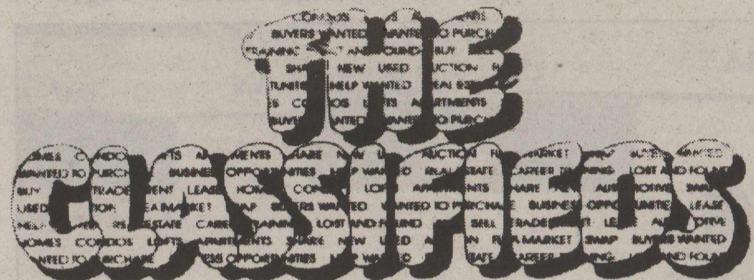
\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 43,433	\$ 46,445
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 19,746	\$ 22,156
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.500000	\$ 1.500000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 296.19	\$ 332.34
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 36.15

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.509006. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.509006.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$715,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0



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**CLASSIFIED - ADVERTISING RATES**  
 Rates when paid in advance.  
 First Insertion 20¢ Per Word  
 \$3 Minimum  
 Subsequent Insertions 16¢ Per Word  
 \$2.50 Minimum  
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 A service charge will be added to all ads which must be billed.  
**ADVERTISING DEADLINE**  
 Tuesdays at 2 pm

**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:**  
 All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.  
 This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



**FOR SALE**

**COMPUTERS**  
 New and Used. Repairs, upgrades, internet service. Ed Martindale, 473-3004.

**FOR SALE**  
 Nice large home w/huge attic! Paint & patch roof for down payment. See at 508 W. 9th. RLISD. 655-9141.

**FOR SALE**  
 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage. Needs some repair. Great location near school. Metal roof. \$12,750. 325-949-8027. Lacy & Co.

**FOR SALE**

**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.

**WONDERFUL LAKE HOME**  
 Approximately 4 1/2 acres plus Guest House, 2 water wells, private road. Dierschke & Dierschke REALTORS. Glinda @ 656-2428 or 944-3596.

**EUREKA VACUUM**  
 12 amp., bagless, factory serviced. High filtration. \$50.00. 473-3004.

**FOR RENT**

**FOR LEASE**  
 Large shop with office & restroom on over 350' of Hwy 277 frontage in Bronte. Call 325/439-1051. \$500/month.

**TAKING APPLICATIONS**  
 for one, two & three bedroom apartments. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.

**NICE! NEW! BRICK!**  
 3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths  
 2 bedroom 2 baths  
 Now Available!  
 Call: 325-473-3105 for information or 325-473-9548

**Santa Fe Crossing Duplexes**  
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**NEW LISTINGS for Professionals in Real Estate. Puthoff/Broker**  
 CALL 453-2726 for help with all your real estate needs. Have calls from buyers for ugly houses, but here is a new list of beautiful ones.

<b>Just listed</b>	Bargain Doll House 3-1 carport with two extra storage rooms. Bargain at \$39,500. Call 277-6197.
<b>Just listed</b>	Good value and design, well cared for, freshly painted home with nicely covered patio and separate storage area. Over 1800. Must see. Call 277-6197.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**AM INTERESTED**  
 in maintaining rural cemeteries or cemetery plots. Call George Grim at 453-9902 after 5:00 for scheduled or as needed maintenance.

**PARKER PLUMBING**  
 Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.

**STUMP GRINDING**  
 You have an unsightly tree stump in your yard? We'll grind it out without leaving a hole or a mess. Richard Baker. (325) 473-2017 (home), (325) 669-7415 (cell).

**THE "BARBER" SHOP**  
 Debora England, 107 W. Main, Bronte. 277-8164. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm.

**TREES**  
 Topped, trimmed or removed, Shrubs-brush. Call George Grim 453-9902 after 5.

**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.

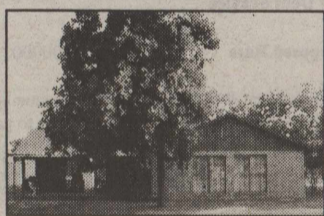
**TRES AMIGOS CONVENIENCE STORE**  
 Water Valley location. Cashiers/Food Service workers. Apply in person.

**NOTICES**

**SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE**  
 The EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 2:00 pm on August 26, 2005, at Bronte Health & Rehab Center Family Room, 900 S. State St., Bronte, Texas to consider

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**NEW LISTING!** Brick Home with 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. Vaulted Ceiling in the Living Area with Huge Double windows overlooking yard. Master Bedroom has patio doors overlooking backyard! Oversized carport and storage building! \$50's



**FRAME HOME WITH SIDING & METAL ROOF!** 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath with 2 Living areas! Screened porch & Carport! \$30's!



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**Blackwell**, Extremely nice 1,661 sq. ft. Brick Home with 3 BR, 2 BA, CA/CH, single car garage and carport, 13 x 21 brick shop, storm cellar and covered patio.

**Bronte**  
 New Listing, Beautiful Brick Home, 1726 sq. ft. with 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car garage, formal dining room, fireplace, storage room and workshop, metal covered area for travel trailer

**3 BR, 1 Bath** with hardwood floors, good storm cellar, single carport.

**Brick home** with 3 BR, 3 BA, 2 Living Area, workshop and orchard

**Robert Lee**  
 It's Fresh, 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 story home, secluded, near Lake Spence on a large lot

**Less than 1 year old**, 1984 sq. ft. Home, 3 BR, 2 BA, Vaulted ceiling in Living Area, Master Suite w/"Oasis" Bath, Office w/built-in desk, 2 car carport w/storage, landscaped

**It's Furnished**, Very Nice 1 BR, 1 BA, Large living area, carport, boat shed and travel trailer hook up

**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, attached 2 car carport & Workshop.

adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005. The proposed tax rate is 0.475016 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT by 3.03 percent.

**THE BRONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
 will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 6:00 pm, at 116 NE Railroad in Bronte to receive comments on the Annual and 5 year Plan for the Bronte Housing Authority. All documents are on display at the office of the Bronte Housing Authority, 116 NE Railroad, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 am.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 AMENDING ORDINANCE #365 TO AMEND SECTION 5 BY ADDING MINIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PENS OR ENCLOSURE AND

**MAXIMUM ANIMAL UNITS AND AMEND SECTION 9 PROHIBITING CERTAIN ANIMALS AND REPTILES.**  
 NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Bronte, Texas, as follows:  
 SECTION 5:  
 (f) Minimum Square Footage Requirements for Pens or Enclosure and Maximum Allowable Animal Units:  
 SECTION 9: KEEPING OR HARBORING, subsection (1) is amended as follows so that the adoption hereof the same shall read:  
 (1) Bats, skunks, poisonous reptiles, foxes and snakes which will kill prey by constriction thereof, including but not limited to boas and pythons.  
 The Effective date of this Ordinance shall be September 1, 2005.  
 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.

APPROVED: Gerald Sandusky  
 MAYOR, Pro Tem  
 ATTEST: Pat Martindale  
 CITY SECRETARY

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**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!!!

**Position Available**  
 Yard Man  
 Must have good driving record.  
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 Health & Rehab Center  
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 FAX (325) 473-2423  
 John DiFrancesco, Jr.  
 Administrator  
 EOE

...More Classifieds

**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a budget hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on September 8, 2005, in the City Hall, Bronte, Texas.

The budget for the City of Bronte for the fiscal year October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006, will be adopted.

The public is invited to attend and participate in these proceedings.

Pat Martindale  
City Secretary

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**CRMWD confirms improving water supplies**

Welcome inflows were pouring into Lake J.B. Thomas and the E.V. Spence Reservoir on Monday, August 15, as a result of weekend precipitation. Rainfall reports ranged from 3 to 5 inches over areas around Lake J.B. Thomas and the E.V. Spence Reservoir, with less near the O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

Shortly after midnight on Monday, the Colorado River was flowing into Lake Thomas at well above flood stage. By 10 am, flow was still almost 2900 cubic feet per second (cfs). Lake J.B. Thomas had risen about two vertical feet and gained more than 6,900 acre-feet of water. Bull Creek, which also feeds Lake Thomas, was flowing at more than 4 feet deep and 40 feet wide early Sunday before the last round of rainfall. Additional precipitation is forecast for the week, but even without it, inflows could push the lake to near 30% full. Last November, abnormal November rains brought the lake to 31.11% of capacity, which was its highest recorded level since February 1993.

Below Lake Thomas, Deep Creek was flowing at more than 2,000 cfs and the Colorado River was rising, already over 518 cfs by 10 am. Those flows will eventually reach the Spence Reservoir to add to gains from heavy weekend rains that fell almost directly over the upper end of the lake.

Two weeks ago, levels at Spence were hovering near the point where a pump-back operation would be required to submerge intake pumps by moving water from the deepest portion of the reservoir into a pool formed by damming up the area around the intake. District crews prepared the pumping barge and then repaired the intake pool dam twice in early August as small rain inflows kept washing out their work. Early Monday morning, they were happy to see that inflows had once again washed out the pool dam, this time bringing enough water to postpone the need for a pump-back for several months.

The Colorado River crossing at Silver on the upper end of the Spence Reservoir topped flood stage Sunday evening and was still flowing at more than 1800 cfs at 10 am. Water was also coursing into the reservoir from Pecan, Yellow Wolf and Rough Creeks. The lake had risen two vertical feet and gained about 8,000 acre-feet by 10 am Monday, but even without additional rainfall it could take as much as 36 hours for

water already on the ground to reach the reservoir.

Less rain fell near the O.H. Ivie Reservoir watershed, but some water should make its way to the reservoir over the next two days. At 10 am, the reservoir had gained about 2,400 acre-feet. Good inflows in November and February had already helped it to recover to over 55% of capacity.

At the end of July (before these August rains), District reservoirs had received a total of about 64% of the historical average, an amount which exceeded the entire year's totals for seven of the last 12 years. In four of the past eight years, CRMWD reservoirs received far less than half of the historical average and inflows of 220,043 acre-feet during 2004 marked only the second time since 1992 that the District saw above average inflows.

All these factors produced a paradoxical conclusion. Agriculture interests and meteorologists may consider the drought broken, but from the standpoint of surface and groundwater supplies, hydrologists say the jury is still out. Vital water supply reservoirs and the underground water table have not recovered from the effects of generally subnormal rainfall since 1992; so hydrologists still consider the region to be under the most severe drought in recorded history for both duration and severity.

With soils soaked and the watershed's creeks and draws flowing well, any additional rains bode well for the prospect of closing out this drought of record. Flash flood warnings from the National Weather Service remained in effect throughout Monday morning for Borden, Scurry, Howard, Mitchell, Midland, Martin, Sterling and Coke Counties.

**Donations to Bronte Cemetery Assoc.**

Robert & Lillian Porter  
Mike & Christine Oliphant  
Donations may be made to PO Box 594, Bronte, Texas 76933.

**Arrott family reunion held July 23**

Another year, another reunion. What could be any better, a full day of visiting and getting reacquainted with those that were not with us for quite a time. We also had a few new members to our family.

There were only 68 present and 2 visitors - this was less than any year in the past. Hopefully we will have our number increase next year.

Those descendants of Jim & Nora's children were descendants of Weldon Arrott who had 5 present from Dongola, Ill. and New Braunfels. Clarence Arrott had 16 present from the surrounding area and Cleburne, Tx. James Arrott had 22 descendants from the surrounding area, Evant and Austin, Tx. Monroe Arrott had 8 descendants present from Miles, San Angelo & Mertz. Leemon Arrott families were 4 present from Mineral Wells. Exa

(Arrott) Smith, the only remaining living daughter of Jim & Nora, was present with 6 of her children from Miles, Cleburne, & College Station. Buck Arrott, last remaining son, had 6 present from Ozona & Stephenville.

The year 2004 was a sad time for our family. We missed Leemon Arrott, his hearty laugh and tales of good times; Marie & Tena Arrott not sitting at the registration table and Mary Ann Westbrook (Buck's daughter), whose beautiful face and smile was not with us.

A bountiful meal was enjoyed, of course, pictures taken and had a short business meeting after dinner.

It was decided to return to Bronte next year, 3rd or 4th Saturday of July if possible. Everyone was invited back next year and bring some of those guys not here this year. Let's get our numbers back up. See you then. God Bless.

**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.

**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.

**Siren warning signals**

Tornado sirens for the City of Robert Lee are:

Three long blasts 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 the Skywarn Team, and are out checking the skies, are in contact with the National Weather Bureau, and they will set off the siren.

Three long blasts of the siren is the signal to take shelter. Preferably a sturdy building, storm cellar or interior room or hall.

One long blast of the siren will signal the ALL CLEAR.

The fire department utilizes the sirens when there is a fire or meeting.

Two blasts of the siren is a call for firemen to assemble at the station.

**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 September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, for voting in a special election to PROHIBIT "THE LEGAL SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFF-PREMISE CONSUMPTION ONLY"

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el septiembre 10<sup>th</sup> de 2005 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para PROHIBIR "EL LEGAL VENTA DE CERVEZA Y VINO PARA DE-PREMISA CONSUNCION UNICO")

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES:  
(DIRECCION (ES) DE CASILLAS ELECTORALES:)

Senior Citizen's Building 613 E. Oliver Ave, Bronte, Texas  
Bronte City Hall 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office 13 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Robert Lee  
Coke County Annex 224 W. Main St. Bronte, Texas

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on August 24, 2005  
Clerks office - Monday thru Thursday - 8:00 till 5:00, Friday 8:00 till 1:00  
Coke County Annex - Monday thru Friday - 9:00 till 1:00  
and ending September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

(Entre las horas de 8:00 y 5:00 p.m. comenzar el Agosto 24, de 2005.  
Secretario de la Votacion oficio - Lunes thru Jueves - 8:00 hasta las 5:00, Viernes 8:00 hasta las 1:00  
Coke condado anexar - Lunes thru Viernes - 9:00 hasta 1:00  
y fin Septiembre 5 de, 2005

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

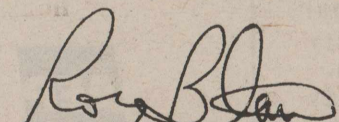
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(Mary Grim)  
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)

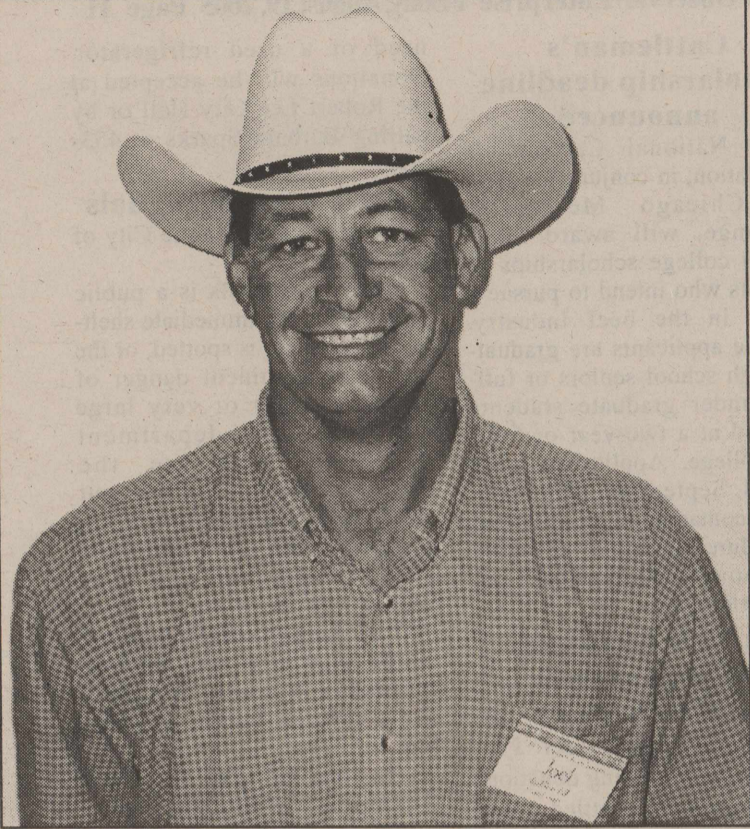
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**ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945**  
(Robert Lee) (Ciudad) (76945) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocia el: Septiembre 2<sup>nd</sup> de, 2005.)

Issued this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005  
(Emitada este dia 12<sup>th</sup> de Augusto, 2005)

  
Roy Blair, County Judge (Juez del Condado).



**Joel Percifull**

**Percifull honored at 4-H Silver Clover Banquet**

Joel Percifull of Robert Lee, TX was recognized for his outstanding support of Texas Cooperative Extension's 4-H program in Coke County during the annual District 7 Silver Clover Recognition Banquet.

The Silver Clover Recognition Banquet celebrated its 38th year August 9 with a meal and ceremony at the Original Zentner's Steak House. The annual event recognized 30 individuals who are instrumental to the success of Texas Cooperative Extension's District 7 4-H youth program.

The honorees were chosen through a competitive process. The selection was made by a committee comprised of electric cooperative personnel, a leader from another Extension district and an Extension agent from District 7.

The banquet is the only 4-H related event of its kind in Texas. Since it began, it has been sponsored by the rural electric cooperatives serving the area covered by Extension District 7.

The sponsoring cooperatives are: Central Texas Electric Cooperative; Coleman County Electric Cooperative; Concho Valley Electric Cooperative; Hamilton County Electric Cooperative; Big Country Electric Cooperative; Pedernales Electric Cooperative; Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative and Taylor Electric Cooperative.

**You drink & drive, you lose**

From August 19 until September 5, Texas will join the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." national crackdown on the criminal offense of alcohol impaired driving, according to Regional Administrator Georgia S. Chakiris of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

"During the Labor Day Weekend, there will be thousands of law enforcement officers out taking care of business, getting

Traffic Safety Director of the Texas Department of Transportation Terry Pence said, "Every year too many fathers, sons, mothers, and daughters do not come home because of impaired drivers. That's the reason we will be strictly enforcing the state's impaired driving laws."

Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. Nationally in 2003, more than 13,000 people died in impaired driving-related traffic crashes involving a driver with an alcohol level at or above the legal limit of .08. Every 31 minutes, or about 46 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year. According to NHTSA, nearly one in every three Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

For more information on impaired driving prevention and resources communities can use to reduce deaths and injuries, visit [www.stopimpaireddriving.org/#](http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/#)

**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.

**11:15 a.m. Tuesday**



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