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Coaches discuss upcoming season

by Hal Spain

Don't let the weather fool you - football season begins tonight for both the Bronte Longhorns and Robert Lee Steers. Gone are the days of the Coke County Championship, as Robert Lee heads into their second year of District 8 six-man football, and Bronte will compete in District 10-1A ball.

Robert Lee's district consists of Garden City, Water Valley, Veribest, Paint Rock, and Blackwell, while Bronte's district competitors will include Roscoe, Roby, Winters, Sterling City, Forsan, and Hermleigh.

Each year prior to the first game, we try to interview both head coaches to get their thoughts on the upcoming season. Rocky Rawls is now a seasoned veteran as head coach at Bronte, while Kerry Gartman is in his first season at Robert Lee.

We began the interview with each of the coach's thoughts on their two scrimmages, and Coach Gartman thought that both their scrimmages (with May and Panther Creek), had gone pretty well, with quite a bit of improvement from the first scrimmage to the second. Coach Rawls indicated that the first scrimmage with Irion County had gone well, with the second scrimmage with Miles going very well. Coach Rawls also related that the Horns were developing a new offense, which is more complicated and will require more timing.

As to injuries, Coach Rawls stated that they had one little nick on their squad, but that as a team, they were okay right now. Coach Gartman stated that the Steers have had three team members out for the past week, one which will require surgery after the season, and another pulled muscle injury which will be day by day.

Concerning the strengths and weaknesses of this year's teams, Coach Gartman indicated that the major strengths of this year's team are team quickness and unity. The Steers have six returning from last year's squad, and the major weakness will be experience and strength. Coach Rawls has 19 returning lettermen from last year's squad, with six offensive starters and 7 defensive

starters returning, and only five seniors on this year's team. Major strengths, according to Rawls, are in the number of lettermen and returning starters. The major weakness for this year's Horns squad will be depth, with only five seniors.

As to major contenders in each district, Coach Rawls stated that Roscoe, Winters (with a 190 enrollment), and Sterling City would be tough in their district, and Coach Gartman stated that Garden City would be the overwhelming favorite in their district, along with Water Valley.

Concerning their general outlook for the upcoming season, Coach Gartman said that they had seventeen on this year's squad, with 12 of the 17 being sophomores or younger. He is excited about the upcoming season to get some experience and build on that. Coach Rawls stated that the Horns have to stay healthy. If they do, they have a chance to be pretty good. He finished the interview by stating that this group of kids is a team, and that's how he expects them to play.

Best of luck to the Horns and the Steers in the upcoming season. Come on out and show your support to our county's teams, as Bronte begins play at Cross Plains, and the Steers host Midland Trinity in their first games of the new season.

RL Street Affair meeting set Aug. 25

A Robert Lee Street Affair meeting will be held Thursday, August 25, at 5:30 pm in the Coke County Library. There will be only one more meeting before the Street Affair scheduled for Saturday, October 1.

This year's list of events will make for a great day in Robert Lee. A parade, bed race, chicken roping, art show, quilt show, historic tour of the Old Jail, a dunking booth, the air carnival, food booths, craft booths, a tent for sitting and dining, cloggers, open mike, and a street dance are all planned for the day and half the night.

Participants in this year's event are asked to come to the meeting so that all coordinating

can be done with times and places arranged. A schedule is important to be able to circulate among the media in the area.

Dove season opening features changes

by Hal Spain

Before you dust off the old double barrel this dove season, you may want to get a free copy of the current Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual. There are some changes that you should be aware of before you obtain this year's hunting license.

New this year is the migratory game bird stamp, which costs an extra \$7.00, and is required to hunt any migratory game bird, including mourning doves. While you're at it, you will probably want to purchase an upland game bird endorsement for another \$7.00, which is required to hunt turkey, pheasant, and quail. And, if you need a duck stamp, that will cost you another \$15.

Something else to remember when you purchase this year's license. If you intend to hunt dove, or any other migratory bird, you will need to be certified in the Harvest Information Program (HIP). Just indicate to the clerk where you buy your license that you intend to hunt migratory birds and need to be HIP certified, and you can accomplish this by answering a few questions when you purchase your license.

This year's hunting prospects should be better than they have been in a long time. Recent rains have germinated every weed seed in the county, and the

sunflowers are thick around croplands. Best results, as always, will be around the edges of grain fields and at water sources late in the afternoon, providing it doesn't rain opening weekend. Good numbers of white wings have been observed in our area this year. They will test your shooting skills, as they duck and dive and fly away as you empty your gun.

Dove season will open in our area (the Central Zone, basically between Interstates 10 & 20), on September 1 and run through October 30. The late dove season will be from December 26, 2005 through January 4, 2006. Daily bag limit (in the Central Zone) is 12 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped (white-fronted) doves in the aggregate, to include not more than two white-tips. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Texas Parks and Wildlife also requests that hunters inspect the doves you shoot for bands and report them. The bands are very small and easy to overlook. Report banded doves to the following toll-free number: 1-800 327 BAND (2263).

Legal shooting hours for dove are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. Don't forget to plug those auto loaders and pumps; so that they are incapable of holding more than three shells for migratory bird hunting. Hunting over baited areas such as deer feeders is prohibited, as is hunting from a vehicle.

Local businesses which we know for sure are handling licenses this year are Terry's Wildcat Marina on Lake Spence, C&H Auto & Hardware in

Robert Lee, and Hometown Hardware in Bronte.

Good luck and, as always, be safe this hunting season. Don't forget to pick up a free copy of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual, as there are some changes you need to know about before you go afield. Any further questions may be directed to local game warden Jim Allen in Robert Lee.

City of Bronte requests resident mosquito control assistance

Due to recent rains, weeds and grasses have grown very thick and tall. Residents are asked to keep their property and the alleys behind their property mowed to help with the control of the mosquitoes.

Residents are also asked to empty any items that are full of standing water because they are breeding areas for mosquitoes.

The city appreciates these efforts to help with the control of mosquitoes.

FUMC announces ice cream social in Robert Lee

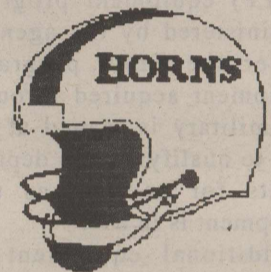
First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee has scheduled an ice cream social at the Church on Sunday, August 28, 6:00 pm. Come join and enjoy good eating and GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

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, Sponsor Code>bhr.

Coke County Football!

LONGHORNS
vs. Cross Plains
7:30 pm • Friday • August 26
Cross Plains



STEERS
vs. Midland Trinity
7:30 pm • Friday • August 26
Robert Lee

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RLVFD gains aid

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department took advantage of equipment aid available from the Texas Forest Service. The department obtained a truck flatbed, courtesy of the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) equipment program administered by the agency. Under the FEPP program, equipment acquired through the military is loaned at no cost to qualifying fire departments for as long as the equipment is in use.

Additional equipment is available at no cost to rural fire departments, thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department Helping Hands program, through which companies and organizations donate used fire equipment for use by volunteer fire departments. Companies interested in donating industrial fire equipment should contact the TFS Rural Fire Defense Section at 936-639-8130 for more information.

Volunteer fire departments may save money through several other programs administered by the Texas Forest Service. A self-insurance vehicle liability insurance pool offers liability coverage for \$200 per vehicle, ambulances excluded. Fire departments can also purchase firefighter clothing, hand tools and water handling accessories at discount prices through the Fire Safe program. TFS regional fire coordinators located across the state now provide local training in wildland firefighting techniques and assist fire departments with applications for equipment and financial assistance.

Detailed information on volunteer fire department assistance programs is available from the Texas Forest Service regional fire coordinators and from the agency's Rural Fire Defense Section, P.O. Box 310, Lufkin, Tx 75902-0310.

Texas Department of Agriculture hosts Town Hall meetings

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will visit with agricultural producers and rural communities at town hall meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting rural Texas and the agricultural industry.

The town hall meetings,

hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, are open forums where producers and community members can discuss issues as well as present their ideas and solutions to the commissioner.

A town hall meeting is scheduled for 2:45 pm, at the Taylor County Expo Center, Big Country Hall Bldg., 1700 Highway 36, in Abilene, Texas.

"Agriculture and rural communities face so many challenges, and I want to know firsthand about local concerns and issues," Combs said. "Some regions of Texas have very specific needs, and by working with producers, industry groups and community leaders, we can address these issues to ensure that agriculture and rural Texas remain strong throughout the state."

The town hall meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ryan O'Neal, producers relations specialist at TDA, at (512)463-4879.

Reception slated to honor 9-1-1 dispatchers

A reception has been set for Sunday, August 28, to honor the nursing staff of the Robert Lee Care Center for their dedication and concern in providing emergency service to Coke County. The reception will be held from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Care Center.

The Coke County EMS, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Department will be honoring the employees of Robert Lee Care Center for their 9-1-1 dispatching. Vickie Parker has been nominated as Coke County's Silent Hero. She will attend a conference in Corpus Christi honoring all the Silent Heroes for the state of Texas.

Please join with us in honoring our silent heroes on

August 28, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at the Robert Lee Care Center. Show the nursing staff your appreciation for their dedication and concern in providing emergency service to Coke County.

Rehab Round-up chairmen urge locals to participate

Coke County ranchers are gearing up to participate in special livestock auctions to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center beginning September 22 and continuing through early November.

Local Round-Up for Rehab chairmen include Ed Cumbie and Clifton Reed, whose message to Robert Lee and Bronte area ranchers is simple but sincere: Let's help Rehab help Breanna and 21,000 other Rehab patients this year, many of whom will receive therapy at WTRC-Ozona.

Fall sales of particular interest to Concho Valley ranchers are the cattle sale September 22 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and the sheep/goat sale October 24 at Junction Stockyards.

WTRC President Woody Gilliland urges everyone in the ag industry to attend one of the sales, donate cash or animals to the project, or notify Rehab of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to WTRC for animals sold later in the year. "For Breanna and the hundreds of other children and adults we serve regardless of financial status, I thank everyone for supporting this critical fundraising program," said Gilliland.

Honorary Round-Up chairman for the third consecutive year is legendary cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall and the four general chairmen are Jody Frey of San Angelo, Bob Helmers of Christoval and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson, both of Abilene.

Information about the Rehab Center, Round-Up sale dates and arrangements for hauling donated animals are available through local chairmen or WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.

Miles Cotton Festival on tap Sept. 10

Mark September 10th for the fun place to be at the Miles Cotton Festival in Miles, Texas. Activities are varied all during the day including: Arts & crafts



Rehab Round-up Helps Kids Like Breanna!
Three-year-old Breanna is much too busy showing off her bright red boots and racing around on her pint-sized walker to notice that hundreds of ranchers are rounding up livestock this fall to help her overcome the disabling effects of cerebral palsy.

booths, food booths, parade, brisket, chicken, porkrib cook-off, children's games, entertainment all day in the park, horseshoes & washers. Climaxing in a street dance featuring Mark David Manders.

For more information call 325-468-3501 or 325-468-3611. Check out their website at www.milestexas.com.

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.

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church
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
Rev. Larry Tianen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
Portis Ribble, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
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 & 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
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting



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Career Opportunities

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



FBC Surprise Visitors! Attending the morning worship service at Bronte's First Baptist Church August 14th were Bro. Harry Morris, his wife Dannie, and their daughter Becky Gragg. Bro. Morris served as pastor at First Baptist Church from 1964 to 1974. He and Dannie now live in Mount Vernon, Washington. Becky lives in Abilene. They stayed for a potluck lunch, sharing memories with many church members. Also visiting that day were Denise and David Glenn from Houston. The Glenns are the son and daughter-in-law of Mary Frances and Clark Glenn. They shared with several of the adult Sunday School classes and also with the congregation about their experiences in Indonesia and their ministry to men and women through Kardo Ministries International.

County lakes benefit from recent rains

We now have some figures concerning how much the county's lakes have risen during the wonderful rainy spell last week. If I am reading the U.S. Geological Survey maps correctly on the internet, here are the figures:

The following totals are a comparison of Lake Spence and Oak Creek Lake levels from August 8, 2005, before the monsoon, to the August 23, 2005 figures.

Lake Spence has risen in elevation from 1847 feet on August 8 to 1855.5 feet on August 23, making the rise a total of 8.5 feet, approximately. On August 8, the lake was 12.85% full with 66,470 acre feet. Current levels are 21 to 22% of capacity, with a total of 103,000 acre feet, or an increase of 36,530 acre feet.

Concerning Oak Creek, I couldn't find any figures on the acre feet increase. However, the elevation on August 8 was 1975 feet. Current elevation is 1982 feet, as of August 23, making the net gain for that time period 7 feet.

Now if we can just get that hurricane rain we'll all feel like we've died and gone to heaven.

Coke County Veterans Memorial nears completion

The memorial is now complete with the exception of a few cosmetic touch ups.

It is time to provide an opportunity to those who would like to add names to the Coke County Veterans Memorial located at the Plaza at the Historical Depot in Bronte; to honor veterans who have served our nation.

The deadline for your opportunity to have that Veteran

included for this engraving is October 1, 2005.

We look forward to honoring all veterans from the Spanish American War to the present.

We hope to have a program honoring the "Greatest Generation" as well as all service men and women on Veterans Day Nov. 11.

Donna Borden of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. has confirmed local Frankie Beth Fletcher Williams as Oral Historian of Coke County Veterans Oral History project which will be housed in the Library of Congress in Washington.

Interviews with Coke County Veterans will begin in Sept. You may reach Frankie by calling 453-4478.

All other correspondence should be addressed to Coke County Veterans Memorial

Project. Dorthey Pruitt Chairman 473-2851; Ettie Hubbard Sec./Treas. 473-3761.

RLCC selling tickets for Sept. 17 benefit

Robert Lee Care Center is now selling tickets for the September 17th benefit for their Alzheimer's Unit. The flyers will be going up all over town and several of the employees will be selling tickets. RLCC has a table full of silent auction items and will be accepting donations of items until the day of the luncheon.

The San Angelo Blues Jam Band has been practicing at the Oasis, Ms. Hattie's and Cheddar's, so hopefully they will put us on a "really good show". Mary Kay Kuss has been very instrumental in the initiation of the renovation of the activities room for the unit.

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cans **\$11.49**

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



All Those Crazy Cheerleaders! One of the activities scheduled for participants of this summer's Robert Lee Mini-Cheer Camp was Crazy Day!

RLBC to host 5th quarter

The Robert Lee Baptist Church will host the 5th Quarter for the community youth after the home football game on Friday, August 26th at the church.

RLISD board meets in regular session

A regular board meeting was held on Thursday, August 18, at 7 pm in the Robert Lee High School library. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Hill.

Members present: Messrs: Reed, Roe, Washam, Hill, Mrs. Torres, Supt. Gordon

Members absent: Riley, Ms. McCabe

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18,

2005 and August 4, 2005 board meetings as read seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Kevin Roe made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the bills as listed seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the Local Policy DB seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

No action taken on Local Policy DEB.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the 2005 - 2006 PDAS Calendar seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept Supt. Gordon's recommendation to approve Update 75 seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

No action was taken on the General Land Office Utility Rate.

Kevin Roe made a motion to proceed with the grant for drug testing seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Criteria for Superintendent's position was discussed by the board.

Jill Lankford gave her principal report.

Supt. Gordon gave his report on the office/district.

There will be a public hearing at 6:30 pm on August 29, 2005. A budget hearing will be held at 7:00 pm on August 29, 2005.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 pm.

Mountain Creek Golf 2005 Tourney schedule

August 27 - Suzie Wilson 3 person select shot

September 17 & 18 - Coke County Couples

October 8 & 9 - Club Championship

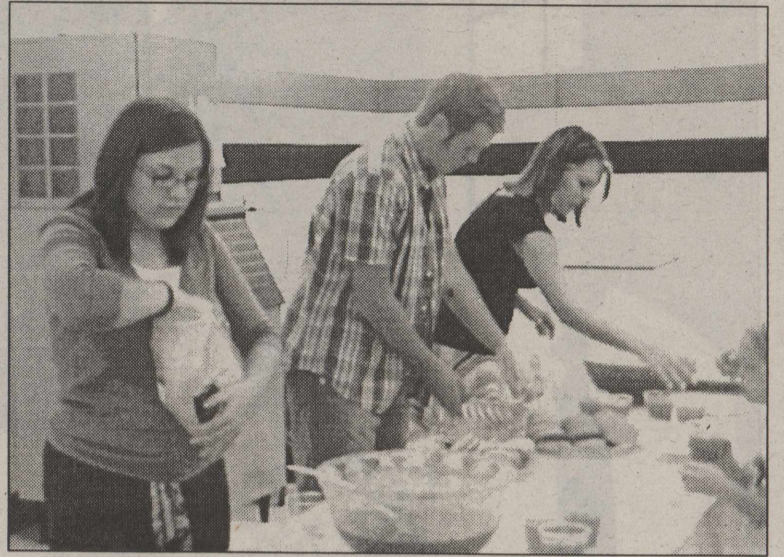
The Annual Thursday night Special Scramble starts at 6 pm. Call in or be there by 5:30. Clubhouse phone is 453-2317.



Look Who's New!

Skyler Lee Horne

Skyler Lee Horne arrived on August 10, 2005. He weighed in at 5 lb., 8 1/2 oz., and measured 18" in length. Welcoming him



Robert Lee FCCLA members, Dixie Johnson, Chase Roe, and Cassidy Wink serve refreshments to guests at the Robert Lee ISD open house Thursday night, August 18.

were big brother and sister, James and Chelsea.

Parents are Debra and Ernest (Skeeter) Horne. Grandparents are Wayland and Mary Beth Drennan and James and Linda Walker of Blackwell. Also welcoming Skyler are great-grandmothers, Louise Walker, and Ruby Drennan of Sterling City, Uncle Rick and Aunt Kate Drennan, and cousins Kodi and Corbin.

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.

Good Luck



Steers!

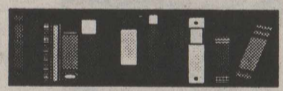
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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Aug. 29
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 30
Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Wed., Aug. 31
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Thurs., Sept. 1
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Friday, Sept. 2
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Aug. 29
Rib b Que, macaroni & cheese, corn, roll, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 30
Fajitas, salad, pinto beans, cheese, pineapple, milk

Wed., Aug. 31
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, peaches, roll, peanut butter, milk

Thurs., Sept. 1
Fish, salad, macaroni & cheese, peaches, roll, milk

Friday, Sept. 2
Hamburger, salad, French fries, carrot sticks, pudding, milk

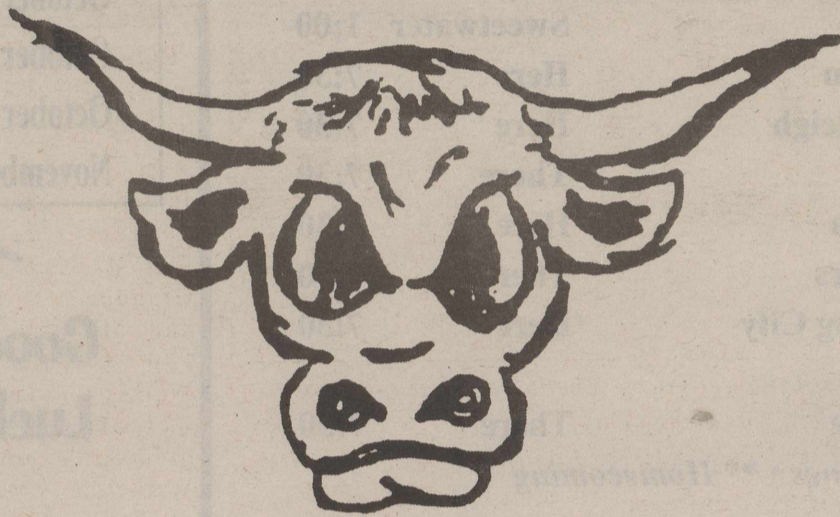
ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

August 26	Midland Trinity	Here	7:30
September 3	Fort Davis	Here	4:30
September 9	Santa Anna	There	7:30
September 16	Strawn	There	7:30
** September 23	Trent	Here	7:30
September 30	Open		
October 7	Garden City	There	7:30
October 14	Paint Rock	Here	7:30
October 21	Blackwell	There	7:30
October 28	Veribest	There	7:30
November 4	Water Valley	Here	7:30

** Homecoming

Friday,
August 26
7:30 pm

Robert Lee



ROBERT
LEE
STEERS
VS.
Midland
Trinity

Shaffer Monument
Company
Robert Lee-Silver
Lions Club
Rock Solid
Communications
Roy & Judy Blair
West Coke County
Community Development
Skinner's Gro. & Station
Jim & Geanette Skinner
W.E.B. Construction
Edwin, Wyndell & Family
Bell Auto Body Shop
Doug Bell
Ivey Motor Company, Inc.
Robert Lee State Bank
Member FDIC
Robert Lee Care Center
Daryl's Body Shop

Geo Group, Inc.
Supports the Steers
Joan Davis
Cracker Barrel Restaurant
The Best Connection
The Wayland Drennan Family
Ernest Clendennen, Inc.
Storage Rental & Sales & Vacuum Truck Services
Super "H" Grocery
Dave & Betty Hughes
Massage & Fitness by Darrell
Darrell Phillips
D.J.'s Merle
Norman Studio
Debbie McCabe
Glenn-Bivins Insurance
Marilyn, Mary, Lucretia, & Lanette
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Ronny & Cindy Brown
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Tommy & Tiffany Roach
Key Feed Store
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Handyman Construction
& Handyman Services
Tommy Williams

Taylor Williams #4
Josh Conner #33
Brandon Soliz #21

Johnathan Pagan #12
Elesar Vera #44

Taylor Percifull #3
Chris Roe #25
Fred Villard #7
Luke Thurman #5
Josh Gallegos #9
Kevin Honae

Roder Duan #10
Michael Rodriguez #15
Jeremy Martinez #6
Wason Row #34
Tony Munoz #41
Chris Lake #31
Cameron Fudge #24

Coch Alexal
Coch Cetta
Blake Thompson
Becca Skinner
Brettnie Reed
Coch Dartman

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte High School Football Schedule

August 19	Scrimmage - Miles	Here	6:00
August 26	Cross Plains	There	7:30
September 2	Christoval	There	7:30
September 10	Rotan	Sweetwater	1:00
** September 16	Rankin	Here	7:30
* September 23	Hermleigh	Here	7:30
* September 30	Roby	There	7:30
* October 7	Forsan	Here	7:30
* October 14	Winters	There	7:30
* October 21	Sterling City	Here	7:30
October 28	Open		
* November 4	Roscoe	There	7:30

* District Games • ** Homecoming

Bronte High School Volleyball Schedule

Date	Junior Varsity	Varsity	Site	Time
August 19-20	Sterling City Tourney		Sterling City	TBA
August 19-20		Wink Tourney	Wink	TBA
August 23	Greenwood/Crane	Greenwood/Crane	Greenwood	4:30
August 27	Water Valley/Miles		Bronte	10:00
August 27		ACHS Tourney	ACHS	TBA
August 30	Albany/Grape Creek	Albany/Grape Creek	Bronte	4:00
September 2-3		Bronte Tourney	Bronte	TBA
September 6	Colorado City	Colorado City	Colorado City	5:00
September 9	Cornerstone	Cornerstone	Bronte	4:00
September 13	Junction	Junction	Bronte	4:00
September 17	Rotan/Grape Creek	Rotan/Grape Creek	Bronte	10:00
* September 20	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	Bronte	5:30
September 24	Bronte JV Tourney		Bronte	TBA
* September 27	Water Valley	Water Valley	Water Valley	5:30
* October 1	Sterling City	Sterling City	Bronte	1:00
* October 4	Veribest	Veribest	Veribest	5:30
* October 8	Miles	Miles	Miles	1:00
* October 11	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	5:30
* October 15	Water Valley	Water Valley	Bronte	1:00
* October 18	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City	5:30
* October 22	Veribest	Veribest	Bronte	1:00
* October 25	Miles	Miles	Bronte	5:30
November 1		District Certification		
November 4-5	Bi-District	• November 7-8	Area	
November 11-12	Regional Tournament			
November 17-19	State Tournament			

Soccer association beginning

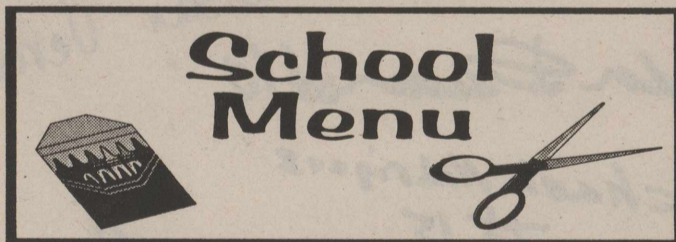
All children age 4-5 interested in soccer are encouraged to play in the RCSA U6 division. Practice will be in Bronte one evening a week with games on Saturday mornings in Ballinger. The first game will be on September 24 and play will last for eight weeks. For more information on registration or to sign your child up, contact Tiffany Lange at 473-2474.

Send your news in through the internet.

Email:

CokeCoObserver@aol.com

Please send articles in the body of the email and photos as a jpeg attachment.



Breakfast

Monday, Aug. 29
Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 30
Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Aug. 31
Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Thurs., Sept. 1
Grilled cheese sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Friday, Sept. 2
Donut, apple, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, Aug. 29
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, fresh

broccoli, fruit cup, crackers, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 30
Tacos with cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, assorted fruit, taco shell, milk

Wed., Aug. 31
Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fancy jello, milk

Thurs., Sept. 1
Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, bread sticks, peach cobbler, milk

Friday, Sept. 2
Chick Fil - lay sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, pink panther cake, milk

Bronte Junior High Football Schedule

September 1	Christoval	Here	5:00
September 8	Rotan	There	5:00
September 15	Rankin	There	6:00
September 22	Hermleigh	There	5:00
September 29	Roby	Here	5:00
October 6	Forsan	There	5:00
October 13	Winters	Here	5:00
October 20	Sterling City	There	5:00
October 27	Open		
November 3	Roscoe	Here	5:00



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September 2	Christoval	There	7:30
September 10	Rotan	Sweetwater	1:00
** September 16	Rankin	Here	7:30
* September 23	Hermleigh	Here	7:30
* September 30	Roby	There	7:30
* October 7	Forsan	Here	7:30
* October 14	Winters	There	7:30
* October 21	Sterling City	Here	7:30
October 28	Open		
* November 4	Roscoe	There	7:30

* District Games • ** Homecoming

Friday
August 26
7:30 pm
Cross Plains



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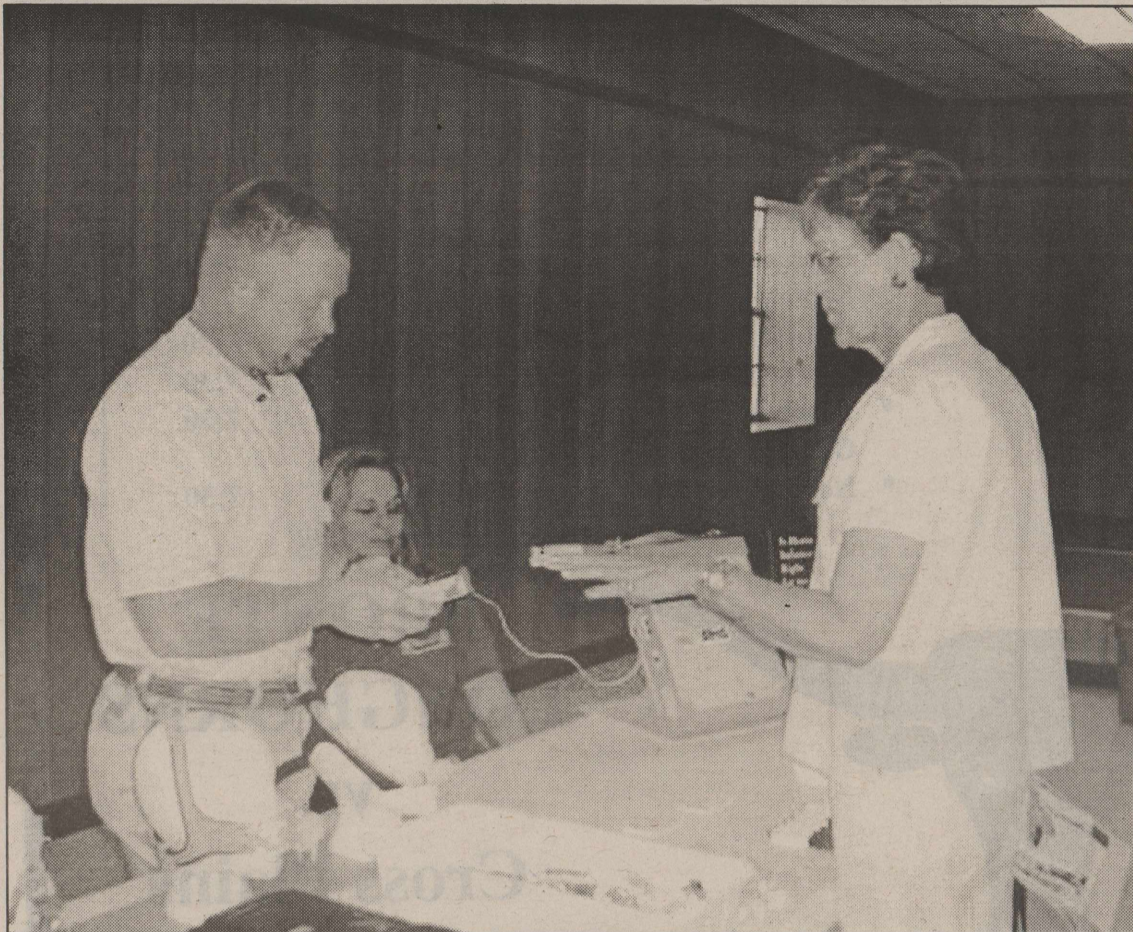
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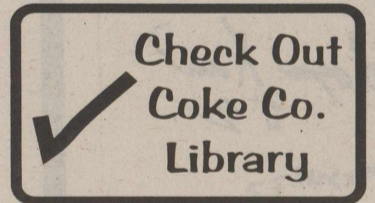
Health Fairs Come to Coke County! Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Angels Care Home Health sponsored Health Fairs at the Community Center in Bronte and the big Rec Hall in Robert Lee Wednesday, August 17th, 2005. Peggy Jackson (photo at left, right) is having an oxygen saturation test in Bronte, while Jeffie Roberts (above) is getting a blood sugar test in Robert Lee.

Health Fair attracts over 50 people

Over 50 people recently attended the Coke County Health Fair sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Angels Care Home Health.

Various booths and services were provided to all the citizens of the county. Those booths and services included: Blood Sugar Testing-Artex Medical, Blood Pressure Testing-TLC and Bronte Health and Rehab-facility care, Oxygen Saturation-Saveall, Angelo Care Home Health-home health care and services, Vista Care-home health care and services, Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center, Concho Valley Drug and Alcohol Council, Robert Lee Care Center-facility care, Health South-diagnostics center, Intrepid USA-health care services and the Texas Cooperative Extension Service's information on the New Food Guide pyramid and honey bees and spiders.

With continued support, this will be an annual event.



The Coke County Library invites new - comers and old - timers and in - betweeners to come in and get acquainted with the collection and services of the library. The regional

history collection has been expanded to include both fiction and non - fiction works about Texas. The paperback collection changes regularly with donations of books from generous readers in the county. Almost every interest can be satisfied among the many fiction authors of today.

Readers with special interests can utilize the Inter Library Loan program which has access to all public and academic libraries throughout the United States. The turn - around time is three to four days from the date of request. Also available is the Tex - Share program whereby any patron in good standing at the Coke County Library can obtain a card to check out books at other participating libraries across the state. The Story Hour will resume on Tuesday, September 13th at 10:00 am. Children between the ages of three and five are welcomed to a 45 minute session of stories, arts, and treats.

"We all love to hear a good story. We save our stories in books. We save our books in libraries. Libraries are the storyhouses full of all those stories and secrets." Kathy Bates.

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 24/7 book drop on the library porch.

Notice of Public Hearing On Tax Increase

Last Year, the COKE COUNTY GENERAL property tax rate was \$0.594752. That rate raised \$1,168,954, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as: Road and Bridge, Utilities, Salaries, Insurance, Care of County Parks, Housing of County Prisoners, Court System and Maintenance on all county buildings and other items required by law operate county government.

This year COKE COUNTY GENERAL is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.554558. That rate would raise \$1,265,766 which is \$96,812 more than the taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 6, 2005 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Courtroom, 13 E. 7th St. Robert Lee, Texas. The second public hearing will be held on September 12, 2005 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Courtroom, 13 E. 7th St. Robert Lee, Texas.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

NOTICE OF ADOPTED 2005 TAX RATE

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

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Inflows provide 7 foot rise for Spence

As the creeks and rivers are returning to near normal flows from rains that began last weekend, Lake J.B. Thomas and the E.V. Spence Reservoir showed gains of six to seven vertical feet.

"These rains brought water where we needed it most," said Colorado River Municipal Water District General Manager John Grant. "The drought that began in the fall of 1992 has had the most impact on Spence and Thomas. Reservoirs are not designed to operate at extremely low levels and only drastic action has kept water flowing from the E.V. Spence Reservoir and Lake J.B. Thomas." He said it has been common during the past decade for the District to need cofferdams and barge-mounted pumps to maintain false elevations around the intakes and keep the intake column pumps submerged.

Spence Reservoir gained the most water, with a 7.2-foot vertical rise to about 99,400 acre feet and 19% of capacity. The last time it was this high was in March 1998. At Lake Thomas, inflows raised the lake by about 6 feet to hold about 70,400 acre feet or 35% of capacity. The last time Lake Thomas had this much water was in October 1992. A little rain fell on the watershed of the O.H. Ivie Reservoir, which gained less than one vertical foot with an increase of 8,600 acre-feet to almost 56% of capacity.

"Overall, these rains brought in more than 63,000 acre-feet of water and improved quality as it brought the cumulative total of all three lakes to 37.7% of our capacity," Grant said. "Most of the gauges show the river and creeks returning to near normal but we will see just a little more water reach Spence since the Colorado River was still flowing at about 1,400 cubic feet per second this morning at the Silver Bridge."

Wendell Barber, CRMWD Water Quality Specialist said the pattern of chloride read-

ings from the inflow event was very encouraging.

"In an inflow event, we usually see our best water in the middle of the event, after the high chlorides in the first flushing flows and before the higher readings at the end of the event," Barber explained. "This time, we are seeing lower chlorides and less turbidity over the full event."

He said chlorides for the first three days of inflows were less than 100 parts per million (ppm) with many of the readings in the 40-60 ppm range. Later readings were up slightly but he still characterized them as very good overall.

"Even though it was a general rain over the area, a lot of the heaviest rain fell very near the lakes or in parts of the watershed that have the least problems with soil salts," Barber explained. "I think better grass and soil conditions may also have contributed to reducing the turbidity (or muddiness) of the water."

He said municipal water plant operators always brace for high turbidity that typically accompanies big inflow events. "We didn't get the usual increase in turbidity. Several factors might have contributed to this," Barber said. "The rains fell steadily over a longer period rather than all at once, vegetation reduced the amount of mud that was picked up by the flowing water and, at Thomas in particular, we already had a little water in the upper end of the lake to slow the incoming river flow and blend with it."

General Manager Grant said the District will not know the full impact of the good water for a few weeks until the inflows fully blend with stored water. "We typically have good water at Thomas and these flows will help there, but the most impact will be at Spence where evaporation had pushed the chlorides back up to around 700 ppm," Grant said. "I think we will see chlorides at Spence drop below 600 ppm."

Grant said the inflows will also have a financial benefit to the District. They came on

the heels of good inflows last February and November and will save the District both labor and pumping power. At Spence, crews had prepared the pump-back barge and were just at the trigger point to begin using it, when small inflows in early August kept washing out the cofferdam plug. This large inflow event ensures a pump-back won't be needed for the better part of a year, even if no more inflows come to Spence in that time.

"Not only are pump-back operations expensive from a standpoint of labor to build them and then power to pump the water twice, the very fact that water supplies are so low at Thomas and Spence has forced us to rely more heavily on water from the Ivie Reservoir over the past several years," Grant

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explained. "Ivie is farther away and more of an uphill push, which requires a lot more electric power at a time when the cost of that power is soaring." Grant explained. "This rain was a money saver and helped our water supply picture significantly."

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.

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.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Sterling County property tax rate was \$.5405. That rate raised \$1,884,351, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as Courthouse, Road and Bridge, Nursing Home, Clinic, EMS, Fire Department, Senior Center, 911, Court system, Maintenance on all county buildings and other items required by law to operate county government.

This year Sterling County is proposing a property tax rate of \$.4641. That rate would raise \$2,035,091 which is \$150,740 more than the taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 2, 2005 at 9 AM in the commissioners courtroom. The second public hearing will be held on September 8, 2005 at 9 AM in the commissioners courtroom.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

A \$100,000 home taxed last year was \$540.50 and proposed rate will be \$464.10, an increase of -\$76.40.

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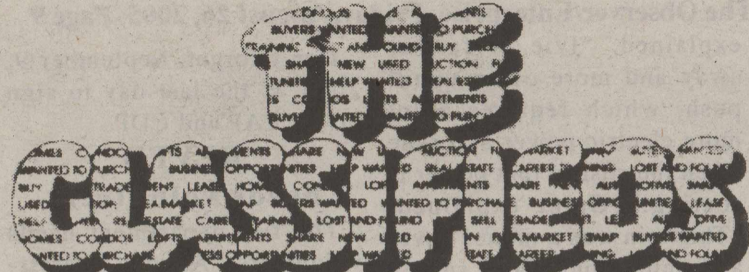
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Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioners Court is now taking applications for a park caretaker in Bronte. It is a 40 hour per week job with health insurance, retirement, vacation and sick leave. Applications will be accepted until 10:00 am Tuesday, September 6, 2005. Applications are available in the Coke County Judge's Office. For further information, contact Commissioner George Snapp at 473-8503 or Bill Wheat at 473-8504. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioners Court is now taking applications for a Senior Director at the Robert Lee Senior Center until 10:00 am Tuesday, September 6, 2005. Applications are available at the Coke County Judge's Office. This is a 20 hour per week part-time job coordinating the senior meals and senior activities at \$7.00 per hour. Contact Commissioner Troy Montgomery at 473-0146 or Gaylon Pitcock at 473-0220. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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New Listing! 160 +/- AC. county road access, all pasture, good dirt tank, scenic mountain views, good hunting.
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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.
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RAIN OR SHINE GARAGE SALE
New Life in Christ, Bronte. Sat., 8-27-05, 8 am til ?. Lots of children's clothes, misc. and burritos & nachos.
06-1tc

EARLY BIRD'S CARPORT SALE
501 N. Franklin, Bronte. Saturday, Aug. 27th, 7am - 11 am. If you're looking for that special something, you may find it here.
06-1twp

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GARAGE SALE
Saturday only 8-3. Washer, dryer, treadmill, kids clothes, misc. items. 627 N. Franklin, Bronte.
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THANK YOU

to all my Robert Lee friends for all your concerns & thoughtfulness during my illness.

Sincerely,
Chrys Higgins
06-1tc

THE ROBERT LEE BOOSTER CLUB

would like to thank the businesses that donated the food for the "Meet the Steers Night" game: Cindy's, Super H, and Skinners. Also to all volunteers who helped cook, sell booster memberships and Steer spirit makers, setup and take down tables. To all the Steer fans that came out and supported our Steers. Memberships are still available: Individual \$10.00, Family \$20.00, Businesses \$25.00. FMI contact Pres. Vic Conner.

06-1tc

NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WESLEY RANDALL GIBBS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Wesley Randall Gibbs were issued on August 15, 2005, in Cause No. 05-1665 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to:

SHALON ELAINE GIBBS

The residence of such Executrix is Coke County, Texas. The mailing address for the Executrix is:

SHALON ELAINE GIBBS

C/O NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR

Attorney-at-Law

P.O. Box 970

Robert Lee, TX 76945

325/453-2576

FAX: 325/453-2577

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED August 15, 2005.

NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR

Attorney for the Estate

06-1tc

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: 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

06-1tc

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 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

06-1tc

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The KICKAPOO WATER DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 4:00 pm on September 7, 2005 at Bronte City Hall, Bronte, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005. The proposed tax rate is 0.005660 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in KICKAPOO WATER DISTRICT by 35.05% percent.

06-1tc

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 5:00 pm on September 6, 2005 at Robert Lee Care Center Conference Room, 307 W. 8th, Robert Lee, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005. The proposed tax rate is 0.250000 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT by 18.00% percent.

06-1tc

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The CITY OF BRONTE will hold a meeting at 6:30 pm on September 8, 2005 at Bronte City Hall, 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005. The proposed tax rate is 0.378268 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in CITY OF BRONTE by 1.73% percent.

06-1tc

The CITY OF ROBERT LEE will receive bids for the construction of an Equipment Shed. Bid specifications are available at City Hall. Bids will be received until 4:00 pm on September 8, 2005. The City of Robert Lee reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Joe V. White, Mayor

City of Robert Lee

06-1tc

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 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.

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.

Superintendent donates kidney to teacher

Jan Hungate of Waco and superintendent of Hallsburg ISD, recently donated one of her kidneys to her sixth grade teacher, Darlene Johnson. The kidney transplant took place July 8, 2005 at the Methodist Transplant Hospital in San Antonio. Now, six weeks later, both donor and donee are recovering well and ready to start a new school year.

Jan is the wife of Bobby Hungate, mother of Kayce Hungate and Kara Knight, and grandmother of Maci Knight.

Jan is also the daughter of Alta Bell Kay of Alpine (a Robert Lee native), and the late Lamar Kay. She is the granddaughter of the late Alley and Alta Bilbo, both Coke County natives, and the niece of Jamie Boren of Robert Lee. Jan Kay was born in October 1950 and has spent every Easter since that time attending Easter Sunday services at the Robert Lee United Methodist Church.

Darlene Johnson, 6th grade teacher and one of the Hallsburg school's 11 teachers, suffers from lupus, an inflammatory disease that can affect the skin, joints, and kidneys. Last year after being told she needed a transplant, many family members and friends tested but were not a match. Last October, Jan tested and found that she was a perfect match for Darlene. Thus, after much testing in San Antonio, the surgery date was set for July 8.

"I believe we are here for a reason," Jan said, "If we help someone in a big way, like being an organ donor, or a small way, by volunteering our time and resources, then the people we help can in turn help someone else and everyone benefits in the long run."

Jan and Darlene hope, by their example, to encourage the act of living donors.

On being this donor at this time, Jan Hungate says, "God just had this whole thing planned. What are the chances, first of all, that I would even have this job? What are the chances that we would have matched? He had this planned."

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 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.



Superintendent Donates Kidney to Teacher! Hallsburg teacher Darlene Johnson (left) received a kidney transplant July 8, 2005, at San Antonio's Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital. She and superintendent Jan Hungate learned they were a donor match this past October.



Letters to the Editor

[Editor's Note: The following letter is an email from a soldier who is being deployed back to Iraq for another year.]

Greetings to all, I wanted to take a few minutes and let everyone know that once again I will be traveling around the world. Sometime in early September, I will be deploying back to Iraq for round two. As I climbed aboard the plane to leave Iraq in February 2004, I knew that it would only be a short time and I would be returning. Once I got back to the states, we had a great reunion. Unfortunately, with the unit transitioning to the newer version of the Apache helicopter, we had to head down to Ft. Hood for about nine months. Rather than staying behind, we moved the family down to Ft. Hood in order to keep us together if only for a short time. Once we completed the transition, we deployed back to Ft. Campbell only to begin preparations for the impending deployment to Iraq.

Megan has gotten old enough now to realize that Daddy is going away for a long time and might die while in Iraq. She did not have too hard of a time with Daddy gone to the field so much in the past months because I was able to call every day. I have tried to explain to her that there are not always phones where I will be going and that I might not be able to call all the time. With moving regularly,

and now the yearlong deployment looming before us, along with knowing that she can't just call me when she wants to talk, she has become very clingy. She has a good heart and I am sure that once I am finally gone and she settles down into a routine she will be fine.

Dee is taking it somewhat better. She has become accustomed to my being gone. She still doesn't like it one bit but can take care of things very well while I am gone and after eight years of marriage, we love each other more now than when we first met. I am a very lucky man to have her as my soul mate.

As for me and what I am going to be doing, well I can't talk about it unfortunately, but I can say this: I am doing what I love and I love what I do. I am taking care of soldiers and getting the job done. I can say that I will be going to an area, which is not very pleasant or friendly. I will be very careful over there this time, more so even than last time. Being nervous before a deployment is normal. Everyone is afraid of the unknown and once I am there and settled into my job things will move quickly and I will be on the freedom bird in no time. Well, I hope I have not taken up too much of your time, I just wanted to drop everyone a line and let you know what is going on. If you are the praying type, prayers are always accepted, and if not, your thoughts are enough. Once I am finally there, I will email again and let everyone know that my soldiers and I are safe. Until then, be safe, be kind and hug a soldier.

Philip Thompson to
Bud & Marian Thompson
of Robert Lee.



Baseball Field Receives New Sign! Celeste Service's art class at Robert Lee High School is responsible for this new sign (top photo) at the baseball field in the county park at Robert Lee. The old sign's removal (bottom photo) and the erection of the new sign were accomplished by employees of Coke County.

Benefit set for Mike Fluhmann

A benefit is 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 recently experienced health problems which will require him to receive a heart transplant in the near future. Benefit funds will help to defray some of those expenses.

Benefit tickets are a minimum donation of \$7, with fried fish, barbecue brisket and all the trimmings, including homemade desserts. A cake auction and music by Driftwood will round out the event.

Tickets for a drawing for a homemade quilt by Bonnie Roberts will be available. The drawing will be held during Street Affair in October.

If you would like to bake a cake for the auction, make a dessert, sell drawing tickets, help serve and clean up at the barbecue, etc., or if you have any questions, please contact Ivey Motors at 453-4561.

That's a strange looking dove in your bag

Fashions at most rural Texas convenience stores run to camo-green starting Sept. 1, leading one to believe "camouflage" may suddenly be the next big thing.

Though that's probably not the case, the influx of camouflaged clothes signals an exodus from cool air-conditioned comfort to the blistering late-summer heat of the dove hunting fields.

Jim Cathey, Uvalde-based

Extension wildlife specialist, said mourning dove have traditionally ruled the roost over much of Texas, making it the dominant species in most hunters' bags. And another native, the white-winged dove, has become established across parts of the state, and is fast expanding its number and range.

"Hunters once traveled to South Texas to take white-wings," Cathey said. "Now, it is fairly common to find these birds traveling back and forth from roosting sites within the city limits to foraging areas just outside many Texas towns. Most Texas hunters now can expect to take a white-wing from time to time, particularly if they hunt from Waco on south. Limits of white-wings can be had in deeper South Texas, which still serves as their stronghold."

But now, there's another new dove in town; one that may not be welcome. The Eurasian collared dove, unlike the native mourning and white-winged varieties, is an exotic or introduced species being seen frequently.

"Originally, this bird lived in India and spread to Europe several hundred years ago," Cathey said. "Reports indicated that their number held steady until the 1930s and then dramatically increased. Some people noted big jumps in geographical distance from known dove colonies to previously uninhabited areas."

Cathey said the Eurasian collared dove came to the Bahamas in the 1970s as a substitute for the Ringed-turtle dove sold in the pet industry. Eurasian collared dove escapees in the 1980s made the short flight from the

islands to Florida.

Cathey said the problem with exotic species is that they often compete with native animals for food, water, shelter, and space and may introduce foreign diseases to susceptible native species.

"There is concern within the

wildlife community that the Eurasian collared dove is expanding its range at the expense of other dove species," Cathey said. "Its true impact on native dove is poorly understood as this interaction is only in its early stages. Since its discovery in the 1980s, the Eurasian collared dove has expanded its range from Florida to Texas and now there are reports of it in California. This bird has also moved northward to Illinois and Indiana."

Hunters may wonder if it is legal to harvest Eurasian collared doves. As with any game species, it's best to consult the regulations found in Texas Parks and Wildlife's Outdoor Annual for any changes. For now, Eurasian collared dove are legal to harvest and there is no closed season or bag limit, Cathey said.

"This rule allows hunters to play a more active role in the conservation of native species," he said. "By removing more Eurasian collared doves, native species may gain an advantage."

How will hunters know a Eurasian collared dove?

Cathey said Eurasian collared doves lack white marks on their wings, making them easily distinguishable from white-winged dove. He explained that hunters may confuse a Eurasian collared dove and a mourning dove at first glance, but the Eurasian collared dove is much larger.

The difference in size can also be noted for birds in flight, he added.

The Eurasian collared dove's feathers are tan, merging with pale grey and seem to be lighter in color than mourning doves. Its common name, Eurasian collared dove, was given because of its origin and the prominent black band on the back of its neck. This mark is not found on mourning doves.

"If all three species are taken this season, it may be helpful to take photographs comparing the markings of each and discussing them with other hunting companions," Cathey said. "Hunters have the opportunity to aid the conservation of native dove, being well-informed about this invading species will help them accomplish this task."

Early voting continues

Early voting continues through September 6, 2005.

The elections, slated for 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. Early ballots may be cast at the Clerk's office in the 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.

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 Music by a DJ.**
- 7-7:30 pm • Music and Dancing**
- 7:30-8 pm • Rose Chapel Dedication Ceremony**
- 8-8:30 pm • Music & Dancing**
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