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Friday, September 2, 2005

Early voting in local elections ends Tuesday

Early voting in the two local upcoming elections ends Tuesday, 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.

Malone named CCJJC Officer of the Year

Jerry Malone is a Juvenile Corrections Officer at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte, Texas. He was elected as Officer of the Year 2004 at CCJJC which made him eligible for the GEO Officer of the Year, which is chosen from all of The GEO Group, Inc. facilities worldwide. In this election, Jerry was given the Special Recognition Award. Jerry will be highlighted with this very distinctive award in The GEO Group, Inc.'s quarterly publication, GEOworld, with the following article:

Officer Jerry Malone

Officer Malone joined the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center April 21, 2003. Officer Malone has resided in San Angelo for thirty-eight years. When Officer Malone graduated from Central High School in San Angelo in 1985, he had his mind set that he would help young people during his life.

Officer Malone and his wife Sylvia have been married for thirteen years. They have three



CCJJC Officer Honored!! Coke County Juvenile Justice Center Warden Brett Bement (left) presents CCJJC Officer Jerry Malone with his award for earning the title "2004 CCJJC Officer of the Year".

beautiful children; daughter Sina (22), son Shawn (19), and daughter Rochelle (15). They also have two grandchildren, Justin (5), and Joshlin (1). According to Officer Malone, granddaughter Joshlin is one, going on twenty. She has the run of the household.

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Gospel singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, Sept. 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship together.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be held from 7:30 - 10:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Holiday closings noted

The Coke County Courthouse and the Robert Lee and Bronte City Halls will close Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The Robert Lee Landfill will be closed Saturday, September 3. Robert Lee residents are remind-

ed that the employee on-call during the weekend and holiday may be reached by calling 453-2831.

One month remains until Street Affair

Only one month remains before the Fifth Annual Robert Lee Street Affair to be held Saturday, October 1, 2005. Call 453-2831 for details.

Area artists and quilters are invited (and needed) to continue the quality shows that folks have come to expect. Three bed racing teams are looking for more competition. Dunking prospects are needed to help the RLVFD raise some funds and make some splashes. Vehicle customizers can provide an opportunity to make visitors aware of awesome innovations; lawn mower enthusiasts are needed for a great motorcycle event; and dancers will be welcomed at the street dance with Driftwood playing all the favorites.

Local bakers are getting out the cookbooks to create a prize winning dish; and the Old Jail will be open for tours and history displays; the cloggers will be there; and Little Miss and Mr. will be crowned.

Sign up to be in the parade which will start at 11:00. The fire truck will lead and who knows what will follow.

Next Street Affair meeting will be September 22nd at 5:30 pm in the library. This will be the last possible planning meeting. Most plans are in place thanks to chairmen who have worked hard to see that the Street Affair gets better every year.

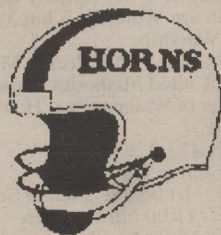
RLCC selling tickets for Sept. 17 benefit

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.

Coke County Football!

LONGHORNS
vs. Christoval
7:30 pm • Friday
September 2
Christoval



STEERS
vs. Fort Davis
4:30 pm • Saturday
September 3
Robert Lee



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Obituaries



Counts

A long time resident of Coke County, Beatrice Leroy "Taylor" Counts, passed away Sunday, August 28, 2005, at 89 years of age. She was born on December 31, 1915, in Robert Lee, the daughter of Inez Adeline McDorman and James Leroy Taylor.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, J.Q. Counts and children, Ellen Counts Tolbert of El Paso, Texas, Robert James Counts of Robert Lee, Texas, Jacquelyn Counts Williams of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and John Quitman Counts of Conroe, Texas; three sisters, Katherine Martin of Sulpher, Oklahoma; Patricia Sheppard of Spearman, Texas, and Martha Jones of Brownfield, Texas. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10 am Wednesday, August 31, 2005, at the Divide Cemetery in Coke County, Texas. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the West Coke County EMS in Robert Lee, Texas.

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Casselberry

Marjorie Christene (Margie) Pentecost Casselberry, 86, died August 1, 2005, in San Angelo, following a car crash the day before.

Service was in Shaffer Funeral Home's Pioneer Chapel, Thursday, August 4, 2005, at 10 am, with Reverend James Mitchell officiating. Pallbearers were Ira Pool, Kurt Wyman, J.B. Pentecost, Mike Pentecost, Travis Pentecost and Ron Tensley. Interment was in Fairmount Cemetery.

She was born June 13,

1919, in Oplin, Coleman County, to William Samuel and Bettie Ferguson Pentecost. The family moved to Coke County in 1927, living successively in Bronte, Edith and Sanco.

She and W.W. (Bill) Casselberry were married March 23, 1946. They were active in Sanco community, serving respectively as secretary and treasurer, beginning in 1987, for two years.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, daughter, Billie Christene (Tene) and husband, Larry Conley, of Lubbock, and two brothers: Nolan C. and Billy Sam (Bill) Pentecost, of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, James Franklin Pentecost, who was killed during WWII, and three half - sisters: Edna May

(Madie) Bodenheimer, who died of an injury caused by a tornado in Oplin in 1922 when she was 16, Aleene Bodenheimer McCullough and Loma Bodenheimer Preslar.

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Children's ministry to begin at RLBC

Robert Lee Baptist will start their Fall Children's ministry September 7 running from 5 to 6 pm. This ministry is designed for children in pre-kindergarten to 6th grade. Your child will learn drama, music, art, games and have a snack time. This ministry is open to all the children of the community.

If your child needs a ride or if you would like further information, please contact the church office at 453-2724.

Ladies Day set for Southside Church of Christ

For the first time in many years, the ladies of the Southside Church of Christ, Robert Lee, have planned to host a Ladies' Day - a morning of fellowship and joy, of singing and study, of sharing and encouragement.

Ann Young, a wonderful Christian, who has been involved in the Lord's ministry for all of 33 years - some of which were spent in San Angelo - and who remains active in women's ministry in Abilene, will be the guest speaker. Her subject will be



Coke County Health Fair! Bronte City Secretary Pat Martindale (seated) has her blood pressure checked at the health fair held at the Community Center in Bronte Wednesday, August 17. The same day, a similar fair was held at the big Rec Hall in Robert Lee.

"The Joy of the Journey," tracing out the thought expressed in Jeremiah 31:21. Those who have heard Ann speak know that everyone who attends will be treated to a message which will grace the heart, stimulate great thoughts and stir the spirit.

Accompanying Ann will be Roberta Harshaw Brown, an accomplished song leader, who will bring hearts and minds to bear on singing with the spirit. The Ladies at Southside are in anticipation of a grand morning of rich fellowship. The event is set

for Saturday, Sept. 24, and will begin at 10:00 am and end at noon with lunch.

The men of the congregation will prepare and serve lunch. The ladies of the community are invited to come and enjoy this morning together with their neighbors. Please note that child care will be provided.

In order to anticipate the number who will take lunch, an indication of your intention to attend will be appreciated, but not essential for attendance. Call 325-453-4378.

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for all of the prayers, kindness, support and generosity that have been shown to my family and myself. It has been totally overwhelming to say the least. I apologize if I haven't been able to thank everyone personally yet, but I know that a lot of folks have worked awfully hard and given a tremendous amount of their time and money on behalf of my family and myself. It is greatly appreciated and I feel so fortunate to live in this community and to have so many friends.

Thank you all very much.
Mike Fluhmann and Family

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Central Baptist Church

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(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
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(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
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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

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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



High Water in Publisher's Hometown! You don't have to look to the Gulf Coast to find misplaced residents and flooded homes. Hal Spain, originally from Haskell, Texas, spent last Friday cleaning up after flood waters rose over 4 feet in his family's lakehouse. Lake Stamford flooded area lake homes in August, leaving twenty-four permanent resident families at Veda's Camp homeless. The area received between fourteen and twenty inches of rain on the watershed that feeds into Lake Stamford. The lake is located between Haskell and Stamford in Haskell County.

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.

FSA accepting applications for emergency loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by hail, high winds, and a tornado that occurred on May 31, 2005.

Sterling County and Coke

County have been designated as contiguous disaster counties. Farm Loan Manager, Roger W. Kalina, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is 3/01/2006, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater, Texas, (325) 236-6337.

RLVFD Memorials and donations Memorials

Hershel Callendar:

Mike & Fran Lomas
David & Lisa Lewis & Family

Nell Horton:

Mike & Fran Lomas
Tommie Walker:
Bobby & Joyce Walker
Dale Brown:
Jamie Boren
Roy Coward:

Dee & Dessie Kendall
Thelma Toles:

Dee & Dessie Kendall

Donations

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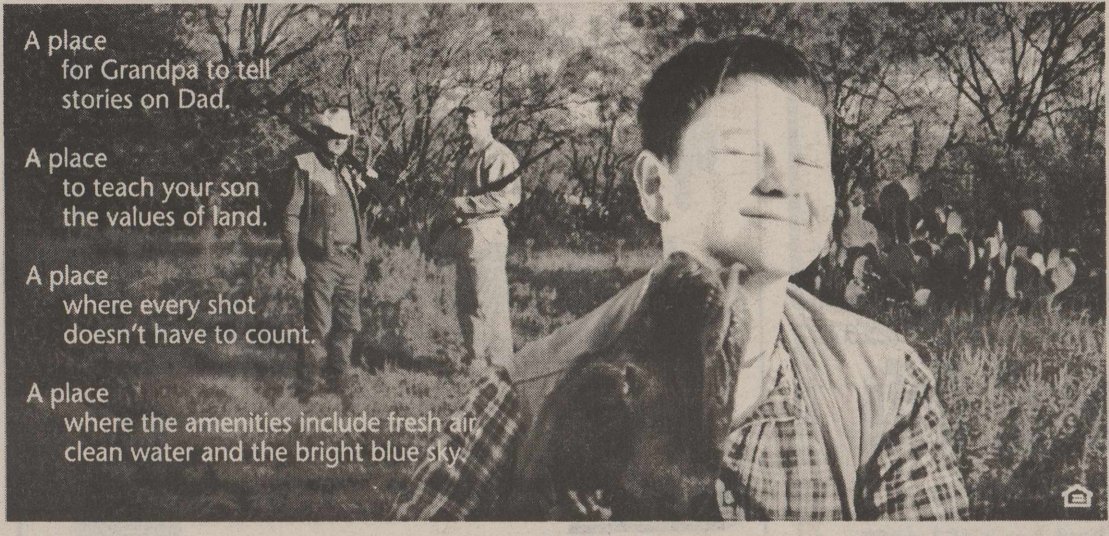
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns take opener over Cross Plains, 28-0

The Longhorns traveled to Cross Plains Friday night and came away with a 28 - 0 victory. The Longhorns took a 7 - 0 lead into half on a 2nd quarter touchdown pass from Logan Rawls to Albert Force, with Riley Coalson PAT tagged on.

Bronte opened up their lead in the second half when Logan Rawls intercepted a Buffalo pass and scampered 45 yards for the score. Jaylon Saunders was the workhorse on offense in the second half, as he accounted for most of his 118 yards rushing and 2 touchdowns in the half.

The Longhorn defense forced Cross Plains into eight turnovers, some of them at a very opportune time. It was a very hot and humid night, and nearly every Longhorn played and all played very admirably.

The Longhorns next travel to Christoval to take on a very good Cougar team.

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.

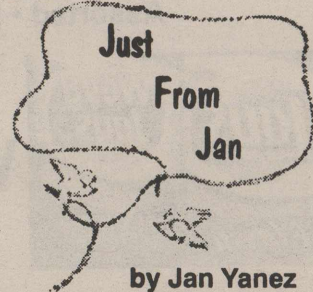
Concho Valley produces cooking show

An entertaining TV cooking show with hosts Chef Henry Wiens and Randy Coleman from San Angelo Community Medical Center, complete with a live audience will be taped September 7, 2005 at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, One Love Street, San Angelo, Texas.

Taping session I will be from 1:30 - 4:15 pm and taping session II will be 5:00 - 7:45 pm. Two shows will be taped in each session.

Tickets can only be purchased through the museum.

For more information call the Fine Arts Museum at 653-3333.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent
Healthy

Breakfast Ideas

Finding the Time for Breakfast Research shows that kids who eat breakfast fare better in school, and have a healthier diet. Eating breakfast promotes proper growth and maximizes school performance, too. That's because it's usually easier for breakfast-eaters to meet their daily nutritional needs. Breakfast is often a victim of

the a.m. time crunch. Face it, breakfast is the one thing you can skip when you're in a hurry.

Simplify your morning routine with these eight tips from the American Dietetic Association:

- * Finish homework and pack school bags at night.

- * Decide what your children will wear to school before going to bed. Locate lost shoes for the next day.

- * Get up 15 minutes earlier.

- * Give up morning television and computer games.

- * Have healthy foods on hand. Shop for breakfast foods with your kids, taking into account personal preferences.

- * Set out cereal the night before. For a younger child, fill a zip-lock bag with her portion; she can just add milk in the morning.

- * Allow older children to use the microwave oven. Most breakfast foods can be prepared in five minutes, or less.

- * Let kids eat in the car, or while walking to school.

Here are some quick breakfast ideas. Breakfast doesn't have to be an elaborate or sit-down ordeal. Coax breakfast skeptics with these fun -- and healthy -- suggestions that they can eat on the run.

- * Split a bagel. Layer each half with peanut butter and raisins. Bring along a carton of milk.

- * Warm up leftover pizza; serve with fruit juice.

- * Combine a soft pretzel, string cheese, and fresh fruit.

- * Pair up a container of yogurt, half a bagel, and fruit juice.

- * Microwave a frozen pancake, spread with peanut but-

ter, top with sliced bananas, and roll it up.

- * Layer one or two slices of turkey breast and one slice of cheese on a tortilla. Serve with fruit juice or a piece of fruit.

- * Concoct a breakfast parfait with layers of fruit yogurt, sliced fresh fruit, and crunchy cereal.

- * Swirl applesauce and raisins into a packet of hot oatmeal. Serve with a cup of milk.

- * Combine in blender until frothy: 1/2 cup lemon yogurt, 1/2 cup milk, a dash of vanilla extract, and two ice cubes. Complement with a slice of whole grain toast.



Letters to the Editor

Re: Bronte City Tax Freeze Proposal

Dear Editor,

I'm very concerned about this tax freeze. I understand that people think it will give relief to the elderly. However, it is only a slight credit to the elderly but a bigger burden on the young people. Our community keeps aging - it's only a few years and I'll be over 65. What is going to happen when more and more of us are over age 65? Who will pick up the losses from revenue? Half of our community's taxpayers are over 65, and many of them are more able to pay taxes than the young people are.

Do you understand that we can never remove the tax freeze? What will happen when the state imposes more regulations on our city?

What if there's inflation? The city will have to either raise the taxes on the few who are not over 65, or they might have to raise the water rate which affects everyone again. Which service could you live without - fire department? Ambulance? Water?

I love everything about Bronte, but what will we have to offer our young people if the tax rates keep burdening them? We need to be mindful of the future of Bronte, not just a bandaid on a problem today.

Please prayerfully consider how you will vote. As for me, I'm voting against the freeze and for our town's future.

Marilyn Bivins

Re: Bronte City Tax Freeze Proposal

Dear Editor,

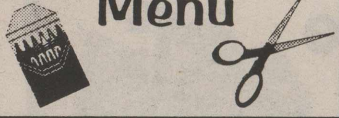
As a citizen in Bronte, I am quite concerned about this tax freeze. If the proposed tax freeze passes and the city has less money to operate on, then which service can you do without - Fire Department? Water? Sewer? Right now half of our town qualifies for the tax freeze. How many more will qualify each year? Most of the young people here already have a heavy load with trying to raise a family and preparing to send their children to college. Just like the older people, they have no extra money.

I know our city does not waste money - there is nothing for them to cut. I am proud of our city council members and city employees. I support the work they do.

I am voting against the proposed tax freeze on September 10th because it will damage the future of our town.

Lanette Fletcher

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Sept. 5**
Holiday
- Tuesday, Sept. 6**
Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk
- Wed., Sept. 7**
Pop tarts, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk
- Thurs., Sept. 8**
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Friday, Sept. 9**
French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Sept. 5**
Holiday
- Tuesday, Sept. 6**
Burrito, tossed salad, Spanish rice, mixed fruit, peanut butter cookie, milk
- Wed., Sept. 7**
Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit cup, roll, milk
- Thurs., Sept. 8**
Pizza, tossed salad, corn, chocolate cake, milk
- Friday, Sept. 9**
Bar - b- que on bun, pickle spears, potato rounds, corn on the cob, bun, fruited cherry jello, milk

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In Observance Of Independence Day

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7:30 pm
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| August 26 | Cross Plains | There | 7:30 | 28 0 |
| 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

Coach Paula
Josh Scott #32
Drew Saunders #8
John Hill #10
Ruth Adams #50
Sam Moberg #11
David Baker #55
Curtis Moore #65
Reece Springer #63
C. McNamee #75
Philip Rankin #3
Eddie Max #33
Riley Coakley #45
Frick Doherty #52
Aaron G... #25
Zach B... #78
Larry Rosales #70
Coach Bedford
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers open season against Midland

By: Tom Sawyer

Robert Lee kicked off the 6 - man football season Friday night with the Steer Pride being shown from all the fans, band, cheerleaders and especially the players and coaches. The Steers didn't have the most points at the end of the game but they definitely kept everyone on their toes with all the offensive and defensive execution that brought back the Steer Pride from days past.

Whatever you do this year, try and include time to watch these young men flash up and down the field in what will be a truly exciting season, and don't overlook the new Steer Band and their new sounds, you will be impressed.

Come out and bring your Steer Pride, let's get behind our students. You won't be disappointed.

Scoring Summary

1st quarter

Cameron Hodge 53 yard run, PAT failed - 8:03

Midland scores on 27 yard run, PAT kick good - 6:29

Brandon Soliz 3 yard run, PAT kick good - 2:46

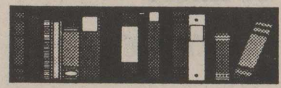
Midland 42 yard run, PAT failed, - 1:34

Robert Lee 14 - Midland 14

2nd quarter

Midland 16 yard pass, PAT run good - 8:59

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 5

Holiday

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Wed., Sept. 7

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Thurs., Sept. 8

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Friday, Sept. 9

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 5

Holiday

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Grilled cheese sandwich, veg. beef soup, crackers, fresh broccoli, fruit cocktail, milk

Wed., Sept. 7

Taco/cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, fresh fruit, milk

Thurs., Sept. 8

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, pears, gravy, milk

Friday, Sept. 9

Chicken Patty on bun, tator tots, pickles, pork & beans, apple, milk

Taylor Percifull 24 yard pass reception, PAT failed - 8:43

Midland 6 yard run, PAT failed - 6:24

Brody Dillard 17 yard run, PAT failed - 4:30

Midland 27 yard pass, PAT kick good - 2:09

Cameron Hodge 20 yard run, PAT failed - 1:32

Robert Lee 32 - Midland 37

3rd quarter

Taylor Percifull 50 yard pass reception, PAT failed - 5:16

Midland 33 yard run, PAT failed - 2:22

Brandon Soliz 44 yard run, PAT run good - 2:06

Midland 16 yard pass, PAT failed - :11

Brandon Soliz 50 yard kickoff return, PAT failed - :02

Midland 47 yard pass, PAT failed - :00

Robert Lee 51 - Midland 55

4th quarter

Midland 19 yard run, PAT failed - 6:14

Final score - Robert Lee 51 - Midland 61

RLHS Spanish club selling calendars

The Robert Lee Spanish Club will sell community birthday calendars through Friday, September 23, 2005. Each calendar is \$5, which includes 4 free listings. If you would like to

purchase a calendar please contact any RLHS Spanish Club member or Mrs. Sanchez at 453-4555.

All proceeds from the calendar will benefit the scholarship fund. The club has given \$4000.00 to graduating Robert Lee High School seniors.

Robert Lee pep rally set for Friday

The Robert Lee Steer pep rally will be held Friday, Sept. 2, at 2:50 pm in the high school gym.

RL Homecoming Exes Reception set for Sept. 23

A reception honoring Robert Lee High School alumni will be held prior to the parade from 1 to 1:45 pm at the RLHS Library on Friday, September 23, 2005. The activity will provide a chance for exes to enjoy refreshments while they renew old friendships.

The reception is being hosted by the RLHS Beta Club and the Robert Lee Elementary 2nd grade class.

RLISD board meets in special session

A special meeting was held by the RLISD board on Monday the 29th day of August at 7:10 pm in the school library. The meeting was called to order by

Robert Lee Junior High Football Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-------|------|
| September 8 | Santa Anna | Here | 5:00 |
| September 15 | Garden City | There | 5:00 |
| September 22 | Trent | There | 5:00 |
| September 29 | Open | | |
| October 6 | Garden City | Here | 5:00 |
| October 13 | Paint Rock | There | 5:00 |
| October 20 | Blackwell | Here | 5:00 |
| October 27 | Veribest | Here | 5:00 |
| November 3 | Water Valley | There | 5:00 |

President Ron Hill.

Members present were Reed, Roe, Washam, Hill, Torres, and Supt. Gordon. Members absent were Riley and McCabe.

A public hearing for the 2005 - 2006 budget was held in the high school library at 7:00 pm.

The special board meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Ron Hill.

Kevin Roe made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2005 board meeting as read seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

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

Kevin Roe made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Kevin Roe made a motion to approve the budget amendment seconded by

Irma Torres. All for.

No action was taken on the Utilities Contract - General Land Office.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept Supt. Gordon's recommendation to approve the 2005-2006 Robert Lee ISD budget for a total of \$2,863,984.64 seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

Irma Torres made the following motion - I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.50.

"This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate, and the tax rate will raise taxes for

maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$73." Seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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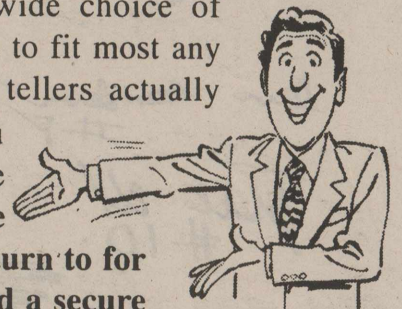
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| August 26 | Midland Trinity | Here | 7:30 |
| September 3 | Fort Davis | Here | 4:30 |
| September 9 | Santa Anna | There | 7:30 |
| September 16 | Strawn | There | 7:30 |
| ** September 23 | Trent | Here | 7:30 |
| September 30 | Open | | |
| October 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

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Coke County native Dean Hallmark executed following raid on Japan

President Franklin Roosevelt had what news correspondent Quentin Reynolds called, "a fierce, consuming hatred for the Japanese." He wanted to strike the Japanese homeland long before Pearl Harbor. Claire Chennault, advisor to Generalissimo Chiang Kai - Shek was commanding the First American Volunteer Group which was defending the Burma Road. A Second American Volunteer Group was recruited to fly Lockheed Hudson and Douglas DB - 7 bombers bearing Chinese insignia in raids against Japan's home islands. Sixty - six planes and crews were secretly released from the U.S. Army and Navy and financed by private companies with government approval. They left the United States November 21, 1941, and were at sea when the attack came on Pearl Harbor.

Roosevelt pressed his staff to find a way to take the war to Japan. Industrialists offered large sums of money to the first person to bomb Tokyo. Roosevelt tried to persuade Joseph Stalin to do this for us, but already hard-pressed by the Germans, Stalin feared a two front war. We tried to negotiate an American base near the Russian seaport of Vladivostok, 600 miles from Tokyo, but Stalin would not agree.

Capt. Francis Low, an operations officer for Adm. Ernest J. King was in Norfolk on January 10, 1942 to inspect the navy's newest carrier, USS Hornet. A submariner, Low noticed a line painted across a runway marking the length of a carrier that was used by navy pilots to safely practice short - run takeoffs and landings. As he watched two twin engine army bombers practice a bombing run down the simulated deck, an idea began to form. Bombers mastering the short - run takeoff could be moved by a carrier into a strike zone and we could bomb Japan!

March 1, 1942, Jimmy Doolittle was given his command and 140 men had volunteered for what would be the most dangerous undertaking of their lives. They crowded into the operations office at Elgin Field, near Pensacola, Florida. Doolittle got to the point; he made it very clear that if any man decided to drop out, it would not be held against him. Next, he raised what he said was the most important issue, the utmost secrecy. Last of all, he told them they had three weeks to train for the mission.

Naval Lt. "Hank" Miller was given an unusual order, to teach some army pilots how to take off from a carrier in a B - 25 in fifteen days. Miller had never flown a B - 25. He had never even seen one! The army fliers remedied that and working together they developed a

standard for the take - off run. They also mastered low level flying, sometimes inches off the ground for long distances. Fifty - five hours of training was scheduled for each crew, and that time was equally divided between day and night navigation.

Despite secrecy, as training progressed, Miller instructed the crews on proper behavior aboard a naval vessel, and everyone knew their mission destination would be Japan. The pilots and crews personalized their planes with names and insignias and in the third week of March took off on a two - thousand mile flight to test navigation skills and their ability to achieve optimal gas mileage. They were trained, willing and eager to go. March 23rd, Doolittle made the announcement, "Today's the day we move out!" Sixteen crews flew across the United States in small groups to McClellan Field, California where the radio equipment was removed from the planes. They were told, "You won't need a radio where you're going."

April second at 10:15 in the morning, in bright sunlight, the USS Hornet sailed out of San Francisco Bay carrying sixteen modified B-25s. Doolittle assembled the men in a wardroom and confirmed that they had been trained for a special mission to bomb Japan. He explained arrangements with the Chinese for the planes, which would be low on gas, to land in eastern China, refuel and proceed to Chungking. Again, he said there were spare crewmen and any volunteer could still change his mind but no one did. Ten planes were given targets in Tokyo, three in Yokama and the remaining three Nogoya, Kobe and Osaka.

The task force was discovered April 18 by the Japanese who began moving naval units toward them. Halsey could not risk his ships. In high seas, 150 miles short of the planned launch point, Doolittle took off in the lead plane at 8:17 am. The mission, a well planned calculated risk, was now a suicide mission.

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Knowing they didn't have enough fuel to be assured of reaching the China coast, the men were once more given a chance to withdraw. No one did. Number six in the order of take - off of the Raiders was Lt. Dean E. Hallmark of Robert Lee, Texas. His Co - Pilot was Lt. Robert Meder, Navigator was Lt. Chase Nielsen, Bombadier, S/Sgt. William Dieter and his Gunner Sgt. Donald Fitzmaurice. Dean's plane, "Green Hornet", was also the sixth plane to reach Japan, and he successfully bombed his assigned military target, a group of steel mills, under heavy anti - aircraft fire. Four minutes short of the Chinese coast the Green Hornet ran out of gas and Hallmark had to ditch. He calmly gave orders to the crew and held the plane steady and level until the engines quit. The plane bounced off a wave and broke apart. The left wing sheared off, then the fuselage split open and the sea took them. The Bombadier, Bill Dieter, screamed in pain. Hallmark went through the windshield. Navigator, Chas Nielsen was knocked unconscious. He came to with a broken nose and climbed out of the water onto the top of the plane where he found Bob Meder. Despite deep cuts in his legs, Dean Hallmark joined them. Donald Fitzmaurice pulled himself through a side window.

Fifteen foot waves lashed the wreckage and it sank into the icy water. The life raft could not be inflated. It took four hours to swim to shore. Meder pulled Fitzmaurice along with him and discovered he was dead when they got to the beach. The tide brought Dieter's body ashore and he was also dead. Hallmark and Nielsen came ashore separately. The three survivors tried to get off the beach quickly, knowing that the territory was Japanese

occupied. Nielsen climbed to some high ground and raised his head to see a man he thought was Chinese holding a large knife who took him to a village near the shoreline. Dean also wandered into the same village where he was taken to a house and given hot tea by some Chinese soldiers. He tried to communicate. One of the soldiers signaled a warning that someone was coming. Fearing the Japanese, Hallmark searched for something to fight with. He found a club of sorts and moved to the door and raised the club over his head. When the door opened, the man who entered was Nielsen.

They were taken to a Chinese garrison an hour away where they found Bob Meder. In darkness the Chinese took the three back to the dead bodies of Dieter and Fitzmaurice which they buried there on the beach. So, the crew of the Green Hornet was at the mercy of puppet Chinese forces in the vicinity of Nanchang. The three were hidden in a tiny compartment below decks in a rotting old sampan. Sick, wounded and scared, they covered themselves with rags and mats in bilge water with floating human waste.

The Chinese were trying to get them to the mainland into free China, but when the sampan reached Wenchow and Captain Ling went ashore, he came back with the news of their air strike and told them the Japanese were searching for them all along the coast. Ling took them into Wenchow that night and turned them over to a Mr. Wong, an elderly Chinese who had been educated in England.

Wong gave them clean, hearty food and warned them of the brutality of the Japanese, then he led them through a maze of alleys trying to get out of the city. Soon, they realized they were

surrounded. They entered a tiny, empty room with no hiding places. Hallmark, called "Jungle Jim" because he was well over six feet and weighed 200 pounds, backed into a corner and tried to cover himself with some sacks. Nielsen and Meder climbed up Hallmark's knees and shoulders to hide in the rafters. Wong sat down cross legged and pretended to be trying to light a small charcoal burner. When the door swung open, the Japanese entered. One soldier stood in the doorway with a machine gun and another kicked at the sacks until he uncovered Dean Hallmark. In perfect English the officer said that if Hallmark didn't stand, he would be shot. When he stood he was asked where the other two were. Hallmark said he didn't know what they were talking about. At that point, the officer began to beat Wong who fell against the wall right below Meder and Nielsen. He looked up and then pointed at the Americans. They climbed down and the three became the prisoners of the Japanese.

Their hands were tied behind their backs and the Japanese led them through Wenchow kicking and beating them sadistically. They arrived in Shanghai on April 24 where they endured brutal interrogations at the hand of the Kemper Tai, the Japanese army's military police, trained in sadistic methods. At first, they were beaten from head to toe, front and back with long bamboo poles. Then they were taken to separate rooms with cuffs on their hands and feet and baskets over their heads. The interrogators doubted that it was possible to have launched the B-25s from a carrier, but they had apparently found something to link the operation to the carrier Hornet. With each evasive answer the sadism escalated. They were tied and stretched

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on their backs while water was forced into their mouths and noses until they passed out. Then the Japanese forced the water out of them by jumping on their stomachs. They were stretched on a torture rack. They all endured the "knee spread". Kneeling, hands tied behind their backs, a pole three inches thick was placed behind their knees, then guards jumped on their thighs forcing the knee joints to spread until they lost consciousness. After a series of "treatments", circulation was affected and the legs mercifully went numb. Each torture session on the prisoners lasted two hours.

They were all kept in solitary confinement, given meager rations of tea and rice and deprived of sleep. They were never allowed to bathe or shave. April 25th, they were flown to Tokyo and brought together, but they were not allowed to speak. Each was stunned by the condition of the others. For the next 18 days, they were questioned twenty-four hours a day. Finally, they were shown a set of maps from one of the downed B-25s. They had endured the torture for nothing, the Japanese had known the answers all the time. After that, the fliers slept at night and were tortured all day. They were weakened by dysentery. There was a hole in the floor for a toilet and no medical aid of any kind.

On May 22, the men were led into an interrogation room, seated at a table and without translators forced to sign confessions to war crimes. The torture ceased. Two weeks later, wrists and ankles cuffed, they were photographed and driven to a railroad station. They spent two days chained to seats on a train to Nagasaki. They had not washed or changed clothing in two months and all suffered from dysentery. At this time, they were given decent food and allowed to talk freely with each other. Next, they boarded a ship and for two days they were well fed and well treated. June 19th, the ship docked in Shanghai and the three were transferred to the Bridge House Jail and crowded into a cell with five other Americans, the crew of the "Bat Out of Hell", the sixth take off plane, pilot Lt. William Farrow and his crew, Capt. Jacob DeShazor, Lt. Robert Hite, Lt. George Barr and Sgt. Harold Spatz and fifteen Chinese prisoners. At this time, Hallmark was too weak to stand. Some of the Chinese were comatose and near death. There wasn't enough room for everyone to lie down. They took turns standing in overpowering heat.

The eight Americans had barely enough food to live, tea and rice with maggots and worms. Nielsen begged

them all to eat whatever was offered. He became determined to live and tell the world what had been done to them. Dean Hallmark was so ill at this time that Nielsen tried to force feed him, and they all helped to carry him to the hole in the floor that served as a toilet and hold him. Eventually, they all became too weak and exhausted to help each other and they all lay in their own waste, covered with bed bugs and bites from rodents, covered in lice.

On August 28th, the Americans were taken from this cell and put on the bed of a truck. Hallmark was delirious; he had to be carried out on a stretcher. They were taken to Ward Road Jail to a small room where they appeared in Court before five Japanese Officers. The prisoners stood in a row at attention and Hallmark lay on the floor unaware of what was happening. Flies covered his body and he was too weak to brush them away. Major General Shoji Ito had a translator ask each man to briefly address the Court. Nielsen, Spatz, Farrow, Hite, Barr, DeShazor and Meder spoke but Hallmark appeared comatose. Then the prosecutor, Major Hatu, read the charges and presented evidence and showed the signed confessions. He said, "It is evident that they are all guilty in the view of military law; therefore, I request that the penalty be the death sentence." When the Americans asked what had happened, Hatu later said that the Judge ordered him not to respond. The trial was over.

Two Japanese soldiers picked up Dean Hallmark and carried him out. Back at Bridge House Jail, they dumped him into a cell with 20 prisoners of different nationalities and for six weeks he lay there on the floor, too weak to move but alive. The seven other Americans were kept in solitary confinement. Hallmark, Bill Farrow and Harold Spatz had their execution date set. It would be the fifteenth day of October 1942. The day before, the three were moved into a room together. Through an interpreter they were told that they could write brief letters to their families.

"Don't let this get you down," twenty-three year old Bill Farrow, a First Lieutenant from Darlington, South Carolina wrote to his mother. "Remember God will make everything right and I will see you again in the hereafter." Sergeant Harold Spatz, a twenty-one year old from Lebo, Kansas wrote to his father, "I want you to know I died fighting for my country like a soldier." Dean Hallmark of Robert Lee, Texas had become lucid enough to know what was happening. He was the son of Ollie Dean Hallmark and

Amanda Ake and was born at Bronte January 20, 1914. He wrote to his mother and sister, "I hardly know what to say. They have just told me I am liable to execution, I can hardly believe it." He urged his mother to "try to stand up under this and pray."

At four o'clock in the afternoon they were driven in the bed of a truck under armed guard to a public cemetery. They saw three wooden crosses in a row and they were made to kneel in front of each cross. Their arms were tied behind them to the ends of a bamboo crossbar. They were all blindfolded and a circle of black ink was carefully painted in the center of each man's forehead. The command to fire was given and all three were hit with precision. Second shots were not needed, the three brave American fliers died instantly and bravely!

President Roosevelt knew of the executions of Hallmark, Spatz and Farrow, but kept the news secret until April 1943, a year after the strike on the Japanese homeland. The American people had never been told that any of the Raiders had been captured and innocently assumed that all the fliers had survived. When the official communique was released and the plan of the mission was described at length, it was reported this way, "because of a combination of circumstances, our planes were unable to reach their assigned landing fields. All of the planes crashed." We learned that one plane came down in Soviet Russian Territory. Others made forced or crash landings in China, some in Japanese occupied territory or in the water off the Chinese coast. Doolittle, who lead the raid, actually had the advantage with the first take-off. He had much more fuel than the planes

lined up on the Hornet's deck in heavy seas waiting their turn. Expecting to be Court Martialed for his command of a mission where he lost every plane, Doolittle made his way across China joined by Major John Hilger, pilot of the 14th take-off plane, reaching Chuchow on Sunday, April 12, where they were decorated by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. Later, Doolittle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Mrs. Hallmark was telegraphed that her son was missing and requested not to disclose or discuss the circumstances due to the grave need for security. In a final act of unreasonable cruelty, the Japanese cremated the bodies of Hallmark, Spatz and Farrow and their ashes were placed in boxes where their names were deliberately changed to conceal the true identity of each man. Hallmark's were labeled J. C. Smith, Lt. William Farrow, the pilot of the last plane to take off, "Bat Out of Hell", had his remains marked H. E. Gande and his bombardier in the sixteenth plane, Sgt. Harold Spatz, remains were labeled E. L. Brister. Records were found after the war which located and identified the mysterious remains on a shelf at the International Funeral Home in Shanghai, China. They are all reverently buried as the heroes they were at Arlington.

At the ensuing War Crimes Trials, Nielsen testified for two days. Lt. George Barr, Lt. Robert Hite and Cpl. Jacob DeShazor, the crew of the last plane, take-off 16 who had bailed out over China and survived as Japanese prisoners of war for three and a half years described the capture, treatment and torture of our men. Others who testified were Teh Ling Chang who was Chinese and two Russians, Alexander

Hindrava and Alexandra Sterelny who had been in the cell with Dean Hallmark of Robert Lee, Texas in the hell on earth, the Bridge House Jail.

All of the Doolittle Raiders received the Distinguished Flying Cross and our most profound gratitude and admiration.

Winters Dove Fest set for Sept. 3

Winters Dove Fest 2005 will be Saturday, September 3, 2005, at the Winters Community Center and Park, located at 300 FM 1770, just off of US 83. This event features lots of activities and will have something of interest for the entire family.

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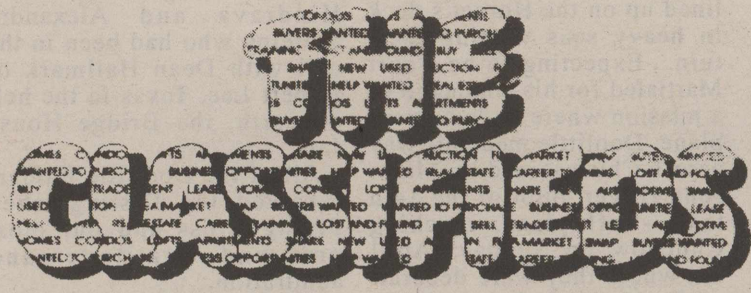
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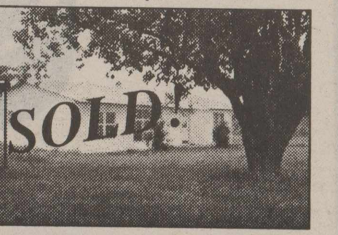
HELP WANTED

PUBLIC NOTICE
 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.
 06-2tc

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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338 +/- AC. FM frontage, Rolling hills with deep creek, water well & electricity. Under wildlife management.
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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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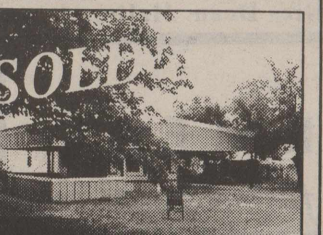
GARAGE SALES

COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT THE FLUHMANN FAMILY
 will be held Sat., Sept. 17, 8-3 at the Robert Lee Rec. Center. Please clean out your closets and garages! Items in good and/or working condition are needed. No clothing please. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Anyone wanting to donate food, drinks or desserts for the concession sale, please call 453-4420 or 473-9322 for information or for drop off locations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!
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GARAGE SALE
 Sept. 3 & 4. Depression glass, fiesta ware, name brand teen clothing, 97 Ford Explorer, bedding, furniture, computer, microwave, T-fal pans, silver set. Worth the drive! 1/2 M. South of Blackwell on Hwy. 70. 325-282-3982. 8-5.
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2 BEDROOM! 1 Bath mobile home with kitchen appliances and large awning with covered patio and carport!

YARD SALE
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CARD OF THANKS

COKE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (GEO) would like to thank Hall's Grocery, Bronte Town & Country, East Coke County Commissioners, Bronte Little League, IGA Shoppin Basket, Dankworth Processing, Muellers, Inc., Robinson Mexican Food Wholesale, HEB, Borden Milk Products, Walmart, Sam's Club, Coca Cola, Mayfield Paper and The Sign Shop for your donations to the Softball Tournament Concession stand to raise money for Special Olympics. Over \$1300 was raised. We could not have done it without you!
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WITH DEEPEST APPRECIATION
 for the comfort received from the prayers, thoughts, cards, and gifts. Special thanks to Vistacare.
 The Dale Brown Family
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CARD OF THANKS

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department thank those individuals for the donations of bottled water, gatorade, and cash. Thank you for responding to our request. We will continue to accept your donation of water at the City Hall.

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NOTICES

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BRONTE

will receive sealed bids for a contract to re-roof the Housing Authority apartments. Bids will be due by October 6, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the Housing Authority office located at 116 N.E. Railroad, Bronte, TX 76933. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 7:00 pm at the Housing Authority office. Bid packets and copies of documents can be obtained by contacting the Housing Authority office at 325-473-3541.

All bids must be accompanied by a negotiable bid guarantee which shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. The bid guarantee may be a certified check, bank draft, US Government Bonds or a bid bond secured by a surety company acceptable to the US Government. The successful bidder shall furnish an assurance of completion prior to the execution of any contract under this solicitation.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN LAND UNDER DEED HERETOFORE GIVEN TO LULA B. PERRY OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AS GRANTEE, Defendant S, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 51ST DISTRICT Court of COKE County at the Courthouse being located at 13 E. 7th, in the City of ROBERT LEE, COKE County Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the date for answer being the 29TH day of AUGUST, A.D. 2005, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29TH day of AUGUST, A.D. 2005, in this cause, numbered 4151 on the docket of said court and styled CHRISTINE FORD, ET AL, Plaintiff S, vs. ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN LAND UNDER DEED HERETOFORE GIVEN TO LULA B. PERRY OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AS GRANTEE, Defendant S.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to - wit: AT ALL TIMES MENTIONED, PLAINTIFFS WERE, AND ARE, THE OWNERS OF: 321.25 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" IN FEE SIMPLE.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof,

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and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, MARY GRIM, Clerk of the 51ST DISTRICT Court of COKE County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at office this the 29TH day of AUGUST, A.D. 2005.

MARY GRIM Clerk, 51ST DISTRICT Court COKE County, Texas.

P.O. BOX 150 ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945

NOTICE

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of forty - two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

J. RUSSELLASH P.O. BOX 924 BIG LAKE, TEXAS 76932

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The CITY OF ROBERT LEE will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm on September 12, 2005 at Robert Lee City Hall, Robert Lee, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005. The proposed tax rate is 0.380763 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in CITY OF ROBERT LEE by 8.00% percent.

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The Coke County Underground Water District will hold a meeting at 7:30 pm on September 12, 2005 at Coke County Underground Water District Office, Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005. The proposed tax rate is 0.011819 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Coke County Underground Water District by 1.90% percent.

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ROBERT LEE ISD

is now accepting bids for a 47 passenger school bus. The school bus should operate on diesel fuel, have at least a 6.42 engine, have an air brake package and meet all safety requirements to meet both state and federal law. Bids will be accepted through Friday, September 9, 2005. Bids should be mailed or faxed to: Max Gordon, Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX 76945, Fax (325) 453-2326. Robert Lee ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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ROBERT LEE ISD

is now accepting bids for a SUV (Excursion or Suburban). The vehicle should have a V - 8 engine, automatic transmission, front bench seat and a second and third row seating, power steering, towing package, and all required safety devices. Bids will be accepted through Friday, September 9, 2005. Bids should be mailed or faxed to: Max Gordon, Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX 76945, Fax (325) 453-2326. Robert Lee ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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The Coke County Library Story Hour will begin Tuesday, September 13, at 10:00 am, for all three to five year old children in the county.

The 45 - minute session includes stories, arts and crafts activities, treats and a video with Mrs. Trish Rowe. Parents and care - givers are invited to stay or go and everyone in the community is invited to come encourage the children.

The library has received its Loan Star Grant in the amount of \$1,300 which will supply funds for local and regional history and reference, large print, and non - fiction materials.

Participants in the Summer Fun Reading Program are asked to look under the bed and behind the couch for books checked out during the summer.

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 or to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the library.

FINANCIAL FOCUS
With Jim Woodruff of Edward Jones

Small financial moves for new parents

If you are a new parent, you're probably enjoying one of the happiest times of your life. And you'll find it's easy to get absorbed in the day - to - day activities of your child. Yet, with the addition of a child, your family has a whole new set of financial needs - so you'll want to plan and prepare for them.

Here are a few ideas to consider.

***Draw up a simple will -** By drawing up a simple will, you can designate, within limits, how you want your assets distributed, and you can identify a guardian for your child, should anything happen to you and your spouse. If you die without a will ("intestate"), the courts may have to make all sorts of decisions regarding your estate and the future of your child - and there's no guarantee that these actions will be what you would have chosen.

***Set up a trust -** If you have sizable assets, you may want to set up a family trust, which, among other advantages, gives you significant control over how you want your estate's assets distributed; for example, you can decide to leave money to

your children in increments, rather than all at once, when they reach 18.

***Review your insurance coverage -** As soon as you become a parent, you'll need sufficient life insurance to help provide for your child, should anything happen to you. You may want to take out enough insurance to cover both your mortgage and your child's college education. And make sure your beneficiary designations are up to date.

***Open a Section 529 college savings plan -** For the past several years, college costs have increased much faster than the general rate of inflation. If you have a newborn, who knows how much he or she will have to pay for college in 18 years? That's why you may want to open a Section 529 college savings plan. Your earnings will have an opportunity to grow tax - free, as long as the money is used to help pay for college, although the money will appear as income on the child's tax return. (Unless the laws change, this tax benefit is scheduled to expire on

December 31, 2010.)

***Keep saving for your own retirement -** Even if you do open a Section 529 plan or another college - savings vehicle, you'll still need to continue saving for your retirement. Try to "max out" on your IRA and your 401(k) or other type of employer - sponsored retirement plan. If your child has to take out a loan to go to school, he or she has many years to pay it back, but if you run short of retirement income, you won't get a second chance.

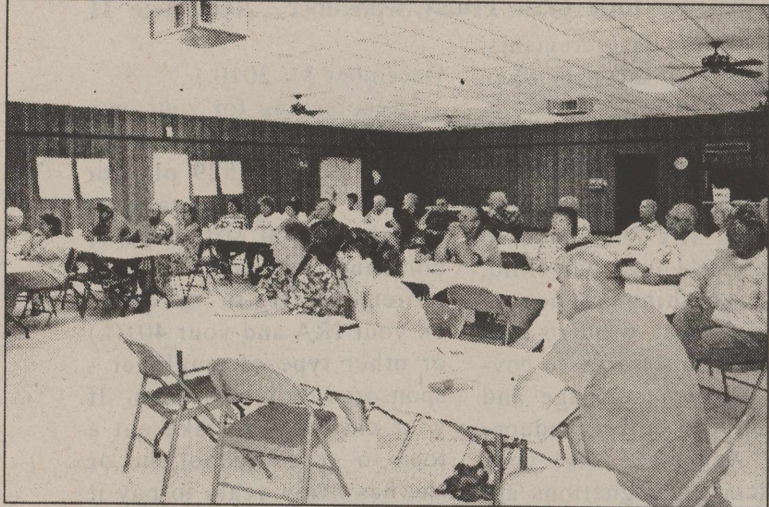
***Take advantage of tax breaks for new parents -** Once you have a child, you get a dependent exemption and, depending on your income, a child tax credit. But you can get other tax advantages, too, such as potential deductions for child care expenses. See your tax advisor to make sure you're getting all the breaks you're entitled to as a parent.

Enjoy these days when you've got a new child. But at the same time, keep your eye on the future - It will be here before you know it.

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White w/Gray Cloth Interior • 5.4 V8 • Automatic
- 1998 Jeep Wrangler Sahara \$11,995
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Randy Flanagan • Billy Wayne Roe



Robert Lee Citizens Establish Goals! Approximately 40 Robert Lee residents attended the most recent meeting August 23 to establish a vision and a list of issues and focus areas with which to improve the economic stability of the community.

Community leaders establish measurable goals for RL future

Robert Lee has progressed to Mile Marker 7 on the Texas Midwest Community Network Visioning Chart. That means that the community has established a vision and a list of critical issues, prioritized focus areas, identified desired results for near-term and long-term range (3 year) and set widely supported, measurable goals.

On Tuesday, September 13, Robert Lee will complete outlining attainable objectives and strategies and will move on to Mile Marker 8 in which a clear action plan is set with completion dates and responsibilities assigned to appropriate parties. Mile Markers 9 and 10 include defining a process for sharing progress and plan for adjustments and regular evaluation of the plan.

Solutions have been identified to improve the quality of life in Robert Lee. Planning was difficult, taking many hours of interested citizens' time in meetings. However, it is evident what happens without a plan and the decline took thirty years to happen. It is going to take many hours to reverse the decline. Planning is the easy part. Now comes the difficult, but exciting and rewarding part.

Community leaders and members can choose to use their initiative and creativity and experience in several areas to preserve and grow existing businesses and to support the school and to encourage new businesses and residents. This action will support local jobs, broaden the tax base, maintain property values, and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Robert Lee.

Being comfortable with old problems is not an option. A clean lot here, an occupied building there, a new child in school, a new family on the block, more events for tourists, are all attainable solutions. Nothing to be uncomfortable with here.

Regardless of other commitments held by most members of the community, yet one more commitment to Robert Lee's future remains. Most volunteer jobs will also dissolve with the community should the churches, schools, businesses, and governmental entities decline. To preserve and add to the quality of life cherished by the community, Tuesday, September 13 is the date to step up and be counted.

... CCJJC Officer of the Year

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In his off duty time, Officer Malone enjoys fishing, cooking, and collecting football and basketball

cards. He has a love for catfish but says a steak never hurts. In the evening, Officer Malone enjoys watching his favorite cooking show, Emeril Live. Officer Malone is a Board Member of North Side Boys and Girls Club of San Angelo and the San Angelo Recreation Center. As a mentor at the recreation center, Officer Malone created a Break Dance group named the Electro Breakers. In 1982, Officer Malone performed for a Coke commercial. He also taught basketball at the recreation center. One of the students he taught went on to play college basketball at Texas Tech University. As a member of the board at the Boys and Girls Club, he is instrumental in the program planning. He often works with young members to help them prepare for their future. One of Officer Malone's recent projects is speaking with under-privileged youth in hopes of preventing them from going down the wrong path.

Officer Malone also supports the Good Fellow Air Force Recreation Program, working with members of the US Air Force in their lake program, maintaining the area and working in the base commissary. Prior to joining the CCJJC family, Officer Malone worked for seven years at Church's Chicken as a manager and thirteen years at Wendy's as a manager. When asked why he changed careers, Officer Malone states, "Fast food puts on fast pounds". He wanted to try something new and he has truly succeeded in his new career.

As a member of the CCJJC family, Officer Malone was awarded Officer of the Month for CCJJC in April 2004. In June 2004, he was awarded the position of FTO (Field Training Officer). While working on the Behavioral Management Dorm (Segregation), Officer Malone played a key role in its success. His knowledge of the BMP files has been instrumental in the program's success. He also participates in Unit fund raisers such as BBQ cook-offs, Softball Tournaments, Blood Drives, and other activities to raise money for Special Olympics. In the last BBQ cook off, Officer Malone and his team won first place in brisket, fourth place in ribs, fourth place in chicken, and fourth in chili.

After receiving information that one of his fellow officers had been involved in a serious car accident, Officer Malone was the first to arrive at the Emergency Room. His team spirit and willingness to help other officers has played a key role in the morale of the staff with whom he interacts. His positive "can-do"

attitude has been an inspiration to some of the younger officers with whom he works. Officer Malone has been very instrumental in the reduction of use of force at CCJJC. He has used verbal judo on many occasions to de-escalate situations, avoiding the use of physical force. He has proven to be a leader and his personality seems to have a positive effect on anyone that works with him. Officer Malone has proven to be a leader and an outstanding Field Training Officer. In a conversation with an OJT student, the student stated that he was "very impressed with Officer Malone training him". He also stated "Officer Malone took all my fears away about working in this environment".

Watch for snakes during upcoming dove season

By: Joan Davis

The Publisher, aka Hal Spain, did a good job of giving a rundown of the season opener of bird season Sept. 1. He did leave out one important note. The rattlesnake population is heavy; a number of dogs on this side of the county have been bitten. Folks are finding them in storerooms, gardens, and under shrubs. Anytime the rat and mice numbers are up, so are snakes. With heavy weed and grass cover up to our knees, it will be really difficult for me to look to the sky to shoot and watch my feet at the same time!

The only additional thing I have to offer is a few words on the Ringnecked Dove we have noticed the last two years here. They are not considered game birds and do not count in your bag limits. Accurately called Eurasian Collared Doves, the birds are much lighter in color and have a dark collar ring around the neck. They are quite large and look much like a pigeon. I have not personally eaten one but folks say they are dark meat, like any dove. If

hunters do choose to try them, they are a bonus.

Coke County 4-H Club seeks members

Coke County Extension agents will be conducting 4-H meetings in Bronte and Robert Lee to kick off the 4-H year. Any youth who is either 9 years old or 8 years old and in the 3rd grade, and has not reached their 19th birthday by August 31, 2005, is eligible to become a 4-H member.

Meetings in Robert Lee will be held the first Wednesday of the month beginning September 7, 2005. The senior 4-H group, grades 7-12, will meet during the AR period (1:59-2:29 p.m.) in the library and the junior 4-H group, grades 3-6, will meet after school in the cafeteria.

Bronte 4-H meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning September 14, 2005. Grades 3-12 will meet after school in the library.

4-H is open to any youth regardless of sex, religion, race, socio-economic level, color, disability, or national origin, who meet the age requirement listed above.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in these meetings are encouraged to contact the Coke County Extension office at (325) 453-2461 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Being a member of 4-H offers vast opportunities to gain valuable experience in leadership, learning responsibility, inter-action with others and knowledge in several project areas. Many people have the misconception that 4-H members only learn to cook, sew or have livestock projects, but 4-H is "more than just cooking and cows." Youth can participate in project areas including: gardening, horticulture, electricity,

shooting sports, archery, government, wildlife, dog care and training, poultry and numerous other learning experiences.

Through project work, being on judging teams, public speaking, method demonstrations and other 4-H areas, youth can learn valuable lessons in responsibility, being able to think for themselves, be able to speak in front of groups and other beneficial lessons to help them in their lives later on. Also, 4-H is not just for youth. Adults and parents are encouraged to become involved as volunteer leaders to assist in club meetings and various project groups.

Additional information can be obtained from the Coke County Cooperative Extension office in the county courthouse or by calling (325) 453-2461.

FSA program signups to end

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 FSA office as soon as possible.

For all those who have been wondering about when LAP would be paid, our FSA office was told recently that LAP would be paid after signup ended, but before October 1st, if they can get the payment software in place. The National Finance Center will be making the payments.

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

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

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Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Fall Festival

Sunday, September 11, 2005

Traditional Mexican Fajita Dinner
11:00 am to 1:30 pm
\$6 Adults • \$3 Children
\$6 Drive-thru plates

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Children's Games • Bingo • Jumping Castle
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