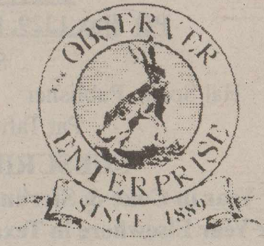


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Local Bronte elections slated for tomorrow

Early voting in the two local upcoming elections ended Tuesday, September 6, and the elections are scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, September 10, 2005. These elections include Bronte citizens voting 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 ballots in the "tax freeze" election at City Hall, 114 S. Washington, in Bronte from 7 am to 7 pm tomorrow.

Two locations are necessary for voting in the "beer/wine" election. Polling places on election day will include the Bronte Senior Building for Precinct 2 and Bronte City Hall for Precinct 4. Both locations will be open from 7 am to 7 pm tomorrow.

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.

RL vision meeting set September 13

On Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 in the Big Rec Hall in Robert Lee, the last session of the Visioning meetings will be held.

Goals set include preserving existing businesses and seeking new ones; growing the population and broadening the tax base; supporting the local school. Ways to reach these goals include creating a clean city appearance and enhancing natural and cultural assets to draw attention to this area and to compete with other parts of Texas for new businesses and citizens.

Research has shown that successful cities make a three to five year plan from which to operate. Research also shows that a dedicated citizen base makes all the difference.

Another research source shows that rural leaders and citizens are almost maxed out with volunteer jobs that are keeping small towns alive. The reason small towns have survived this long has not been due to outside sources of funds, but because of a group of people who dare to take hold of a situation to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Several areas of competitive assets in Robert Lee have been identified. A few hours a week from a few dedicated people can make the difference.

The Workforce Development Board and the Small Business Administration and the Texas Department of Agriculture are willing partners in this effort.



Ribbon Cutting hosts large crowd!!! *It was standing room only at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Rose Chapel at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center (above photo). The ceremony was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, September 5, and featured a dialogue by the chapel's sponsor, George Snapp. The chapel was created in loving memory of Jimmie Snapp, George's late wife, who was a devoted volunteer to the facility. Many of the Snapp family members were present and were introduced at the emotional ceremony.*

In the photo at right, Snapp is presented with a yellow rose by Joyce Hoffman who assisted him with the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the door to the new chapel. The beautiful new addition to the nursing home facility will be a place where spiritual needs will be addressed by nursing home residents, staff, and visitors alike.



Find out what the first step toward a positive future will be at the Visioning meeting on Tuesday, September 13.

Commissioner Combs set to discuss economic issues

Commissioner Susan Combs, director of the Texas Department of Agriculture, will be in Robert Lee on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 2 pm.

The meeting will be in the Coke County Courthouse where Commissioner Combs will discuss rural economic development issues.

Anyone who would like to submit a topic for discussion before the meeting can contact the Coke County Library and it will be forwarded to the TDA office.

The Texas Department of Agriculture's rural development program has been helpful in several aspects of economic development in Robert Lee. By coming to the rural areas, Commissioner Combs and her staff see first hand the problems rural Texas faces. The TDA is

one of the few governmental agencies who maintain offices in rural areas.

A pro-active and positive interaction with state agencies will keep the line of communication open between Austin and rural Texas.

Miles Cotton Festival on tap September 10

The Miles Cotton Festival will be held September 10. Many activities are slated for the day ending with a street dance.

For more information call 325-468-3501 or 325-468-3611.

Coke County Football!

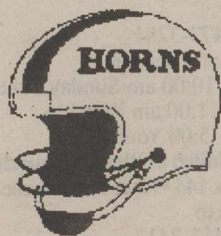
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vs. Rotan

1:00 pm • Saturday

September 10

Sweetwater



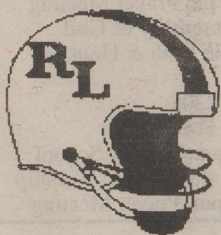
STEERS

vs. Santa Anna

7:30 pm • Friday

September 9

Santa Anna



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Death Notices

Gilmore

Jimmy Tom Gilmore, 72, of Robert Lee died Thursday, September 1, 2005, at a Big Spring hospital. Visitation was held Saturday, September 3, at the funeral home. Memorial service was at 6 pm Saturday, September 3, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his children, Joe David Scott, Charles Shay Scott, Sheryl Dawn Patrick, James Mark Gilmore, and Matthew Alan Gilmore.

RL FUMC beginning in-depth study

On September 11, at 6:00 pm, First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee is beginning an Eight-week in-depth study entitled "Invitation to the New Testament" which weaves together the story of Jesus as told by Matthew and the other New Testament writings. Anyone with an interest in this study is welcome to attend these one hour long meetings.

A new Sunday Morning class at 10 am is beginning with the James Moore book "Attitude is Your Paintbrush; It Colors Every Situation" and all are welcome.

Locals attend Eastern Star session at Galveston

By Jeffie Roberts Beverly Sinclair, Dolores Roe and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee attended the "Surrounded by God's Love" 124th Session of the Grand

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and people were flocking to the beach to ride the waves.

On their return to Robert Lee, the group visited in the home of Sheila and Jim Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston.

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 "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 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.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Re: Beer election

Having hunted north of Bronte for several years now, we were pleasantly surprised to finally be able to purchase beer during Spring Turkey Season this year. We are back to dove hunt and regret to find out that a few are trying to take this privilege away from you.

More than the hunt itself, we hunters enjoy the campfire cookouts and socializing with old friends and family that we have not seen in many months. If the privilege of purchasing beer along with food and/or gas is not available, many will make the short drive to Robert Lee and support the merchants there.

Before you cast your vote, you need to weigh the economic benefits that can be gained during this potentially profitable time of year. Your local merchants could be severely hurt over something that is available at nearly every grocery store and gas station within an hour's drive from you.

Jim Gray & Perry Sparks
Ft. Worth, Texas
Don Marusak of Ennis, Texas

Dear Editor,

I want to take this opportunity to thank some good people of your town that helped me as I was on my way home to Snyder from visiting my children in Eldorado.

About 10 miles north of your town, Robert Lee, I had a blowout and was in an area where I couldn't use my cell phone for help. Luckily, it just so happened that a girl from here in Snyder came along as I had just locked my vehicle and started toward a house up the road. Her name was Megan Wadleigh and she took me into Robert Lee to a friend of hers, Linda Eaton.

It was on a Sunday the 14th, and help was not easy to find, but a young man and a little friend of his was able to get my tire changed. I failed to get their names, but I am thankful to them and Mrs. Eaton who took me back out to my vehicle. The young man and his friend followed us and they were so nice to get me back on the road to home.

Thanks to all of you and God bless you, and like the young man said when I offered to pay him, that he wouldn't take my money but just hoped that if he was ever in such a situation, that someone would help him as well. That is my hope and prayer for all of you.

As I go through Robert Lee as I do so many times, I will think of all of you.

Thanks again,
Freda Rayvon
Snyder, Texas

Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star in Galveston, Texas, August 24 - 28, 2005. The session was held at Moody Gardens Convention Center. They represented Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 and Bronte Chapter No. 1048.

Bobbie Sparks, daughter of Bucky and Barbara Sparks, of Robert Lee flew to Houston to attend the session for the ESTRAL Program. She gave a very impressive Response from the Recipients. Bobbie Sparks and Jodee Helwig of Robert Lee, and Paul Evans, formerly of Bronte, were among the recipients to receive the \$1000.00 ESTRAL Scholarships which help to complete their degrees in the ministry field.

Patricia Thomas of San Angelo Chapter No. 10 was installed as the Deputy Grand Matron of District 5 Sections 1 & 2. She was appointed by Nancy Brown, newly installed Worthy Grand Matron of Texas.

Before leaving Galveston on Sunday, Hurricane Katrina was making big waves on the water

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Saturday, September 24, 2005

10 am - Noon

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Robert Lee, Texas**

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Preacher John V. Driggers
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Central Baptist Church
324S. 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
424S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

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

RL Street Affair updates noted

The Robert Lee Street Affair is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2005. The chairmen of all committees are in the last planning stages. Bakers, bed racers, lawn mower racers, artists, Little Miss and Mr.'s, and quilters can pick up forms at City Hall.

The Art Show and the Quilt Show will welcome entries from all over the region. Entries for the Quilt Show will be accepted after 5:00 pm at Ivey Motor Co. on Friday, September 30th. A cash prize will be presented, but quilts may be entered for the pleasure of the viewers only and not be judged. Entries to the Art Show may be brought to the showroom on 7th Street across from the courthouse from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Thursday and Friday before the 9:00 am opening of the Art Show on October 1. Two cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

Entries in the custom vehicle show which will be in front of the showroom on 7th Street should be in place by 8:00 am with the awards being presented at 1:00 pm. Cars, pickups, motorcycles will be welcomed in this show.

Bakers are asked to have their creations in the library by 9:00 am. The judging will be at 10:00 am with prizes awarded at that time. Those wishing to have their goods sold by the piece may leave them. The funds will be donated to the Coke County Library.



Beauty crafted in wood!!! Coke County Commissioners Bill Wheat (left) and George Snapp stand in front of the beautifully handcrafted cross in the new Rose Chapel at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. The new chapel is sponsored by George Snapp and dedicated to the memory of his late wife, Jimmie. The new addition is highlighted by stained and leaded glass, and beautiful furnishings, hand-crafted by Bill Wheat.

Entertainers from the area may perform at the open mike from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Spots may be scheduled by calling 325-453-2831.

The local group Driftwood will

be playing from 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Donations to compensate the band for the use of their equipment, and the sharing of their talent and time for the evening will be accepted.

ATTENTION ALL BRONTE AREA VOTERS

When I first moved here 15 years ago, there were three places you could buy gasoline, and all of the buildings in town were occupied.

Over the years, we have seen businesses deteriorate and close up shop. The empty buildings around town tell the story better than I can.

I don't think that off-premise beer and wine sales in our area is going to add any new businesses or jumpstart the economy. However, I do feel that with off-premise beer and wine sales, we will:

- *Increase local sales
- *Increase tax dollars
- *Increase our competitive sales with San Angelo and out-of-town businesses.
- *Help maintain the businesses we now have.

Concerning the negative effects of beer and wine sales, County Sheriff Rick Styles has stated that there has been no increase in crime, drunken driving, or underage drinking since the legalization of beer sales in the county.

Anyone who drinks beer and wine will continue to drink no matter the outcome of this election. In the case of the alcohol abuser, I'll feel a lot safer if he can buy beer at home and stay off our county roads and highways.

I urge you to vote to continue the legalized sale of off-premise beer and wine in Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 (Commissioner Precincts 2 & 4) on Saturday, September 10.

Thank you,
Kerry Hall

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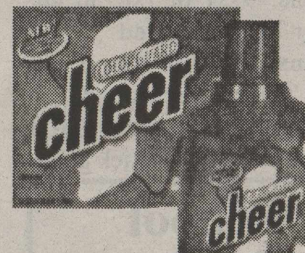
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers fall to Fort Davis, 38-72



By Tom Sawyer

Middle of the afternoon on Saturday wasn't good for the Steers this week, but the Steers fought through the pain and heat and kept up their Steer Pride and believe me, they will be back and better every week this year.

I can't tell you fans enough times to get out to the game and watch these young men. I promise you'll be impressed with how they're coming along with the six-man game and the scoring potential is always exciting.

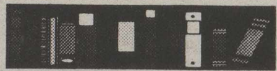
Scoring Summary

Indians - 9:51 in 1st, 30 yd. pass for TD, pat failed

Indians - 5:42 in 1st, 3 yd. run for TD, pat kick good

Steers - 4:33 in 1st, Soliz 20 yd. run for TD, pat kick good

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 12

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Wed., Sept. 14

Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Thurs., Sept. 15

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Friday, Sept. 16

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 12

Salisbury steak, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, peaches, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Burrito, salad, orange, cookie, milk

Wed., Sept. 14

Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, mixed veg., roll, fruit cocktail, milk

Thurs., Sept. 15

Pizza, salad, applesauce, breadsticks w/sauce, teddy grahams, milk

Friday, Sept. 16

BBQ on bun, pickles, tator tots, corn on cob, ice cream, milk

Steers 8 - Indians 14

Indians - 8:39 in 2nd, 10 yd. pass for TD, pat failed

Steers - 7:19 in 2nd, Gallegos 42 yd. run for TD, pat kick good

Indians - 5:31 in 2nd, 8 yd. run for TD, pat kick good

Indians - :54 in 2nd, 7 yd. run for TD, pat failed

Steers 16 - Indians 34

Indians - 9:03 in 3rd, 13 yd. run for TD, pat good

Steers - 6:07 in 3rd., Soliz 1 yd. run for TD, pat failed

Indians - 5:48 in 3rd, 42 yd. run for TD, pat failed

Indians - 4:23 in 3rd, 41 yd. run for TD, pat failed

Indians - 1:06 in 3rd, 10 yd. pass for TD, pat failed

Steers 22 - Indians 60

Steers - 3:04 in 4th, Thurman 11 yd. pass for TD, pat kick good

Indians - 2:30 in 4th, 3 yd. run for TD, pat failed

Steers - 1:17 in 4th, Gallegos 59 yd. run for TD, pat kick good

Indians - :51 in 4th, 60 yd. pass for TD, pat failed

Steers 38 - Indians 72

Steer stats

Rushing - Brody Dillard - 1 carry for 5 yards; Josh Gallegos - 11 carries for 162 yards and 2 touchdowns; Brandon Soliz - 12 carries for 97 yards and 2 touchdowns; Cameron Hodge - 22 carries for 93 yards

Passing - Brody Dillard - 3 of 3 for 28 yards and 1 touchdown; Brandon Soliz - 2 of 5 for 25 yards and 1 interception

Receiving - Luke Thurman

- 1 reception for 11 yards and 1 touchdown; Brandon Soliz - 1 reception for 9 yards; Chase Roe - 1 reception for 16 yards; Josh Conner - 1 reception for 9 yards; Eleasor Vera - 1 reception for 8 yards

Tackles - Brody Dillard - 2 single, 5 assisted; Josh Gallegos - 4 single, 3 assisted; Brandon Soliz - 4 single, 6 assisted; Cameron Hodge - 4 single, 6 assisted; Chase Roe - 1 single, 2 assisted; Chris LaRue - 5 single, 4 assisted; Josh Conner - 1 assisted; Eleasor Vera - 1 single, 2 assisted

Come out to Santa Anna tonight and help the Steers to victory with your Steer Pride.

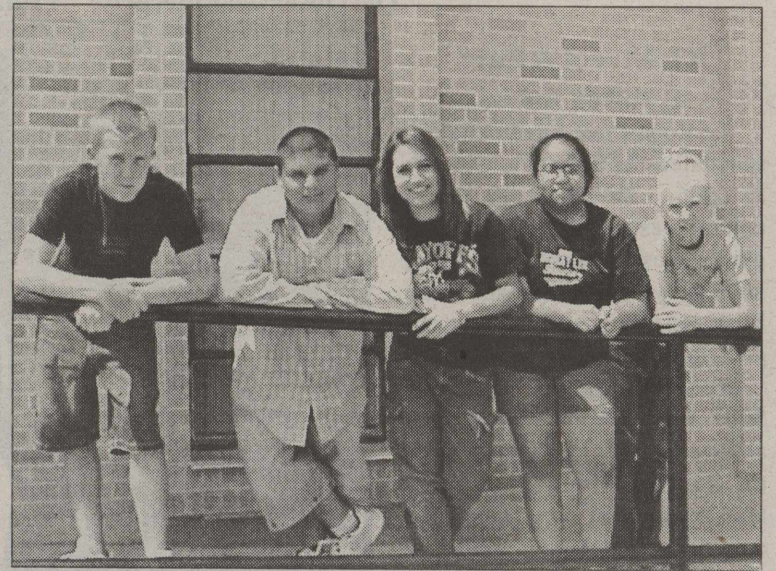
RLHS class of '55 plans 50th reunion

The Robert Lee High School class of 1955 is planning their 50th class reunion for September 23 - 24, 2005. Most of their activities are planned in conjunction with the RLHS Homecoming activities September 23. For more information call Jeffie Roberts 325-453-2957 or 325-473-0318.

RL Homecoming activities slated

Robert Lee High School homecoming will be September 23. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2.

The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "Small Town with a Big Heart". The



RLHS Freshman Class Officers! The Robert Lee High School ninth grade class elected class officers for 2005-2006. They are: President Dustin Moreno, Vice President Olga Perez, Secretary Jodi Sheldon, Treasurer Prescilla Lara, and Reporter Caleb Millican. They also voted to sell candles during October. If you would like a candle and we miss you, please call Celeste Service at school or any freshman to order.



RLHS FCCLA Officers! The Robert Lee High School FCCLA recently elected new officers for the 2005-2006 school year. They are: President Chase Roe, Vice President Kelsy Duncan, Secretary Sarah Philley, Treasurer Brettne Reed, Reporter Dixie Johnson, and Representative Erica O'Neil. Plans are currently underway for a Brisket dinner before the Homecoming game, September 23. Watch for more information about this. The FCCLA is also joining the Student Council, Beta Club, FFA, and Spanish Club to raise money for the Katrina Victims.

parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held at 2:50.

The football game against the Trent Gorillas will begin at 7:30 pm.

RLHS aids hurricane victims

All of the RLHS organizations have joined together to raise funds for Katrina victims relief fund (Red Cross). School organizations will pledge 5%-10% of any one

fundraiser to this fund. We will also collect pennies, change, and dollars in jars at various local businesses and events. It will be called "Kash for Katrina Relief". Also, a meal will be planned for the last home football game and the profits will go to local as well as the hurricane relief funds. We hope the community will join with us as we help those who need it so badly.

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Robert Lee High School FCCLA Brisket Dinner

Friday • September 23, 2005
RLISD Cafeteria
5:00 to 7:00 pm

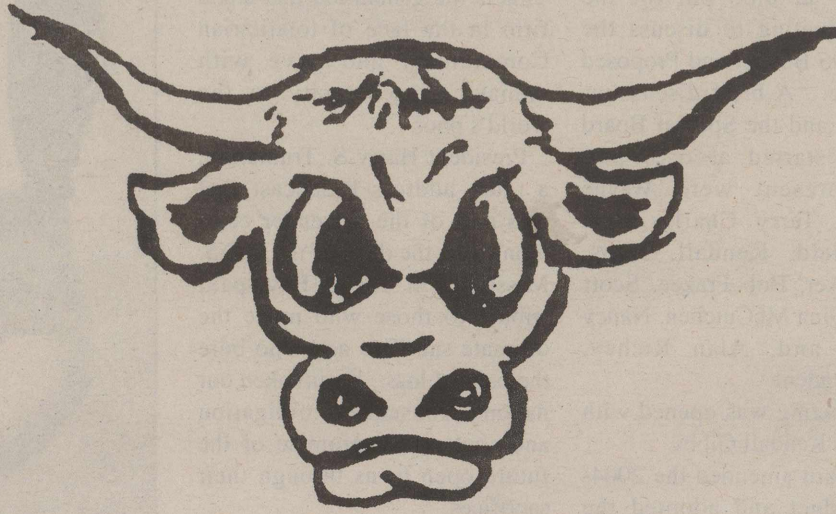
\$6.00 for Adults • \$3.00 for 12 & Under

ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

		RLHS			
August 26	Midland Trinity	Here	7:30	51	61
September 3	Fort Davis	Here	4:30	38	72
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,
September 9
7:30 pm
Santa Anna



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Santa Anna

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Robert Lee Care Center
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Taylor Williams #4
Ash Conner #33
Brandon Soliz #21

Roder Duan #10
Michael Rodriguez #15

Johnathan Pagan #12
Elesar Vera #44

Taylor Percifull #3
Chae Ree #25
Fred Villard #7
Luke Thurman #5

Jeremy Martinez #6
Wason Row #34

Coch Alexal
Coch Cetta
Blake Thompson
Becca Skinner

Ash Gallegos #9
Kevin Houser

Tony Munoz #41
Chris Lake #31
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns bring down Christoval, 49-36

The Longhorns took to the road again Friday and came away with a 49-36 victory over Christoval. The Longhorns improved to 2-0 with the win.

The scoring started late in the first quarter when Logan Rawls found Riley Coalson on a 27 yard touchdown pass, Coalson added the PAT for a 7-0 lead. Christoval tied the score on their next possession. On Bronte's next possession, Rawls found Jaylon Saunders on a 63 yard pass for a score, Coalson PAT, 14-7. Rawls then ran in for a score from 17 yards, 20-7. After Christoval cut the lead to 20-14, Jaylon Saunders scored on a 4 yard run, Coalson kicked the PAT, for a 27-14 halftime lead.

Bronte received the second half kickoff and Saunders ran the kick back 81 yards for a score, PAT by Coalson 34-14, next possession Coalson kicked a 27 yard FG for a 37-14 lead. After two Christoval scores cut the lead to 37-26, Bronte then responded with two scores of their own, one a 21 yard Saunders run, and another one a 3 yard run by Philip Rawlings.

The offensive line which consists of Zach White, Eric Hendrickson, Adam Halfacer, Jonathan Marrs, and CJ McClure did a great job of blocking all night. The Longhorns next play Rotan at Sweetwater Saturday, September 10, in the Sammy Baugh Classic at 1 pm.

BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met Wednesday, August 31, 2005 at 6:00 pm for the Public Meeting to discuss the 2005-2006 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. A brief discussion was held and the Special Board meeting started at 6:10 pm. Those present were Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, Gary Acker, Bob Frazee, Scott Frasier, Gina McCutchen, Nancy Cooper, and Alan Richey, Superintendent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Kendall Gibbs.

The board amended the 2004-2005 budget and adopted the 2005-2006 budget. Adoption for the 2005-2006 tax rate will remain the same at \$1.45. The board considered the selling of attendance credits and plan on signing agreements with Sonora ISD and Austin ISD, which will bring in substantial new money for our district. The board approved unemployment insurance with TASB.

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

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 8:20 pm.

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.

60th Anniversary of World War II victory commemorated

This week marks the 60th anniversary of the signal achievement of America's greatest generation. On September 6, 1945, in Tokyo Bay, the forces of Imperial Japan signed the surrender that ended six years of the global cataclysm known by history as World War II.

We call these men and women, 16 million of whom served in military uniform during the war, and 400,000 of whom died in service, the Greatest Generation. They have earned that name not only because of their victory in world war. For this is the generation that was forged in the crucible of the Great Depression. This is the generation which, after 1945, went to school and bought homes with the GI Bill, and built a new, more prosperous America. This is the generation

that revolutionized medicine, supported civil rights, knit our cities with great highways, and pioneered space exploration. This is the generation that stood firm in the face of totalitarian Communism and gave with unmatched generosity to the world's poor.

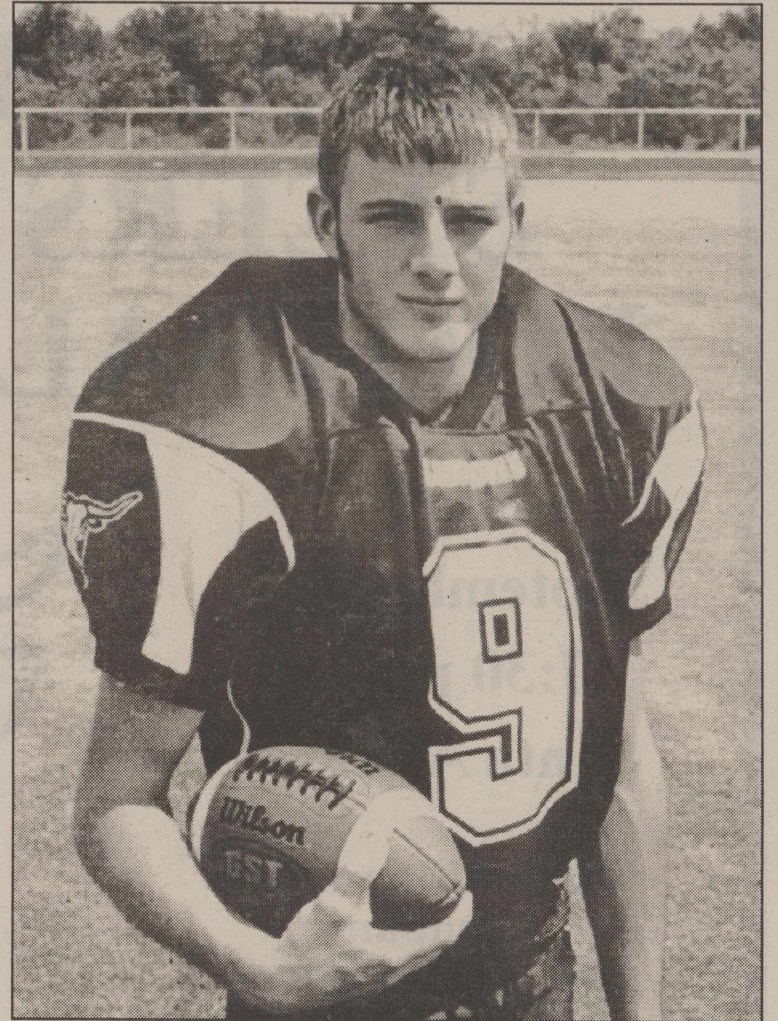
President Harry S. Truman, in a radio address broadcast that was part of the surrender ceremonies on the deck of the U.S.S. Missouri, in Tokyo Bay, paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and who bore the pain of loss. He invoked our nation's consequent obligation and spoke with promise of the future open to us through their sacrifices:

"God grant that in our pride of the hour, we may not forget the hard tasks that are still before us; that we may approach these with the same courage, zeal, and patience with which we faced the trials and problems of the past 4 years.

Our first thoughts, of course--thoughts of gratefulness and deep obligation--go out to those of our loved ones who have been killed or maimed in this terrible war. On land and sea and in the air, American men and women have given their lives so that this day of ultimate victory might come and assure the survival of a civilized world. No victory can make good their loss.

We think of those whom death in this war has hurt, taking from them fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, and sisters whom they loved. No victory can bring back the faces they longed to see.

Only the knowledge that the victory, which these sacrifices have made possible, will be wisely used, can give them any comfort. It is our responsibility--



Player of the Week! *The San Angelo Standard Times* named Bronte's Jaylon Saunders Player of the Week for his outstanding performance in the win over Christoval. The 5'10", 165 pound senior carried the ball 20 times to gain 225 yards and two touchdowns. He caught a 63 yard touchdown pass and returned the second-half kickoff 78 yards for another touchdown. BHS Quarterback Logan Rawls made the ST Honor Roll by throwing for 141 yards and two touchdowns and running for 97 yards and another touchdown.

ours, the living--to see to it that this victory shall be a monument worthy of the dead who died to win it."

Truly, this Greatest Generation has delivered. Today we who

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School Menu



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Monday, Sept. 12

Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Sept. 14

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Thurs., Sept. 15

Grilled cheese sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Friday, Sept. 16

Donut, apple, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 12

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, frozen fruit bar, roll, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Enchiladas, tossed salad, pinto beans, crackers, cinnamon crispies, milk

Wed., Sept. 14

Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, baby carrots, brownies, milk

Thurs., Sept. 15

Pigs in a blanket, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, pineapple, orange salad, milk

Friday, Sept. 16

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, bun, rice krispie treat, milk

BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL

		BHS	
August 26	Cross Plains	There	7:30 28 0
September 2	Christoval	There	7:30 49 36
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

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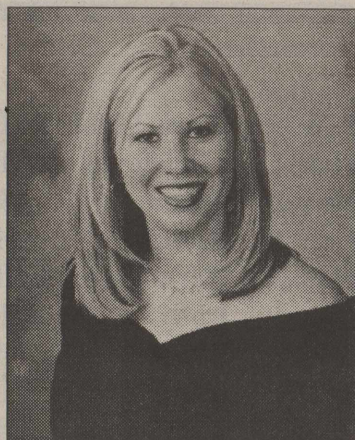
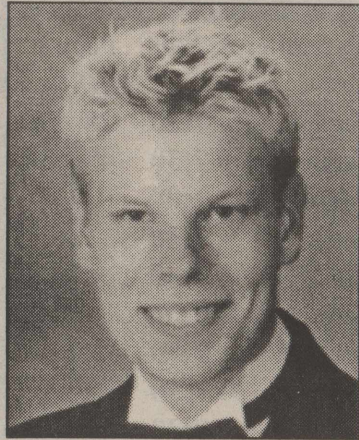
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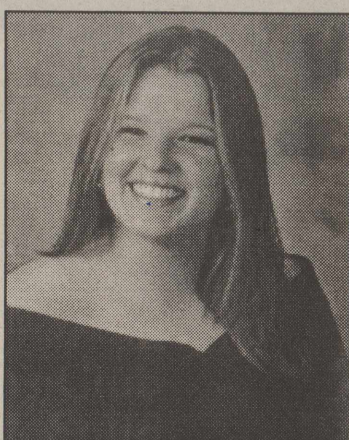
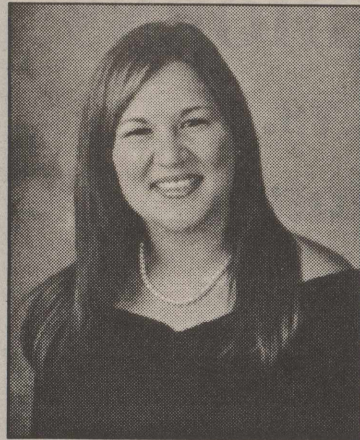
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Scholarship Winners! Jack and Nina Brewer \$1000 Scholarship recipients include (top photos, from left) Alan Roe, Ashley James, and Dixie Simpson. Receiving \$400 scholarships were (bottom photos, from left) Lindsey Roe, Michele Sanchez, and Stacey Denton. These scholarships were set up for Robert Lee High School graduates who regularly attend Robert Lee Methodist Church. At times, there are extra scholarship monies and they are distributed among the others in the RLHS graduating class.



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.

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.

Sanders couple hosts Walker family gathering

Over the Labor Day weekend, Mike and Debbie Sanders of McKinney, Texas hosted a Walker family

gathering in their home on Saturday, September 3, 2005. The descendants of Curtis and Lula Walker were well represented with 43 of 50 family members in attendance. The attendees enjoyed the afternoon and evening full of swimming, socializing and a hamburger and hot dog cookout. Three

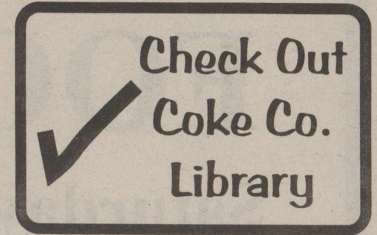
birthdays were also acknowledged with birthday cakes, candles, singing and gift bags for the little ones. Those celebrating included Dave Walker, Toni Tadlock, and Felecity Vicars who turned one year old.

Often hosting family get togethers, Curtis and Lula tried to instill a strong sense of family in their children and grandchildren. Four generations of Walkers were present and as 3rd and 4th generations of cousins played together, hopefully, this sense of family will continue from generation to generation.

Those present included all of the family of Bobby and Joyce Walker of Odessa; Dave, Donna, and Meredith Walker of Odessa, Eric, Laurel and Felecity Vicars of Midland, and Rex, Gwen and Taylor Walker of Sherman, Texas. Those from Wanda (Walker) Caulder of Abilene included Mike, Debbie and Shelly Sanders of McKinney, Ronnie, Courtney, Callie, and Peyton Dobbs of Graham, Texas, Eddie, Lori and Ashley Caulder, Jayden Perez, Bryan and Toni Tadlock all of Troup, Texas. All the family of Donald and Janice Walker of San Angelo were present; Dub, Gina, Zach, Jarod, and Travis Johnson of San Angelo, Steve, Stacy, David, and Arden Pullig of Flower Mound, Texas. Those family members of Curtis and Annice Walker of Robert Lee

attending included Robert Walker, Kevin, Jennifer, Haley, and Hunter Walker of San Angelo. Family friends attending were Ken and Lori Whittaker of Plano, Texas.

Members unable to attend were Buddy, Tonia Aaron Caulder of Graham, & Chris, Lashelle (Walker), Naomi Dakota Sherman of Killeen.



The Coke County Library has received a set of home decorating books that can inspire a weekend project. The library has also received a collection of detective stories and another collection of romance novels.

Tuesday, September 13th will be the first Story Hour session at the library. It will begin at 10:00 am for all three to five year old children in this area. Story Hour is a good introduction to the library for youngsters in their life - long learning process. Parents or caregivers are welcome. There is no charge for the session which usually lasts through April.

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 porch of the library.

Robert Lee Care Center Presents



The San Angelo Blues Society Acoustic Jam Band

The San Angelo Blues Society Acoustic Jam band will play in Robert Lee at the Care Center September 17th at noonish. A lunch of Chicken or sausage, rice or beans, cornbread, salad and a drink will cost \$7, \$6 for Seniors, \$5 for kids and the concert is free.

We have some nice items on the "Silent Auction" table. A deer rifle drawing (\$5/chance) will be held when all tickets are sold. All proceeds will go to the renovation of the Alzheimer's Activity room.

Reservations for a table may be made by calling Christi at 453-2511. Front porch and inside dining available.

Tickets on sale at the Robert Lee Care Center office.

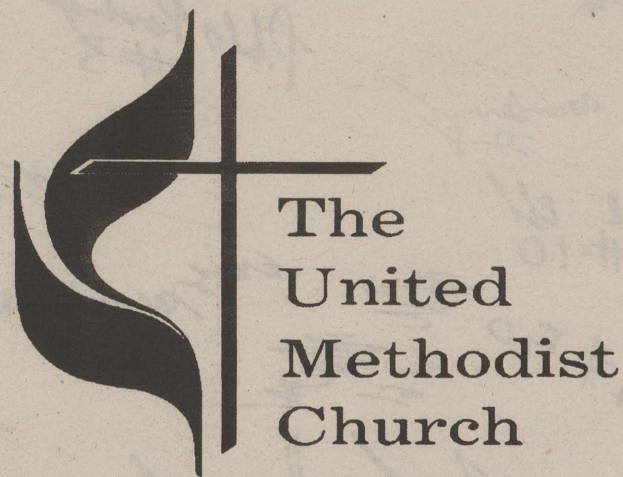
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Capitol Comments

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texan virtue in response to natural disasters

Texas is a state affected by many natural disasters. We have everything from hurricanes and flash floods to droughts and tornadoes. Natural disasters kill people and destroy property. They also reveal something about who we really are down deep.

Whenever natural disasters are looming, our first effort is do whatever we can to protect the people they threaten. After the event, we try to help those affected recover and move on with their lives. We also want to take a step back and see what lessons we can learn. We need to examine the event and determine what measures will minimize the harm from similar events in the future.

Texas has been hit by some powerful hurricanes such as Bret in 1999, Alicia in 1983, and Allen in 1980; but the most powerful hurricane to hit the state in the twentieth century was the one that slammed into Galveston in 1900. According to some estimates, that storm had winds of 100 mph that peaked as high as 150 mph. It killed over 8,000 people, 25 percent of the population, and destroyed more than 3,600 homes on Galveston Island. Some Texans displayed remarkable courage: four men spent hours in a row boat pulling people from debris-filled water saving as many as 200 lives. After the storm, the city built a six-

mile-long seawall that was later extended.

Growing up in Galveston County, I lived through Carla and other hurricanes. I have never forgotten the experience of driving to my parents' house because we had not heard from them. Telephone service was out, so we packed our car with water and other supplies and drove to their home. As we approached, we saw more and more of the hurricane's destruction. Finally, we reached their battered house, and fortunately found them unharmed.

Texas has also had to deal with some devastating tornadoes. Back in 1997, we had a fierce tornado in Jarrell. The funnel cloud was as big as three-quarters of a mile wide and had winds of well over 200 mph. It killed 27 people in a town of just 700, destroyed at least 50 homes, including one entire subdivision. People described cars being flung about in the air. One place the tornado crossed the road it ripped off 500 feet of asphalt. Before dissipating, the tornado had caused \$20 million in damage. Our countrymen showed us their generosity, sending \$1.3 million and over 400 volunteers from 15 states to help Jarrell recover.

Dealing with these disasters has made Texans both tough and compassionate. Whenever people encounter adversity, they are forced to make a decision about how to respond. So often, Texans have stood tall, displaying virtue in the heat of the moment. When battered by a hurricane, Texans have increased their resolve, battling the elements to survive. When threatened by funnel clouds, they

have reacted with bravery and risked their lives to save the lives of others. And after the moment of danger has passed, they have showed kindness and generosity in helping neighbors get back on their feet.

Recently, hurricane Katrina barreled up the Gulf Coast, striking our neighbors, and dealing them a powerful blow. Approximately 80 percent of the city of New Orleans was covered in water, and thousands of people suddenly found themselves homeless and with no one to turn to. In the midst of this great misfortune, my heart was warmed by the many Texans who opened their arms and their homes to their fellow Americans. Public institutions, many churches and charities, and numerous individuals provided food, shelter, and money for those escaping the hurricane's devastation. In one story that was particularly touching, a Texas couple who had just moved into their new home took their old home off the market in order to provide shelter to a family of nine in the months ahead. In another part of Texas, one company offered about 40 vacant apartments in a retirement community, plus food, transportation, and housekeeping for no charge.

Know that when I am working in Washington, you repeatedly make me proud to be from the Lone Star State. I am honored to be your senator. When I am working with other senators, it is not unusual for me to look over and see a confident gleam in their eyes because they know that, when the chips are down, they have a true friend in Texas.

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Texas A&M Honor Student! Angela Caudle, daughter of David and Jannette Caudle of Early and granddaughter of J. W. and Sue Caudle of Bronte, has been named one of Texas A&M University's honor students for the 2005 spring semester. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 GPR. Angela has made the Dean's List every semester at A&M. She has just finished her classes there and is partaking in an internship in Cardiac Rehab at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She is slated to graduate this December.

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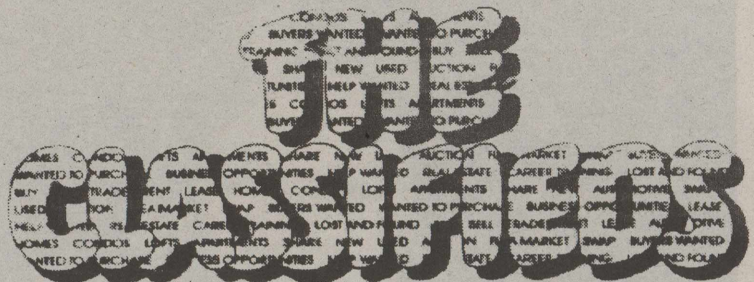
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 will be held Sat., Sept. 17, 8-3 at the Robert Lee Rec. Center. Please clean out your closets and garages! Items in good and/or working condition are needed. No clothing please. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Anyone wanting to donate 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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OVERLOOKING GOLF COURSE! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath with Formal Living and Dining Rooms. Den has Fireplace and windows all the way across back of House to take in view! \$90's!!!

HILLCREST ADDITION! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Brick Home! Hardwood floors, berber type carpet, screened porch! \$80's!!!

APPROX. 2 ACRES! With 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home! Carport/storage and workshop. 2 Water Wells!

2 BEDROOM! 1 Bath mobile home with kitchen appliances and large awning with covered patio and carport!



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Blackwell, Extremely nice 1,661 sq. ft. Brick Home with 3 BR, 2 BA, CA/CH, single car garage and carport, 13 x 21 brick shop, storm cellar and covered patio.
Bronte
 New Listing, Beautiful Brick Home, 1726 sq. ft. with 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car garage, formal dining room, fireplace, storage room and workshop, metal covered area for travel trailer
3 BR, 1 Bath Under Contract
Brick home Under Contract
Living Area SOLD
Robert Lee
It's Fresh, 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 story home, secluded, near Lake Spence on a large lot
Less than 1 year old, 1984 sq. ft. Home, 3 BR, 2 BA, Vaulted ceiling in Living Area, Master Suite w/ "Oasis" Bath, Office w/built-in desk, 2 car carport w/storage, landscaped
It's Furnished, Very Nice 1 BR, 1 BA, Large living area, carport, boat shed and travel trailer hook up
New Listing on Lake Spence, Waterfront access, Brick home with 3 BR, 2 BA, CA/CH, 30 x 40 garage/shop, Numerous trees and Magnificent views.
New Listing, Very nice Brick Home with 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 Living Areas, Extra room for Office/Game Room, 2 car garage, 2 car carport, Privacy Fence.
2 BR, 1 BA, 1 car garage, metal roof, CH/CA, workshop
It's Private! PRICE REDUCED! On 2 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA very nice brick home with fireplace, large front porch with view, barn, sheds & pens.
Close to School! 3 BR, 2 BA home with extra room, CA/CH, 2 car carport, on corner lot.
Brick Veneer Home with 3 BR, 2 Bath, over 2560 sq. ft. Large living area with fireplace. Formal dining and living area, 14' x 16' shop.
Price Reduced AGAIN! Brick Home with over one half acre, 3 BR, 1 1/2 Bath, Ceramic Tile floors, CA/CH, Metal roof, attached 2 car carport & Workshop.

3 BR, 2 Bath home with CA/CH, Hardwood floors, Metal roof and 2 car carport with privacy fence.
 Watch the wildlife from the front porch, 2 BR, 1 BA Brick veneer home with metal carport, \$20's
3 BR, 2 Bath Under Contract
 screened-in porch with view, Possible Owner Finance \$20's
Cedar Cove, 2 BR, 2 Bath mobile home on large lot with many outside amenities.
Very Nice Office Building Prime location. Landscaped with additional lots.
Acres
1023 +/- Acres. All pasture and flat to rolling terrain with deep creeks and rough headers, 3 water wells and electricity, excellent deer hunting with turkey and quail
884 +/- AC. 150 ac. in cultivation, 172 ac. in government program, 2 water wells, 2 tanks, barn, good fences, excellent hunting. Black Buck Antelope.
650 +/- AC. All pasture, close to Colorado River, rolling terrain, 3 tanks, excellent hunting.
338 +/- AC. FM frontage, Rolling hills with deep creek, water well & electricity. Under wildlife management.
320 +/- AC. Secluded, rolling terrain with hills and mountainous views, older rock home. Two water wells, crossed fenced. Good hunting.
314 +/- AC. Live Oak trees on Yellow Wolf Creek, good water well, 230 ac. cultivation, good hunting.
195 +/- AC. FM Road frontage. Some cultivation. Beautiful live water creek. Property runs to the Colorado River. Good hunting and fishing.
New Listing! 160 +/- AC. county road access, all pasture, good dirt tank, scenic mountain views, good hunting.
125 +/- AC. MAKE OFFER! All Pasture. Convenient to Robert Lee. Flat to rolling terrain. Good hunting.
80 +/- Acres, Very nice ranch style home with 3 BR, 2 BA 2 Living Areas. All Steel Horse and Cattle Pens. 3 Large Barns.
Other Listings Available

GARAGE SALE
 A little bit of everything. Come by and see. 1121 Euel, Robert Lee. Saturday.
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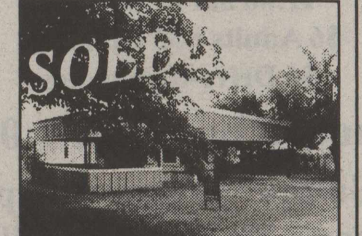
NOTICES
NOTICE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
 To: Affected Operators and Mineral Owners, Fort Chadbourne Field Area, Coke



SUNSET ADDITION! 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Mobile home! Huge awning covering home and patio space for outdoor living! Kitchen appliances and double carport! Fenced backyard with storage building!



BRICK HOME! With 2 Living Areas and 2 Fireplaces! 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths and Almost an acre of land!



2 BEDROOM! 1 Bath mobile home with kitchen appliances and large awning with covered patio and carport!

and Runnels Counties, Texas
 Re: Oil and Gas Docket No. 7C-0244182; Application of MAK-J Energy Partners (Texas), Ltd. (Id. # 522988) to Designate the Ft. Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit as an Entity for Density Purposes, Fort Chadbourne Field, Coke and Runnels Counties, Texas

MAK-J Energy Partners (Texas), Ltd. is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to designate the Ft. Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit ("Unit") as an Entity for Density Purposes in the Fort Chadbourne Field, Coke and Runnels Counties, Texas. If this application is approved, each well on this Unit will not be subject to otherwise applicable between-well spacing rules, but each well on this Unit will be subject to applicable lease-line spacing and density rules. To protest this application, affected operators and/or mineral owners must file written protest and request for hearing on or before October 10, 2005 at the following address:
 Docket Services
 Office of General Counsel
 Railroad Commission of Texas
 P.O. Box 12967
 Capitol Station
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967
 512-463-6848

If you have any question about this application, contact the applicant's attorney, Tim George, at 512.495.6047.
 08-4tc

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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NOTICES

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INDIGENT HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE

West Coke County Hospital District of Robert Lee, TX, will provide from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 Indigent Health Care services to all eligible persons who meet the Hospital District eligibility requirements. Any resident of WCCHD is eligible to apply for these services. Eligibility criteria includes household composition, income and other available resources. Supporting documentation is required for all components of eligibility. Eligibility for Indigent Health Care services will be limited to persons who can prove residency in the WCCHD and whose family income meets the criteria of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Texas Department of Health as shown to be effective May 2003. Application for this program can be made at the business office of the Robert Lee Care Center. This notice is in compliance with the plan administration for annual public notification of service availability.

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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, DefendantS.

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, 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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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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There are still ways that you can help our neighbors who have been hurt by hurricane Katrina. While all assistance is appreciated, generally donations of money are more helpful than donations of food and clothing. Money can be used to buy exactly what is most urgently needed, including perishable food and medicine. Donations of money also save the costs of transporting goods to where they are needed most. Some reliable charities include the Salvation Army (<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/USNSAHome.htm>), Church World Service (<http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/katrina/>), and the American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>). Donations of time and energy also provide important assistance and give you a meaningful connection to those you are helping. As of this date, three of our major cities are setting up

huge sites for hurricane evacuees. To volunteer, call your local Red Cross office.

Finally, do not forget to be prepared for a natural disaster yourself. Be sure you have survival kits in your home and car, and you refresh them from time to time with new food and batteries. For specific suggestions on what to put in survival kits, go to <http://www.fema.gov/rrr/em-prep.shtm>. Also, be sure that you follow the directions of local government officials, especially their warnings to evacuate when necessary.

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, TX, 325/236-6337.

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.

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.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OVER AGE 65/DISABLED PROPERTY TAX FREEZE SPECIAL ELECTION, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2005 CITY OF BRONTE

SPECIAL ELECTION DATES: Early Voting Dates: August 24th thru September 6th, 2005; Election Date: Saturday, September 10th. Each elector is to vote "FOR" or AGAINST" a proposition that "THERE SHALL BE A CITY OF BRONTE ADVALOREM TAX LIMITATION ON RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS OR DISABLED PERSONS AND PERSON SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1-b(h) OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION".

1. **The tax freeze ONLY applies to City of Bronte taxes that represent about 12% of your tax bill.**
>This change will not affect the 88% of your tax bill which goes to the School, Bronte Health & Rehab, Underground Water District, Coke County and Kickapoo Water District. (These totals may vary if the resident's school tax is already frozen.)

2. **What does the owner of an average home (\$43,052.00) in Bronte now pay in taxes to the City?**
>The City's current tax rate is \$.370729.
>The owner of this average home currently pays \$169.43 in taxes.

3. **City of Bronte tax levy comparison:**
>The City's tax levy has increased by 16.11 % over the last 5 years.
>All other taxing entities have increased an average of 31% over the same time period.
>For the City's FY2003-2004 Budget, all residents' property taxes will provide \$72,644 in revenues. This property tax represents about 48% of the General Fund total revenue.

4. **How a tax rate increase of \$.01 would affect the average tax bill?:**
>A One-Cent change (e.g. from \$.372650 to \$.382650 would increase the tax bill by \$4.30.
>This One-Cent change would provide the City with an additional \$2033.23 in revenue.
>If the tax freeze is approved, that One-Cent increase would only bring in \$1076.00 (approximately half of that amount).

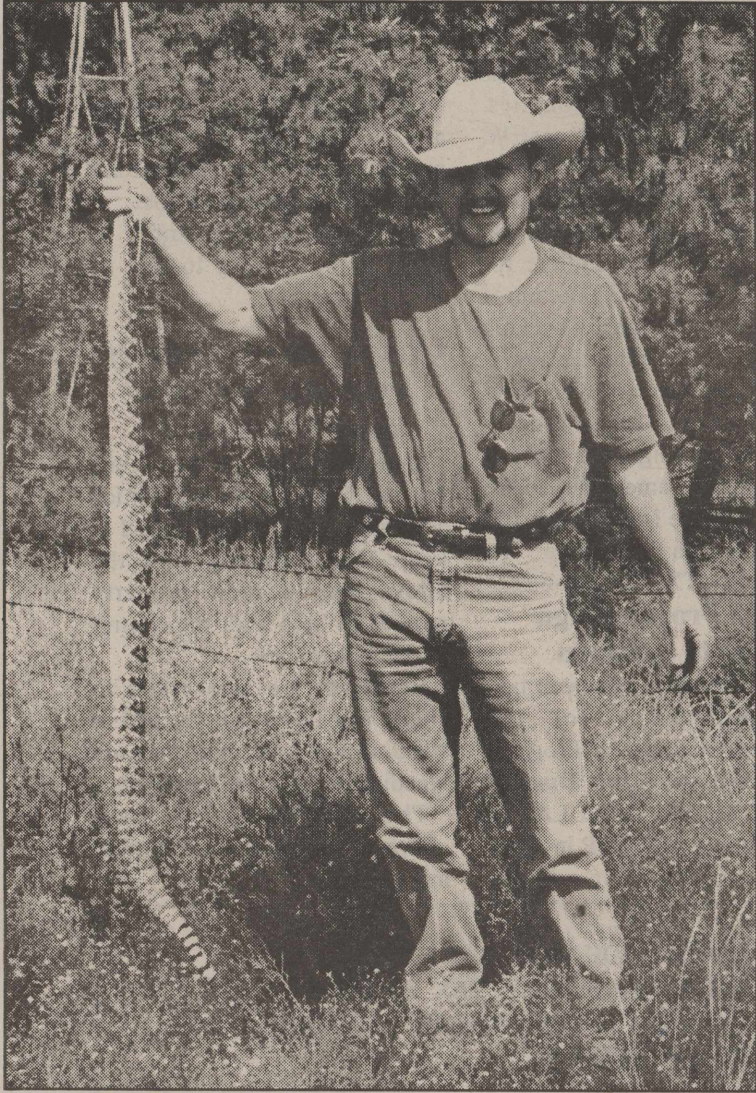
5. **How many people would be affected by the tax freeze?**
>Currently there are 254 homesteads in the City.
>Of that number, 119 are over 65 or disabled.
>That means that approximately 47% of the homesteads would qualify for the tax freeze. This means that these persons will continue to pay the same amount from now on even if the City tax rate and/or the property appraised valuation increases.

6. **What does a tax freeze do to the taxpayers who are not 65 years old or disabled?**
>As they are the remaining 53% of households, this group alone would be taxed for any needed increase to City property tax revenues.
>If this was the first year the tax freeze would affect taxpayers, figures from the Coke County Appraiser and County Tax Assessor estimate that the Effective Tax Rate would be one cent higher.

7. **OTHER POINTS TO CONSIDER:**
>What changes will the Texas Legislature adopt for "School Financing" and what will be its impact on property taxes?
>Most of the plans being suggested contain a reduction in the school property tax.
>Since the Bronte I.S.D. tax bill is approximately 49% of the total tax bill, this reduction may help offset any potential City property tax increases.

8. **Approval of a property tax freeze for the City of Bronte can not be rescinded except by the Texas State Legislature; thus the outcome is irreversible no matter what changes might occur within the City of Bronte.**

*2004 Tax Values and Tax Rates were used in preparation of this information.



Snake, Rattle, and Roll!!! Local publisher Hal Spain got a sharp reminder recently of contributing editor Joan Davis' admonition to watch for snakes while hunting this fall. This five-footer was in the dog's pen when Spain took his Jack Russell terrier to the barn before daylight on Saturday morning. When "Dodger" sounded the alarm, Spain knew exactly what was wrong, as this has happened before. Armed with a flashlight and a "22" pistol with birdshot shells, Spain fortunately dispatched the intruder with the first shot. Dodger was no worse for wear following the incident, and the only casualty, with the exception of the snake, was a few more worn nerves for the old publisher.

Hair Sheep symposium looking at growing industry

The North American Hair Sheep Symposium, Oct. 6 - 8 in San Angelo, will offer new and seasoned producers the most current information about this budding industry.

The event will be held in San Angelo's Spur Arena, adjacent to the coliseum and fairgrounds.

The symposium, which targets the first - time hair sheep producer, is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Hair Sheep Association.

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo and the symposium's coordinator, said interest in hair sheep production is strong in many parts of the U.S.

"Hair sheep are rapidly gaining in popularity because they offer many advantages to the small - acreage landowner and first - time sheep producer," Craddock said. "They are very easy to care for, are more resistant to parasites than traditional sheep, and do not have to be shorn. Thus, they require much less labor than traditional breeds."

Hair sheep also produce very hardy lambs and experience very low death rates. The lambs also gain well in the feedlot, he said.

"This symposium is tailored to producers who have never owned sheep and for those who have stopped raising traditional breeds due to the headaches

involved," Craddock said. "Hair sheep are truly the "pain - free" livestock enterprise today's busy part - time rancher is looking for."

The first day will provide a history of the better - known hair sheep breeds currently in the U.S. The second day will cover marketing issues, general production and budgets. The final day will deal with breed and breeding stock selection.

A Texas Hair Sheep Association - sponsored sheep sale will follow the symposium on Oct. 8.

Activities on Oct. 6 will start at 1 pm. Topics and speakers will include:

*History of Hair Sheep, Dr. Maurice Shelton, Experiment

Station geneticist, emeritus, San Angelo;

*Potential of Hair Sheep in the United States, Dr. Dave Notter, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va;

*Hair Sheep Production in Canada, Shannon Richardson, Airdrie, Alberta, Canada;

*Hair Sheep Production in Mexico, Juan Salas; and

*Integration of Hair Sheep into Existing Operations, Dr. Bob Steger, consultant, Mertzon.

The topics and speakers on Oct. 7 will be:

*Buying and Selling Hair Sheep: How do They Fit the Ethnic Market?, Donald Jordan, Hamilton Commission Company, and Susan Schoenian, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, Keedysville, Md.

*How Do They Grow? Are They Good To Eat?, Dr. Kreg Leymaster, U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Neb., and Dr. Sam Jackson, Texas Tech University;

*What Do We Do With the Hides? Managing the Hair Sheep Leather Supply Chain to Benefit Producers, Dr. Dennis Shelly, Texas Tech;

*Can You Make Money Raising Hair Sheep?, Dr. Jason Johnson Extension economist, San Angelo;

*Are They Healthy, Hardy, and Easy to Raise?, Dr. G.F. Kennedy, Pipestone Vet Clinic, Pipestone, Minn.;

*What and How Much Do They Eat?, Dr. Rick Machen, Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde; and

*Do They Have A Lot of Babies All Year Long?, Dr. Stephen Wildeus, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia, Va.

Oct. 8 topics and speakers will include:

*What Do We Look for in

Selecting and Evaluating Hair Sheep?, Dr. Charles Parker, Columbus, Ohio;

*Hair Sheep Research Across the United States, Dr. Dan Waldron, Experiment Station geneticist, San Angelo, and

*What about the Various Breeds?, with individual presentations on

Katahdin - Jim Morgan, Fayetteville, Ark;

Dorper - Philip Glass, Water Valley and Warren Cude, Fort Stockton;

St. Croix - Dr. Thomas Bunch, Utah State University;

Barbados Blackbelly - Carol Elkins, Pueblo, Colo;

Royal White - Bill Hoag, Hermleigh; and

Crossbreeds - Art Roane, Ozona.

Commercial exhibit booth space is available at \$200 per booth. Symposium sponsorships are \$100.

Registration deadline is Sept. 16. Individual registration before that date is \$150, plus \$50 for each additional adult family member. Children 18 and younger can attend free. The fee covers a CD-ROM proceedings and two meals.

Individual registration after September 16 is \$250 and \$100 for each additional family member.

A spouses' tour is planned for those not attending the symposium.

Register online at www.peo-

pleware.net/1542b or contact Joani Groce at (979) 845-7694, j-groce@tamu.edu.

For more information, contact Craddock at (325) 653-4576, or b-craddock@tamu.edu.

FSA program signups to end

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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 sign-up 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 in Robert Lee or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 8:00 P. M. in the Appraisal District office in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$131,835.00. This is 2.8% (.028) increase from the 2005 budget.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is two full-time and one part-time. The number of employees compensated by the current year's budget is two full-time and one part-time.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District. If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, the proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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Lordy!
Look Who's
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