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## Fall hunting season begins this weekend

By: Joan Davis

The scissortails and monarchs have left us; the nights are cool and we don't have to check our calendars to know the fall hunting season is upon us.

General season for white-tail deer and fall turkey season will both open Saturday, Nov. 5 and remain open through Jan. 1, 2006. Special Late General season for deer (antlerless and spike buck only) is Jan. 2-15, 2006. Bag limit for deer in Coke County is 5, no more than 2 bucks, all seasons combined.

Fall season for turkeys runs with deer season, Nov. 5-Jan. 1, 2006, either sex. Spring season is set for April 1-May 14, 2006, gobblers only. Bag limit is 4 for both seasons combined. Watch your tags if you favor spring turkey hunting.

General season for quail opened Oct. 29 and continues through Feb. 26, 2006 with a daily bag of 15. Biologists are predicting the best quail hunting in our area in perhaps 10 years. Counts and surveys were hard to get due to heavy cover but every country road is alive with quail and above-average numbers of very young birds.

Although it is impossible to print all the info you need, pick up a free copy of the "Bible" of hunting and fishing-the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual. Study it cover to cover and look up the things you have doubts about. A few important pointers that could save you a

ticket for a violation are: tag your kill properly and immediately, cut dates out; study the harvest log on pg. 65; tag with correct tag, pg. 65-67.

Coke County Game Warden Jim Allen has said that Hunting Lease License will be closely monitored in the upcoming hunting seasons. Below is the printout from the Outdoor Annual, pg. 54.

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### County offers hunter appreciation barbecues

Coke County will offer a couple of barbecues on opening day of deer season to show our appreciation to you, as hunters, who choose to spend your recreational time in our county. Each of the barbecues is discussed below.

#### WCCCD Hunter Appreciation Barbecue

West Coke County Community Development will sponsor its 17th annual Hunters Appreciation Barbecue on Saturday evening, November 5. Free to area hunters, the barbecue will again take place at the rec hall in the county park in Robert Lee.

The supper will include plenty of barbecued brisket and sausage, beans, potato salad, iced tea, and fixings. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm and will continue until 9:00 pm.

The feed is at no cost to hunters, but tickets are necessary. They are available



**Bronte Vision Planning Meeting!** Approximately twenty-five people attending the Bronte Vision Planning meeting Tuesday evening, November 1, 2005, in the Bronte School Library. Nicki Harle of the Texas Midwest Community Network facilitated the meeting where goals, assets, challenges and strategies were discussed. A complete report from the meeting is on page 12 of this issue.

from the party from whom they lease, or from participating individuals and businesses who have supported the barbecue by donations.

The annual barbecue is produced by WCCCD members and great local volunteers who do the work -- preparing, cooking, serving, clean-up -- and whatever it takes to make the event happen.

Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets at the following locations in Robert Lee: C&H Auto and Hardware, Super H Grocery, Key Feed Store, Cindy's Barbecue, Skinner's Grocery, and Wink Insurance. You may also mail your donation to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945. For more information contact Barbecue Chairman Robert Wink at (325) 453-2713 (ofc) or (325) 453-2003 (home).

The annual barbecue has grown from about 300 the first year to as many as 1,000 hungry hunters in recent years.

#### Wild Game Barbecue at Bronte

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue Lunch is once again slated for Bronte, this year on Saturday, November 5, opening day of deer season. As in years past, the barbecue lunch will be at no charge to attending hunters, and is sponsored by

Hall's Super Save Grocery and B&K Processing.

The menu will consist of deer and elk sandwiches, smoked sausage, beans, soft drinks, and dessert. Serving will begin at 11:00 am and go until 2:00 pm. The location is B&K Processing (behind Hall's Grocery) in Bronte.

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#### State Constitutional Amendments Election set for November 8

On Tuesday, November 8, 2005, voters will go to the polls to vote on 9 State Constitutional Amendments. A full copy of all amendments to be voted on is posted on the bulletin board located in the Courthouse and included at the end of this article.

The polls will open at 7 am and close at 7 pm. Polling places include Precinct 1 - Robert Lee Senior Citizens Building; Precinct 2 - Bronte Senior Citizens Building; Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse; and Precinct 4 - Bronte City Hall.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

- "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion

of rail facilities."

- "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

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#### Salute to veterans set for November 11

Local Veterans, their families, and friends are encouraged to attend a musical salute to our veterans at the Robert Lee ISD auditorium at 10 am Friday, November 11.

Elementary music classes under the direction of Mike Aston, band director, will perform and there will be a short play answering the question "What is a Veteran?"

A reception for veterans and their families, hosted by the RLHS BETA Club, will be held in the high school library following the program.

#### Pros on the Road coming to Robert Lee

The Bentwood Country Club is bringing "Pros on the Road" to Robert Lee. Juniors learn to play the game of golf from Bentwood Country Club golf instructors.

They will be in Robert Lee at the Mountain Creek Golf Course November 9, 4 pm to 6 pm.

For information, contact Melissa Smith at 944-8575.

## Coke County Football!

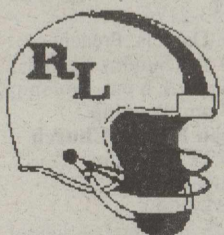
STEERS

vs. Water Valley

7:30 pm • Friday

November 4

Robert Lee



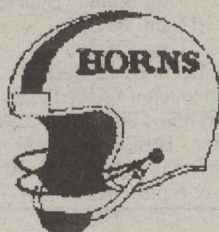
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**Obituaries**



**Porter**

Sheila Marlene Hubbard-Porter, 54, a retired Text Data Processor, passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2005, in Fort Worth, Texas.

A memorial service in celebration of her life will be Saturday, November 5, 2005, at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Sheila fought a courageous battle with Huntington's disease. The family suggests contributions be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 505 Eighth Ave., Suite 902, New York, NY 10018, in her name.

Sheila was born July 18, 1951, in Coleman, the eldest daughter of Ettie Windham Hubbard and Doyle Theo Hubbard. She graduated Bronte High School and

attended American Commercial College in Abilene. During her career she worked at Hardin-Simmons University, Texas Department of Transportation, World Service Life and Lockheed Martin, from which she retired after 25 years of service.

She was a member of Order of Eastern Star Abilene Chapter 30, Order of Rainbow for Girls and a member of First Baptist Church in Bronte. Sheila loved children, shopping, cheese enchiladas, sweet tea and Elvis. She was preceded in death by her father, Doyle Hubbard.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Porter; mother, Ettie Hubbard; sisters, Valerie D. Taylor and Tonja E. Hubbard; brother, Gary D. Hubbard; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Steve and Marianne Porter; brothers-in-law and wives, Steve and Susan Porter, and Ray and Gina Porter; nieces, Maranda, Sandra, Kasey, Misty, Robyn, Rachel and Alissa; nephews, Tray and Jake, and many beloved friends.

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**Blackwell UMC Fall Festival slated Nov. 19**

The Blackwell United Methodist Church will be hosting a Fall Festival,



**New Coke County Tax Assessor Collector Sworn In!** Coke County Clerk Mary Grim (right) swears in Josie Dean as the new Tax Assessor Collector for Coke County. The swearing-in ceremony was held Monday morning, October 31, 2005. Dean replaces Gayle Sisemore, who took Patsy Dunn's place in the Coke County Appraisal District Office. Mrs. Dunn is now with the Runnels County Appraisal District.

Saturday, November 19, 2005. Festival will begin at 9:00 am. Baked good will be for sale. There will also be a silent auction.

Barbeque with all the fixings will be served from 11:00-2:00. There will be chances for a queen size handmade quilt with the drawing at 2:00 that day.

The festival will be at the Blackwell United Methodist Church in Blackwell. For more information, call Heather Sanderson at 282-2214.

**BHRC Auxiliary meeting set for November 15**

The BHRC Auxiliary will be meeting on Tuesday, November 15th at 12:45 pm at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. There will be a lunch provided for all who attend.

The auxiliary is asking all members to make plans to attend. If you will be attending, please call Lanette or Marilyn at 473-6791 by

Monday. If you are not currently a member and would like to join, then mark your calendars and make plans to join us Nov. 15th. This will be the last time the auxiliary will meet in 2005!

**RL Seniors 55 and older to be treated to Thanksgiving meal**

A Thanksgiving meal for all Robert Lee Seniors, 55 and older will be held on Nov. 17, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Senior Citizens Building.

Turkey and dressing will be provided. The side dishes will be pot luck. RSVP to Senior Citizens' Director Karla

Hamrick at 453-2314 or 453-4780.

**Kickapoo water board sets election**

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 10, 2006, for the purpose of electing two directors. Directors filing for re-election to the board are Bob Ragsdale and Jack Corley. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning this election, contact President Gerald Sandusky by 5 pm on Monday, November 28, 2005.

**Area Churches**

*Invite You to Worship*

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

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

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

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

**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte  
(325) 473-3281  
Rev. Larry Tianen  
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 Youth

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

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

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

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

**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee  
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004  
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2176  
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

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

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

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**Reed-Neal exchange vows**

Natasha Dawn Reed and Tommy Edward Neal were united in marriage Saturday, October 1, 2005, at 7 pm at First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

Pastor Sonny Rice of Sealy, Texas, performed the double wedding ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Cliffy & Deeana Reed of Bronte. Natasha is the granddaughter of J.B. & Martha Arrott and Clifton & Bonnie Reed, all of Bronte.

The bridegroom's parents are Larry & Shelia Neal of Warren, Texas. Tommy is the grandson of Betty Joyce Conner and the late Guy Conner of Warren, Texas, and the late Robert & Jimmie Neal of Warren, Texas.

Natasha was given in marriage by her parents, Cliffy & Deeana Reed, and escorted by her father, Cliffy Reed.

Maids of Honor were her sisters, Natalee Reed of Stephenville, Texas, and Nicole Reed of Bronte.

Bridesmaids were Lacy Schoenfield of San Angelo, Lucy Tyler of Stephenville, and sister of the groom, Leigh Ann Trotter of Hemphill, Texas. Flowergirls were cousin of the bride, McKenzie Arrott of Sweetwater, and niece of the groom, Avery Trotter of Texarkana.

Best man was Chris Cryer of West Monroe, Louisiana. Groomsmen were Steve Dryer of Seymour, Kris Crenshaw of Brenham, Trevor Powe of Stephenville, and brother-in-law of the groom, Edd Trotter of Hemphill. Ringbearers were cousin of the bride, Carter Arrott of Sweetwater, and nephew of the groom, Brady Trotter of Hemphill.

Ushers were Bo Dees of Brenham, Brian Woods of Bronson and Adam Lasater of Stephenville.

Music was provided by pianist Leah Rosson and soloists, Monya Waldrop, aunt of the bride, and brother-in-law of the groom, Edd Trotter.

A reception followed at Carnegie Library in Ballinger.

Natasha graduated Bronte High School in 2002 and attended Tarleton State and will attend Angelo State University in the spring.

Tommy received a Bachelor degree from Texas A&M University and a Masters degree from Stephen F. Austin University. He is employed by Edward Jones Investments.

The couple makes their home near Ballinger.

**Restoration to amphitheater continues**

Plans for the restoration of the amphitheater continue to evolve. The building which serves as the equipment and lighting center for the stage has been partially demolished. In its place will be a sea container which will be retrofitted to look like an old building. It will house materi-



Mrs. Tommy Neal

als necessary for stage performances.

Volunteers interested in this project have an opportunity to further the plans at a work day set for Saturday, November 19, at 9 am. The building needs to be completely demolished and the site prepared for a concrete slab. With volunteer help, this project can be completed this year.

Help from the community will make this project go faster. The anticipated revenue for the City from musical performances throughout the year at the amphitheater makes this project one that will benefit all businesses and increase the tax income.

Donuts will be available for all hands on deck on Saturday, November 19th.

**Busy time of year for bird watchers**

Caliche Loop Bird & Wildlife Refuge at Red Canyon is very busy this time of year. All the ducks are returning and passing through. The new duck arrivals are wigeons, pintails, and rehead. The Butter-Butts are back.

To see these, visitors should

use binoculars and sit quietly in cover and they will come flitting by.

The Sunday Night Marshmallow Roast is still being held. Watch the weather. If it is unsuitable to be outside, the roasting will not take place that night. If it rains, you can't drive into Red Canyon. You will get stuck so the roast is canceled on those nights.

The Sumac Trail is ready for use at Lake Spence. This time of year is an excellent time to visit the Bird Habitats. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 453-4488 or City Hall.

**Winters Arts & Crafts Festival set**

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Arts & Crafts Festival Saturday, November 19, from 9 am to 6 pm. This year's celebration will be in the Spill Building downtown.

Anyone interested in a vendor booth should contact the Chamber at 325-754-5210 or e-mail wacc@wtxs.net. Deadline for booth reservation is November 15.

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Robert Lee Junior High Cross Country Team!** *The RLJHS Cross Country Team (above) participated at the District Meet in Carlsbad Wednesday, October 26, 2005. The boys team placed 3rd and the girls team placed 2nd.*



**Robert Lee High School Cross Country Teams!** *The RLHS Cross Country Team (above) participated at the District Meet in Carlsbad Wednesday, October 26, 2005. The boys team placed 3rd and will advance to the Regional meet in Arlington Saturday, November 5, 2005. Individual girls participating at the District meet were Ashley Sawyer (front row, from left) and Jodi Sheldon. Jodi placed 10th and will advance to the Regional Meet in Arlington. Members of the boys team include (from left) Brody Dillard, Josh Gallegos, Chris LaRue, Brandon Soliz, and Kevin Honse.*

**Steers clip  
Falcons, 55-6**

By Tom Sawyer  
The Steers got their third win in a row to set up next week's match-up against Water Valley for the last district playoff spot. Steer fans from far and near should be at the game which promises to be anything but boring. Get off the couch and on your feet, put on your orange and black and get to the game to show your support for our Steers.

**Scoring summary**

**1st quarter**  
Cameron Hodge-66 yd. run for TD, 4:38, PAT pass to Conner  
Safety (Dillard)-downed in endzone, 2:42, PAT failed  
Josh Gallegos-35 yd. run for

TD, 2:27, PAT failed  
Veribest-30 yd. int. for TD, :33, PAT failed  
Josh Gallegos-47 yd. run for TD, :21, PAT kick Soliz  
*Steers 23-Falcons 6*

**2nd quarter**

Brandon Soliz-1 yd. run for TD, 6:19, PAT kick Soliz  
Josh Gallegos-7 yd. run for TD, 4:58, PAT kick Soliz  
Brody Dillard-20 yd. int. for TD, 3:13, PAT kick Soliz  
Josh Gallegos-33 yd. run for TD, 1:16, PAT kick Soliz  
*Steers 55-Falcons 6*

**Individual stats**

**Offense**  
Josh Gallegos-10 carries for 151 yards, 4 TD's; Brandon Soliz-3 carries for 42 yards, 1 TD; Cameron Hodge-3 carries for 70 yards, 1 TD; Brody Dillard-0-3 passing, 1 int.; Brandon Soliz-0-1 passing

**Defense**  
Brody Dillard-7 tackles, 1 fumble recovery, 1 int. for TD; Josh Gallegos-7 tackles; Brandon Soliz-7 tackles; Cameron Hodge-2 tackles; Chase Roe-4 tackles; Josh Conner-4 tackles

**RLHS black-out pep rally set**

A black-out pep rally will be held Thursday night, November 3, at 8:30 pm in the RLHS gym. Glow necklaces will be sold before the pep rally in the foyer. The Senior pep rally will be held on Friday, November 4, at 2:50 pm in the gym.

**5th Quarter slated**

Pecan Baptist Church and Robert Lee Catholic Church will be hosting 5th Quarter at the Catholic Hall Friday night following the Steers' game against Water Valley.

**Robert Lee  
Cross Country team  
results posted**

On Wednesday, October 25, 2005; the Robert Lee Steers and Lady Steers competed in the District 15, Region II Cross Country meet held at San Angelo State Park. The high

school fared well, earning the third place team score and a trip to the Regional CC meet to be held on November 5th in Arlington. Aiding the Steers in the victory were: Josh Gallegos, 3rd place; Chris LaRue, 7th place; Kevin Honse, 16th place, Brody Dillard, 20th place, and Brandon Soliz, 25th place. Jodi Sheldon placed 10th individually for the Lady Steers and will also be competing at the Regional meet. Ashley Sawyer earned a 31st place finish.

Robert Lee Junior High girl's and boy's teams competed excellently earning a 2nd place and 3rd place team finish, respectively. On the girls side, Erika Sheldon came in 3rd; Mollie Hinderliter, 12th; Emilee Yanez, 13th; Sarah Walker, 18th; Kacey Roberts, 22nd; Nancy Landeros, 24th; Heidi Austin, 29th; Amanda Mendoza, 30th; and Briana Brisbin, 32nd. The boys did well with Jorge Rostro finishing in 9th place; Luke Sheldon, 10th; Blake Millican, 17th; Logan Phillely, 21st; and Chris Mims in 36th place.

Congratulations to the Steers and Lady Steers. Please pray for their safe travel to Arlington Friday night, and we look forward to an even better season next year!

**ACT test registration  
deadline set Nov. 4**

College-bound high school students can take the ACT college admission and placement exam on December 10, 2005, the next national test date. The deadline for post-mark or online registration is November 4. The late registration deadline is November 17 (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their high school counselor or they can register online on ACT's student website ([www.act-student.org](http://www.act-student.org)). Students can also find the testing location closest to them on this

website.

The ACT is an achievement test that measures what students have learned in school. The basic ACT exam includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics and science. An optional writing test is also available. Some colleges require or recommend a writing score, but many do not. To find out if a writing score is required by particular colleges, students may visit ACT's website for a searchable list, or they may check with the colleges directly. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges across the nation.

Some students perform better on the ACT than on other college entrance exams because it is based on achievement, not aptitude. The basic exam takes three hours to complete, plus an additional 30 minutes for those who opt to take the writing test.

The basic registration fee for the ACT is \$29. An additional \$14 fee is required for students who choose to take the ACT Writing Test, bringing the total registration fee to \$43 for these students. Free sample tests are available from school counselors and on ACT's website, which also offers additional practice

**College/technical  
school night set  
in Abilene**

Junior and senior students and their parents of high schools in the Big Country will have an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from various colleges, universities, and vocational training schools at a college/technical school program at Abilene High School, located at 2800 North Sixth in Abilene, on Monday, November 14, at 7 pm.

Representatives from 47 institutions have been invited. In addition, representatives from the armed forces and a financial aid representative will participate in the program.

Each student and parent will have an opportunity to attend discussion groups to obtain information about schools in which they are interested. College representatives will discuss entrance requirements, application procedures, estimated yearly cost, courses of study, types of housing available, financial aid, and other topics of concern to students and parents. Browse areas will be located in both the east and west cafeterias.

**School Menu**

**Breakfast**

- Monday, Nov. 7  
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 8  
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Wed., Nov. 9  
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Thurs., Nov. 10  
Juice, pizza, cereal, milk
- Friday, Nov. 11  
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

**Lunch**

- Monday, Nov. 7  
Hot dog with chili & cheese, tator tots, orange, yogurt, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 8  
Rib B Que, broccoli & cheese, corn, roll, peaches, milk
- Wed., Nov. 9  
Chicken O's, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, pineapple, milk
- Thurs., Nov. 10  
Fajitas, salad, pinto beans, pudding, milk
- Friday, Nov. 11  
Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, pears, milk

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# 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	45	87
September 16	Strawn	There	7:30	48	46
** September 23	Trent	Here	7:30	46	0
September 30	Open				
October 7	Garden City	There	7:30	30	76
October 14	Paint Rock	Here	7:30	60	0
October 21	Blackwell	There	7:30	57	6
October 28	Veribest	There	7:30	55	6
November 4	Water Valley	Here	7:30		

\*\* Homecoming

Friday,  
November 4  
7:30 pm  
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte First Baptist Church celebrates Round-Up Sunday! On Sunday, October 30, Bronte First Baptist Church celebrated with Round-Up Sunday. Some of the Children's Church Kids (and leader Danielle Queen) demonstrate the spiritual armor they made.

## 4th grade to hold dinner November 13

The 4th grade at Bronte Elementary will have a Chicken Carry-Out Dinner Sunday, November 13, from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Plates will be purchased in front of the Bronte School.

Each plate will consist of 1/2 smoked chicken, potato



### Breakfast

- Monday, Nov. 7**  
Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 8**  
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
- Wed., Nov. 9**  
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Thurs., Nov. 10**  
French toast sticks, assorted juice, milk
- Friday, Nov. 11**  
Pop tart, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk

### Lunch

- Monday, Nov. 7**  
Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rosy applesauce, roll, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 8**  
Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, sliced peaches, brownie, milk
- Wed., Nov. 9**  
Fish nugget, blackeyed peas, macaroni & cheese, fruit cup, roll, milk
- Thurs., Nov. 10**  
Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, Texas toast, peach cobbler, milk
- Friday, Nov. 11**  
Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, orange half, bun, pudding, milk

salad, beans, and a slice of bread.

The 4th grade is raising money to attend HEB Camp in May. HEB Camp is an outdoor education program that is located in the Hill Country. There, the students will participate in archery, canoeing, bird watching, gun safety, archeology, water resources, fishing, etc.

Come, eat, and support the 4th grade HEB Camp!

## "Pull for the Pool" Bronte community fundraiser

Lisa Gibbs' high school Multimedia class recently decided to help the Coke County Foundation raise money to save Bronte's swimming pool. The class, consisting of seniors, Garrett Acker, Sarah Basquez, Lindsey Butler, Megan Gibbs, Melissa Palmer, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, Cheyenne Webb, and Zach White, designed and promoted a school-wide involvement program called, "Pull for the Pool." With the help of elementary, junior high, and high school students, the class raised over \$2,000.00 for the Foundation.

In past years, Mrs. Gibbs' Multimedia classes have helped the community of Bronte with various projects including assisting the Bronte Chamber of Commerce design and create a new town slogan, raising money to help renovate Bronte's Texas Theatre, and creating, promoting, and running

the school's local radio station.

With technology as the basis for the class, these students are working to help the community of Bronte.

## C.J. Macon Dove & Skeet Shoot-Out held Oct. 8

The 2nd annual C.J. Macon Dove & Skeet Shoot-Out was held on Saturday, October 8, 2005, at the Trees Ranch in Orange Grove, Texas.

Festivities and fundraisers included a skeet shoot, horseshoe contest, silent auction, mariachi band and bar-b-que.

The 1st place winner of the skeet shoot was Michael Piper of Houston, and 2nd place was Willie Macon of Bronte. First place in the horseshoe contest went Tom Simonson of Wooster, Ohio, and Robert Wilhite of Abilene, with 2nd place going to Chris Dillon of Bronte and Brent Smith of Wooster, Ohio.

The event raised over \$12,000 for the scholarship fund. The family sends their love and gratitude to the Trees family for holding the event and all the board members who strive to make the scholarship successful. Mom recalls that C.J.'s favorite expression was "Awesome, Mama Awesome" and this event truly was "Awesome". Donations to the fund can be made at First National Bank in Bronte.

## Think twice before you co-sign

By: Greg Abbott  
Attorney General of Texas  
At some point in your life, you may be asked by a friend or relative to co-sign a loan.

This often happens when the would-be-borrower is very young and does not have a credit history. It may also happen when the borrower has a bad credit rating or does not have enough income or assets to demonstrate to the lender that he or she will be able to pay off the loan.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles may be tempted to help younger family members in this way. If all goes well, it is a great way to help a young person get a start in life. But it can turn out badly. In fact, according to the Federal Trade Commission, as many as three out of four co-signers are asked to repay the loan because the primary borrower has gone into default.

It is important not to lose sight of the fact that when you are asked to co-sign, this means the borrower does not meet the standards set by the lender. Lenders are in the business of evaluating risk. It is not surprising that the borrowers they consider too risky so often turn out to be just that: bad risk.

If you co-sign a loan, federal law requires the creditor to provide you with a notice explaining that you must guarantee the debt. This means that if the borrower does not pay the debt, you will have to do so.

Unfortunately, co-signers are often not aware of the extent of their responsibility. You may expect that the primary borrower is going to be the one who actually makes the payments. What you must realize is that if the borrower does not make the payments, you are fully liable for the debt, just as if you had been the one who took out the loan.

This means you will have to pay all the money that is owed, including late fees and interest. If the loan is in default and the creditor sues to collect, you could even be responsible for attorney fees.

Furthermore, if the loan is in default, the creditor can turn it over to a collection agency, and that debt collector can pursue you by all legal means to collect the debt. It won't do any good to explain that it was your

nephew who took out the loan, and you were "just" the co-signer. Legally, it doesn't make any difference.

If you are going to co-sign a loan, be sure you can afford to pay off the debt if you have to. If any of your assets are used to secure the loan, be aware that you cannot pay what is owed, you could lose those assets.

Consider also that, even if the debt never goes into default, your ability to obtain credit may be adversely affected by co-signing. Lenders will consider a co-signed loan as part of your total debt load, and this affects your ability to borrow.

If you decide to co-sign, you should be sure to stay in frequent contact with the borrower to ensure that he or she is making payments on the loan. You may also want to ask the lender to notify you if the borrower misses a payment. This will allow you to start making payments for the borrower before the loan goes into default.

You should keep all important documents, such as the loan contract and the Truth-in-Lending Disclosure Statement. You may have to obtain copies of these papers from the borrower, as the lender may not be required to give you these papers.

In the end, the decision to co-sign will ultimately be yours. You will have to ask yourself, "Do I trust the borrower enough to co-sign?" Only you will know the answer to that question.

## Swingin' for Kids slated for November 11

Singer Eddy Raven will be appearing in the benefit for the Hendrick Home for Children. The benefit concert will be held Friday, November 11, at the Taylor County Expo Center Display Building in Abilene.

A "Sponsors Only" Meet and greet will begin at 6 pm, dinner will be served at 7 pm and the concert begins at 8 pm.

Sponsorships are also available. Please call 695-1003 for sponsorship information.

All proceeds from these events will go to Hendrick Home for Children for their Playground Project.

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## Chicken Dinner

Sunday • November 13

11 am to 1:30 pm

Carry-out Only. Plates may be picked up in front of Bronte School.

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Beans & Bread

\$6 per plate

Proceeds go toward 4th graders attending HEB Camp in May.

# BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL

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September 2	Christoval	There	7:30	49	36
September 10	Rotan	Sweetwater	1:00	22	31
** September 16	Rankin	Here	7:30	27	26
* September 23	Hermleigh	Here	7:30	47	27
* September 30	Roby	There	7:30	25	20
* October 7	Forsan	Here	7:30	43	41
* October 14	Winters	There	7:30	26	27
* October 21	Sterling City	Here	7:30	34	42
October 28	Open				
* November 4	Roscoe	There	7:30		

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**4-H Food Show!** The 4-H food show was held recently at the Coke County courthouse. Seven 4-H members showed off their culinary skills. All seven 4-H members will advance to the District 7 Food show in November held in Abilene. Those competing were: Intermediates: Breads -Garrett Rodgers, Main Dish- Emilee Yanez, Snacks- Briana Brisbin, Fruits & Vegetables - Meagan Ross, Juniors: Breads- Kourtney Kelton, Main Dish - Hanna Hambrick, Snacks- Ashley Williams, Fruits & Vegetables -Jaden Aldridge

**Volunteers needed for Bryan's Barn**

Christmas at Bryan's Barn has not been cancelled because Wilson has broken his hip. The show will go on.

To make sure that Wilson doesn't do too much when he gets back to the Barn, volunteers are needed for a while to help get the Barn up and running. December 1st is not far off.

This year, Christmas at Bryan's Barn will feel the gouge of the electrical costs affecting everyone else. Donations at the Barn may not cover the whole bill. To help defray these costs, contributions may be made to the Coke County Foundation which is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax exempt. Checks should include the notation "Bryan's Barn" on the bottom, and be mailed to P.O. Box 1329, Robert Lee, TX 76945, or P.O. Box 370, Bronte, TX 76933.

Fridays and Saturdays during November have been designated as Volunteer Days at the Barn. Bring vacuum cleaners, dust clothes, window cleaner, or brooms, dust pans, hammers, rakes, or nails and a snack. A small job awaits a willing hand. There will be a room, a display case, a tree, a window, or a floor that needs your attention.

You'll see your reward in the eyes of the guests at the Barn during the whole month of December.

**Check Out**  
**✓ Coke Co. Library**

The Coke County Library will hold a really big book sale Friday, November 4, from 8 am to 12 noon, and Saturday, November 5, from 9 am until 2 pm.

Several boxes of hard back

books have been donated which include inspirational, mystery and general fiction. Hardbacks will be on sale for 50 cents each. Also, the paperbacks have been adding up to a huge collection for the sale. Many romance, mystery, and action books will be available.

It's time to think about Christmas-all book lovers will appreciate books in their stockings or under the tree, no matter what the condition. It's the subject that counts.

The library has received two booklets discussing the new Medicare drug coverage. An English and a Spanish version are available. The booklets have been prepared by AARP and should convey the latest information.

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. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10 am and Head Start Story Time is Wednesday at 10.



**Letters to the Editor**

Hal,  
I've been thinking about the upcoming Veteran's Day. One of the things I enjoy about Robert Lee is the patriotism in displaying the American flags on specific holidays. With this in mind, I'd like to run the following letter/article promoting the sponsorship of these flags.

One of the many things I

love about Robert Lee is the patriotism in displaying the American flags on specific holidays. These flags are sponsored by local businesses and individuals. It would be great if other businesses and individuals would sponsor flags so that every telephone pole within the city limits along Hwy. 208 and Hwy. 158 were draped with the American flag. This can be easily done through the local Lions chapter for \$20.00 annually. These guys will put up and take down the flags on special holidays and events.

Let me encourage you, as a community, to show our troops we support them by displaying more flags than ever on Veteran's Day. Please consider sponsoring a pole and call any of the Lion's Club members as soon as possible so that flags may be purchased. You may contact me at 453-2724 day, 453-4346 evening.

Thanks,  
Mike Poye

**Broken hip won't stop 93-year-old Wilson Bryan from continuing legacy of Bryan's Barn**

By Beth Prather  
Visitors to Christmas at Bryan's Barn, especially the children, experience all that is essential to the Christmas spirit.

The Barn is fun, it's magical, it's nostalgic, it's anticipation, it's awe, it's spiritual, it's loud, it's serene, all at one time. Indoors and outdoors a few steps in any direction elicits a new emotion.

Wilson Bryan has seen all this in the reaction of children, foreign visitors, senior citizens on tour busses and church busses from surrounding areas and the cars full of

families who have made the Barn a Christmas tradition.

Not only is the Barn the home of all the Bryan's family Christmas treasures, but donors have found a home for their treasures at Bryan's Barn to be enjoyed for years to come.

Wilson can't wait to create a new room, a new display case, a new arrangement, or to rig an eye-popping light spectacle.

Wilson loves the season. He's just a kid in December, although the rest of the year, he is 93 years old. As he said the other day, "No one has told me how to be 93."

Wilson has broken his hip. He was at the Barn and ironically sat down to rest-when he got up, he lost his balance, fell, and broke the upper part of his leg. He is in rehab at Shannon until November 11 or, as he says, "I will be out sooner than that."

Wilson Bryan has been a selfless server of the Robert Lee community. He built the amphitheater, mini park, and served as mayor of Robert Lee twice.

There are between 8,000 to 10,000 visitors to Robert Lee during December all because of Wilson and his family and the Barn. The restaurants are full and the opportunity to provide other activities for these visitors is great.

Wilson does what he does because of the enjoyment and satisfaction. He insists there be no charge to visit the Barn.

There has always been a small corps of volunteers who help the Bryans. They have been doing it so long, they "know the drill" on how to get the Barn ready for 10,000 visitors. A few of the heartiest are there every day or every weekend. They put their own activities on hold, leave the television cocoon, and head out Highway 1904 in rain or shine to act on behalf of the enjoyment of a lot of other people. Probably no one has ever called to say thanks, but somehow these folks know they are something that is important to a lot of people and also to the general well-being of our society.

**Turkey at Thanksgiving**

By: Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

Turkey at Thanksgiving is a must for many families across Texas. Thankfully, Texas growers produce 5 million turkeys each year. In fact, last year the value of Texas turkey production clocked in at \$87 million, with a statewide economic impact of \$146 million. McLennan and Milam counties are Texas' top two producers, and Texas has typically ranked as one of the top 10 states nationally in terms of production.

Americans eat some 18 pounds of turkey per person every year, and while turkeys are certainly considered traditional fare for the holidays, many families are branching out by grilling turkeys for other occasions during the year. The rule of thumb is to buy one pound of turkey for every person being served. If you are having a small gathering and don't want to tackle a whole bird, consider buying cuts of turkey such as breast, tenderloins or cutlets.

However you cook it, turkey can be a sound choice when it comes to good nutrition. According to the National Turkey Federation, a 3-ounce cooked skinless portion of turkey breast contains just 120 calories, 1 gram of fat and 55 milligrams of cholesterol. Combining a low-fat protein source with fresh Texas fruits and vegetables helps round out a healthy diet and can even reduce the risk of cancer.

While Thanksgiving is a great time to experiment with new flavors for the holidays, be sure to include turkey at the table. It is a healthy and delicious way to celebrate the season in a traditional way.

**Don't forget November 8th to vote in the constitutional amendments election!**

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**... Hunting Season Begins**

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We are glad you are back to hunt with us-have a successful but safe hunt. Don't point and shoot at anything you don't want to hit and if the day warms up, watch for rattlesnakes; they have been plentiful. Don't just back up in the weeds and brush without looking. Happy hunting!

**...Wild Game Barbeque in Bronte**

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If you haven't eaten the variety of wild game sandwiches and sausages prepared at Bronte, don't miss this opportunity to sample some of these excellent meats. In previous years, the menu has also included rattlesnake and other exotic wild game cooked on the grill for your sampling pleasure.

While you're there, don't forget to tour their state of the art processing facility.

**Desserts needed for Bronte Barbecue**

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue in Bronte will be held Saturday, November 5, from 11 am until 2 pm.

Coordinator Kerry Hall would like to make an appeal to area cooks to provide a dessert for the benefit barbecue. If you would like to donate a dessert, please call Kerry Hall at 473-2065.

**... Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

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• "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

• "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

• "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

• The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

• "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

• "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by

relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

• The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

**WCCHD board minutes posted**

The West Coke County Hospital District met October 25, 2005, for their regular meeting. Members attending were: Dessie Kendall, Mary Bessent, Rick Sanchez and Gayland Hurst. The board accepted the resignation of board member Jim Naico.

Mary Grim, County Clerk for Coke County, provided information on Board voting. Mrs. Grim stated that the Chairperson/President always has the right to vote on an issue. She also referred the board back to the legislation that created the West Coke County Hospital District concerning the question of if a quorum vote is legal. The legislation states that three members constitute a quorum and may conduct business. Mrs. Grim handed out copies of recent legislation which requires board members of any taxing entity receive training in the Open Meeting, Open Records Act.

Mike Lomas was elected to serve the unexpired term of Jim Naico by a vote of 3 for, 1 against. Mr. Lomas will be sworn in at the next meeting.

Teri Tedford presented bids on new flooring for the Care Center. The board voted to remove the carpet on the floors and walls. Industrial tile will be laid throughout the facility except in the front lobby and the business office. Anderson Tile was given the



**GA's Deliver Donations to Food Pantry!** The GA's of Bronte's First Baptist Church recently delivered food to the Coke County Food Pantry in Robert Lee. County Commissioner George Snapp gave the girls a tour of the facility and told them about the ministry that the Food Pantry provides to many families in the county. GA's is a mission organization for girls in grades 1-6. The girls collected food items during October as a mission action project.

bid for the tile and Emerald Tile will install the flooring.

Christi Phillips reported that the group who had requested the use of the storage building for a kids' arcade had withdrawn their request.

The family Thanksgiving dinner will be November 20th and the employee Christmas party will be December 16th.

Mrs. Tedford requested that the Hospital District pay half of the tuition cost for her to get a Masters degree. The request was tabled until more information could be obtained.

The financial reports were

approved. The current census is 52 residents. The board commended Ms. Tedford for her hard work in increasing the resident census.

The next regular meeting will be November 29th at 5:45 pm in the board room of the Robert Lee Care Center.

**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. Farmers who want to apply for emergency loans need to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is 3/01/2006.

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 Dist/Div: San Angelo  
 Contract 0907-00-068 for CURB RAMPS AND SIDEWALK in TOM GREEN County, etc will be opened on December 01, 2005 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 18289

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**Capitol Comments**  
 By Senator  
**Kay Bailey Hutchison**

**Astros' season another "First" for Texas**

Throughout the history of our great state, Texans have enjoyed many firsts. This year marks another such occasion as we proudly pay tribute to the Houston Astros, the first baseball team from Texas to make it to the Major League World Series.

I have many fond memories of cheering for the Astros in Texas as a student, reporter and senator. I remember

when the Astros -- then the Colt .45s -- beat the Chicago Cubs in 1962 in their first Major League game and when Nolan Ryan became the first Major League pitcher to reach 4000 strikeouts in a career at the Astrodome in 1985. This year the Astros reached a new milestone in their history by winning the National League Championship.

I know the 2005 season will be among my most cherished. I called Drayton McLane - the owner of the Astros - after most of the playoff games to let him know I was cheering from Washington for my home state team.

The Astros have enjoyed a great season, which has been characterized by overcoming tough obstacles on their rise to the top. As a team, they have risen above many challenges including injuries, slumps and personal family matters.

Coming into the regular season we were missing four of our key players from last year's playoff run against the Cardinals. Carlos Beltran, our center fielder, went to the Mets; Jeff Kent, our second baseman, to the LA Dodgers; Lance Berkman, our left fielder, was injured and out for the first part of the season; and Jeff Bagwell, our first baseman, was also injured and on the sidelines for the majority of the year.

Late in the regular season, tragedy struck the family of one of the players. On September 14, Bess Clemens, Roger's mother, passed away, ending a long battle with emphysema. Despite his profound loss, and being sleep deprived from staying up with her, Roger Clemens took the mound, dedicated the season to her and brought home a win for the Astros that night against the Marlins.

The Astros began this season with an infield and an outfield that had many holes. The team filled those holes with a free agent and rookies. They rose to the challenge and the season ended with one of those newcomers a candidate for Rookie of the Year.

Though many were skeptical about the Astros' chances this season, the team stayed true to the "never say die" Texas attitude. Before long, things began to turn around for the Astros, and the fans that never stopped believing.

With so many challenges to Houston this year, including opening our doors to thousands of Hurricane Katrina victims and Hurricane Rita that struck our area, the Astros' success was a welcome celebration. These Astros embody the good character and moral decency of all Texans. Astros players contribute much to the community.

Throughout the peaks and

pitfalls of this season, the Astros exemplified the spirit of Texas. Texas' first baseball team won its first pennant race and will forever hold its place in history as the first team in Texas to make it to the World Series. Thank you Houston Astros. I look forward to next season and accomplishing another first -- bringing home the title.

**Keeping an eye on the high cost of fuel**

By Greg Abbott  
 Attorney General of Texas  
 High gasoline prices have increasingly pinched Texas consumers' pocketbooks over the past few months. Those already high prices were compounded by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, which prompted complaints from Texas consumers about possible price gouging and oil and gas investment scams.

A number of factors contribute to the high cost of gasoline. The cost of crude oil is the primary factor in how much you will pay at the pump. That final price also includes how much it costs to deliver the oil to refineries, the cost of the refining process, distribution costs, taxes and the retail stations' operating cost. Those factors, combined with the laws of supply and demand, led to the increase that we saw over the first half of the year.

Then came the two storms, causing significant loss of production and refining capacity along the Gulf Coast, which crimped the supply even more. Fuel rates subsequently increased more sharply than before.

In short, the high prices we are experiencing at the pump are in most cases probably not the result of price gouging. However, you can be certain that my office is diligently investigating complaints of prices that seem out of step with generally prevailing market

forces.

The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act prohibits businesses from engaging in false advertising of rates, prices or services at any time. However, when the governor declares a state of emergency-as Governor Perry did with Katrina and Rita-the Attorney General has increased authority to act against businesses that sell or lease fuel, food, medicine or other necessities at exorbitant or excessive prices.

In the wake of the storms, we received many complaints of possible gasoline price gouging and promptly issued warnings that we would not hesitate to stop exorbitant price hikes that were out of step with generally prevailing market forces. Our investigators worked tirelessly tracking down reports of price gouging and we are continuing to monitor gas prices.

Due to the high price of oil, we have also received complaints regarding gas and oil investments. Investors have been ripped off by phony companies that promise huge profits due to the high cost of crude oil. Please understand that oil exploration is a high risk investment, not for the faint of heart. Be sure to properly research a business before investing your money.

The State Securities Board oversees oil and gas investments. Anyone considering an oil and gas investment should contact the Board for available information about the producer. The Board also accepts complaints about oil and gas investments.

In addition, the Texas Railroad Commission can tell you if the company that solicited the investment is registered as a producer in Texas and about the leases it has operated in the past.

If you believe you have encountered deceptive or

fraudulent business practices associated with high fuel costs, do not hesitate to contact my office.

**Saying no to stress**

Life in general can be stressful. There are several tell-tale signs you are under high levels of stress: irritability, changes in appetite, sleep problems (too little or too much), fatigue and the inability to find pleasure in activities and relationships you usually enjoy.

Help alleviate stress in your life with these tips:

- \* Stop for several mini-breaks during your work or school day. Look out the window and stretch.
- \* Learn to say no. Set limits for yourself and stick to them.
- \* Exercise to relieve tension, improve fitness and lose weight.
- \* Get some sleep. When you are rested, you are stronger and better able to handle daily stress.
- \* Give yourself a massage. Rub your shoulders, neck, feet, hands and scalp.
- \* Eat healthy, substantial meals, and don't starve yourself. Eating well helps keep your energy level high.
- \* Reduce or eliminate caffeine, a stimulant that can aggravate your stress level.
- \* Go on vacation. Take some time to get away from your usual routine, even if it's just a day.
- \* Laugh more! Use humor to reduce stress.
- \* Simplify your life by eliminating unessential "busyness" activities.

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## Bronte Vision Planning meeting held Tuesday, November 1st

A Bronte Vision Planning meeting was held at 5:30 pm Tuesday evening, November 1, 2005, in the Bronte School Library.

Nicki Harle of Texas Midwest Community Network acted as facilitator for the meeting. Acting as scribe was Kathy Howell.

Attending the meeting were Michael Bohensky, Kari and Adam Richter, Melinda McCutchen, Julie Springer, Misti Bedford, Gerald Sandusky, Cyndi McConnell, Martin Lee, Natalie Hunter, Tammy Hortenstine, Martha Ratliff, Morris Johnson, Alan Richey, Lee and Janet Wommack, Mary Frances Glenn, Larry Tienen, Paul and Susan Williams, Earlene Alexander, Andra Arrott and Charles Sonnenberg.

Michael Bohensky welcomed the participants, offered pizza and drinks to everyone, and introduced Ms. Harle. She opened the session with door prizes for the person living the longest in Bronte, Gerald Sandusky; the person living the shortest time in Bronte, Larry Tienen; and the person raising the most children in the Bronte School District, Andra Arrott.

Ms. Harle then gave a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting - to establish a vision for the community of Bronte. She explained the three entities that began the Vision process for towns like Bronte - the Work Force Development Center, the Governor's office and the Texas Midwest Community Network.

A cross section of the entities present at this meeting included the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Board, local businesses, governmental agencies, educators, church personnel, law enforcement, farmers and ranchers, civic clubs, and volunteers.

Ms. Harle then began the process of establishing a roadmap to create Bronte's Vision, beginning with the assets and challenges of the Bronte community.

Goals discussed for the next three to five years include:

- school pride throughout the community
- downtown revitalization (utilize empty buildings)
- community-wide cleanup
- healthcare provided
- childcare available
- additional youth activities
- drug-free community effort
- park/pool restoration
- retain/expand businesses
- establish new businesses/job opportunities
- hire community development director
- housing renovation program
- affordable new housing
- scholarships for every Bronte graduate
- incentives for young adults to return to Bronte
- Centennial celebration

Assets listed include:

- highway traffic
- school/education
- Coke County Juvenile Justice Center

- Outdoor recreation (hunting)
- local recreation (golf course, arena)
- Fort Chadbourne
- defined downtown
- Texas Theater
- adequate city infrastructure
- good churches
- involved young adults and families

- good civic leadership
- small town atmosphere
- good law enforcement
- rich heritage and culture
- community foundation (Coke County Foundation)

Challenges faced by Bronte include:

- need better paying jobs
- improved parenting skills
- more rent houses available
- more support for local businesses (shop at home)
- curtailing drug dealers
- finding funding resources
- local communication (local organizations)

• conformist mentality ("It's always been done that way.")

• local politics ("clickish")

• telecommunication (high-speed internet, wireless cell service)

• shortage of EMS volunteers

• lack of equipment for volunteer fire department

• lack of local healthcare

• limited volunteer pool

Strategies to accomplish goals include:

• Brainstorming Task Force for community-wide communication

• create a Community Development Director position

• form a coalition for drug use prevention

• coordinate local planning to include local businesses, community, municipality and school

The Vision includes:

• a great place to raise a family - education, health-care, a safe environment, and cultural and recreational amenities

• a thriving business community with retail and industry providing for necessities and job opportunities

• secure a quality of life through strong and stable services provided by volunteer fire department, EMS, law enforcement, senior citizens, and child care

It was noted that the Vision Planning Committee had completed Mile Marker 4 in their Roadmap.

**Robert Lee ISD Thanksgiving lunch set November 17**

Robert Lee ISD will be having their Thanksgiving lunch on Nov. 17. Please let the cafeteria or Judy Shook know at 453-4555 by the 14th if you plan to eat and how many will be eating with you.

**Hospice seminar helpful for holidays**

The holiday season is full of sights, sounds and smells that surround us with emotion. But what if there has



**Bronte First Baptist Church celebrates Round-Up Sunday!** On Sunday, October 30, Bronte First Baptist Church celebrated with Round-Up Sunday. The goal of 200 in Bible study was not reached, but there were 188 in attendance with the Junior High class having 28 present. A full crowd for worship and a great turkey and ham meal at the Community Center finished out the day. FBC Youth Minister Myron Halford encourages young Ryan Jones to share how God had blessed his efforts in raising money for the Building Fund. Ryan and his sister, Leah, used two dollars of "seed" money and watched God multiply it to \$181 in the last two weeks.

been a death in your family or you have lost a dear friend. How do you cope with your grief while everyone else is celebrating the season? Hospice of San Angelo is sponsoring a special seminar for any adult that is coping with a loss and fears the holi-

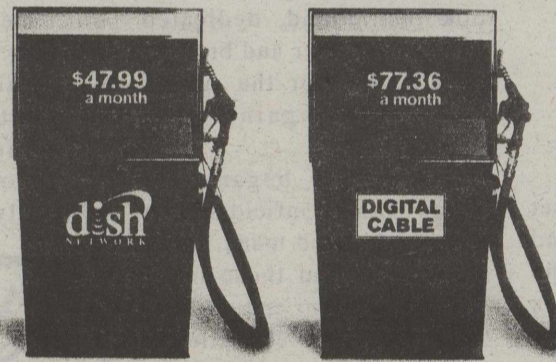
days will be unbearable. Ervilene Kuhlmann, licensed bereavement counselor, will facilitate the free seminar and provide material to all the participants.

The seminar will be Saturday, Nov. 19, from 8:30 to 11:30 am at the Shannon

Women's and Children's Center. The center is located at the corner of Harris and Magdalen. The seminar is free but please call Jeanne Miller at 658-6524 to ensure your reservation. Remember that there is help for your holidays.



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