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Community Thanksgiving service slated in Bronte

The 2005 Bronte Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 7 pm at Bronte's First Baptist Church. First Baptist Church is located at 424 S. Washington in Bronte. This service is open to anyone in the community and area regardless of church affiliation. The service will provide an opportunity for the community to join together for a time of remembering, fellowship, and giving thanks to God for His blessings.

The program will include a time for praise and worship, testimonies of God's working at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center, a report from the Community Chest on its ministry in the past year, the receiving of an offering to help fund the work of the Community Chest, and a special Thanksgiving message by FBC pastor Morris Johnson. Special appreciation will also be shared with local law enforcement, volunteer fire department, and EMS personnel. Those serving in any of these capacities are extended a special invitation to attend.

Following the service, a time of refreshments and fellowship will be available in the church's fellowship hall. Churches in the community are encouraged to participate and come together for this Community Service.

Thanksgiving Service set for November 20

Friends and family of the Robert Lee community are invited to gather together for a Thanksgiving Praise and Worship service followed by a potluck dinner on Sunday, November 20, 2005. The service will begin at 6:00 pm at the Robert Lee Baptist Church sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Holiday Closings

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Also closing in observance of Thanksgiving are the Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls.

The Robert Lee Landfill

will be closed on Saturday, November 26th.

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.

Early Deadline

The Observer/Enterprise will print early next week; so everyone local will have their paper by at least Friday. That means that all ad copy and news items will have to be in our office by Monday, November 21.

The newspaper office, as usual, will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holidays. We hope you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

Blackwell UMC Fall Festival slated Nov. 19

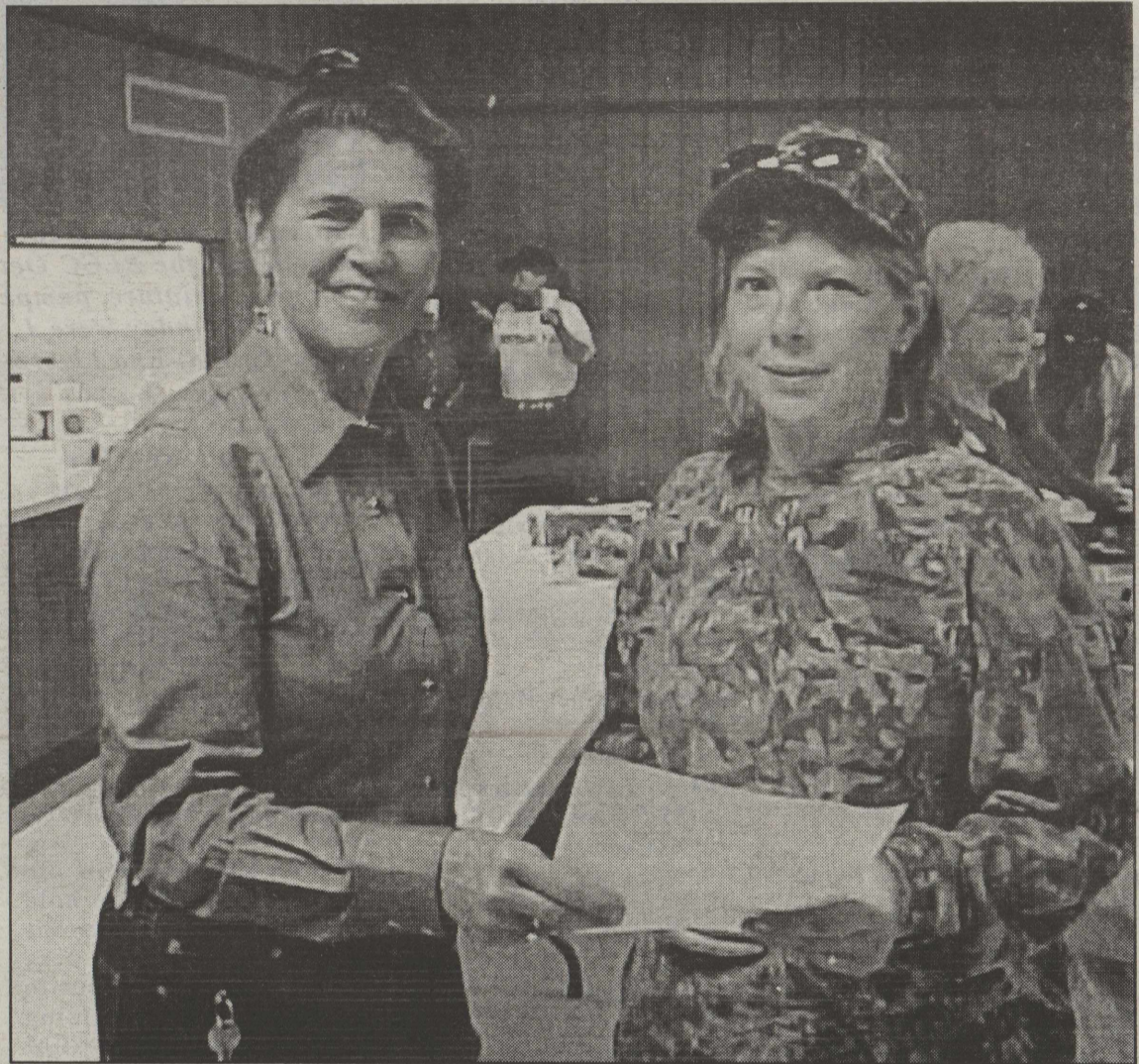
The Blackwell United Methodist Church will be hosting a Fall Festival, Saturday, November 19, 2005. Festival will begin at 9:00 am. Baked goods will be for sale. There will also be a silent auction.

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.

Sterling County Hunter's Appreciation Dinner

The annual Sterling County Hunter's Appreciation Barbecue will be held Saturday, November 19, 2005, at 6 pm. The event will be held at the Sterling County Community Center. A brisket fajita supper with all the trimmings will be served. The cost is \$5 per plate, and the public is



RLCC Announces Rifle Winners! Robbie Pettigrew of Kosse was the winner of the guided hunt at the Double Wheel Ranch in Tennyson. Robbie was thrilled to hear her name called by Judge Roy Blair at the Hunters Appreciation Barbecue Saturday evening, November 5, 2005. RLCC Administrator Terri Tedford (left) presents Robbie with her award. The winner of the rifle drawing was Joe Sparks. Mr. Sparks of Rowena was not at the BBQ but was pleased to get the news on Monday. At first, he thought it was a joke and then said "he has never won anything" although he always buys tickets for good causes. Robert Lee Care Center wants everyone who donated to the Alzheimer's fundraiser and made it a total success to know just how much they are appreciated.

encouraged to attend.

One dollar raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win some 20 plus guns. Guns will be raffled that evening, but you do not have to be present to win.

Local and area businesses will also have booths available. For more information contact the Sterling County Extension Office at (325) 378-3181.

Winters Arts & Crafts Festival slated

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 con-

tact the Chamber at 325-754-5210 or e-mail wacc@wtxs.net. Deadline for booth reservation is November 15.

In addition to arts and crafts vendors, several new events have been added this year. They include door prizes, displays of winning art selections by Winters Elementary School students, display of art done by professionals and amateur area artists, refreshments and entertainment.

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 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 holidays 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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Death Notices

Bohannon

Hettie Mae Bohannon, 96, of Midland, Texas, died Sunday, October 23, 2005, in Midland Memorial Hospital. Private funeral services were held by Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Hettie Mae is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Grace Bohannon of Midland; and Richard and Shirley Bohannon of Robert Lee; and one sister, Nita Lang of Magnolia, Arkansas. She also leaves to mourn her passing, ten grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Hester

Graveside funeral services were held on Thursday, November 10, 2005, in Abilene City Cemetery for Roy Max Hester, 66, of Abilene.

Roy Max died at his home on Monday, November 7, 2005, following a short illness. He was born and raised in Bronte, son of Buster and Sybil Coleman Hester.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Hester of Abilene; two sons, Tom Mayo and wife, Patsy, of Springfield, Missouri, and Tim Eggleston and wife, Cindy, of Abilene; two daughters, Janie Eggleston of Abilene and Becky Lynn Carey of Breckenridge; one brother, Kenneth Hester of San Angelo; a sister, Eloise Reed of Corpus Christi; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Church in Winters hosting gospel concert

Southside Baptist Church, 617 Crews Rd. in Winters will have a free southern gospel concert featuring the "Because He Live Gospel Singers" Sunday, November 20, starting at 2:00 pm.

A love offering will be taken for the group. For more information call (325) 754-4286.

Runnels Baptist Assn. meeting slated Nov. 21

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, November 21, for a

World Mission Banquet.

The banquet will be held at First Baptist Church, Ballinger beginning at 6:30 pm.

The guest speaker will be Allen Williams, with the Dom Gypsy. Churches and church members are encouraged to attend. Bobby Broyles, Associational Mission/ Evangelism director, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

WCC EMS Memorials for October 2005

J.Q. Counts
 Jones, Hay, Marshall, McKinney CPA

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rasco
 Sarah Lou McGuyre
 Floyd Sheppard & family

Bea Counts
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rasco
 Joe & Donna Ash

Jesse Eads
 Kenneth & Inez Harper

Dale Brown
 Joe & Donna Ash

WCC EMS runs for October 2005

10/02-trauma
 10/02-trauma
 10/04-trauma
 10/04-patient refused service

10/04-medical
 10/06-standby
 10/06-public service

10/09-medical
 10/09-medical
 10/10-medical

10/12-trauma
 10/14-standby
 10/18-trauma

10/18-medical
 10/20-standby
 10/23-trauma

10/24-medical
 10/27-medical



Robert Lee Care Center Happenings! Robert Lee High School FCCLA students hosted the RLCC October Birthday Party October 26, 2005. The students brought miniature pumpkins for the residents to decorate. Celebrating an October birthday were J. B. Robertson, Charles Williams, Evelyn Holland, and (not pictured) Ena Liverman and John Swindle.

10/27-standby
 10/29-trauma

Help needed for RL amphitheater

Volunteers are needed for a couple of hours' work on Saturday, November 19, 2005, beginning at 9:00 am at the site of the amphitheater which will put the restoration project on course for the year.

The project is to remove the remains of an old building in order to clear a place for a concrete slab. A sea-container will be placed on the slab to hold equipment for productions on the stage. The sea-container will be retrofitted to resemble an old building in keeping with the rest of the area.

Donuts will be served to the volunteers. A few hours by a corps of volunteers on Saturday morning will be a big boost to the project.

Continuing a Texas tradition

For 27 years, thousands of Texans all across the state have come to Texas

Gun and Knife Shows to see the best in collectible guns, knives and accessories. On November 19-20, TGKA will present their San Angelo Gun & Knife Show at the Wells Fargo Pavilion, next to the Coliseum.

As in every Texas Gun & Knife Show, guns and knives are just part of the picture at the San Angelo show. There will also be a great selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items, and

Native American and military memorabilia, and for the ladies, excellent priced gold and silver jewelry.

The San Angelo Gun & Knife Show will take place Saturday, November 19th, from 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday, November 20th, from 10 am until 5 pm. TGKA will also offer a "two for the price of one" special admission on both Saturday and Sunday during the first hour of the show. Children under 12 are free.

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

Bob Boone
Retirement Reception
 Thursday • December 1, 2005
 2 pm to 4 pm
Carnegie Library
 204 N. 8th • Ballinger, Texas
39 Years of Service with AEP
 Please join us in wishing Bob
 all the best in his retirement years.

Coke County 4-H Club to raise funds through poinsettia and cutlery sales

The Coke County 4-H Clubs are selling poinsettia plants for their annual fund raiser. These plants are provided by Magic Farms Nursery in San Angelo. Each plant will have 5 to 6 blooms. Cost of the poinsettia plants are \$10 each. Delivery date will be during the 1st week of December.

As an added bonus, this year the members are also selling items from Rada Cutlery. Orders are due by December 1st. If you have not been contacted by a 4-H member and are interested in placing an order, please call the Extension office at 453-2461.

Bryan's Barn needs your help

Bryan's Barn is open each night in December from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for Christmas inspiration. It is past the middle of November now and time is growing short. A few volunteer hours on a Friday afternoon or a Saturday morning will make volunteers part of the month-long celebration.

Wilson Bryan would never ask for help, thinking that is sort of like a hunter asking for a dead deer-he'd a whole lot rather do it himself. But, an unfortunate accident has slowed him down considerably. His hip broke when he was getting up from resting for awhile on a bar stool at the Barn. To make matters worse, Thelma Jo, daughter and right arm to Wilson, has been slowed by a bad back.

Cleaning, dusting, arranging, rearranging, and hanging lights are a few of the chores that can be found. An hour's dusting can make a huge difference at the Barn. Television is getting worse all the time. Volunteering is a good antidote.

Also, being a host or hostess on an evening at the Barn in December offers opportunities to visit with folks from all over.

Being a host or hostess involves answering questions like: "Is anything for sale?" Answer: "No, this all belongs to the Bryan family. They just wanted to share it with you." Question: "How many lights are there?" Answer: "I don't know," Question: "Where is the bathroom?" Answer: "Right over there." Question: "How long has the Barn been here?" Answer: "About 15 years." Question: "Where are the bears I saw last year?" Answer: "I don't know-ask Thelma Jo."

To sign-up for an evening of hosting at the Barn, find the calendar on the desk at the Barn and pencil yourself in.

Serving as a host or hostess gives volunteers an opportunity to show the world how kind and friendly Robert Lee folks are.



Engagement Announced! *Tad & Therese Emert of Robert Lee are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Becca, to Kasey Wilson. Kasey is the son of Steven & Elaine Wilson of Dawsonville, Georgia.*

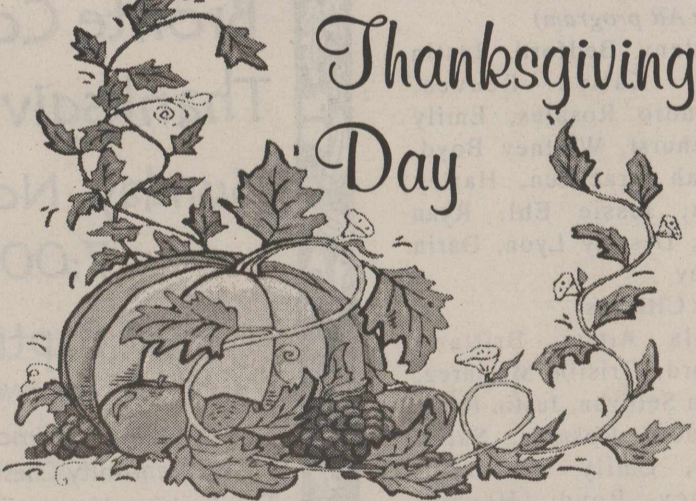
Becca is a graduate of Robert Lee High School in Robert Lee. She holds a bachelors degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a masters in Education Guidance & Counseling from Angelo State University. Becca has taught and coached at the Sonora Middle School in Sonora, Texas, and taught at the New Deal Middle School in New Deal, Texas. Becca was the counselor at Veribest ISD in Veribest, Texas. She is currently the counselor at the Riverview Middle School and Crossroads Alternative School in Dawsonville, Georgia, and serves as the cheerleading coach.

Kasey is a graduate of Dawsonville High School in Dawsonville, Georgia, and earned a bachelors degree in Business from Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia, while playing collegiate baseball. Kasey played professional baseball for the Macon Peaches, San Angelo Colts and Windy City Thunderbolts. Kasey is currently a teacher/coach at the White County Middle School in Cleveland, Georgia. Becca and Kasey are to be married December 17 at the Silver City Baptist Church in Dawsonville, Georgia.

HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of these banks will be CLOSED Thursday, November 24.

In Observance Of



Please plan your banking requirements during regular banking hours to avoid any inconvenience.

Robert Lee State Bank
First National Bank in Bronte

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453-2545
Robert Lee, TX

Member FDIC
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Bronte, TX

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Longhorn All District football selections made

Bronte Longhorns selected to the 1st team All District on offense were: QB, Logan Rawls, Junior; RB, Jaylon Saunders, Senior; TE, Riley Coalson, Senior; Line, Zach White, Senior.

The All District defense selections were: DT, Zach White, Senior; LB, Jaylon Saunders, Senior.

Placed on 2nd team offense were: Rec., Albert Force, Junior; Line, Adam Halfacer, Junior. Defense was Secondary, Logan Rawls, Junior.

The 1st Team return specialist was Jaylon Saunders, Senior and 1st Team Punter was Logan Rawls, Junior.

Bronte ISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on November 10, 2005, at 7:05 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Gary Acker, Terry Charles, Kendall Gibbs, Scott Frasier, Bob Frazier, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Terry Marrs and Rick Howell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rick Howell.

Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal, reported 199 students. Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, reported 153 students. Discussion was held on drug testing for stud-

ents. The board went to the library where Kathy Howell, Jerita Taylor, Shaye Coalson, Susan Graves, Brittany Lloyd, and Mary McMullan, presented a program on the new Promethean boards. Students who helped with the presentation were: Hannah Brackeen, Chase Wynne, and Alejandro Rosales.

The Bronte ISD facility master plan was distributed to the board. Discussion was held on the fence around the new gym and the board also discussed the option of eminent domain in real property. The board viewed a program on Healthy Children/Healthy School.

Bobby Blaylock will be a permanent substitute at CCJJC and Valerie Braswell was hired as the new Elementary Library Aide.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, reported on the ADA inspection of the new gym and the minor findings have already been corrected. Mr. Richey gave an update on 2005-2006 performance pay and an update on roof and track repairs.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:00 pm.

McClure to attend leadership conference

Stormy McClure, a 7th grader at Copan Jr High in Oklahoma was recently nominated to attend a Junior National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. He was nominated for his excellent Academic performance along with recognizable leadership qualities. Stormy will travel to Washington D.C. in spring 2006 to participate in the conference.

The Junior National Young Leaders Conference (Jr-NYLC) helps scholars develop and sharpen their leadership skills by examining the leaders of the past and empowering them to make a positive social impact in their community and the world. Their programs are designed to inspire outstanding youth to reach their full leadership potential while experiencing the nation and the world from a perspective unlike any other.

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC) seeks to identify students with demonstrated leadership potential and a history of academic achievement who will contribute to the strength and character of the Junior National Young Leaders Conference - outstanding individuals representing a variety of backgrounds and possessing a broad range of interests and goals. CYLC also hopes to attract the most

mature and independent individuals possible within this age group. Nominations are extended to students rising to the sixth or seventh grade who have demonstrated these abilities.

Stormy is the son of Cody McClure of Bronte and Jim & Pandy Buske of Copan, Oklahoma. He is the grandson of Jake McClure and the late Dorthe McClure of Bronte, Joe Grigg of Springtown, Texas, Cindy Seely of Big Spring, and the late Russell and Nannette Buske of Big Spring.

Bronte School Awards

2nd Six Weeks ACC

"A" Honor Roll & Super Longhorn

Mason Braswell

Pre-K

Perfect Attendance

Damian Albolaez, Elexia Davis, Tanner Braswell, Makaylah Delacerda, Klayton Prew, Brooklyn Jones, Alyssa Lyon, Skyleigh Minjarez, Kimberly Ogle, Kaci Queen

Kindergarten-Webb

Perfect Attendance

Tanner Bedford, Mercedes DeLaCerde, Darby Duncan, Shawn Puentez, Madie Rowan, JL Solis, Kristen Stille, Hadley Strack, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Jack Corley, Savina Ornelaz

Kindergarten-Whitehurst

Perfect Attendance

Analynd Bohensky, Jaqui Davila, Maria Zomora, Cambrey Lange

1st grade

Met A/R Goal

Brittany Bedford, Evan Ferguson, Payton Prew, Tristin Minjarez, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Alejandro Rosales, Emily Whitehurst, Whitney Boyd, Harley Cerda, Ismael Cecilio, Jessie Ehl, Ryan Jones, Darin Munsey

Achieved Ready Reader Certification (accumulated at least 5 points on the AR program)

Brittany Bedford, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Alejandro Rosales, Emily Whitehurst, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Harley Cerda, Jessie Ehl, Ryan Jones, Destiny Lyon, Darin Munsey

Super Citizens

Kayla Arthur, Brittany Bedford, Tristin Minjarez, Tristan Sullivan, Justin Reed, Alejandro Rosales, Sarah Smith, Emily Whitehurst, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Ismael Cecilio, Jessie Ehl

Perfect Attendance

Kayla Arthur, Brittany Bedford, Evan Ferguson, Carson Kelso, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Alejandro Rosales, Sarah Smith, Emily Whitehurst, Whitney Boyd,

Ismael Cecilio, Jessie Ehl, Ryan Jones, Destiny Lyon, Darin Munsey

2nd grade

Super Citizens

Hailey Bennett, Ashley Betts, Chris James, Sarah Sanchez, Kellie Thorn

Met AR Goal

Jerica Davis, Chris James, Sarah Sanchez, Kellie Thorn

"A" Honor Roll

Chris James, Kyler Richards, Rafael Ruezga, Sarah Sanchez

"A/B" Honor Roll

Jaden Baumann, Hailey Bennett, Ashley Betts, Kevin Charles, Jerica Davis, Ashlee Irwin, Cambri Kelso, Tucker McMullan, Austin Parker, Brant Smith, Kellie Thorn, Katelynn Tijerina, Ean Reyes

Perfect Attendance

Jayden Baumann, Hailey Bennett, Ashley Betts, Kevin Charles, Jerica Davis, Cambri Kelso, Tucker McMullan, Emmery Morgan, Isaiah Ornelaz, Austin Parker, Kyler Richards, Zachary Rosales, Sarah Sanchez, Brant Smith, Kellie Thorn, Ean Reyes, Cami White

3rd grade

A/R Reading Goal

Dakota Arthur, Marley Braswell, Richard McVey, Addie Rosson, Moriah Royall, Jared Scott

"A/B" Honor Roll

Marley Braswell, Stacia Emfinger, Kourtney Kelton, Addie Rosson

Super Citizens

Marley Braswell, Heriberto Cecilio, Oscar Pena, Jared Scott

4th grade

"A" Honor Roll

Ty Lee, Megan Yackley

"A/B" Honor Roll

Kristen Chitty, Tammie Halfacer, Coby Malone, Mason Stevens-Smith,

Courtney Wyatt

Super Longhorns (Citizenship)

Lauren Allen, Kristen Chitty, Trinity Demry, Tammie Halfacer, Brandon Harris, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, Bailey McGlothlin, Shanyia Parker, Mizael Perez, Nathaniel Rosales, Valerie Rosales, Marisa Sanchez, Megan Yackley

Perfect Attendance

Lauren Allen, Fred Arthur, Kristen Chitty, Kaleb Edwards, Stetsen Emfinger, Cecil Flores, Coby Malone, Bailey McGlothlin, John Moore, Shanyia Parker, Mizael Perez, Nathaniel Rosales, Marisa Sanchez, Mason Stevens-Smith, Megan Yackley

Met A/R Goal

Megan Yackley

5th grade

"A" Honor Roll

Kaitlyn Braswell, Jael Williams

"A/B" Honor Roll

Brooke Bedford, Carson James, Erika Puentez, Caleb Rosson

A/R Goal

Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Erika Hargrave, Carson James, Brayde Knight, Erika Puentez, Caleb Rosson, Paige Royall, Jael Williams

Perfect Attendance

Brooke Bedford, Thoren Charles, Erika Hargrave, Kyle Kelton, Caleb Rosson, Ethan Sedden, Kaitlyn Braswell, Cindy Davila, Nathan Fillman, Paige Royall, Zachary Taylor, Jael Williams, Erika Puentez, Mario DelaRosa, Brooke Gage, Mason Hoyt

6th grade-Jackson

"A" Honor Roll

Mason Braswell, Harley Wallace

"A/B" Honor Roll

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Nov. 21
Cereal, sliced peaches, oat, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 22
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Nov. 23
Holiday

Thurs., Nov. 24
Holiday

Friday, Nov. 25
Holiday

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 21
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, fruit cup, corn bread, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 22
Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, taco shell, chocolate milk

Wed., Nov. 23
Holiday

Thurs., Nov. 24
Holiday

Friday, Nov. 25
Holiday

GLENN-BIVINS INSURANCE



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123 W. Main

Bronte

473-6791

Bronte Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20
7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington

Singing ~ Testimonies ~ Fellowship
Community Chest Report/Offering
Thanksgiving Message by Bro. Morris Johnson
Refreshments Following the Service

EVERYONE WELCOME

(no matter what your church affiliation may be)

Katie Austin, Jordan Baumann, Brandy Bownes, Leah Jones, Alexia Pena

Met A/R Goal

Katie Austin, Brandy Bownes, Daniel McVey, Alexia Pena

Perfect Attendance

Jordan Baumann, Brandy Bownes, Conner Clark, Beau Grigg, Daniel McVey, Kaitlin Moore, Jonathan Reyes, Vaughn Stillely, Harley Wallace

6th grade-Lee

"A" Honor Roll

Mackenzie Gibbs

"A/B" Honor Roll

Creed Coalson, John Deller, Kassie Fillman, Amy Godinez, Kimberly Lee, Austin Mertz, Jordan Rowan, Jill Scott, Jaylon Seales

Perfect Attendance

Creed Coalson, John Deller, Amy Godinez, Mackenzie Gibbs, Kimberly Lee, Logan McGlothlin, Austin Mertz, Rani Parks, Leticia Pena, Brenda Perez, Jordan Rowan, Jill Scott, Jaylon Seales

Met A/R Goal

John Deller

Bronte High School Awards

2nd Six Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

12th grade

Garrett Acker, Megan Gibbs, Lilly McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, Cheyenne Webb, Melissa Palmer

11th grade

Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Juston Taylor

10th grade

Emily Austin, Blaze Coffey, Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Holly Huskerson, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders

9th grade

Ariel Coalson, Jessi England

8th grade

Bill Miller, Tyler Riney

7th grade

Alejandra Franco, Benny Fuentez, Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Kimberly Nixon, Kerwin Rawls, Heath Richey, Kelsey Sedden

"A/B" Honor Roll

12th grade

Sarah Basquez, Reese Braswell, Lindsey Butler, Ambra Cole, C.T. Lloyd, Curtis Moore, Zach White

11th grade

Katie Cooper, Eric Hendrickson, John Paul Martinez, Rick Wheless

10th grade

John Basquez, Danielle Breshers, Chris Guzman, Terrah Macon, C.J. McClure, Paul McConnell, Marcy McMorris, Emilie McMullan, Miranda Parks, Kali Pena, Beth Sanchez, Brett Wills

9th grade

Matthew Allen, Shannon Deller, Geoffrey Ehl, Cory Glover, Eddie May, Taylor McMullan, Samuel Rawlings, Reece Springer

8th grade

Katie Aguirre, Case Braswell, Ernesto Casillas, Samantha Coffey, Chelsea

Cook, Emily Fiveash, Stephanie Frasier, Fernando Fraune, Kasey Glover, Crawford James, Louie Martinez, Chelsea Meek, Audie Miller, Kolten Pena, Jose Perez, Rob Rosson, Ashley Royall, Jacob Scott, Shelbi Waller, Eric Wheless

7th grade

Kendyl Adams, Kaycee Baker, Cheyenne Boyd, Ginny Caston, Reid Clark, Skyler Ellis-York, Hadley Holland, Rex Knight, Dakota Rawls, Shandee Vaughn

National campaign launched to prevent underage drinking

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in partnership with the Ad Council, recently launched a national public service advertising (PSA) campaign designed to prevent underage drinking.

According to the 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, roughly 10.8 million underage persons ages 12 to 20 (28.7%) reported current alcohol use. About 7.4 million (19.6%) were binge drinkers who consumed five or more drinks on the same occasion, and 2.4 million (6.3%) were heavy drinkers who binge five or more times in a month.

"These new ads will help us create and sustain a strong national commitment to prevent and reduce underage drinking," HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said in a release last week.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) issued a report earlier this year demonstrating that the vast majority of youth ages 12 to 17 (more than 20 million, or 83 percent) are receiving drug and alcohol prevention messages through the media. The report also showed that those who have been exposed to such messages are less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol.

The new campaign aims to encourage parents to speak to their children about alcohol in an effort to prevent and reduce underage drinking. The PSAs end with the tagline: "Start Talking before They Start Drinking."

SAMHSA Administrator Charles Curie said, "Parents of children and teens must change their attitudes toward teen drinking from acceptance to abstinence, and recognize the importance of talking to their children early and often about alcohol, especially before they've started drinking."

The survey shows that 2 million of the alcohol-dependent adults now ages 21 or older first used alcohol before age 14. Adults who had first used alcohol before age 15 are five times more likely to become dependent than adults who first used after the legal drinking age.

Narconon Arrowhead has a

team of dedicated staff working to educate young and old alike and reaches millions of people each week with anti-drug messages through the media. "Many young people are told that drugs are dangerous, but not how or why," said a supervisor for Narconon Arrowhead in charge of drug education and media relations, "To deter them from experimentation with these substances, it helps to project into the future what alcohol and drug use leads to and to explain that none of the 23 million people in need of substance abuse treatment ever thought they would become an addict."

As one of the nation's largest and most effective drug rehabilitation and education programs, Narconon Arrowhead uses the proven drug-free methodology developed by American author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard. For more information on drug education and rehabilitation or to get help for a loved one in need, contact Narconon Arrowhead today at 1-800-468-6933 or visit www.stopaddiction.com.



Thomas Named Development Director! Bob Test, president of Goodwill - West Texas, announced recently the hiring of John Thomas as Development Director. His duties will include Marketing, Public Relations, and Media Relations. John comes to Goodwill from Creative Graphic Solutions, where he worked as the Marketing Director. John is a 1991 graduate of Bronte High School and a 1995 graduate of Angelo State University. He is the son of Danny and Rowena Thomas. "I am very excited to join the Goodwill team and am looking forward to getting started," says John.

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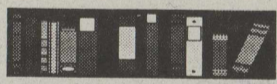
Steer Spirit Shines! Many extra spirit activities occurred on campus the last two weeks. One was a Victory Lap where the kindergarten through 12th graders walked a lap on the track while the Steers practiced. Several times during the two weeks the students went cheering down the halls. A small pep rally was held in the high school foyer with the Stompin' Steer band playing a few songs. On both Thursday afternoons, fans honked and drove by the football field. We are very proud of our Robert Lee Steers and their awesome football season. Steer Pride is definitely school wide. Way to go Steers!

Steers playoff run ends with exciting loss to Hornets

By Tom Sawyer
Robert Lee players and fans had a lot to celebrate with their last game of this season. Our Steers had a great year and the outlook looks great for years to come. The leadership shown this year by senior players Brandon Soliz, Josh Conner and Chris Torres were good for our team and will help our younger players know what is expected of them in the future.

This team has worked hard

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Nov. 21
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
Tuesday, Nov. 22
Juice, pizza, cereal, milk
Wed., Nov. 23
Holiday
Thurs., Nov. 24
Holiday
Friday, Nov. 25
Holiday

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 21
Pizza, salad, breadsticks w/ sauce, frozen strawberries, milk
Tuesday, Nov. 22
Chicken patty on bun, pickles, tator tots, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, milk
Wed., Nov. 23
Holiday
Thurs., Nov. 24
Happy Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 25
Holiday

to get where they are with hot days and physical conditioning that was very strenuous and yet proved to be necessary to carry them into the playoffs.

I can't tell you how proud this town and especially this Steer fan are of these young men and our coaches. I look forward to the rest of this year and to the future of your Steer Pride. Congratulations on a great season

Scoring summary

1st quarter
Hornets-6 yard run, 9:20, PAT failed
Steers-Soliz 19 yard run, 7:06, Soliz kick
Hornets-12 yard run, 4:48, PAT failed
Hornets-10 yard pass, 1:33, PAT failed
Steers 8-Hornets 18

2nd quarter
Hornets-49 yard int., 9:46, PAT good
Steers-Gallegos 58 yard run, :07, Soliz kick
Steers 16-Hornets 26

3rd quarter
Hornets-1 yard run, 7:08, PAT good
Steers 16-Hornets 34

4th quarter
Steers-Hodge 27 yard run,

9:18, Soliz kick
Hornets-4 yard run, 5:11, PAT good
Steers-Conner 32 yard pass, 3:40, Soliz kick
Steers 32-Hornets 42

Individual statistics

Taylor Percifull 1 reception for 26 yards; Brody Dillard 1 for 1 passing for 12 yards, 2 receptions for 19 yards, 6 tackles; Josh Gallegos 17 carries for 141 yards, 1 TD, 4 of 6 passing for 83 yards and 1 TD, 2 receptions for 27 yards, 7 tackles and 1 interception; Brandon Soliz 8 carries for 36 yards, 1 TD, 4 of 7 passing for 36 yards and 10 tackles; Cameron Hodge 10 carries for 76 yards, 1 TD, 1 reception, 7 tackles, and 1 interception; Chase Roe 4 tackles; Josh Conner 3 receptions for 57 yards, 1 TD, 6 tackles

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.

Way to Go, Steers!

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1st grade

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2nd grade

Ryan Paterson, Hayden O'Neil, Hunter Hamrick, Rani Coppedge, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Kodi Drennan, Brandon Torres, Shirley Roberts, Bailey Hooten

3rd grade

James Roberts, Tristen Hildebrand, Jerry Wofford, Jaden Aldridge, Daria Tinkler, Eric Wells

4th grade

Shaylee Bell, Clay Hale, Shelby Davis, Efrain Olguin, Kevin Saucedo, Ashlie Tennison, Alexis Mendoza, Bianca Huapilla, Berenice Fabian, Taylor Sheldon, Sydney Sheldon

5th grade

Kelsey Hewitt, Sean Hildebrand, Ashley Williams, Justin Gartman, Jordan Gartman, Patty King, Faylin Bell, Zach Skinner, Cooper Hinderliter, Jonah Saucedo, Zachary Sanchez, Vincent Batten

6th grade

Meagan Ross, Garrett Rogers, Kimberly Roach, Linsey Arellano, Beanca Bower, Chad Martin, Samantha Fernandez, Sassy Farmer, Jose Fabian, Diana Vera

MDA seeks volunteers for 2006 summer camp

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is searching for summer camp volunteers who are looking for a rewarding and memorable experience. Volunteer counselors are needed to help young people

with neuromuscular diseases enjoy fun-filled, weeklong MDA summer camps across the country.

Volunteer counselors must be at least 16 years old and able to lift and care for a young person between the ages of 6 and 21. Each counselor becomes a companion to a camper with a neuromuscular disease. Counselors help their campers with daily activities such as eating, bathing and dressing, and in recreational activities such as arts and crafts, swimming and horseback riding.

"Young people with neuromuscular diseases look forward to MDA camp every year because it's a place where barriers simply do not exist," said MDA President & CEO Robert Ross. "Our campers get to experience indoor and outdoor activities that are adapted to their abilities, and the campers and volunteers alike make lifelong friends at camp."

The experience also is memorable for the volunteers. "The magic of MDA summer camp is especially dependent upon the caring spirits of young volunteers who agree that the camp experience is like no other, and that the reward of smiling faces far outweighs the hard work," Ross added.

At no charge to families, MDA's summer camp program serves more than 4,000 campers nationwide in some 90 weeklong sessions. Last year, over 4,700 volunteers helped make this all possible. It costs the Association \$600 to send one child to camp.

To obtain a volunteer application or learn about other ways to support MDA's summer camp program, contact your local MDA office, or call (800) 572-1717. More information about summer camp volunteers can be found on the MDA summer camp pages of the MDA Web site at www.mdaua.org/clinics/camp/index.cfm.

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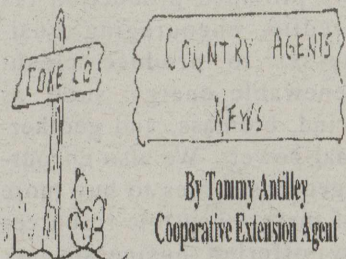
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By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

7 hr. CEU Pesticide Recertification Course Set

Extension offices in Coke, Sterling, Schleicher, Tom Green and Sutton will be hosting a re-certification course for producers with pesticide licenses to gain 7 hours of CEU's. The course will be held November 30, at the Schleicher County Civic Center in Eldorado, located one mile south of Eldorado on Hwy 277.

Speakers for the event will include: Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist; Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist; Joe Peterson, Extension Rangeland Research Assistant; Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, John Dorsett, Texas Wildlife Management Service; and Veydon Aldridge, Resource Conservation Service. Topics that will be included are: Insect Management; Crop Weed Control and Equipment Calibration; Pesticide Laws and Regulation; Range Brush Control; Predator Management; Plant Response to Treatment; Brush Busters Programs; and Essentials for Prescribed Burns.

The event will begin at 8:30 am and run until 5:00 pm. There will be a \$15 fee for meals and materials. Pre-registration is required by November 23 by contacting the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461. Registration at the door will be \$25.

Sorosis study club hosts Elmer Kelton

It was the pleasure of the Sorosis Study Club to have as guest speaker on November 10, 2005, the well known writer and historian, Elmer Kelton. Mr. Kelton gave us an interesting insight into his life growing up on a ranch in far West Texas, and how he was able to develop his life long dream of being a writer.

He is to be remembered as the farm/ranch editor of the San Angelo Standard Times for a number of years and for the novels he has written depicting this area of West Texas. His most recent book which is presently available at most book stores is Six Bits a Day. Many honors have been bestowed upon Mr. Kelton, including seven Silver Spur awards. We were indeed honored to have him as our guest.

Members of the Study Club present at the home of Pat Lee were: Swan Archinal, Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jane Cumbie,

Glenda Draper, Lanette Fletcher, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, JoAn Lightfoot, Diane Lockett, Earline Moore, LouAnna Peters, Kay Styles, Charlotte Tounget, Doris Sims, Janet Wommack, and hostess, Pat Lee.

Legislative update New Automotive laws

The following laws passed during the Texas Legislature's most recent session. They took effect September 1, 2005, unless otherwise noted.

Child Passenger Safety

House Bill 183 increases the age requirement for child-passenger safety seats, which are now mandatory for children up to five years old and 36 inches tall. Failure to properly restrain these children is also a moving violation that goes on the driver's record. AAA Texas supports child-passenger safety requirements, but believes the new state law does not go far enough. As a result, AAA Texas recommends that parents keep children in a child-passenger safety seat or a booster seat until the age of eight or when the child reaches 57 inches tall. Studies show that adult seat belts do not properly fit children until they reach that height and can cause serious abdominal, back, and neck injuries in a crash.

Cell Phones

Senate Bill 1257 bans teenagers under 18 from using cell phones and other wireless communications devices while driving during the first six months after getting a drivers license. AAA Texas supported this effort and urges motorists, regardless of age, to refrain from engaging in distracting activities while driving, such as taking their

eyes or attention off the road to use a cell phone, talk with passengers, eat, or adjust the radio.

Pocket Bikes

HB 2702 contains a provision that prohibits driving "pocket bikes," also known as mini-motorcycles, on public highways, roads, bicycle paths, and sidewalks. AAA Texas supported this legislation. These two-foot-high motorized bikes, which can travel at speeds up to 50 mph, are unsafe in traffic and on sidewalks because they are too low to the ground to be seen by motorists.

Young Drivers

SB 1005 requires drivers under the age of 25 who receive a ticket for a moving violation to complete a driver-safety class. The new law also requires drivers who hold a provisional license and who receive a ticket for a moving violation to take a behind-the-wheel driving test at the Department of Public Safety, even if they have taken the test before.

Drinking and Driving

HB 51 adds a new penalty for motorists who drink and drive. People convicted of driving under the influence with a 0.15 or greater blood-alcohol concentration will now have to install, at their own expense, a device on their vehicle that prevents it from starting if alcohol is detected in a breath test. HB 1357 suspends driver's licenses for those convicted of providing alcohol to a minor. It is a six-month suspension for the first offense and one year for a second offense.

Toll Roads

HB 2702, which took effect June 14, 2005, adds new restrictions and criteria for converting existing "free" roads or travel lanes on state



Parnell, Millican Exchange Vows! Wendi Lee-An Parnell and Scot Ashley Millican were married September 4, 2005. The wedding was held at the home of the bride's mother in Rockport, Texas.

Parents of the couple are Lynda Pouyer of Rockport, James Parnell of Houston, and Tim and Pam Millican of Robert Lee.

After a brief honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple resides in Corpus Christi, Texas, with their young son, Austin.

highways to toll roads or lanes. Both local voter and county commission approval will now be required to add tolls to existing nontoll highways in many cases. However, the new law does not apply to roads or lanes that have not yet opened to traffic. The Texas Transportation Commission retains authority to approve conversions after conducting a public hearing if it believes conversions will improve traffic or are the

most economical way to make improvements on that segment of state highway. AAA Texas opposes adding tolls on existing nontoll highways that were previously paid for with gasoline taxes. Doing so would, in effect, amount to double taxation. However, AAA Texas considers placing tolls on selected new highways to be a reasonable way, in addition to using gasoline taxes, to fund new construction.

Help for the Holidays

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'64 Study Club holds annual banquet

On Tuesday, November 8, 2005, forty-five members and guests of the '64 Study Club assembled together at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee for their annual Thanksgiving Banquet. Special guests were Daryl Copeland, Valarie Sharp, and Jim Clendennen.

Pastor Steve Rowe gave the invocation and the feasting began with a full Thanksgiving dinner. Vice President Beverly Sinclair called a short business meeting. Members were reminded that the club is hosting the Robert Lee Care Center November Birthday Party to be held on November 15, at 3:30 p.m.

Christmas plans for December were discussed. The Christmas Banquet will be December 13, 2005, at the Rec Hall at 6:30 p.m. December 9th is the deadline for purchasing the tickets from Peggy Davis.

It was decided that the club would bring food and/or money for the Coke County Food Closet for a Christmas project. It was announced that the sign up sheet for volunteers to participate at Bryan's Barn was available. It was noted that the ticket sales for the Charlotte Northcutt painting were doing very well. Tickets will be available until December 2 at the time of the drawing at Robert Lee State Bank. This concluded the meeting.

Carolyn Long introduced Valarie Sharp, Daryl Copeland, and Jim Clendennen. The trio played and sang beautiful gospel music as well as "oldies but goodies". Everyone enjoyed the entertainment presented by these three.

Beverly Sinclair thanked the ladies that decorated the hall and read a humorous Thanksgiving poem. The "Birthday Belles" for November were Johnetta Lawrence, Trish Rowe, and Reba Tabor. The evening ended with the awarding of three door prizes. The winners were Doug Ditmore, Trish Rowe, and Betty Hurley. The wonderful food, combined with the fellowship of friends and the essence of peace and thanksgiving, made the affair a special night.

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.

Capitol Comments

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Oil Profits, the Price of Gasoline, and the Future

As Texans made sacrifices to help our Louisiana neighbors and prepared to endure a hurricane of our own, we noticed the price of gasoline rising. Several weeks later, ExxonMobil posted its highest quarterly profits ever of almost \$10 billion. When the price of gasoline rises, it affects almost everyone's day-to-day life; and when the price rises substantially, it can have a serious effect on everyone's livelihood, from airlines to agriculture. With that in mind, the Senate wanted to take a closer look at the industry, so we invited some oil-company executives to speak on the matter at a Senate hearing.

Profits are a normal and important facet of capitalism. Without the incentive to make profits, people will not risk their hard-earned cash to open up new businesses, providing the goods and services we all need.

At the same time, it is disconcerting to hear about record oil profits at the very moment we are seeing prices rise at the pump. If it were found that prices were being set, not by the free market, but by secret agreements not to compete, then Congress would be sure those practices

were punished.

However, many of us remember that it was not long ago that the oil industry was going through a tough time. A sober look behind the headlines of record profits is revealing. For every dollar they take in, the oil industry earns an average of less than \$.08. Even ExxonMobil only managed to earn just under \$.10 for every dollar it took in. The profit margins in the oil industry are actually well below those in many other industries. Contrast ExxonMobil's \$.10 per dollar margin with Microsoft and Citigroup, each of which had profits of over \$.33 per dollar. Other companies, like Merck, Cingular and IBM and all had profit margins at least twice that of Exxon.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were major reasons prices rose this autumn. Oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico endured sustained winds of 175 mph, which caused substantial damage to much of our oil infrastructure: 35 platforms were destroyed and 16 more were badly damaged. By early October, over 90% of oil production in the Gulf of Mexico was shut down.

Even worse, much of the oil that we did have could not be turned into gasoline. With Rita bearing down on them, refineries from Lake Charles, Louisiana to Corpus Christi, Texas were forced to shut down. Combined, we lost the capacity to refine 20% of the oil consumed daily in the U.S. Before the hurricanes, oil refineries were operating at 97% of capacity, so the shutdowns caused a substantial disruption in the supply of gasoline, forcing prices higher.

The supply of gasoline is vital to our economy and security. We need to have greater refining capacity so that when some plants are forced to shut down others can pick up the slack. However, right now extensive and arcane federal regulations discourage businesses from making additional investments in refineries. In fact, no new refinery has been built in the U.S. since 1976.

To open a new refinery now, a company has to follow expensive and time consuming permitting requirements, often fraught with lengthy regulatory delays. Businesses contemplating such a long-term investment must consider, not just the environmental regulations that exist today, but also the regulations Congress or state governments might decide to impose upon them in the future. The legal climate is so unpredictable that businesses have chosen not to build new plants. To resolve this, Congress needs to provide businesses with a predictable and secure legal regime which will allow them to expand with confidence.

Since there is only so much oil in the ground, we also must diversify and start using new sources of fuel. There has been much talk about investing in alternative energy sources for years, but often it has been all hat and no cattle.

This year, Congress took serious measures to address this problem in the energy bill. We provided numerous incentives for businesses to invest in and start using alternative sources of fuel.

We provided production tax credits, encouraging businesses to produce clean, renewable energy such as wind, biomass, and geothermal power. We also encouraged businesses to buy more of these renewable resources by offering businesses tax credits for purchasing alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles. We even provided a 30% credit for investments in alternative refueling stations, to make the practical side of the transition to new fuels more feasible. If just 20% of cars used fuel cell technology, we could cut oil imports by 1.5 million barrels every day.

By addressing the real underlying problems, we can make serious headway in fulfilling America's energy needs.

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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The beautification project is designed to enhance the appearance of the downtown area through the use of (1) planters, (2) benches, (3) decorative light poles, (4) decorative flags, and/or (5) decorative community welcome sign(s) on the main road into the community.

This is a matching funds reimbursement program and each award requires a 1:1 match. Up to \$2,500 of the total match amount can be in the form of in-kind support from the community. In-kind match may include volunteer labor, landscaping materials, paint, cleaning supplies, etc.

TDA expects that successful applicants will leverage TDA funding by utilizing community resources to include the community in a broader downtown beautification effort. Applicants are encouraged to engage local civic, business and/or youth groups to participate in the beautification effort. The applicant, for the purpose of this program, is considered to be a city government that is a Texas Yes! member. A maximum amount awarded per application is \$5,000. The minimum amount awarded is \$1,000.

For program information, guidelines and applications contact Robert Wood, Assistant Commissioner for Rural Economic Development. Mr. Wood may be contacted by telephone in Austin at (512) 936-0273 or Toll free at (877) 428-7848, by fax at (888) 216-9867, or by e-mail at finance@agr.state.tx.us.

Information may also be accessed by visiting the Small Town Revitalization web page at http://www.agr.state.tx.us/eco/rural_eco_devo/economic_development/fin_smalltown.htm.

Judge proclaims November as Hospice month

Hospice care offers Texans with terminal illnesses comfort and compassion when needed most.

Pioneered by Dr. Cicely Saunders, hospice care provides palliative care and attends to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients and their families, whether at independent hospice facilities, nursing homes, hospitals or the privacy of the patient's own home. Physicians, nurses, counselors, social workers and trained volunteers work under a coordinated, physician-directed plan of care to provide medical care and support to patients and their families.

The hospice philosophy is to help people live as fully and comfortably as possible, and to help manage symptoms and pain, so that their last days may be spent as peacefully as possible at home or in a home-like setting.

To increase the public's awareness of the services and mission of hospice care, an awareness campaign will be held throughout the Lone Star State during the month of November.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about hospice care and to recognize the countless volunteers and professionals who extend invaluable support to patients and their families in their hours of greatest need. Together, they highlight the best of Texas.

Therefore, I, Roy Blair, Coke County Judge, do hereby proclaim November 2005,

Hospice Month

in Coke County, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 14th day of November, 2005.

Roy Blair,
Coke County Judge

Governor's award for Historic Preservation presented to Daughters of the Republic of Texas

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) honored the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) with the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation on Nov. 9 at a reception at the Governor's Mansion. Gov. Rick Perry presented the award.

"The Daughters of the Republic of Texas are cele-

brating their 100th year as the custodians of the Alamo," Gov. Perry said. "They have done a tremendous job restoring and preserving not only the Alamo, but many of Texas' most precious resources. The Daughters are the oldest patriotic women's organization in Texas and one of the oldest in the nation. I salute the Daughters for their hard work and dedication on behalf of all the citizens of Texas."

The Governor's Award is the THC's most prestigious preservation honor and was created to recognize the outstanding achievement of an individual or organization in preserving Texas' prehistoric and historic heritage.

"The objectives of this organization are to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the people who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas and to encourage historical research into the earliest records of our state," said THC Chairman John L. Nau, III. "The presentation of this award recognizes the Daughters for their dedication and devotion to preserving our Texas heritage."

There are approximately 6,700 women in 106 DRT chapters across Texas. To be eligible for membership, a Daughter must be a direct descendant of a man or woman who resided in the Republic of Texas. Their first annual meeting was held in 1892.

In addition to their role as custodians of the Alamo, the Daughters maintain the historic French Legation in Austin built in 1840 for the French diplomatic mission to the Republic of Texas.

The DRT was also instrumental in saving the General Land Office building on the southeast corner of the Capitol grounds in Austin. One of their earliest projects was to persuade the Texas Legislature to purchase land where the battle of San

Jacinto was fought and place markers on historic sites. They also assisted in a state decision to purchase statues of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston sculpted by Elisabet Ney for the entrance to the Capitol rotunda.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

Countess deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom

Air National Guard Major William C. Countess is currently deployed overseas at a forward operating location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces have been mobilized, activated and deployed along with active duty members to support the war against global terrorism. Mission objectives encompass combating the international terrorist network or regime forces outside the borders of the United States. U.S. troops serve in South and Southwest Asia,



Major William C. Countess

Central Asia, the Arabian peninsula, islands in the Pacific, and in numerous other countries.

The major is a C-130 navigator regularly assigned to the 136th Air Wing, Fort Worth, Texas. He is the son of William Countess of Avenue K, Brownwood, Texas, and Carolyn Brown of Lexington Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

His wife, Jann, is the daughter of Charlotte Tounget of Bronte, Texas, and Billy Tounget of Sequoia Circle, San Angelo, Texas.

Countess graduated in 1987 from Buena High School, Sierra Vista, and received a bachelor's degree in 1991 from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He earned a master's degree in 2002 from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

After much consideration, I have made the decision to be a candidate in the Spring Democratic Primary for the Coke County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, which I now hold.

I believe I have much to offer the public due to my experience and education. I am especially proud of my work with young people over the years.

Thank you, Joan Davis

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Flu vaccination strongly recommended

By Patti J. Patterson, M.D., M.P.H.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

The cold and flu season is upon us, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is encouraging everyone, not just those considered high-risk, to get a flu vaccination.

Seasonal flu kills an average of 36,000 people and causes about 200,000 hospitalizations in the United States each year. Initially the CDC recommended the immunization to high-risk people only—elderly, infants, people with chronic illnesses and health care workers—because of uncertainty over vaccine supplies. However, those recommendations have been expanded to include most everyone as government officials have estimated that manufacturers will be able to meet flu vaccine demand.

Some people, however, should not be vaccinated without first consulting a physician.

They include:

*People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs.

*People who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past.

*People who developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within 6 weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously.

*Children younger than 6 months of age (influenza vaccine is not approved for use in this age group).

*People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should wait to get vaccinated until their symptoms diminish.

Colds vs. flu

So how do you tell the difference between a common cold and the flu? Both are respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. Because these two types of illnesses have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, sore throat, extreme tiredness and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose, and colds generally do not result in serious health problems such as pneumonia, bacterial infections or hospitalizations.

It is important to note that antibiotics are not recommended in treating flu. Unless there is a

superimposed bacterial infection, they don't help and use can contribute to antibiotic resistance.

Prevention is key

In addition to getting the vaccine, washing your hands thoroughly and frequently is one of the best methods of preventing the flu virus. **Washing your hands should take the amount of time it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice through.** If you are not in a place where you can wash your hands frequently, consider using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Another important measure to prevent spreading the flu to others is to stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, keep children home from school and save the errands for later when you are feeling better. Most healthy adults can spread the flu virus one day before symptoms develop, and up to five days after becoming sick. It generally is safe to return to work or school if you can eat and drink normally and if you have had no fever for 24 hours.

And, of course, covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough is important in preventing the spread of the virus.

Bird flu concerns

The widely reported threat of a possible bird flu pandemic is creating some confusion. It is important to understand the difference between seasonal flu and **avian or bird flu.** Seasonal flu vaccine offers protection against three common flu virus strains, but the bird flu virus is not one of them. Early production has begun on an experimental bird flu vaccine that the government expects to have available in the event of a pandemic. The deadly H5N1 bird flu strain has killed more than 60 people in four countries in Asia and has been found among birds in Croatia, Romania, Turkey and Russia. No human cases have been reported in Europe or the Americas.

(Patti J. Patterson, M.D., M.P.H., is vice president of Rural and Community Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.)

Temporary work in season this year

'Tis the season to gain skills and make money. Work opportunities abound during the holidays. From now through January, businesses hire additional employees to keep up with the demand from increased holiday sales. Temporary work, and the extra cash it brings in, can make the holiday season just a little bit merrier for many.

"When employers hire

extra holiday help, everyone benefits," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "The employer's business expands, the economy sees a rise in consumer spending, and workers gain extra income and added experience."

The last holiday season showed an increase in the number of people employed across the state, as almost 53,000 jobs were gained from September through December. The biggest workforce boosts usually occur in the retail sector, with transportation, warehousing and trade also seeing increases.

"This is a traditional time for employers in many industries to add to the workforce as business activity expands and sales increase," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Seasonal hiring makes the employer's additional workload easier."

Numbering among TWC's resources for job-seekers is WorkInTexas.com, a powerful, Web-based tool matches employers of all sizes with workers from entry-level to executive. WorkInTexas.com also offers career resources, including information about résumé preparation, job interview tips and current employment data.

"It is encouraging to see the rise in hiring due to the holidays, whether for temporary or permanent employment," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Seasonal employment typically benefits not only the worker's pocketbook but also his or her skill set."

Employers and job seekers alike sometimes have questions about laws relating to temporary work. TWC offers the following information about seasonal staffing:

- Temporary employees are subject to the same laws as regular full- or part-time employees. Even if a worker's job is scheduled to end at a specific time, temporary staff members are not contract labor. They are entitled to the same protections under the law as regular employees.

- The Texas Payday Law requires that both temporary and regular employees receive their wages in full and in a timely manner. Employers cannot withhold any amount of a paycheck without prior written authorization from the employee, or unless authorized by state or federal law, or by court order. Additionally, current minimum wage laws apply to wages earned.

- Employers must pay

Unemployment Insurance taxes on their temporary employees. The wages earned must be reported and are subject to taxes. This law applies even though a temporary employee knows from the outset that the job will end at a set time and the employee doesn't plan to seek another job after that assignment has ended.

- Federal and Texas child labor laws ensure that children are not employed in an occupation or manner that is detrimental to their safety, health or well-being. Any individual under 18 years of age is defined as a child. Youths age 16 and 17 may perform any job not declared hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for unlimited hours. Youths age 14 and 15 may work outside school hours in various nonmanufacturing, nonmining, nonhazardous jobs under the following conditions: no more than three hours on a school day, 18 hours in a school week, eight hours on a nonschool day or 40 hours in a nonschool week. Except during the summer, 14- and 15-year-old employees may not begin work before 7 a.m. or work after 7 p.m.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with its system of workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.twc.state.tx.us.

Save a life by knowing the signs of a stroke

While at a family barbecue Ingrid tumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6 pm, Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ - had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within 3 hours, which is tough.

Recognizing A Stroke

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. ***Ask the individual to SMILE.**

2. ***Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.**

3. ***Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. . . It is sunny out today.)** If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

BE A FRIEND AND SHARE THIS ARTICLE WITH AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE. YOU COULD SAVE THEIR LIVES!

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Six countries represented at Tennyson hayride

by Roberta Wilcox

Anyone who missed the Second Annual Fall Festival and Hayride on October 29, 2005, really missed out on a good time. Hopefully, you will have the opportunity to be there next year for all the excitement.

This year, about 45 people, representing six countries - Germany, Russia, Scotland, Egypt, Canada, and the United States attended. They all enjoyed a new way of celebrating the "spookiest time of the year."

As soon as the late arrivals climbed aboard the tracker-pulled wagon of hay, our driver John Patton took off toward Tennyson Schobl Road and Mule Creek Road out towards the Mule Creek Cemetery. Bob Wilcox played the guitar while the happy riders sang gospel choruses in several different languages, as we bounced up the country roads.

The thrill-seekers ranged from 4-month-old, Sierra Skye, to a dauntless 76-year-old, and about 35 others "in-between." There were a lot of kiddos (including a big pink-haired doll named, Lisa Lucia).

You can't guess what happened when we arrived at and tried to turn around at the Mule Creek Cemetery. Take a guess. Take 100 guesses. It was the grand finale of the Fall Harvest Festival. We broke down! Yes, that's right! We were stuck at the graveyard. So there we sat waiting for the men to exchange tractor for truck, while the kids ran around the graveyard hooping and hollering. Our visitor, originally from Egypt, who currently lives in New York City, called his wife long distance, to tell her that he was having the "adventure of his life."

Meanwhile, back at the church, good food galore is waiting, people are laughing at our predicament, and the phone is ringing, "Come get us; we're stranded at the graveyard."

Pastor Joe Hodges watched over his flock while the men worked to get us safely back to the church.

Within a half an hour, we were back inside the "Come as You Are" Tennyson Baptist Church. We enjoyed more fellowship, fun and food. And if you think we had a great Fall Harvest Festival and Hayride, you are

right! See you there next year, eh?

Hire a Hero, Hire a Veteran Veterans Strengthen the Texas Workforce

Duty. Honor. Country. These three words spoken by General Douglas MacArthur outlined the ideals that inspire America's servicemen and women. This philosophy transcends every aspect of their lives, shaping personal and professional character - during their military service and after.

On Veterans Day, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) recognizes our Texas military veterans for their dedication and service, and encourages local employers to do the same.

Texas has the third highest population of veterans in the United States, totaling 1.7 million. Former members of the military are a significant resource for area businesses

and a vital component of the Texas workforce. Hiring military veterans - who are often equipped with the technical skills, education, professionalism and leadership experience needed to easily transition into a new position - can offer bright futures for military servicemen and women, and can help reduce recruitment and training for employers.

While in the service, many soldiers, sailors and airmen work in professional fields equivalent to their civilian counterparts, such as engineering, information technology, health care, telecommunications, transportation, food services and construction. In addition to the various industry experience and high-level of training acquired on active duty, veterans also have other positive attributes that benefit any employer, regardless of the field.

• Leadership: The military trains its soldiers to lead by example, as well as how to

provide directions, delegate, motivate, and inspire. Veterans take those teachings and apply them to their careers. In addition, they have the advantage of maturity and self-confidence, and often strive for additional responsibility and opportunities for advancement.

• Teamwork: Veterans understand the concept of teamwork and are accustomed to being held responsible for their actions affecting fellow soldiers and colleagues. They also have learned to work alongside many different people regardless of race, gender, ethnic background and religion.

• Efficiency: Former servicemen and women have a unique appreciation for tight deadlines and limited resources and budgets. They know how to prioritize tasks to complete them on time, even in the most stressful situations, and often have received special technical training and obtained securi-

ty clearances.

• Respect: Because of the structure of the military, veterans have gained an appreciation and respect for organizational hierarchies, and respect policies and procedures established by a potential employer and demonstrate an acceptance of authority. Former soldiers also respect the individual and maintain moral character and integrity.

Highly trained staff at 28 Texas workforce board offices across the state offer personalized recruiting assistance to help your business select the ideal veteran job candidate.

With WorkInTexas.com, Texas' comprehensive online employment resource, employers can post opportunities and request job applicants that are veterans, and veterans seeking employment can view the job openings at no-cost.

So the next time you are hiring, consider a solution that is great for veterans and great for business.



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