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Vision Meeting set for this Thursday at Bronte

by Michael Bohensky

A Vision Meeting has been slated for this Thursday, January 5th, at the Bronte school library at 5:15. Mary Kuss will be present to lead participants through the Vision Process. The community has done a great job up to this point. Hopefully we will have a great group to begin the new year. Mary has sent me some information that should navigate the session quite well. We should be finished before 7:30 pm. Hope to see everyone there. The door to the cafeteria (side-door) will be open for everyone at 5:00 pm. You can walk through this door to gain entrance to the library.

Filing for elections ends

The filing period for next year's primary election ended this past Monday, January 2, 2006.

Filing for office are: Democratic Primary - Roy Blair, Incumbent County Judge; Mary Grim, Incumbent County/District Clerk; Phelan Wrinkle, Incumbent County Treasurer; Bill Wheat, Incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 2; George Snapp, Incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Bobby Blaylock, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Joan Davis, Incumbent Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Grady Coulter, Incumbent Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; Marshall Millican, Constable, Precinct 1, unexpired term; Josie Dean, Tax Assessor-Collector, unexpired term; Robert Feil, County Commissioner, Precinct 2; Clint Porter, County Commissioner, Precinct 2; Republican Primary - Hal Spain, County Judge; and Andra Arrott, County Treasurer.

New voting machines available for public inspection

One of the new electronic voting machines is set up in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee. The public is urged to stop by during normal business hours anytime before early voting begins February 21st to familiarize themselves with the new machine. Any group or community organization who would like to have the machines demonstrated for their members are encouraged to contact the Coke County Clerk's office at

453-2631 to schedule a demonstration.

Hunters continue the hunt

by Joan Davis

Although the door has slammed on an outstanding general hunting season on Sunday, January 1, Special Late General Season opened Jan. 2 and will run through Jan. 15 for antlerless and spike bucks only. Spring turkey season will be open April 1-May 14 for gobblers only. Manage your tags for both of these upcoming seasons.

Javelina season will remain open through Feb. 26, allowing two per season.

General season for quail will close Feb. 26 with a 15 count limit per day.

Second short season for doves is Dec. 26, 2005 through Jan. 11, 2006. Read about the 12 daily bag and aggregate numbers on pg. 70 of the TP&W Outdoor Annual.

Mini-Health Fair set for January 9

The North Runnels Home Health Center will be hosting a Mini-Health Fair in conjunction with the Robert Lee Senior Citizens and Coke County Extension office on Monday, January 9, 2006, from 5-7 pm.

Information on home health, nutrition and fitness will be presented along with free blood pressure and blood sugar checks. For more information, contact 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.

BHRC blood drive set January 11

On Wednesday, January 11, 2006, United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center from 4-7 pm.

Public meeting set for Salt Cedar Control

Salt Cedar is a major species of concern in Texas. It is listed as an EQIP State Priority item. Money is available under the Natural Resource Conservation Service, 2006 Environmental Quality Incentive Program for control of salt cedar on



the Colorado River Watershed.

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor a public meeting at 10:00 am on January 12, 2006 in the Coke County Courtroom. Representatives from the NRCS and Texas Cooperative Extension Service will provide a program dealing with salt cedar control and the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentive Program. These representatives and others will be on hand to answer questions during and after the meeting.

For more information, contact the Coke County SWCD or NRCS at 325-453-2623, extension 3.

2006 EQIP Program signup begins

EQIP is a voluntary, cost-share program for installation of conservation practices. The application window for the 2006 EQIP year is now open. This window will close on Feb. 17, 2006.

EQIP funds are split into two categories. These are County Based Funds and Statewide Resource Concerns.

The high priority item under the 2006 EQIP program for Coke County is Brush Management with emphasis on controlling prickly pear. Facilitative practices such as fencing, range planting, grazing land mechanical treatment, and water development are medium priority items, but may be included on a brush management application. Statewide Resource Concerns are North Concho Watershed-Brush Control for Water Quantity, Invasive

Species-Salt Cedar, and AFO/CAFO-Beef-Air Quality Emphasis. An existing EQIP contract should not deter a landowner from making a new application for different practices. Current EQIP rules allow multiple EQIP contracts and/or applications can occur on the same farm.

Prior to making an EQIP application, you must contact the FSA office to ensure your program eligibility. The phone number for the Coke County FSA Office is 325-453-2751. Due to current staffing conditions, an appointment is necessary.

If there are any questions, please contact the Coke County SWCD office or the NRCS at 325-453-2623, extension 3.

Declaration of disaster threat of wildfires January 3, 2006

WHEREAS, Coke County has not had rainfall for an extended period; and

WHEREAS, weather forecasters offer little promise of a change in the hot, dry conditions in the near future; and

WHEREAS, these hot, dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast-moving wildfires; and

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Disaster Act of 1975 authorized declaration of a state of disaster "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Roy Blair, County Judge of Coke County, do hereby declare a state of disaster based on the threat of large wildfires in Coke County, Texas; and

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statute and order, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without authorization by the Coke County Commissioners Court;

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster is being declared solely for the purpose of implementing controls aimed at mitigating the hazard posed by wildfires during the current hot, dry weather.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, and any use of fireworks, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 3rd day of January 2006.

Roy Blair
Coke County Judge

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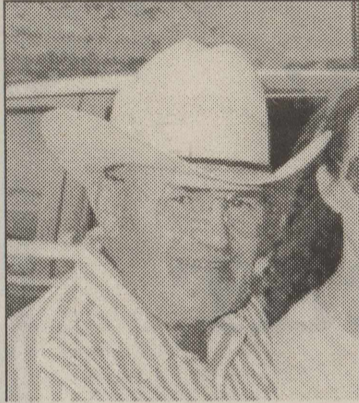
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Obituaries



Ditmore

William Douglas Ditmore of Robert Lee passed away at his home at 7 pm Sunday evening, January 1, 2006. Known as "Doug" by all his friends and family, he was born in Tom Green, County, Texas, to Claude Ditmore and Ethel Key Ditmore on May 7, 1927.

Doug attended a one room school house in the Lometa community, between Bronte and Tennyson, Texas. His family moved to Tennyson where he met Ms. Grace Irene Green in 1939 at the age of 12. Doug and Grace were high school sweethearts. They married at the First Baptist Church in Tennyson, Texas, on December 25, 1953.

Doug was a stock farmer in Tennyson, until September 2003. He also owned a Texaco station, laundry-mat, and a pool hall for the kids to play in Bronte.

In the mid 60 s, they left Bronte and moved to Robert Lee, where they purchased the Butane Sales Co. He also worked on the Lake Spence Dam Project and helped to build Hwy 158, between Robert Lee and Sterling City.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Grace Irene Green Ditmore of Robert Lee; one step-sister, Ella Mae Seffy; one aunt, Ester Lee Key, both of San Angelo; nephews, Michael Ditmore and wife, Tammy of Thousand Oaks, California, and Ray Ditmore and wife, Phyllis of Virginia, Wayne McGinnes and wife, Cindy of Eldorado; one niece, Linda McGinnes of Lovington, New Mexico. He is also survived by his extended family, Fran and Chuck Rohrbach of San Angelo and Shellie Branham of Christoval; extended grandchildren, Garrett Page and Weston Branham both of Christoval; Lonnie Smith of Bronte and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Harrell of Sonora.

Funeral services were at 3 pm Wednesday, January 4,

2006, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas. The family requested that everyone dress in casual dress, no suits or ties. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Doug loved Grace, people, fishing, tractors, pickup trucks, fish fries, shelling pecans, a good story, and a little nip now and then.....

Generous to a fault, was loved well, and will be sorrowfully missed by all.

We love you Doug!
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Gray

Melba "Lois" Gray, 72, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2005. Lois was raised in Coke County where many knew her as "Dogie" Walls.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm Friday at Chapel of the Chimes in Fort Worth. Burial followed in Fort Worth's Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, T. R. Gray; three brothers, Thad Walls, T. J. Walls, and Charlie Walls; and two sisters, Helen Mathers and Mildred Thorn.

Survivors include her children, Krista Knox and husband, Wayne of Mertzon; Susan George and husband, Nicky of Arlington; Mike McCutchen and wife, Jerri of Sterling City; and Wayne McCutchen and wife, Melinda of Bronte; brother, Bob and wife, Carolyn of Andrews; brother, Troy Walls of Colorado City; sister, Joy Spradlin of Grand Prairie; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Fields

Maxine Fields, 82, died Thursday, December 29, 2005, in a local nursing home. Graveside services were held at 1 pm Saturday, December 31, 2005, at Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by

Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her daughter, Jamie Jones of Knickerbocker; one son, Freddie Fields of Knickerbocker; her brother, Lyndon Yarbrough, of Carrollton; and one sister, Betty Prince of Snyder.

Harwell

Myrtle Irene Harwell, 94, died Thursday, December 29, 2005, in a Carrizo Springs hospital. Graveside services were held at 11 am Saturday, December 31, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Heard

William "Son" Heard of Kerrville, 79, died on Thursday, December 22, 2005.

Funeral services were held at 10 am Tuesday, December 27, at Wright Funeral Parlor in Kerrville. Graveside service followed at 4 pm in Sanco Cemetery in Sanco.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Duke and Lorean Prine; and his sister, Doris Killam.

Survivors include his brother, Duke "Bud" Prine of Kerrville; and nieces Debbie St. Claire of Ingram, Lorri Martin, JoAnn Eriksson and Stella Smith, all of San Angelo; and a nephew Monroe Killam of Lubbock.

Gibbs celebrates 80th birthday

When the doorbell rang on December 17 at the Gibbs household, Bill Gibbs was not expecting to find five of his seven grown children standing on the front porch. What he had thought was an early Christmas celebration with his other two children and their spouses was actually his surprise 80th birthday party.

The brain behind the production was his wife, Judy Gibbs, of Robert Lee, who had planned the entire event and managed to keep it quiet for several months. Gibbs did find his sense of humor about the secret, but says he's going to keep a closer eye on his wife from now on.

Like all good birthday parties, the day was filled with food, fun, and lots of laughter. Everyone attending the party sported a "Bill's Birthday Bash" T-shirt, including the birthday boy himself. With Gibbs son, Brent, playing the guitar, the seven siblings sang old hymns and reminisced about their favorite times with their dad.

Attending the party were Gibbs three sons: Dick



Surprise! Bill Gibbs is shown with his seven children at his surprise 80th birthday celebration. Celebrants include (top row, from left) Brent Gibbs, Bill Gibbs, Dick Gibbs, Dan Gibbs, (bottom row, from left) Shirley Sargent, Kerry Webb, Dee Anthony, and Elaine Crawley.

Gibbs of Ft. Worth; Dan Gibbs and his wife, Cathy, of Angleton; and Brent Gibbs and his wife, Amanda of Levelland. Also attending were Gibbs daughters, Shirley Sargent, Kerry Webb, and Dee "Nesi" Anthony, all of Butler, Mo.; and Elaine Crawley and her husband, Austin, of Lubbock.

Gibbs daughter, Dee Anthony, presented Gibbs with a scrapbook she had compiled of pictures from all seven children and their families. Gibbs has 13 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He says he hopes the event will be

repeated for his 90th birthday celebration.

Davis family visitors noted

In Robert Lee for a long New Year's holiday with Joan Davis were Billie and Dubb Wallace of Ft. Worth; Jim and Donna Wallace of Buda; Nadine Davis of Abilene; Ty and Lindsay Clark, and 10 month-old Madyson of Buda; and Debi and Lacey Reed of Comanche, OK.

Some hunted; Billie and grandson Ty both took nice bucks. Several of the group attended a movie in San Angelo and all were eating. It was a great family party!

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

TO: Coke County Voters

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Coke County Tax Assessor/Collector. I would appreciate your support in the March Primary Election.

Thank you,
Josie Dean

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Josie Dean, PO Box 71, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

Emert, Wilson exchange vows

Tad & Therese Emert of Robert Lee, Texas, along with Steven & Elaine Wilson of Dawsonville, Georgia, announce the wedding of Becca Emert and Kasey Wilson.

Becca and Kasey were married December 17, 2005, in Dawsonville, Georgia, at the Silver City Baptist Church with Scott Sorrells officiating.

Becca was given in marriage by her father, Tad Emert. Serving Becca as Matron of Honor was her sister, Carrie Powers. Kasey's sisters, Kristi Gerrells and Kerri Whitmire were the Bridesmaids. Flower girls were nieces of the couple, Carli Powers and Hannah Gerrells.

Kasey's best man was Brandon Townley. Groomsmen were Larry Reece and Nathan McCord. Brothers-in-law of the couple, Jason Powers, Stephen Gerrells and Tony Whitmire served as ushers.

Zach Gerrells, nephew of the groom served as candle lighter. Guests were greeted by Kalie Gerrells, niece of the groom and Lindsey Wilson, cousin of the groom.

During the ceremony, Kasey sang Making Memories of Us to Becca. Kasey's father, Steven, said a prayer of blessing for the couple at the end of the ceremony.

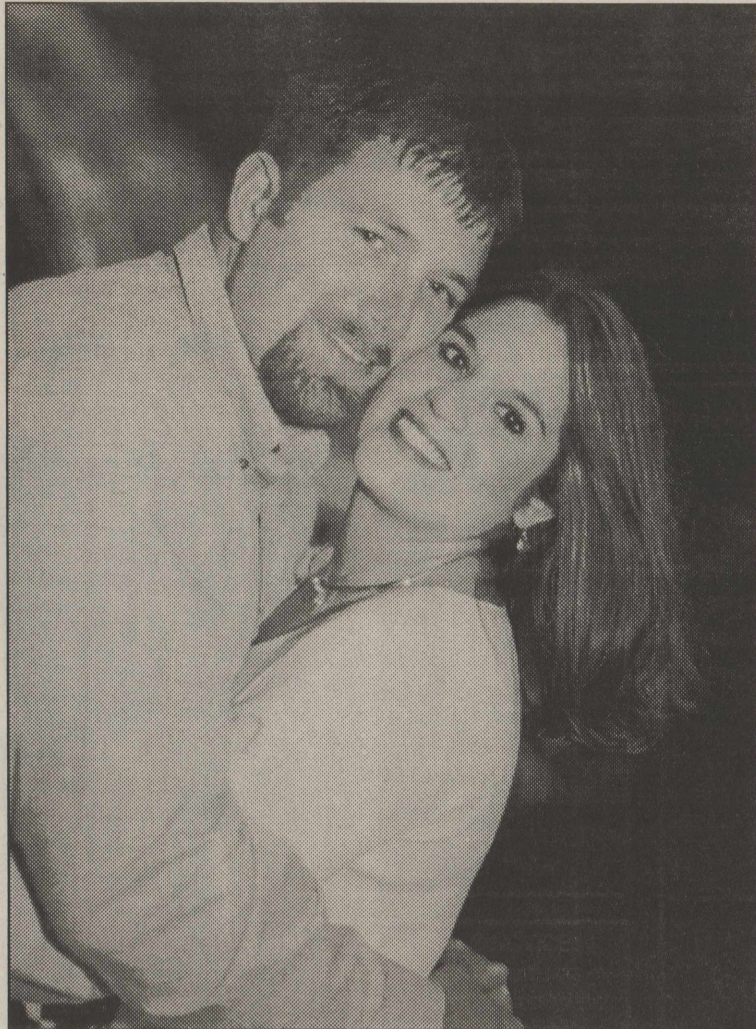
Becca is a graduate of Robert Lee High School in Robert Lee, Texas. She holds a bachelors degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a masters in Education Guidance & Counseling from Angelo State University. Becca has taught and coached at the Sonora Middle School in Sonora, Texas and taught and served as the cheerleading sponsor 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, GA 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.

After returning from their honeymoon at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, the couple will reside in Dawsonville, Georgia. In June, a reception is planned in Texas for the couple.

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Memorials And Donations Memorials

- Dale Brown
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- Mr. & Mrs. Wilbern Millican



Mr. and Mrs. Kasey Wilson

- Joe & Donna Ash
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- Carlton Fields**
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- Kathy & Chad Anderson
- Jesse Eads**
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- Joe & Donna Ash
- Jim Dunklin**
- Mike & Fran Lomas
- Rosie Hart**
- Joyce Roach
- Leanard & Ruth Harper
- Griggs Hulsey
- Ann Reddy
- Monte Wilkes**
- Clayton & Pansy Bloodworth
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Jameson
- Mr. & Mrs. Wilbern Millican
- Carroll Wilkes**
- Billy & Missy McCallie
- Clayton & Pansy Bloodworth
- Ray Epperson**
- Mr. & Mrs. Wilbern Millican
- Ruby Rucker**
- The Senior Citizens
- Connie King**
- Mike & Fran Lomas

Donations

- Joe Lee & Charlotte Ruth McKnight
- City of Robert Lee Water Customers



Look Who's New!

Natalie Reagan Immel

Paige Immel celebrated the day after her 2nd birthday on December 28, by welcoming her new baby sister, Natalie Reagan, who was born on Dec. 29. Natalie weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19" long. Her parents are Rachel and Jeff Immel of Wimberley. Grandparents are Bob and Cathy Immel of Wimberley and Judy and Tommy Shook of Robert Lee. Rickie and Amy Wheat of Robert Lee and Kevin and Jackie Johnson of Potosi are the proud aunts and uncles.

Think Texas

By Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

The holidays were filled with family gatherings, good cheer, great company-and a whole lot of food. What better way to celebrate the season than with homemade treats and classic family recipes?

But now that the hubbub has died down, many folks are interested in getting back into the spirit of good health and exercise, and a significant number of New Year's resolutions are born out of an effort to combat the after-effects of endless holiday snacking. One of the most important resolutions we can make is to eat more fruits and vegetables.

One way to tackle this task is to start small. For example, make an effort to serve a lettuce salad with every meal for one week. Or steam a batch of broccoli to accompany the weekend's lunches. Or create a giant fruit salad to keep in the refrigerator for a sweet treat after dinner.

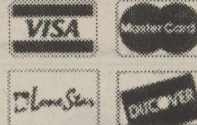
At the grocery store, linger in the produce section to find new varieties of old favorites. Many pre-washed, pre-cut and pre-packaged items-such as carrots, lettuce and broccoli-are available for busy families on the go. Healthy eating has never been easier. Making small efforts to keep healthy produce around the house can make a big difference in good nutrition for you and your family.

Texas is a major producer of everything from cantaloupes to cabbage, and fresh produce is packed with essential vitamins for healthy kids. As we look forward to the new year, let's make a renewed commitment to our bodies for good nutrition.

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Pepsi or Dr Pepper

3 12 pk. 12 oz. cans **/\$10**

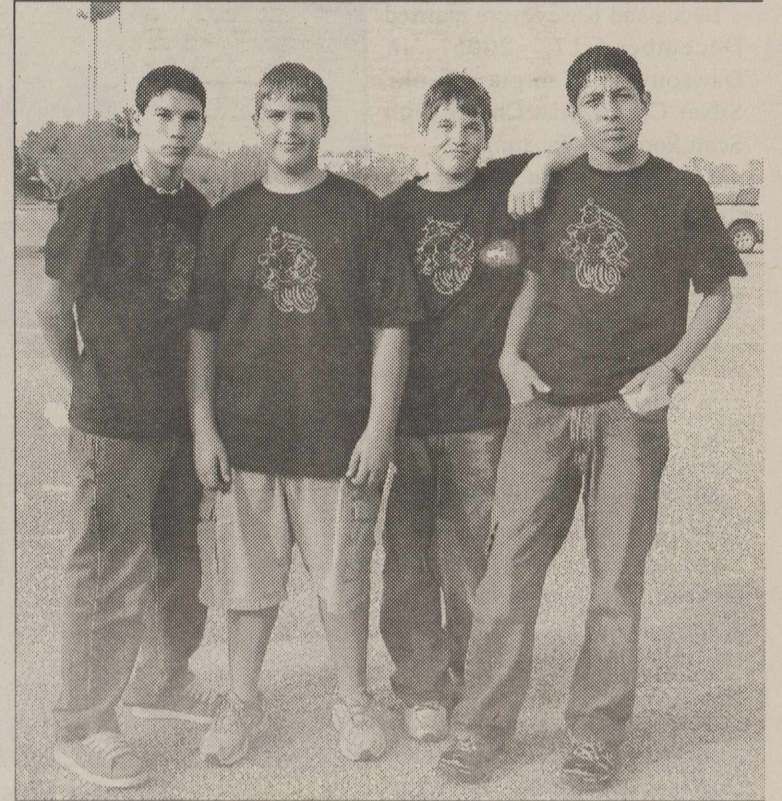
ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee Varsity Wins Tourney! *The Robert Lee Steers (photo at left) won the Blackwell Tournament by defeating Trent 63-23, Westbrook 54-50, and Blackwell 60-51. The Steers include (top row, from left) Kevin Honse, Chase Roe, Chris Torres, Taylor Percifull, Josh Conner, Cameron Hodge, Josh Gallegos, (bottom row, from left) Brody Dillard, Lance Millican, Brandon Soliz, and Brandon Phillips.*



Robert Lee Junior Varsity Wins Tourney! *The Robert Lee JV Steers won the Sterling City JV Tournament December 8 and 10 by defeating Sterling City 29-25, Bronte 37-28, and Water Valley 64-27. The team includes (from left) Jimmy Womack, Mason Ross, Taylor Williams, Taylor Percifull, Chris Larue, Brody Dillard, Johnathan Pagan, Luke Thurman, Michael Rodriguez, Jeremy Martinez, Cody Denton, and Garrett Blair.*



Robert Lee Robotics Team! *The Robert Lee 4th Place Robotics Green Team includes Garret Blair, Mason Ross, Jeremy Martinez, and Josh Gallegos.*

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Jan. 9**
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 10**
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Wed., Jan. 11**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Thurs., Jan. 12**
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Friday, Jan. 13**
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 9**
Bean chalupas, cheese, salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 10**
Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, pineapple, milk
- Wed., Jan. 11**
Rib B Que, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk
- Thurs., Jan. 12**
Frito pie, corn, salad, mandarin oranges, milk
- Friday, Jan. 13**
BBQ on bun, pickles, tator tots, corn on cob, ice cream, milk

4 Check Out Coke Co. Library

The Coke County Library resumes a Tuesday morning Story Hour for all children in Coke County and surrounding areas who are between the ages of three and five years old. The Story Hour begins at 10:00 am and includes a story, a craft project, a video and a treat.

The first step on the road to learning is in the home. The second step on the road to learning is the library. Young children begin to understand left to right eye coordination, letter sounds, colors, numbers, comprehension and social behavior—all skills which help in public school achievement. A large children's selection of books is available. Come by or call 453-2495 for more information.

Adult readers are invited to begin the 2006 year with a good read. Becoming a library user is easy and free. There is no charge for a card. The Coke

County Library holds many regional historical books, the latest fiction, and non-fiction and biography section. Also available is the Inter Library Loan program through which almost any book can be acquired from any particular library in the United States. The Internet is available and accessing almost any subject is a click away. Don't spend any time wondering who, or why, or what, or when—libraries have the answers.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-3; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Refrigerator magnets with the library's hours are available at the library. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00 am. Head Start Story Time is Wednesday at 9:30 am. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop on the library porch.

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 is 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 Website at www.mdaua.org/clinics/camp/index.cfm.

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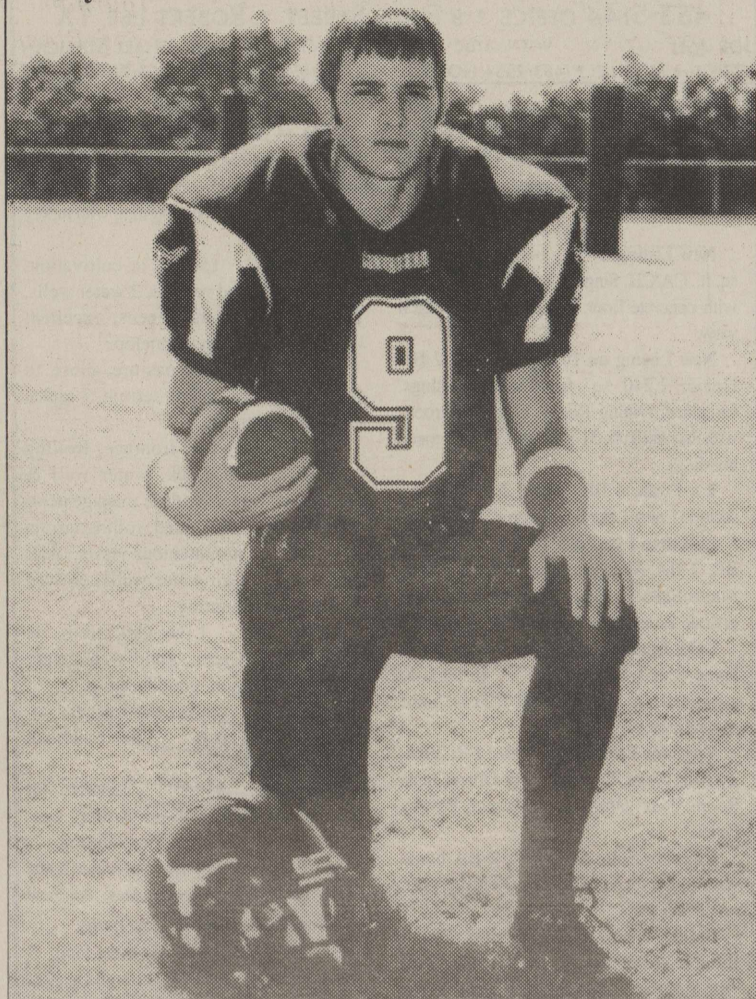
To the Coke County Voters of Precincts 1 & 3.

I would like to announce as a candidate for the unexpired term of Coke County Constable, Precinct 1. With my experience in law enforcement, I will have much to offer the citizens of our community. I would appreciate your vote in the Democratic Primary.

Thank You,
Marshall Millican

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Marshall Millican, PO Box 358, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

Jaylon Saunders



Rawls, Saunders named All West Texas

Jaylon Saunders, a Bronte senior, was recently named to the San Angelo Standard Times All-West Texas Super Team, along with BHS junior Logan Rawls. Saunders was named a first team all-district selection at three positions. Saunders rushed for 1,349 yards and 15 touchdowns, while amassing 311 receiving yards and four touchdowns.

He had 74 tackles as a line-backer and was also all-district as a return specialist.

Logan Rawls, a Bronte junior, was named to the Super Team as a punter. Rawls, also a quarterback, finished the season with a 43.2 yard punting average. At quarterback, he passed for 1,234 yards and 18 touchdowns, and rushed for 814 yards and nine touchdowns for the Longhorns.

Bronte JV boys basketball results

On Jan. 3rd, Bronte defeated Paint Rock 53-41. Scoring: Sam Rawlings 19, Gus Saunders 6, Kyler Lee 10, Ty Mackey 3, Cody Wallace 6, Zack Bennett 2, C.J. McClure 5, and Mathew Allen 2.

Bronte 8th grade boys basketball results

On Nov. 28, Menard defeated Bronte 37-30. Bronte scoring: Audie Miller 2, Matthew Halfacre 2, Kolten Pena 2, Louie Martinez 2, Jacob Scott 4, Rob Rosson 14, and Haydan White 4.

On Dec. 5, Bronte defeated Robert Lee in a close game by a score of 29-27. Bronte scoring: Audie Miller 2, Kolten Pena 9, Louie Martinez 5, Jacob Scott 2, and Rob Rosson 11.

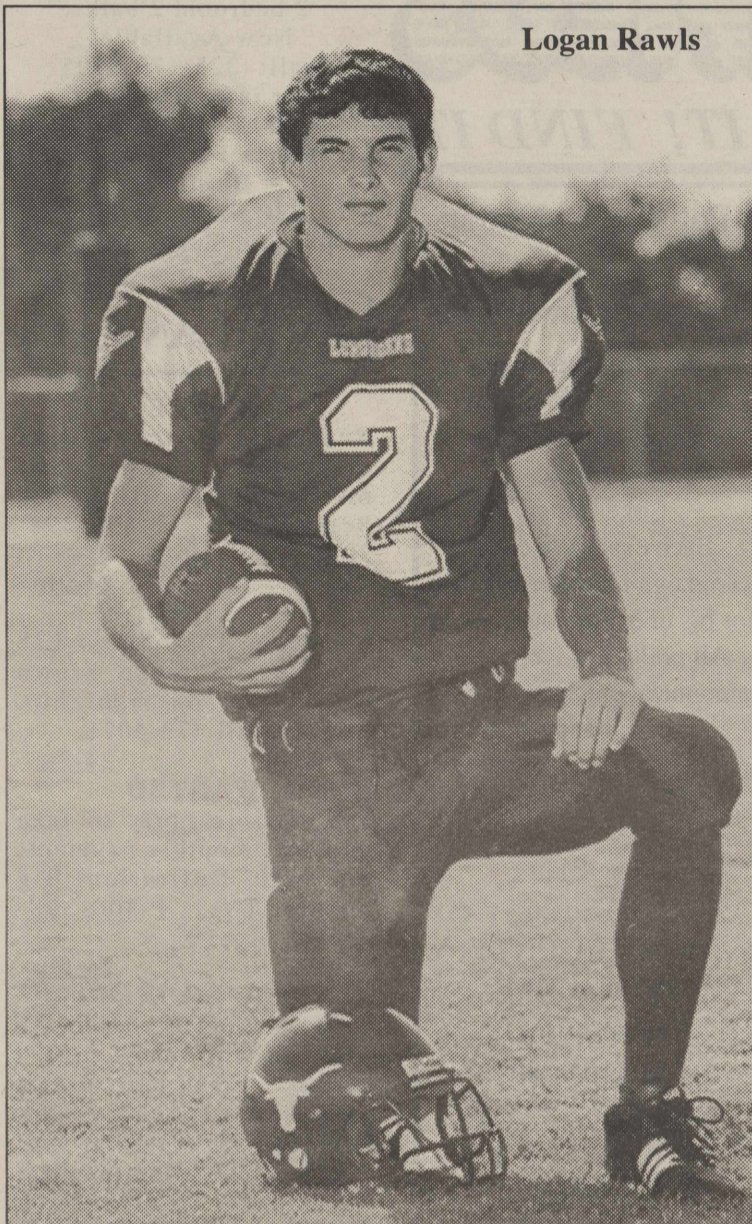
Bronte 7th grade boys basketball results

On Nov. 28th, Bronte defeated Menard 49-12. Bronte scoring: Heath Richey 13, Kerwin Rawls 14, Dakota Rawls 13, Hadley Holland 7, and Jake Cotter 2.

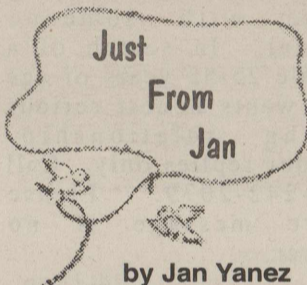
On Dec. 5th, Bronte defeated Robert Lee 51-8. Bronte scoring: Heath Richey 16, Kerwin Rawls 12, Chase Harris 2, Arlis McMullan 2, Hadley Holland 8, and Terron Charles 3.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Logan Rawls



Bronte 7th grade team has an overall record of 4-0.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
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New Year's Resolution: Keep Your Brain Fit

With the new year here, many of us have made resolutions to lose weight, get fit, or otherwise improve our lot. Unfortunately, too many of us let these resolutions slip as soon as the holiday festivities wind down. The good news is, scientists are learning that a few simple lifestyle changes can go a long way in keeping the mind sharp and alert as we age.

While there are many factors that we can't control, such as the genes we inherit, these steps may even help to prevent Alzheimer's years down the road.

1. USE IT OR LOSE IT. The more you challenge your brain and mind, the less likely it may be to fail you. One major study found that seniors who engaged in mentally stimulating hobbies like reading books or playing board games lowered their risk of developing Alzheimer's. The more frequently they engaged in stimulating activities, the

veggies such as kale, spinach, broccoli, blueberries, strawberries, and oranges are particularly rich in cell-protecting antioxidants that can fight damage to brain cells. Nutritionists also recommend plenty of fish such as salmon, tuna, and halibut that are rich in fats called omega-3s, which may protect the brain, heart, and blood vessels. Nuts like almonds, pecans, and walnuts are also a plus. Avoid fast foods, processed foods, saturated fats, and fried foods.

4. DON'T DRINK TO EXCESS. Although a glass or two of wine or beer daily may boost your heart and brain health, heavy or binge drinking can damage the brain - sometimes even permanently. One study found that compared to light drinkers or non-drinkers, heavy drinkers were more likely to have impairments in memory, such as repeating a story or joke to someone they'd already told it to or forgetting to turn off the stove in 10 minutes.

5. SEE YOUR FRIENDS. Maintaining a cherished circle of friends and family throughout the years can boost your mood and help to keep the mind engaged. Even a favored pet, such as a dog that you walk regularly or a cat that offers comfort, can be key to defusing stress and maintaining physical and mental well being.

6. RELAX. This age of cell phones, multi-tasking, and constant environmental stimulation can leave our brains tired and hamper memory. Constant worry can trigger hormones that damage brain cells and leave you feeling tired and distracted. Take time out to focus, concentrate, and de-stress. Enjoy simple pleasures, like listening to a favorite opera or reading a good book. It'll leave you feeling refreshed, alert, and ready to move on in the year ahead.




School Menu

Breakfast

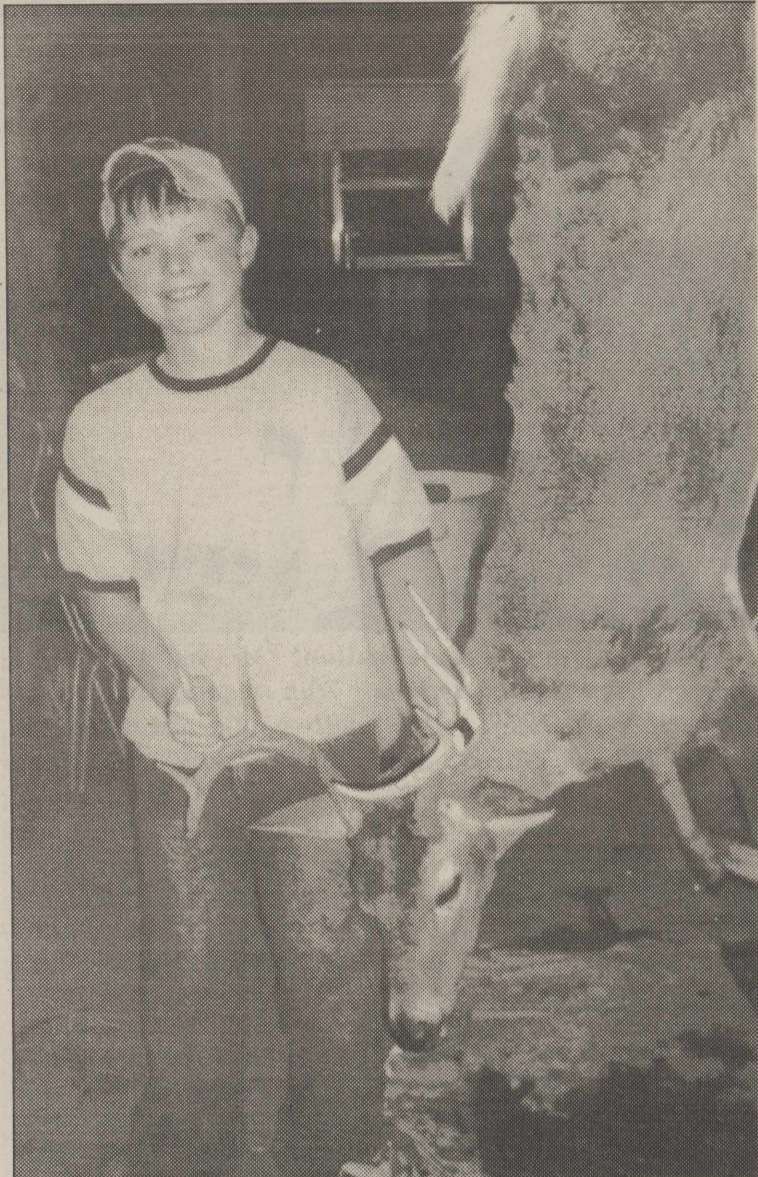
- Monday, Jan. 9**
Cereal, diced pears, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 10**
Breakfast burrito, assorted juice
- Wed., Jan. 11**
Honey bun, assorted juice, toast, milk
- Thurs., Jan. 12**
Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk
- Friday, Jan. 13**
French toast sticks, applesauce, syrup, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 9**
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, fruit cup, pink panther cake, milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 10**
Nacho grande, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, apple, nacho chips, milk
- Wed., Jan. 11**
Chicken spaghetti, sliced peaches, green beans, tossed salad, bread sticks, chocolate pudding, milk
- Thurs., Jan. 12**
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, fruit jello, milk
- Friday, Jan. 13**
Chick Fil-lay sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, sugar cookies, milk

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Ten Point Taken! Ten year old Dawson Brisbin of Robert Lee brought down his first ten point buck on the Joe Harmon Ranch December 30, 2005. Dawson is the son of Jeff and Jana Brisbin of Robert Lee and the grandson of AB Brisbin of Temple and Bob and Beverly Ragsdale of Bronte.



Eight Point Taken! Zachary Walsh bagged his first 8 point buck December 28, 2005, while visiting his grandparents, Harold and Patsy Dunn of Bronte. He shot this nice deer in the neck from 240 yards away with a .30-.06 at Kenneth Lackey's place southwest of Bronte. Zach, an 8th grader from Bealeton, Virginia, and the son of Frances Dunn, is also Kenneth's great-great-nephew.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

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in Ballinger

Is your estate plan in place?

Many of us don't like to think about estate planning, because the process reminds us that we are not going to live forever. Yet if you want something of yourself to live on, you should have a comprehensive estate plan. And the best time to start your estate planning is many years before it will likely be needed.

A good estate plan can help you answer many key questions: Who will make financial decisions for me if I become incapacitated? Who will take care of my kids if I die prematurely? How will my money and property be distributed? How can I avoid probate? Can I reduce, or eliminate, the estate taxes my heirs may face?

To address these and other concerns, you will need to work with your tax and legal professionals to create an estate plan that is appropriate for your needs. You will also need to work with a financial professional to select any investments that may be needed within your estate plan. While working with these people, you may need to consider the following:

*Ownership titles-When it's time for your estate to be settled, the ownership of all your assets-real estate, securities, retirement accounts, etc.-will be an important issue. Your tax and legal advisors can help

you determine which forms of property ownership-such as joint tenancy, sole ownership and tenants in common-are suitable for your needs.

*Beneficiary designations-It's obviously important to name beneficiaries on life insurance policies, annuities and other financial vehicles. But many people don't review their beneficiary designations periodically-and that's a big mistake. If you get divorced and remarried, or if you have a new child,

you will want to change or add beneficiaries. If you forget, your family could go through some major headaches when it's time to settle your estate.

Will-If you don't have a will, your wishes may never be fully honored, because state law will dictate how your assets are divided. And if you have no living relatives, and you die intestate (without a will), your estate will go to the state.

Living Trust-If you only have a will, your assets may have to pass through probate-which can be time-consuming and expensive. But with a properly established living trust, drafted by an experienced attorney, your assets can pass directly to your beneficiaries, without court interference, legal fees, lengthy delays and public disclosure. Also, a living trust can give you more

precise control over how-and when-you want your assets distributed.

Durable General Power of Attorney-When you create a durable general power of attorney, you can appoint another person to conduct your business affairs if you are physically or mentally unable to manage them yourself.

Health Care Directive/Living Will-By establishing a health care directive or living will, you are providing evidence

of your wishes regarding the administration of life-prolonging procedures when you are no longer able to communicate.

Proper Planning Takes Time-It can take months, or even years, to get your estate plans in the shape you want-and you'll still probably need to make changes as you progress through life. So, don't delay. Get started on your estate planning soon. It can be a lot of work-but it's worth the effort.

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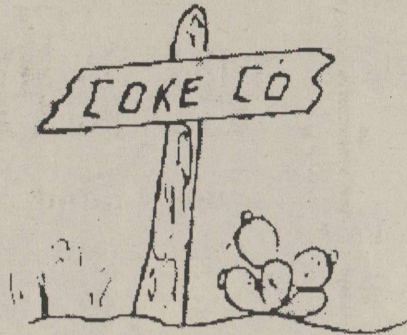
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Wildfires - Are You Ready? Take Protective Measures Before a Wildfire

To prepare for wildfires, you should:

- * Mark the entrance to your property with address signs that are clearly visible from the road.

- * Keep lawns trimmed, leaves raked, and the roof and rain gutters free from debris such as dead limbs and leaves.

- * Stack firewood at least 30 feet away from your residence.

- * Store flammable materials, liquids, and solvents in metal containers outside your residence at least 30 feet away from structures and wooden fences.

- * Create defensible space by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet around your residence. Beyond 30 feet remove dead wood, debris, and low tree branches.

- * Landscape your property with fire resistant plants and vegetation to prevent fire from spreading quickly. For example, hardwood trees are more fire-resistant than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus, or fir trees.

- * Make sure water sources, such as hydrants, ponds, swimming pools, and wells, are accessible to the fire department.

- * Use fire resistant, protective roofing and materials like stone, brick, and metal to protect your residence. Avoid using wood materials. They offer the least fire protection.

- * Cover all exterior vents, attics, and eaves with metal mesh screens no larger than 6 millimeters or 1/4 inch to prevent debris from collecting and to help keep sparks out.

- * Install multi-pane windows, tempered safety glass, or fireproof shutters to protect large windows from radiant heat.

- * Use fire-resistant draperies for added window protection.

- * Have chimneys, wood stoves, and all home heating systems inspected and cleaned annually by a certified specialist.

- * Insulate chimneys and place spark arresters on top. The chimney should be at least 3 feet above the roof.

- * Remove branches hanging above and around the chimney.

Follow Local Burning Laws

Before burning debris in a wooded area, make sure you notify local authorities, obtain a burning permit, and follow these guidelines:

- * Use an approved incinerator with a safety lid or covering with holes no larger than 3/4 inch.

- * Create at least a 10-foot clearing around the incinerator before burning debris.

During a Wildfire

If a wildfire threatens your home and time permits, take the following precautions:

- * Shut off gas at the meter. Only a qualified professional can safely turn the gas back on.

- * Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.

- * Turn off propane tanks.

- * Place combustible patio furniture inside.

- * Connect garden hose to outside taps. Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks. Wet roof.

- * Wet or remove shrubs within 15 feet of your residence.

- * Gather fire tools such as a rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, bucket, and shovel.

- * Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape. Shut doors and roll up windows. Leave the key

in the ignition and the car doors unlocked. Close garage windows and doors, but leave them unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage door openers.

- * Open fireplace damper. Close fireplace screens.

- * Close windows, vents, doors, blinds or noncombustible window coverings, and heavy drapes. Remove flammable drapes and curtains.

- * Move flammable furniture into the center of the residence away from windows and sliding-glass doors.

- * Close all interior doors and windows to prevent drafts.

- * Place valuables that will not be damaged by water in a pool or pond.

If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Choose a route away from the fire hazard. Watch for changes in the speed and direction of the fire and smoke.

10 Simple Steps to Protect Your Home from Wildland Fire

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

1. LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.

2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.

3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stacked lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.

4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid



70th Anniversary Celebration! Mr. and Mrs. James Lee of Bronte celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary December 29, 2005, with a family dinner at Lowake Inn. James Lee and Novella Nixon were married in Ballinger December 24, 1935. The couple has lived in the Brookshire Community all their married life. They were stock farmers and owned a dairy for many years. Hosts for the anniversary party were the couple's children, Jim Lee of Bronte and Judy Coates of Christoval. Five of their grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren were present for the celebration.

build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.

5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.

6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least 3 times the fuel length around all structures.

7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake, and a bucket or two for water.

8. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.

9. Assure that you and your family know all emer-

gency exits from your home.

10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

A few things you should be aware of during these dry, warm periods.

1. Know if there is or is not a burning ban in place for your town, city, or county.

2. If you burn, clear a large area on the ground of any combustible material, such as grass, leaves, and scrap wood, burn only what you want to burn.

3. Do not leave your burn pile unattended and have a hoe at the ready.

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