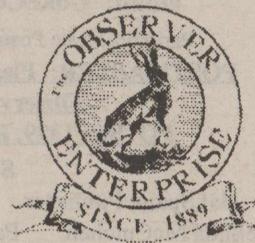


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NIMS certification set for RL

There will be a NIMS certification class in Robert Lee on August 25 and August 26. The class will be held at the EMS building and is required for all CERT team members. Any other individuals who need this class are welcome to attend.

The hours are: Friday, August 25 from 7 pm to 11 pm and Saturday, August 26 from 8 am to 5 pm.

Drinks will be furnished by the CERT team, with a lunch break on Saturday.

Please call Misti at the Sheriff's office to confirm your attendance at 453-2717.

Coke-Sterling FSA Office to be closed

The Coke-Sterling FSA Office in Robert Lee will be closed all day Thursday, August 24, 2006. All employees will be in Midland for a State Office held meeting. The Office will re-open Friday, August 25, 2006 at the usual time for business.

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

Lamb and Goat Validation Tags deadline

Any 4-H or FFA members who wish to show either a lamb or goat at one of the major shows which include Ft. Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston or Star of Texas must have them validated with a an official State Validation Tag. We will order these tags soon. If you need tags, contact the Coke County Extension office

before August 18 and order how many tags you will need. These tags are not necessary for county show projects.

Harriett Community Reunion set

Honoring pioneers, visiting with descending generations, and inhabitants, old and new, will begin at 9 am on Saturday, August 26, in the Northgate Activity Center of Baptist Memorial Center, 140 Northgate Drive, San Angelo, Texas.

For information call 655-0927 or email iedodson@verizon.net.

County pools remain open on weekends

Robert Lee and Bronte swimming pools will remain open after school starts, Saturday and Sunday only, 1 to 6 pm, during the months of August, September and, weather permitting, October.

Season passes are not valid during this time. If cold weather prevents use, the pool will shut down for the season, and see you next year.

CNA classes to be held in Bronte

Certified Nurses Aide classes at Bronte Health & Rehab Center will begin on September 4, 2006. Anyone interested can pick up an application at 900 S. State St. in Bronte or call 473-3621 for more information.

RLISD Open House set for Aug. 22

Robert Lee ISD will host



2006 Rangers! The 2006 TTAB Midget Division Bronte Rangers recently qualified and participated at the state tournament, which was held in Colorado City. The Rangers met the eventual 2006 State Champions in the opening round and played a second game later that evening but, unfortunately, were unsuccessful. The team won the American League district in Winters and went on to the District Tournament in Hawley. They beat the Jim Ned Warriors and the Hawley Jets twice to clinch the District Championship. The core of the team has played together over the last 3 years and has a two-year record of 31 wins and 3 losses. The Bronte Rangers team consists of Jayden Baumann, Ryan Jones, Carson Kelso, Tucker McMullan, Tristan Minjarez, Dalton Ogle, Austin Parker, Payton Prew, Joshua Puentez, Dakota Pullen, Justin Reed, Ean Reyes, Kyler Richards, Jared Scott, Chase Wynne, with pick-up players from Winters, Ty Cortez, Austen Green and Freddy Santoya. The coaches were Conda Richards, Billy Jones and Cory Prew. Congratulations to the players on such a successful season and representing our area very well!

an open house on Tuesday, August 22, from 6 pm to 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Drennan fund established

A college fund has been started for the Grant Drennan family at the Lamesa National Bank, PO Drawer 301, Lamesa, Texas 79331; (806) 872-5457. The Drennan family has two chil-

dren, Brittini, who is 18, and a freshman at Texas Tech University and Carson, 16, who is a junior at Dawson ISD. Their mother, Mindi, is the daughter of Dolores McCabe Seale and the late F.H. (Twister) McCabe, Jr. of Robert Lee.

RLBC to host blood drive

A Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 22 from 3 pm - 6:30 pm. Call 453-2724 to make your appointment today!

Pesticide Applicators License Training set

Producers or landowners who need to obtain a Pesticide Applicators License which is required to purchase and use any Restricted Use Chemical (such as Tordon 22K) must go through a training session that will be conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension and then take the actual test through TDA.

We will be having a training session to become qualified on

September 6 in the courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom, beginning at 9 am. The training will take approximately three hours. There are two manuals that are required that must be ordered prior to the training. If you are interested in attending this training, you need to contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461 to order your manuals or come by to pay for the manuals. There is some reading that must be done prior to the training.

Conaway's Rep. to be in Robert Lee

On Tuesday, August 22, 2006, a representative from Congressman Mike Conaway's San Angelo Regional Office will be in Robert Lee to visit with constituents on a one on one personal basis. The representative will be at the Coke County Courthouse on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. This is an opportunity for constituents to visit with their Congressman's staff, to ask questions, share concerns, and request services.

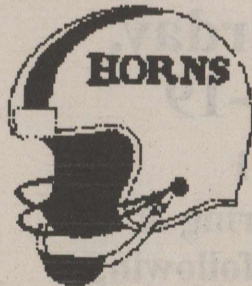
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Obituaries



Tomes

Funeral services for Joy Lonnell Tomes, 74, of Longview, Texas and formerly of Amherst, Texas, who died Thursday, August 10, 2006, at her residence in Longview, Texas, were held at 10:30 Monday, August 14, 2006, at the First Baptist Church of Amherst. Dr. Larry Sanders of Fort Worth, and Rev. Mike Butts, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park, under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Lonnell was born August 29, 1931, to Lonnie and Bonetia Landers at Robert Lee. She graduated from Robert Lee High School in May of 1950 and married Keith Tomes on June 25, 1950. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1994. She and her husband had farmed at Amherst, and operated a dairy there from 1956 to 1964. Lonnell had worked as the produce manager at Pay-N-Save for several years. She may be remembered for her "Nell Tomes' Homemade Goodies" which she baked for the community. She enjoyed bringing cheer to residents of local rest homes and shut-ins. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Amherst, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was also a longtime member of WMU, where she gave stewardship ministries. She enjoyed singing on the radio, and at church, and growing flowers. She had written several books and enjoyed writing poems.

Surviving her are three sons: James Tomes and wife Gabriela, of Longview, and Kenneth and John Tomes, both of Houston; two daughters, Kathleen Tomes of San Diego, California, and Tammy Jordan and husband,

Dennis Smith of Austin; six grandchildren: Kory Smith and wife, Andrea, of Temecula, California; Kasey and Kyle Smith, both of San Diego, California; Ryan and Ross Lindam, both of Austin; Mark Tomes of Longview; one great-grandchild: Mira Bella Marie Smith. Also surviving sisters: Billy Talley of Forney, Nita Hester of San Angelo, and Elaine Bennett of Arlington; brother, Donny Robertson of Robert Lee and stepbrother, Jess Robertson of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were friends from Amherst.

The family suggest memorials be sent to the Texas Home Health Hospice of Longview, 888-234-0943.

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Coke County Library news

The Coke County Library would like to remind all Summer Fun readers to check behind the couch and under the bed for books from the library and when they are found, bring them by. The

drop box on the porch of the Library is available at all times. Books may also be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market. Another thanks to the readers and their parents and caregivers for making the summer program go so well. More than 500 books were checked out to summer readers during the seven weeks of the program. Story Hour at the Library will begin Tuesday, September 12 for all three to five year old children in the county. Story Hour usually begins at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays with a story, a craft project and a treat and video if time allows. Stories are geared to the younger child's attention level and interest. Parents and caregivers are welcomed and younger siblings are welcomed to come with their parents or caregiver. Also, visitors are welcomed during this time as it is always fun to watch young readers start off on a life-long learning trip.

Please call 453-2495 for all Library programs and information, or come by 706 Austin Street.

Letter to the Editor

Hello Hal,
 As usual I'm bellyaching (as my dad use to say).

I am concerned about the high number of people in jail that we pay \$1,000 each month for their incarceration.

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saying. "The only can't in the oil patch is if you can't do it you can't stay."

The same should be said of our County Officials.

Home delivery participants needed

Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Centers have openings for participants in the home delivery meal program. In order to keep this program, more participation is needed. The meals are provided at lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

For enrollment in Robert Lee, please call 453-2314 or 453-4780. In Bronte, the number to contact is 473-6471. Please help spread the word to anyone age sixty or over that could use this service. We don't want to lose the privilege of this wonderful program due to lack of participation.

Public stakeholder meeting set for new EQIP program

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) invites landowners in Tom Green, Concho, Runnels, Coke, Nolan and Taylor Counties to attend a public stakeholder meeting to discuss funding for the Concho Valley Blackcapped Vireo Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The meeting will be held August 28, 2006 from 10 am to 12 pm in the classroom at the Texas A&M facility located at 7887 US Hwy 87

North in San Angelo.

This meeting is being held to discuss the program, determine the level of funding needed and determine conservation practices and cost share incentives that can facilitate recovery of the federally listed black-capped vireo through the reduction of juniper encroachment, and restoration and maintenance of habitat.

"We need input from local ranchers and stakeholders to make this voluntary program successful," states Elisha Kuehn, NRCS assistant state conservationist. "We want them to help us decide conservation practices and incentive funding amounts that will be the most effective in the Concho Valley area to achieve habitat goals for the black-capped vireo."

Representatives from NRCS will explain the voluntary program, discuss the goal of the Concho Valley Black-capped Vireo habitat area, and provide information on recovery, biology and required habitat for this endangered songbird.

"We would like to see enough participation in this habitat improvement program to make significant progress toward the goal of getting the species de-listed," states Kuehn.

"This program provides a new source of funding for brush management in these six counties," Kuehn adds. "And the conservation practices will have added benefits for many types of wildlife and improve livestock forage."

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 (325) 473-4811
 Tim White, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm

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

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

First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
 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

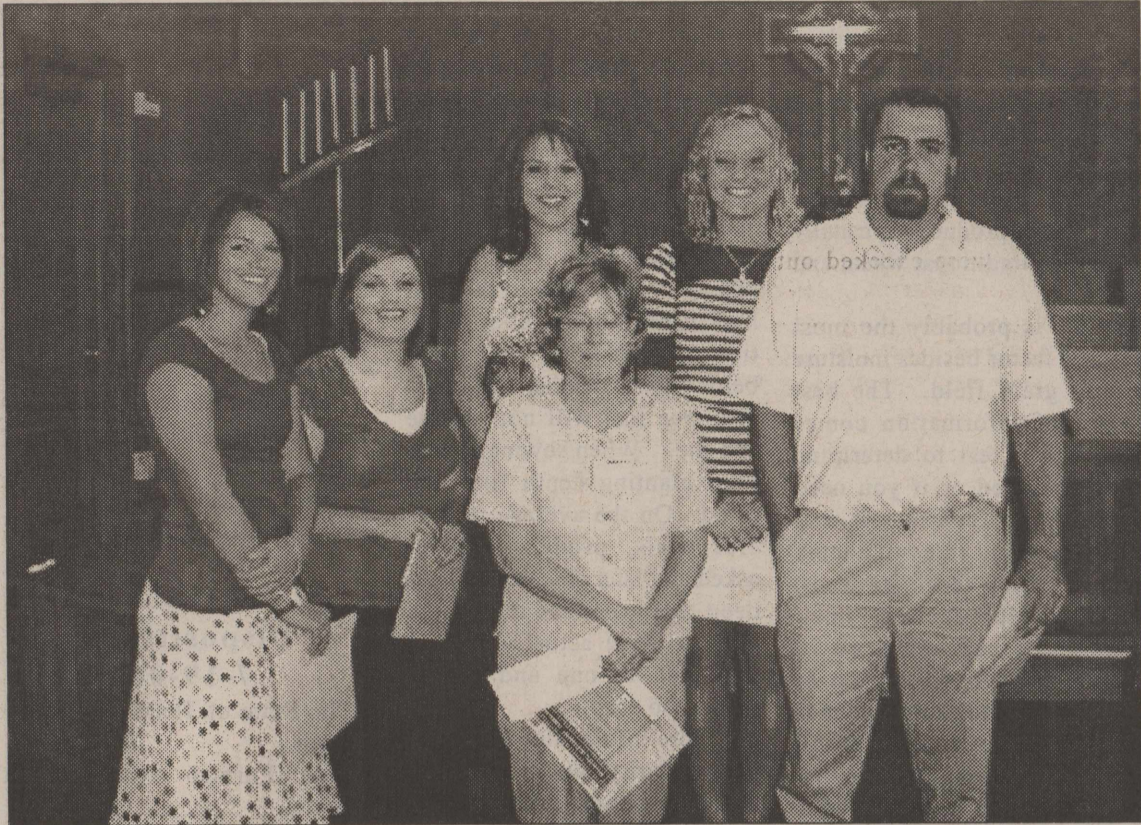
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
 on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
 Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Dr. Kenneth Patrick, Interim 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. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting



Scholarships! The Robert Lee First United Methodist Church announced their 2006 scholarship winners Sunday, August 13, 2006. They included (from left to right) Kelsy Duncan and Dixie Johnson, who were awarded \$400 each for Distance Learning classes from Howard College; Cassidy Wink, \$600 to attend Texas Tech University; Alan Roe (Deone Roe accepting), \$600 for Kerring University in Michigan; Cara Eaton, \$600 to attend Angelo State University; and Brady Bolding, \$600 to attend West Texas Technical.



Look Who's New!

Ezekiel Taylor

Brent and Jamie Taylor of Carrollton are the proud parents of Ezekiel "Zeke" Stover Taylor. He arrived Thursday, August 10, 2006, at 7:26 p.m. Zeke weighed 8 lbs 4.5 oz and was 20 inches long.

His grandparents are Jim and Candy Smith of Plano (formerly of Roscoe) and Stover and Jerita Taylor of Bronte.

Wilson and Dortha Smith of Dallas, Ida Lee Hunter of Roscoe, and Bonnie Taylor of Bronte are his great-grandparents.

RLVFD notes

Mark Sides
Secretary/Treasurer

Meetings are scaled back from weekly to the first and third Mondays of each month. Several members will be attending training in Abilene on August 21st and 22nd. The scheduled meeting on August 21st is now designated as a training meeting rather than a work meeting.

It is important for all fire department members to attend the first September meeting.

The office of Assistant Chief is now vacant. A special election will be held during the first September meeting to fill this position.

The September business meeting is rescheduled to the September 5th due to the Labor Day holiday.

The potential for wildfires is still very high despite some much-needed rainfall in June.

The Robert Lee VFD reminds all Coke County residents to continue exercising caution when it comes to any potential for fire.

TCEQ To hold Public Meeting

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has scheduled a public meeting concerning the air quality permit for an expansion of the TXU Morgan Creek Steam Electric Station. The meeting will be held Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd.

There are two parts to the public meeting: an informal discussion period and a formal comment period. The informal discussion period will begin at 7 p.m. Representatives of the applicant will be on hand to answer questions concerning the permit application. Staff from TCEQ will be available to respond to questions concerning public participation in the permit process, review and assessment of the application, and applicable agency rules and policies.

Following the informal discussion, a formal comment period will begin. During the formal comment period at this meeting, staff will not respond verbally to com-

ments. The formal comments made during this time will be recorded and TCEQ staff will prepare a written response to the comments. That response becomes part of the formal administrative record of the permit application and is distributed to all persons who provide comments or any other party requesting a copy. These formal comments and the responses will be considered by the TCEQ commissioners before they reach a decision on the permit.

Interested parties can also submit written comments prior to and during the meeting. For information on how to submit written comments, call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance at 800-687-4040. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Abilene regional office of the TCEQ, the TCEQ's Austin central office, and at the Mitchell County Courthouse.

Opportunity is sometimes hard to recognize if you're only looking for a lucky break.

Monta Crane

*A Reception Honoring
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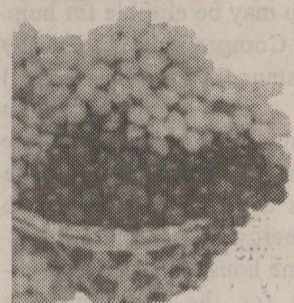
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Coors Beer

\$12.29



Keystone Light 30 pack **\$17.89**

Regular, Light or Select

Budweiser Beer

20 Pack Bottles **\$13.69**



Busch or Natural Light 24 Pack **\$12.69**

RL First United Methodist Pot Luck Dinner held

There were 54 members and friends gathered together enjoying good food and fellowship at the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church Sunday, August 13 with a pot luck dinner following Church Services.

District Program Director, Gini Christian, presented a program on "Welcoming Congregation". Prior to the dinner San Angelo District Supt. David Edgar presented the Church with a 5-Star certificate designating "above and beyond" giving to the mission outreach of the United Methodist Church.

High home heating/cooling energy causing financial hardship

You may be eligible for help. The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) are program intended to make funds available to respond to the energy needs affecting low-income households. To be eligible for the programs the households must meet 125% of the Federal poverty income guidelines. These are not entitlement programs and assistance and payments are made based on need and are subject to the availability of funds. Households are not entitled to a preset amount of assistance.

Priority is given to households that are elderly (60 years and above); Disabled (individuals who are unable to engage in substantial employment by reason of a medically determined physical or mental condition which is determined to last); households with children under 6 years; households with the lowest income that pay the highest portion of their income for home energy; and households that have been on the weatherization waiting list for 2 or more years.

The Concho Valley Community Action administers the CEAP and WAP programs in the Concho Valley. For more information on assistance call 325-653-1680 during our business hours 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Round-Up for Rehab set

Overcoming hard times is not a unique story in West Texas; however, watching a child who suffers disabilities light up because they are able to do something they love is a great testament to what West Texas Rehabilitation Center is all about. Donations to Round-Up for Rehab make it possible for young Micheal and Breanna to reach their goals and full potential whether that's managing the junior high football squad or riding a new tricycle.

Four-year-old Breanna and 13-year-old Michael are much too active to notice that hun-

dreds of ranchers are equally busy. Their goal: Rounding up livestock to sell at special auctions this fall so West Texas Rehabilitation Center can help them overcome the disabling effects of injury or illness.

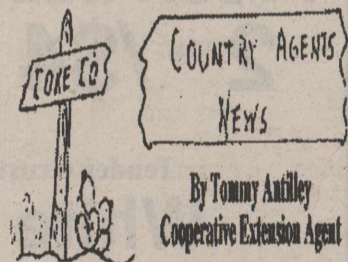
Local Round-Up for Rehab chairmen, Ed Cumbie and Clifton Reed have a simple but sincere message to Coke County area ranchers: Let's help Rehab help Michael, Breanna and 21,000 other Rehab patients this year, many of whom will receive therapy at WTRC-San Angelo.

Fall sales of particular interest to Concho Valley ranchers are the cattle sale September 28 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and the sheep/goat sale October 30 at Junction Stockyards.

WTRC President Woody Gilliland extends a special invitation to everyone in the ag industry to attend one of the sales, donate cash or animals to the project, or notify Rehab of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to WTRC for animals sold later in the year. "For the hundreds of children and adults we serve regardless of financial status, I thank everyone for supporting this critical fundraising program," said Gilliland.

Honorary Round-Up chairman for the third consecutive year is legendary cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall.

Information Round-Up sale dates and arrangements for hauling donated animals are available through local chairmen or WTRC-San Angelo 223-6300. Also, additional information about Rehab Center services is available at WTRC's website: www.westtexasrehab.org.



Preparation for Small Grain Production

There are several important factors to consider this year before we get ready to sow our grain fields. What could be the most important and deciding factor is seed source. With a very depressed harvest of seed last year, most seed companies will have a shortage on certain varieties and you can be assured that all of them will be higher in price this year. First, you need to decide if you are going to harvest for grain or as most of us in this area do, raise strictly a forage crop. Regardless of your decision, there are several newer varieties that will perform well. If you are going strictly for grain production, there is no need to be in a hurry to sow. Planting later in the fall will conserve moisture, if we get any and allow the wheat to utilize this moisture for spring growth. If you are trying to raise forage, several of the fairly new beard-

less varieties afford tremendous forage production and also because of the lack of beards or awns, livestock will graze the plant longer. Triticale is another option that afford for good forage production, usually more than traditional wheat and oats.

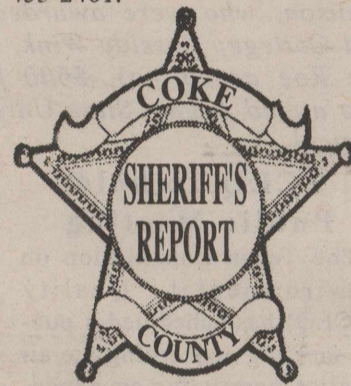
Fertility is probably the most limiting factor besides moisture in any grain field. The best source of information comes from a soil test to determine what you need or if you need anything. Without a soil test, there are some rules of thumb in determining fertilizer needs. For forage production, small grains will use about 60-70 pounds of nitrogen per ton of forage produced, 20-40 pounds of phosphorous and 20-40 pounds of potassium. Another way of figuring fertility used is every 100 pounds of beef produced per acre will require 30-40 pounds of nitrogen. For grain production, it takes 2 pounds of nitrogen to produce one bushel of grain. If grain is to be grazed, apply two-thirds at planting and other third in spring if moisture warrants. For grain, apply 30-40% at planting and the rest in spring. Over the last 15 years, small grain researchers have determined very consistently that phosphorous applied deep in the root zone has increased forage potential from 35% to over 200%. Phosphorous does not move in the soil like nitrogen, it may move only about 1/4 inch even with good rains. If the phosphorous is applied on the soil, the feeder roots cannot pick it up. Applied 6-8 inches in the root zone, it can be utilized and has shown to increase tillers and forage production (as well as grain production) immensely. If you cannot deep apply your phosphorous, you are simply wasting that money using it.

Even if we get needed moisture soon, planting date can determine water usage. Through extensive research trials, it has been shown that grain planting early in the season, August through September will use most of the available moisture before spring, resulting in lower forage production in spring. In contrast, grain sowed in November couldn't use all of the moisture and produced most of its forage in the spring. October planting produced about half of its forage in the fall and half in the spring. If you need early grazing, plant early, if you need spring grazing, plant later in the fall or use a combination and sow some fields early and some later. You can then rotate livestock between fields for optimum utilization. Regardless of timing of planting, early sown grain will not germinate until soil temperatures reach below 80 degrees.

Field preparation is also very important. Small grains need to be sown in a weed free, firm seed bed. This firm seed bed is very important to germination of small grains. One of the worst practices is to sow grain

directly behind a tandem in loose soil, mainly because you cannot determine planting depth. All grains have a predetermined length of the first true leaf that comes out of the seed. These range from an inch and a quarter for dwarf varieties up to about two to two and half inches for the taller varieties. If you plant your grain below these depths, the seeds first true leaf will not emerge and die. When sowing, check your planting depth first and often. On the average in several trials, producers when asked and later checked on how deep they were sowing on the average were actually sowing one inch to one and a half inches too deep.

For more information on varieties, maturity rate or anything concerning small grain production contact the Coke County Cooperative Extension office at 453-2461.



Arrests/ Charges Filed July 2006

- Feemster, Mariah
Driving While Intoxicated 1st
7-2-06;
- Hambright, Randall
Attempted Capital Murder
7-2-06
- Young, Randall
Boating While Intoxicated
7-3-06;
- Gonzales, Daniel
Injury to and Elderly X 2
Assault X 2
7-8-06;
- Brooks, Billy
Driving While License Invalid
7-9-06;
- Wells, Ricky
Possession of Marijuana
7-10-06;
- Rogers, Arthur
Assault on a Public Servant
7-12-06;
- Briggs, Christopher
Assault on a Public Servant
7-12-06;
- Wade, Wesley
Assault on a Public Servant
7-12-06;
- Radloff, Kailea

- Minor in Possession of Alcohol
3rd
7-16-06;
- Miller, Atom
Furnish Alcohol to a Minor
7-16-06;
- Igwilo, Christopher
Furnish Alcohol to a Minor
7-16-06;
- Merritt, Michael
Resisting Arrest
7-20-06;
- Debbrecht, Robert
Driving While License Invalid
7-26-06;
- Crabb, Jeremy
Driving While License Invalid
7-29-06;

County Court Dispositions 7-19-06

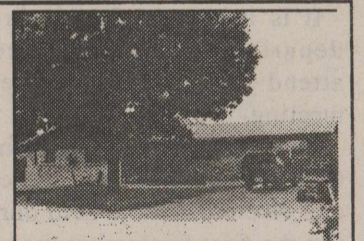
- The State of Texas vs. Jeffrey Hopson
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Plea: Fine \$400.00, Court Cost \$224.00, 6 Months Deferred Adjudication;
- The State of Texas vs. Roxann Nunez
Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz.
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- The State of Texas vs. Jennifer Arredondo
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- The State of Texas vs. Jerry Tounget
Charge: DWI 2nd
Plea: Fine \$1000.00, Court Cost \$336.00, 12 Months Probation, 180 Day Driver's License Suspension, Serve 3 Days in Jail, Credit for 2 Days Served;
- The State of Texas vs. Lydia Lara
Charge: Driving While License Suspended
Plea: Fine \$200.00, Court Cost \$224.00, 6 Months Deferred Adjudication;

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- The State of Texas vs. Thomas Jones Jr.
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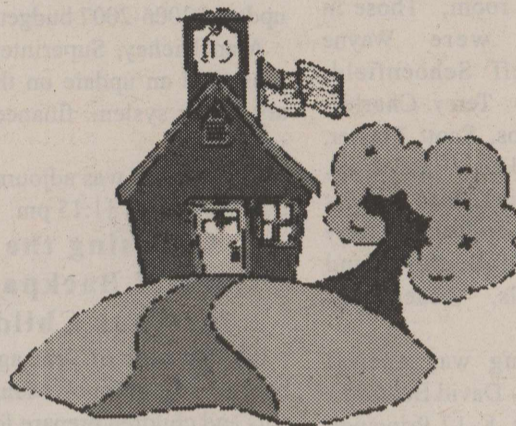
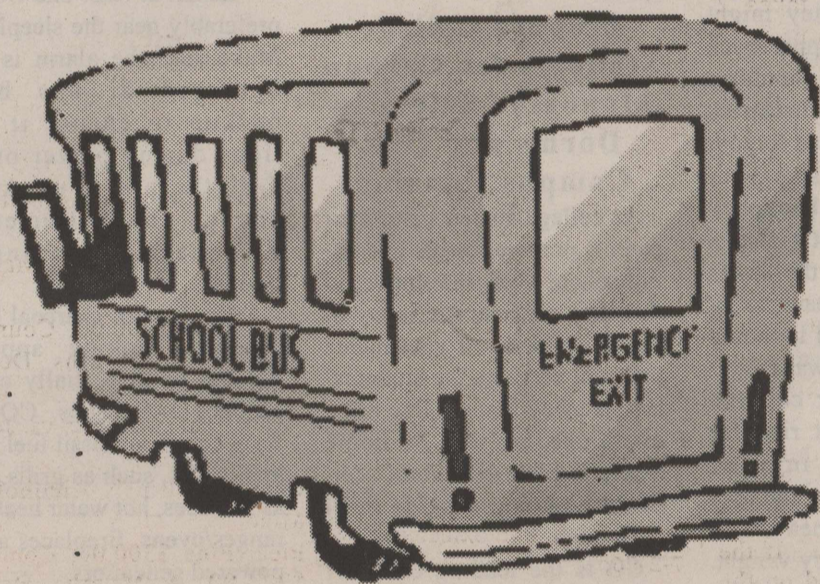


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Provide Protection

The time spent traveling in the car puts drivers at risk for skin cancer. The first ever in vitro study showing that window film on glass protects against photoaging, skin cancer and ocular damage was presented this spring by Eric R. Bernstein, M.D., at the annual meeting of American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. The in vitro testing of glass fitted with LLumar UVShield(R) window film reduced transmitted radiation of all UVA and UVB frequencies by 99.6 percent.

UVA rays can easily penetrate car windows, making both drivers and passengers susceptible to skin damage and skin cancer. This is especially significant since car travel is at an all time high. Nearly 10 million American commuters now spend more than an hour driving to work each day -- up 50 percent from 1990. And, 3.4 million of those 10 million people travel more than 90 minutes one way. With more than 90% of all skin cancers caused by sun exposure, these so-called "extreme commuters" need to take special precautions to protect themselves while driving.

"Most people do not realize their skin is not fully protected

when they are behind glass," said William Morsion, MD, Chairman of The Skin Cancer Foundation's Photobiology Committee. "UV-protective film is an effective way to reduce exposure to rays while driving."

UVA rays penetrate into the deeper layers of the skin and has long been thought to play a major part in skin aging and wrinkling. However, recent studies strongly suggest that it may also initiate and exacerbate the development of skin cancers. UVA rays are present during all daylight hours and throughout the winter months. Thus, we are exposed to large doses of UVA throughout our lifetime.

Babies and children are especially at risk because they sit in the back in car seats where none of the glass offers UVA protection. "This is especially alarming because young skin is even more vulnerable to sun damage," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Just one blistering sunburn in childhood more than doubles a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life."

Professional installation of UV-protective films is usually required. Look in the yellow pages under "glass tinting" or "glass coatings" for a dealer

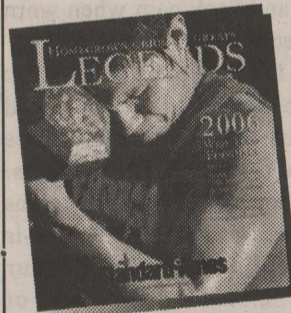
near you. Laws on auto glass are based on visible light transmission and vary from state-to-state. UV-blocking window film is clear and legal in all 50 states. LLumar UV Shield(R), 3M Consumer and Panorama all carry the Foundation's Seal of Recommendation which ensures that a sun protection product is safe and effective. For more information about the Seal, visit www.skincancer.org.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global nonprofit organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of The Skin Cancer Foundation is to reduce the incidence of skin cancer through the promotion of prevention, early detection, and effective treatment of skin cancer. For more information about the Foundation, call 1-800-SKIN-490.

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*Thanks again,
John & Linda
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Meet the Longhorns set for August 21

"Meet the Longhorns" will be held on Monday, August 21, at 7 pm at the Bronte Park. Project Graduation will sponsor a barbecue dinner beginning at 6 pm. Please come and support the Longhorns!

BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on August 10, 2006, at 7:30 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Gary Acker, Terry Charles, Kendall Gibbs, Scott Frasier, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Michael Bohensky, Terry Marrs, David Bedford, and Donna Poehls. Absent was Bob Frazee.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Terry Marrs, K-12 Principal, Michael Bohensky, Assistant Secondary Principal, Donna Poehls, Assistant Elementary Principal, and David Bedford, CCJJC Principal gave reports on staff.

Homecoming activities and Bronte Exes Association were discussed with: Brenda Hines, Jeanna Kay Lee, Gail Sartain, Lisa Gibbs, and Heather Lee.

The board approved to go out for bids on parking lot,

approved Update 78 as presented, approved Texas Association of Public Schools Property and Liability Fund for property and vehicle insurance, accepted bid on removal of the house on 409 S. Jefferson, approved contract between Bronte ISD and Coke County on leasing voting machines, approved report on certified tax roll, and set school activity passes at 60.00. The board reviewed the 2005-2006 budget and were presented with an updated 2006-2007 budget.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, presented an update on the salary factor system, finances and vehicles.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:15 pm.

Choosing the Correct Backpack for Your Child

It's that time of year again--back-to-school time! Many parents and children prepare for that first day of school by doing some back-to-school shopping, which often involves buying new clothing, pens, pencils, paper, markers, etc. However, backpacks are one of the biggest necessities for both college-aged and younger students, and it's important to choose wisely.

There are so many backpacks to choose from, and choosing the right one for your child is not always easy. Backpacks come in all sizes, colors, fabrics, and shapes--all of which help kids express their own sense of style. As practical as backpacks are for those who use them, backpacks can cause strained muscles and joints and back pain when worn incorrectly.

The human spine is made up of 33 bones called vertebrae, and between the vertebrae are discs that act as shock absorbers. When something heavy--such as a backpack filled with books--is incorrectly placed on your child's shoulders, the force of that extra weight can pull your child backwards. To compensate, your child may bend forward at the hips or arch his or her back, which can cause your child's spine to compress unnaturally. Because of the heavy weight he or she is carrying, your child might begin to develop shoulder, neck, and back pain. What can we do about this? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that before you purchase a backpack, look for the following five criteria:

*Choose a lightweight backpack that doesn't add a lot of weight to your child's load. For example, although leather backpacks look cool, they weigh more than traditional canvas backpacks.

*Choose a backpack with two wide, padded shoulder straps. Straps that are too narrow can dig into shoulders.

*Choose a backpack that has a

padded back, which provides increased comfort and protects the wearer from being poked by sharp edges (such as pencils, rulers, notebooks, etc.) inside the backpack.

*Choose a backpack that has a waist belt, which helps distribute the weight more evenly across the body.

*Choose a backpack that has multiple compartments, which also helps distribute weight more evenly.

Although most backpacks come with two shoulder straps, this doesn't mean that your kids will use both straps! Many kids wear their backpacks over just one shoulder, which is the wrong thing to do. This makes the person lean to one side to offset the extra weight, and they might develop lower and upper back pain and strain their shoulders and neck. Wearing the backpack incorrectly can also lead to poor posture. So, make sure your children wear the backpack using both straps. It's also a good idea to tighten the straps enough for the backpack to fit close to the body, and it should sit 2 inches above the waist.

Girls and younger children may be especially at risk for backpack-related injuries because they're smaller and may carry loads that are heavier in proportion to their body weight. Doctors recommend that people--especially children--carry backpacks that are no more than 10-15 percent of their body weight. For example, if a child weighs 80 pounds, 15 percent of his or her body weight is 12 pounds. So, for an 80 pound child, the backpack and its contents should not weigh more than 12 pounds--but remember, lighter is always better.

Lifting and Positioning Backpacks

Children also need to know how to lift and position their backpack. Improper lifting can cause damage. Teach your children these four simple steps to safely lift their backpacks:

1. Face the backpack before you lift it.
2. Bend at the knees.
3. Using both hands, check the weight of the backpack.
4. Lift with your legs, not your back.
5. Carefully put one shoulder strap on at a time; never sling the backpack onto one shoulder.

Another Option

Another option to consider when purchasing backpacks is to look for a backpack on wheels. However, these types of backpacks may be less practical than traditional backpacks because they're difficult to pull up stairs. If you're thinking about purchasing a rolling backpack for your child, contact the child's school first to be sure that they are allowed. Many schools don't allow rolling backpacks because they pose a tripping hazard in the hallways.

Bronte High School Football Schedule

August 19	Scrimmage-Roby	Here	10:00
August 25	Scrimmage-Baird	There	6:00
September 1	Cross Plains	There	7:30
September 8	Rotan	Here	7:30
September 15	Open		
**September 22	Wipters	Here	7:30
*September 29	Sterling City	There	7:30
*October 6	Eldorado	Here	7:30
*October 13	Menard	There	7:30
*October 20	Irion County	Here	7:30
*October 27	Forsan	There	7:30
*November 3	Miles	Here	7:30
*November 10	Christoval	There	7:30

* District Games **Homecoming

By following these guidelines, your child will start off this school year with a healthy back!

Prepare College Students for Carbon Monoxide Safety in Dorms and Off-Campus Housing

As college students and their parents prepare for the upcoming school year, it's important that they consider the safety of the dormitories or apartments that will serve as the students' homes away home. One often overlooked aspect of home safety is protection from accidental carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

CO is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. In mid-July, one person tragically died and more than 100 others were sent to the hospital following a CO incident stemming from a water heater malfunction in a residence hall at Roanoke College in Virginia. The dormitory had no CO alarms installed, but the college has since taken steps to install alarms.

The American College of Emergency Physicians and First Alert would like to remind students and their parents to be aware of CO safety practices and recognize the symptoms of CO poisoning. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

* Ask dorm officials or landlords in advance if residences are equipped with working CO alarms. If they aren't, supply your own alarm, as having a

CO alarm is virtually the only way to detect this invisible, odorless and tasteless gas.

* Install at least one CO alarm, preferably near the sleeping area. Make sure the alarm is battery operated or has battery backup to ensure it functions during power outages. Test the alarm weekly and change the batteries with each daylight saving time change.

* Never burn charcoal or other outdoor cooking appliances indoors or in partially enclosed porches or garages. CO comes from common, fossil fuel burning appliances, such as grills, as well as furnaces, hot water heaters, gas ranges/ovens, fireplaces and gas-powered generators.

* Don't ignore the alarm if it sounds, even if you feel fine. CO alarms are designed to go off before you feel the effects of CO. Immediately move everyone outside to a source of fresh air and dial 911. Do not re-enter until emergency responders find the source of CO and provide further instruction.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning can mimic common symptoms associated with the flu, so it is important that people know its signs and symptoms," said Dr. Frederick Blum, president of ACEP. "At mild to moderate exposure levels, these symptoms can include headache, nausea, vomiting, confusion and fatigue. And at extreme levels, a person can suffer convulsions, unconsciousness and even death in as little as 15 minutes."

To learn more about carbon monoxide safety and how to protect yourself from other home hazards, visit www.firstalert.com



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Aug. 21

Cereal, peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 22

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Thursday, Aug. 24

Donut, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Friday, Aug. 25

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Aug. 21

Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, roll, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Corn dog, tator tots, macaroni & cheese, fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), broccoli, fruit jello, crackers, milk

Thursday, Aug. 24

Taco's with cheese, tossed salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit cup, taco shell, sugar cookies, milk

Friday, Aug. 25

Ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, orange half, bread, chips, cinnamon roll, milk

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Bronte Junior High Football Schedule

September 7	Rotan	There	5:00
September 14	Open		
September 21	Winters	There	5:00
September 28	Sterling City	Here	5:30
October 5	Eldorado	There	5:30
October 12	Menard	Here	5:30
October 19	Irion County	There	5:30
October 26	Forsan	Here	5:30
November 2	Miles	There	5:30
November 9	Christoval	Here	5:30

Regions Of Texas Heritage Trail

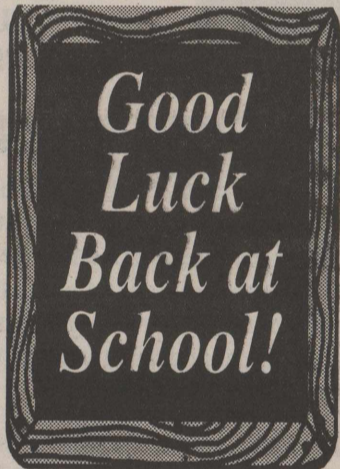
During the popular vacation month of August, gather your family, pack up the car and head out to one of the 10 Texas Heritage Trail Program (THTP) regions waiting to be explored. With all 10 of the regions active, celebrate all Texas has to offer by utilizing the program that serves as the cornerstone for the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) award-winning regional tourism initiative.

Based around 10 scenic driving trails, the routes incorporate the perfect partnership between historic preservation and tourism. The heritage regions included in the program are: Texas Brazos Trail Region, Forest Trail Region, Forts Trail Region, Hill Country Trail Region, Lakes Trail Region, Independence Trail Region, Mountain Trail Region, Pecos Trail Region, Plains Trail Region and Tropical Trail Region.

The award-winning THTP has sparked a resurgence in Texas travel and has helped boost economic

development throughout the state. Because of this success, the THC was one of 45 recent recipients of grant funding through the Preserve America initiative. This funding will be used to develop a heritage tourism guidebook and conduct a series of workshops to train community representatives.

For more information contact the THC's Community Heritage Development Division at 512/463-6092 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us/heritagetourism/htdefault.html to plan your trip through the heritage regions. For a brochure call 866/276-6219.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Bronte ISD will hold a public meeting at 6 pm. on August 31, 2006 in the Bronte ISD Boardroom at 210 South Jefferson Street Bronte, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.32570 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.00000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	15.00000	% increase	or	0.00000	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000	% increase	or	0.00000	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	15.00000	% increase	or	0.00000	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 177,777,900.00	\$ 184,618,115.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 535,594.00	\$ 659,515.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 67,821,016.00	\$ 73,773,963.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 510,090.00	\$ 628,110.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.45000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.45000	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 7,740.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.28570	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.28570	\$ 1,732.00	\$ 8,085.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.32570	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.32570	\$ 1,786.00	\$ 8,085.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 49,453.00	\$ 50,487.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 24,562.00	\$ 24,890.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.33
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 356.15	\$ 331.04
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (25.11)

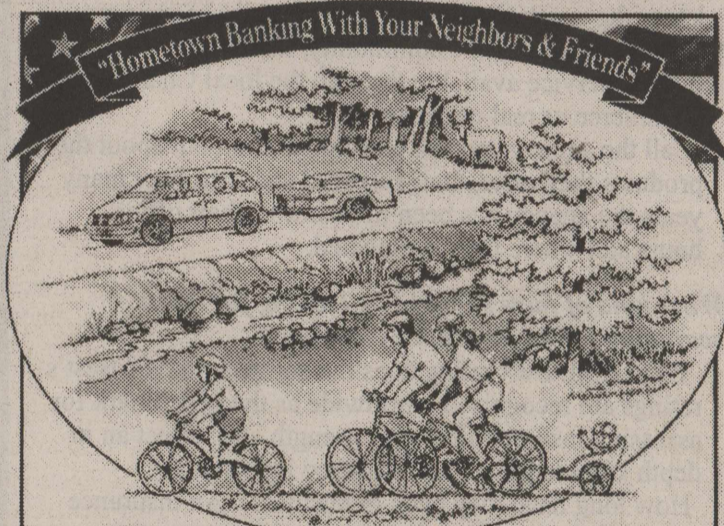
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.33. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.33.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 619,506.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00



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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL All Sports

Booster Club news

Members of the All Sports Booster Club met on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 7 pm, for their 1st regular weekly meeting, at the high school library for the election of 2006-2007 officers. Those officers elected were Tom Sawyer, President; Kevin Roe, Vice President; Cynthia Dillard, Secretary; Patty Percifull, Treasurer; and Mary Rodriguez, Reporter.

Meet the Steers set for August 19

Come out on Saturday, August 19 to Meet the Steers! The first football scrimmage will be in Robert Lee against Veribest at 10 am. The Steer and Dogie football teams, Cross Country Teams, Cheerleaders, Band members, sponsors and coaching staff will be introduced. Meals of hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served by the Booster Club, with donations accepted. Membership dues will be taken as well. New Steer caps are on order and will be available by the first game.

All photos for Steer and Dogie spirit buttons will also be taken on Saturday, August 19. Button photos are taken one day only. Order forms are available at school and at Meet the Steers!

Anyone is welcome to be a part of the Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club to help support our youth and school. Weekly meetings have been changed to Monday at 7 pm in the High School Library.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Aug. 21

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Thursday, Aug. 24

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Friday, Aug. 25

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Aug. 21

Bean chalupa, cheese, salad, Spanish rice, mandarin oranges, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Chicken spaghetti, carrots or carrot sticks, roll, cantaloupe, milk

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Ham & cheese sub, salad, pickles, baked chips, apple, milk

Thursday, Aug. 24

Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk

Friday, Aug. 25

Chicken patty on bun, pickles, salad, tator tots, peaches, milk

Come on out to Meet the Steers day on Saturday, August 19 and watch the Steers scrimmage the Veribest Falcons. Your support is important to our community students, sponsors, and school administration. See you there!

School Lunch Preparation Tips

As parents dust off their children's lunch boxes and prepare for another year of packing school meals, a registered dietitian offers several tips for keeping lunches safe and nutritious. Children need the proper fuel to get through an afternoon of lessons and activities. These tips can help to get the school year off to a good start with healthy and nutritious lunches.

1. Keep cold foods cold. Use an ice pack and an insulated bag. You also can use a frozen juice box to keep other foods cold. By lunchtime, it will be thawed enough for your child to drink.

2. Keep hot foods hot. Use an unbreakable thermos that will keep foods above 140 degrees until lunchtime. Pre-heat the thermos with hot water before placing food in it.

3. Use containers specifically designed for carrying food.

4. Discard leftovers. Also be

sure to wash containers, bags and lunch boxes thoroughly.

5. Follow the food pyramid. Ideally, lunch should include two servings of fruits and/or vegetables; one serving of low-fat milk, yogurt or cheese; one or two servings from the grain group; one serving from the meat group; and small amounts of food from the tip of the food pyramid for added pleasure. At the very least, a good rule of thumb is to include at least three of the five food groups. A sandwich is a good way to include many of the food groups. Add some fruit and low-fat milk as the beverage, and you're well on your way to a balanced meal.

6. Involve the kids. They're more likely to eat what's in their lunch if they helped plan and prepare it.

7. Fight food boredom. Some younger children may be satisfied with, or even insist on, having the same thing every day. But if they get a little bored, use different kinds of breads, such as pita pockets, tortilla wraps or English muffins. Try cutting sandwiches, fruits and vegetables into different shapes to vary the look and texture. Make kabobs with fruits and vegetables on a straw and send along low-fat yogurt or salad dressing as a dip. Pack dry cereal or gra-

Robert Lee High School Football Schedule

August 19	Scrimmage-Veribest	Here	10:00
August 25	Scrimmage-Panther Creek	There	6:00
September 1	Rankin	There	7:30
September 8	Borden County	Here	7:30
September 15	Santa Anna	There	7:30
September 22	Eden	Here	7:30
September 29	Trent	There	7:30
***October 6	Rochelle	Here	7:30
October 13	Open		
*October 20	Ira	Here	7:30
*October 27	Highland	There	7:30
**November 3	Water Valley	Here	7:30
*November 10	Westbrook	There	7:30

* District Games **Homecoming ***Parents Night

nola to mix into yogurt, and give them pretzels or rice cakes instead of potato chips.

8. Pack lunches the night before. If morning is hectic at your house, try packing lunches while you're clearing away supper. When preparing fresh fruits and vegetables for dinner, place some in containers for use in lunches the next day.

9. Buy ready-to-eat items.

For convenience, many products also can be purchased in individual-sized serving packages.

Or if you prefer, buy foods in larger quantities and repackage them in small plastic containers, store properly, then grab and use as needed.

10. Allow for special treats. Pack cookies or a snack bar, or include a special note from mom or dad.



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Selecting an Agent

It's important to not only choose the right insurance coverage but, more importantly, to select the ideal insurance agent. As an agent, it is my responsibility to make sure you make the most informed decision when determining your insurance needs. To help you find the right agent and insurance company, here are some helpful tips I'd like to share.

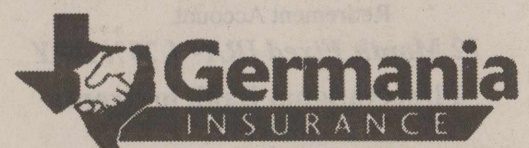
How do I find the right agent or agency?

- Ask your friends and neighbors. They will most likely know the reputation of different agencies in your area.
- If you are new to the community, there may be a referral service available through the local Chamber of Commerce or real estate agency.
- Call the agency and ask questions. Find out about the products they offer, their financial stability, how many years the agency has been in business, their office hours and where they are located.

What kind of facts should I be looking for when searching for an insurance company?

- What A.M. Best rating does the company have? Best's ratings are recognized worldwide as the benchmark for assessing insurers' financial strength and reflect an in depth knowledge of the insurance industry.
- How long have they been in business? An insurance company that has been in business for many years tends to be more financially secure.
- Check out the company's website. It's a great way to learn more.

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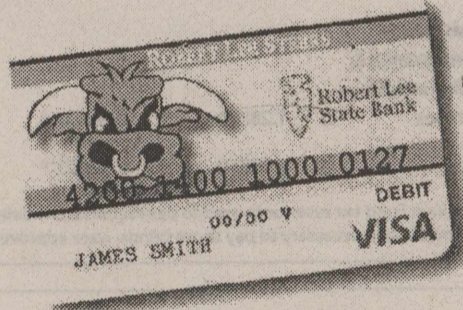
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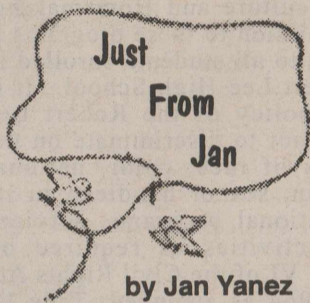
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August 31	Rankin	Here	7:00 JV
September 7	Borden Co.	There	6:00 JV/JH
September 14	Santa Anna	Here	5:00 JV/JH
September 21	Eden	There	5:00 JV/JH
September 28	Trent	Here	5:00 JV/JH
October 5	Westbrook	Here	5:00 JV/JH
October 12	Open		
October 19	Ira	There	5:00 JV/JH
October 26	Highland	Here	5:00 JV/JH
November 2	Water Valley	There	5:00 JV/JH



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

The School Year - What Happens Between August and May?

Children begin to exhibit a certain restlessness by the end of July. They have grown weary of their summer activities and even their best friends and are ready for school.

Once the anticipation of the first day of school has passed, students, teachers, and parents settle into a routine, characteristic of the school year. The rhyme and meter that develops between August and May is the steady heartbeat of education.

The educational calendar divides the year into segments, each with benchmarks for measuring student progress. These segments are also subdivided to allow for progress reports or student conferences that inform parents about how their child is doing. These mini-glimpses give parents and students a chance to address any deficiencies, while affording students additional opportunities to succeed.

The start of school includes an organized review for students, preliminary testing, and student observation. Teachers spend the first few days of school reviewing records and orienting students, while gaining valuable insight into individual needs. The curriculum is introduced, and students begin the learning process quickly. We have no time to waste.

It is not long before the first report cards are tabulated. With the end of daylight-saving time comes a nip in the air that indicates that the athletic season is in full swing.

Before the next progress reports are due, Thanksgiving arrives and students gear up for the winter holidays. School

fine arts programs focus on these special days and draw from them various themes for many of their activities.

Instruction continues after the new year, and students are active on indoor courts. Soon, students begin taking the Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills (TAKS) Tests required by the State of Texas. These tests measure what students know and compare this knowledge to that of their peers across the state.

Spring brings a return to the outdoors. Spring break provides relief from studies before teachers begin final assessments.

During the last few weeks, schools hold celebrations which include award presentations, promotion ceremonies, prom and, of course, graduation. The year then concludes, bringing a sense of achievement for both students and staff.

The rhythm of the school year is unique. It is fast-paced: packed with learning, growth, and feelings of accomplishment. It sets the tempo for education. For educators and parents alike, it is always astonishing to notice and reflect upon just how much students have grown in the short period between August and May. Please contact your school to find out how you can help facilitate this growth and ensure a successful school year for all involved.

Parenting Tips

*Be ready - gather materials required for your child's classes in advance

*Promptly complete and return all forms sent home by the school. If questions or concerns arise, talk to your child's teacher.

*Plan a routine to aid success in school. Establish a time for homework, a regular bedtime for younger children, and a curfew for older students

*Participate in parent-teacher conferences

*Enjoy the school year - it passes all too quickly

What a pleasure life would be to live if everybody would try to do only half of what he expect others to do.

William J.H. Boetcker

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:45 PM, August 30, 2006 in the Library of Robert Lee High School, 1223 Harrison St.

Robert Lee, Tx. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.37000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.00000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	11.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	11.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 257,100,940.00	\$ 285,793,238.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 754,978.00	\$ 735,168.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 125,849,866.00	\$ 146,798,732.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 718,170.00	\$ 700,160.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(9), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.50000	\$ 7,248.00	\$ 2,434.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.33010	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.33010	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,205.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.37000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.37000	\$ 7,210.00	\$ 2,218.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 46,445.00	\$ 47,206.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 22,158.00	\$ 24,289.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.37
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 332.34	\$ 332.75
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 0.41

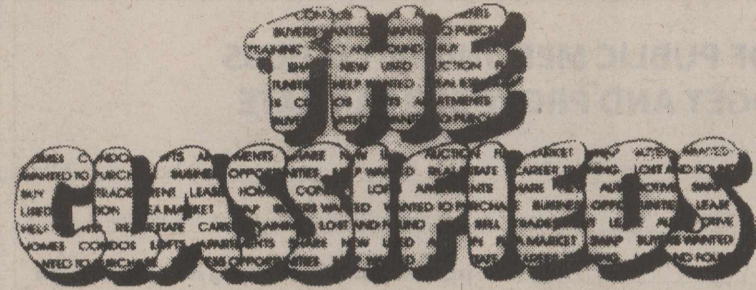
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3705. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.3705.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 745,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00



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 Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.
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 Roy Blair
 Hal Spain
COKE COUNTY TREASURER
 Phelan Wrinkle
 Andra Arrott
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
 Robert Feil
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
 Bobby Blaylock
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1
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 Marshall Millican

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NOTICES

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE
 The WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 9:00 am on August 28, 2006 at WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, 307 W. 8th, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2006. The proposed tax rate is 0.25000 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT by 13.31% percent.
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 offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture and Homemaking. Admission to these programs is open to all students enrolled in Robert Lee High School. It is the policy of the Robert Lee ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION

issued out of the Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County, Texas, in and for the 134th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, on the 30th day of June, 2006, in the case of Osborne Brothers Construction, Inc. versus John A. March, Case Number DC-87-16019-G, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 25th day of July, 2006, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock am and 4 o'clock pm, on September 5, 2006, at the courthouse door of said Coke County, Texas, in the town of Robert Lee, Texas, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all of the right, title and interest which John A. March, also known as John Abe March IV, had on the 3rd day of December, 1987, or any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: All those lands as described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and in that certain Partition Deed, from Lela March Neill, Lucille March Stone and John Abe March (Grantors), to Lela March Neil, Lucille March Stone and John Abe March (Grantees), dated February 22, 1939, duly recorded in Volume 77, Page 569, Deed Records of Coke County, Texas SAVE AND EXCEPT, those lands described on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and in that certain Sheriff/Constable Deed Real Estate from Marshall Millican, Sheriff, Coke County, Texas, to First Republic Bank, Abilene, N.A. dated July 7, 1987, recorded in Volume 255, page 12, Deed Records Coke County, Texas.

Said property being levied on is the property of John A. March, being the same person as John Abe March IV, date of birth March 10, 1943, and will be sold to satisfy a Judgment, dated December 3, 1987, amounting to the principal sum of \$54,476.56 plus interest at the statutory rate per annum from November 10, 1986 until paid in favor of Osborne Brothers Construction, Inc., (now assigned and owned 80% by G.B. Carter and 20% by Osborne Brothers Construction, Inc.), plus costs of court and the further costs of executing this writ. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 25TH day of July, 2006. Rick Styles Sheriff of Coke County, Texas Wayne McCutchen By Chief Deputy Wayne McCutchen EXHIBIT "A" Being 12,505.25 acres, more or less, located in Coke County, Texas, and more particularly described as follows: (1) 651 acres; Survey 77; Block 16; Original Grantee - H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5398; & Abstract #1167. (2) 644.21 acres; Survey 67; Block 16; Original Grantee- H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5383; Abstract #1162. (3) 648.44 acres; Survey 68; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5383; Abstract #725. (4) 642.15 acres; Survey 69; Block 16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5384; Abstract # 1163. (5) 640.47 acres; Survey#45; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5372; Abstract # 1151. (6) 649.87acres; Survey 47; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5373; Abstract #1152. (7) 645.56 acres; Survey 53; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5376; Abstract #416. (8) 650.31 acres; Survey 51; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5375; Abstract #1154. (9) 641. acres; Survey 71; Block 16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5385; Abstract # ----. (10) 659.54 acres; Survey 46; Block 16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5372; Abstract #176. (11) 650.98 acres; Survey 43; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5371; Abstract # 411. (12) 649.13 acres; Survey 44; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5371; Abstract # ----. (13) 643.4 acres; Survey 52; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5375; Abstract #593. (14) 652.81 acres; Survey 50; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5374; Abstract # ---.

(15) 637.82 acres; Survey 54; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5376; Abstract #1823. (16) 649.46 acres; Survey 70; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5384; Abstract #----. (17) 644. acres; Survey 48; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5373; Abstract #1687. (18) 647. acres; Survey 49; Block16; Original Grantee H&T C RY CO; Certificate #42/5374; Abstract #414. (19) Five hundred sixty-five and 3/10 (565.3) acres out of Survey 73 1/2, T.J. Neeley, Certificate 1025, Abstract 586, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the SE corner NO. 48 H&T C RY CO. Blk 16 a car axle marked "48-JKA" in stone and bears South 6 varas; THENCE S 67 deg. 35' E 574 varas to an axle marked "74-JKA" in stone mound for the SW corner Survey No. 74, W.L. Kuykendall; THENCE N 1/3 deg W 1242 varas to the most westerly NW corner said Sur. 74; THENCE N 89 2/3 deg E 417 varas to a re-entrant corner said survey 74; THENCE N 1/3 deg W with the W lines said Sur 74 and Survey 73, E L & R R R R CO, at 484 varas passing the NW corner said Sur. 74 in all 2812 varas to a point; THENCE W 909 varas to a large stone mound, the SE corner Sur. 72, H & T C RY CO Blk 16; THENCE S 1/4 deg W with the East lines Sur. 49 and 48 sd Blk. 16, 3835 varas to the place of BEGINNING. (20) One hundred seventeen and 3/10 (117.3) acres out of Survey 73, E L & R R R R CO., certificate 416, Abstract 146, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the NW corner Survey No. 74, W. L. Kuykendall, in the east line sur. 73 1/2 T.J. Neeley; THENCE N 1/3 deg. W. 2328 varas with the E line said Sur, 73 1/2; to a point; THENCE E 291 varas to an axle marked "F-JKA" in stone mound; THENCE S 2328 varas to a point in N. line said Sur 74; THENCE S 89 2/3 deg W 278 varas to the place of BEGINNING. (21) One hundred seventy-five and 5/10 (175.5) acres out of Survey 74, Block Z, E L & R R R R CO Certificate 416, Abstract 1419, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the SW corner Sur 73, E L & R R R R CO in E. line Sur. 73 1/2. T.J. Neeley; THENCE S 1/3 deg E 484 varas to most northerly SE corner said Sur. 73 1/2; THENCE S 89 2/3 deg. W 417 varas to a re-entrant corner of said Sur. 73 1/2; THENCE S 1/3 deg E 1242 varas to

a car axle marked "74-JKA" in stone mound, another re-entrant corner of said Sur. 73 1/2; THENCE E 685 varas with N line of said Survey 73 1/2 to an axle marked "M-JKA" in stone mound; THENCE N 1726 varas to a point in S line said sur. 73; THENCE S 89 2/3 deg W 278 varas to the place of BEGINNING. EXHIBIT "B" All of John A. March IV's Interest in the following described property: IN THE WEST DIVISION LANDS H. Toenies grantee; Survey 641; Certificate #194; Abstract #(T 2141' & C 1131; Tom Green Co. Acs. 72.94 & Coke Co. Acs.13.33. EL&R R R R Co. Grantee; Survey 75; Certificate #417; Abstract #144; Coke Co. Acs. 640.00. C.L. Stilwell Grantee; Survey 1; Certificate #399; Abstract #652; Coke Co. Acs.179.85. C&M R.R. Co. Grantee; Survey 68; Certificate # 109; Abstract #(T 8311 & (C 1857; Tom Green Co. Acs.100.62. A.E. Patton Grantee; Survey 642-1/2; Certificate #141; Abstract # (T 1766 & (C 1083; Tom Green Co. Acs. 345.00; Coke Co. Acs. 512.82. T&NOR.R. Co. Grantee; Survey 21; Certificate #911; Abstract # 2153; Tom Green Co. Acs.134.77. C&M R.R. Co. Grantee; Survey 67; Certificate #109; Abstract #4387; Tom Green Co. Acs.722.40. Casper Feick Grantee; Survey 640; Certificate #781; Abstract #183; Tom Green Co. Acs. 650.20. P. Walth Grantee; Survey 639; Certificate #772; Abstract #3951; Tom Green Co. Acs.531.00. N.M. March (S.F. 6196) Grantee; Survey 21-1/2; Abstract #8598; Tom Green Co. Acs. 30.21. Mason-Perry Subdn #3 Grantee; Block 642-1/2A; Coke Co. Acs. 160.27. Mason-Perry Subdn #3 Grantee; Block 642-1/2 A; Tom Green Co. Acs. 237.09. Mason-Perry Subdn #3 Grantee; Block 639; Tom Green Co. Acs. 87.51. A. Eisimbach Grantee; Survey 638; Certificate #909; Abstract #160; Tom Green Co. Acs. 26.5. Mason-Perry Subdn #3 Grantee; Block 642-1/2D; Tom Green Co. Acs. 154.83. EL & RRRR Co. Grantee; Survey 79; Tom Green Co. Acs. 23.89. Mason-Perry Subdn #3 Grantee; Block 638A; Tom Green Co. Acs. 130.24. T.J. Neeley Grantee; Survey 73-1/2; Certificate # 1025; Abstract # 586; Coke Co. Acs. 479.66. D&S ERR Co. Grantee; Survey 41; Certificate # 175; Abstract #115; Coke Co. Acs.13.39. J.A. Barton Grantee; Survey 1552; Certificate #22/125; Abstract #32; Coke Co. Acs. 3.04.

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Clearing confusion on women's health

It seems that everywhere women turn, there's news about ways to prevent breast cancer or

a new miracle drug for osteoporosis. Sometimes, the latest health craze even goes against common sense. After being constantly barraged with information, it's no wonder women get confused about how to ensure optimum health. According to gynecologist William Rayburn, M.D., associate professor at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, women need to trust their instincts. "The older I've gotten, the more I've realized how little I know, and how much women truly know about themselves," Dr. Rayburn said. "Women have too much information coming at them from too many directions. Diet and exercise are still two of the most important factors in women's health. Calcium and vitamin D are important in preventing osteoporosis, and a balanced diet is the best source." And, although there is no current cure for breast cancer, Dr. Rayburn tells his patients they can take heart in knowing the new treatments are better than ever. "There are no clear-cut risk factors or methods to prevent breast cancer," Dr. Rayburn said. "However, the diagnosis of breast cancer is not a death sentence any more. The survival rate after five years is up to 87 percent, and breast cancer survivors are able to live longer, more fulfilling lives." **Space maintainers keep teeth in place** One of the most important roles of baby teeth is to serve as natural space maintainers for the permanent teeth. Children who lose their baby teeth too early can develop problems with spaces between their teeth. When a primary tooth is lost early, other teeth may drift out of position and begin to fill the vacant space. Then, when the child's permanent teeth come in, there is not enough room for them. As a result, the child may develop crowded and crooked teeth that are out of alignment. This frequently occurs if the prematurely lost tooth is a molar. Fortunately, a trip to the dentist can easily correct the problem. If a child has lost his or her teeth too soon, dentists at Baylor College of Dentistry-Texas A&M Health Science Center recommend a space maintainer. Space maintainers are temporary metal or plastic devices that hold the space vacated by the baby teeth until the permanent teeth emerge.

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State regulates placement of campaign signs along highways

Political elections are usually accompanied by an increase in the number of campaign signs placed along roadways this time of year.

State transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election.

TxDOT officials say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public.

TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible.

Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other federally-funded highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

For questions related to these regulations, please contact Val Thompson at 325-947-9242.

Scam Artists Even Target the Bereaved

It is a sad fact of life that scam artists frequently prey on the vulnerable. Those victimized can include people who have recently lost loved ones. Better Business Bureaus caution those with elderly parents to bear this in mind if their mother or father passes away.

It might make sense to gently counsel the surviving parent to be alert to the following ploys, which have been reported to BBBs:

Contacts for services allegedly signed before the spouse's death. Less-than-ethical people offering driveway paving, tree-trimming or other home-related services sometimes visit the widow in the weeks after the funeral. When the spouse claims they know nothing about having hired the company, the sales rep produces a contract, allegedly signed by the husband before

his death. The signature is typically scribbled or blurred and the service is highly priced. The company states that they won't require the widow to take the service, but insists that she pay the agreed-upon fee. They remind her how "forgetful" her spouse used to be and that is why he never informed her about the contracted work.

Specially-engraved trinkets. After the funeral, the widow receives in the mail a fountain pen or other trinket engraved with the name of the recently deceased. Included with the invoice is a note from the business, with a message saying, "I thought you'd want this to remember him by." Sometimes the trinket is engraved with the name of the surviving spouse, and the note from the company mentions that her husband had ordered the gift especially for her.

Delinquent life insurance premium ploy. An insurance "agent" phones the surviving spouse, with an employee allegedly from the funeral home also on the line. The widower is advised that his wife's life insurance premium was delinquent and that he must pay \$3000 so that the insurance funds can be released to the funeral home. He is asked for his credit card number to make a partial payment on the premium and to wire the remaining amount to the insurance company. Turns out that both the insurance company "representative" and the funeral home employee are bogus.

Scam artists probably obtain the names of their victims from obituaries published online or in local newspapers. Older Americans are advised to check with the Better Business Bureau (www.sanangelo.bbb.org) whenever they are contacted by an unknown individual or business demanding payment for an unfamiliar product or service.

Keep it Cool with Hot Weather Advice for Older People

Older people are at high risk for developing heated-related illness because the ability to respond to summer heat can become less efficient with advancing years. Fortunately, the summer can remain safe and enjoyable for everyone who uses good, sound judgment.

Heat stress, heat fatigue, heat syncope (sudden dizziness after exercising in the heat), heat cramps and heat exhaustion are all forms of "hyperthermia," the general name given to a variety of heat-related illnesses. Symptoms may include headache, nausea, muscle spasms and fatigue after exposure to heat. If you suspect someone is suffering from a heat-related illness:

* Get the victim out of the sun and into a cool place, preferably one that is air-conditioned.

* Offer fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine. Water, fruit and vegetable juices are best.

* Encourage the individual to shower, bathe or sponge off

with cool water.

* Urge the person to lie down and rest, preferably in a cool place.

Heat stroke is especially dangerous for older people and requires emergency medical attention. A person with heat stroke has a body temperature above 104 and may have symptoms such as confusion, combativeness, bizarre behavior, faintness, staggering, strong rapid pulse, dry flushed skin, lack of sweating, possible delirium or coma.

The temperature does not have to hit 100 for a person to be at risk for hyperthermia. Both an individual's general health and/or lifestyle may increase the threat of a heat-related illness. Health factors which may increase risk include:

* Age-related changes to the skin such as poor blood circulation and inefficient sweat glands.

* Heart, lung and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.

* High blood pressure or other conditions that require changes in diet. For example, people on salt restricted diets may increase their risk. However, salt pills should not be used without first asking a consulting doctor.

* The inability to perspire caused by medications including diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.

* Taking several drugs for

various conditions. It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician.

* Being substantially overweight or underweight.

* Drinking alcoholic beverages.

Lifestyle factors also can increase risk, including extremely hot living quarters, lack of transportation, overdressing, visiting overcrowded places and not understanding weather conditions. Older people, particularly those at special risk, should stay indoors on especially hot and humid days, particularly when there is an air pollution alert in effect. People without fans or air conditioners should go to shopping malls, movie houses and libraries. Friends or relatives might be asked to supply transportation on particularly hot days. Many communities, area agencies, religious groups and senior citizen centers also provide such services as cooling centers.

Fish a healthy choice, but selection and preparation is important

When it comes to eating healthy, fish is a top choice. It's packed with vitamins and minerals, and several studies have shown its benefits in lowering the chance of a heart attack, fighting off dementia and stroke in the elderly, and more.

But, there's a catch - mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls

(PCBs) and other potentially harmful environmental chemicals. Women who are pregnant or about to become pregnant are especially at risk.

"PCBs and methyl mercury may cause low birth weight and developmental problems in babies of women who eat polluted fish while pregnant," said Anne Sweeney, Ph.D., associate professor in the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health. "These chemicals don't make you feel sick but will build up in the body over time. They may also affect the child's neurological development and learning ability."

Choose fish that do not consume other fish. Instead, eat smaller, younger fish, Dr. Sweeney said. Remove skin and fat to eliminate PCBs, and broil, grill or bake. Do not use any dripping fat for sauces or gravy.

Dr. Sweeney also is one of the principal investigators for the Longitudinal Investigation of Fertility and the Environment (LIFE). This federally-sponsored study among licensed anglers along the southeast Texas coast and in Michigan is looking at the effect of environmental chemicals on infertility and time required for conception, along with pre-term delivery, birth weight and other outcomes.

"This is a very important and exciting study, as it is one of the few that follow couples before pregnancy occurs and will be able to determine the impact of these chemicals on many critical aspects of reproduction," Dr. Sweeney said.

Notice on Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The COKE COUNTY GENERAL will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.18 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 25, 2006 at 9:00 AM and September 6, 2006 at 9:00 AM at Commissioners Court Room Coke County Court House 13 E 7th St. Robert Lee, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: GENE MONTGOMERY-PRECINCT 1 BILL WHEAT-PRECINCT 2
GAYLON PITCOCK-PRECINCT 3 GEORGE SNAPP-PRECINCT 4
ROY BLAIR-COUNTY JUDGE

AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	4.12% increase
Debt service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	4.08% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 481,193,830	\$ 505,053,568
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 980,435	\$ 1,020,499
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 225,500,050	\$ 255,271,856
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,960,870	\$ 971,904

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.56406	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.53222	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$(0.03184)	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	(5.64)%	(Decrease)

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$48,223	\$ 49,043
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$9,645	\$ 9,809
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$38,578	\$ 39,234

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$217.60. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$208.81. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be a decrease of \$8.79 in taxes.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.