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County soaks up more of the wet stuff

Coke County was again the beneficiary of some good, general, steady rains all day on Monday of the Labor Day weekend. This was an excellent follow-up to the drenchings of up to 6.7 inches that parts of the county received the weekend before.

The best thing about the Labor Day showers was the general nature of the drizzle, which fell pretty much all day Monday. Everyone I have talked to received over 2 inches up to a high of 5 inches north of the Bronte area. I also had several reports of even more in the Fort Chadbourne area of the county.

These are the reports I have received thus far. Mark Wright, just west of Lake

Spence, recorded 2.2", with Dave Hughes on the other side of the lake reporting 3.2". In and around the City of Robert Lee, Joe Ash reported 2.57", and Louis Clark had 3.1".

In the Bronte area, most reported from 2.8" to over 3", with Jerry McShan reporting 4", and Paul Williams reporting 5.0" north of Bronte about five miles. Coffee shop reports from the Fort Chadbourne area ranged up to and over 6 inches.

We still haven't gotten any information concerning runoff into our area lakes. The slow drizzle from this storm system may not have yielded enough runoff to impact our lakes, but right now it is still too early to tell.



Red Hat Mamas! *The Red Hat Society, also known as the Red Hat Mamas, held their monthly meeting, Tuesday, September 5, with a luncheon at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. There was a total of 29 ladies in attendance. They also held a contest to see who could come up with the most creative hat in the bunch.*

these full gospel messages, please call 473-2373.

Free hot dog supper set for Robert Lee

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 5 -7 pm at the recreation hall in Robert Lee.

Members of the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee are hosting an old fashion hot dog supper.

Come one-come all!! Eat and enjoy gospel and country music by Driftwood.

Coke Co. Couples Tourney slated

Coke County Couples Tournament will be held Saturday, September 16, at Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte and on Sunday, September 17 at Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert

Lee. Tee times are 8 am and 1 pm. For more information, call 453-2317.

Swine Validation Tags for 4-H and FFA members

Any 4-H or FFA member who plans to exhibit their market barrows at any major stock show this coming year must have them validated with a State Validation tag. These tags must be ordered before September 20 by contacting either your County Extension agent or your Ag Science teacher. These tags are not needed for county show pigs.

BHRC Auxiliary meeting scheduled

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will have a meeting Thursday, September 21, 2006, at 12:45 pm. All members are encouraged to attend, and anyone wanting to join the auxiliary is cordially invited!

The auxiliary will have lunch at 12:45 followed by a meeting. If you are planning to attend the meeting, please call Lanette at 473-6791 to RSVP no later than September 19. They need an accurate head count for the meal.

Coke Co. Veterans memorial program slated for Sept. 23

Once again Coke County Veterans will be honored at the Coke County Veterans Memorial Plaza in Bronte at 11 am on September 23. The

programs will include the recognition and reading of the new names placed on the monument recently and dedication. The program will be over at 11:30 in order for people to go to other planned activities. Your involvement in this ceremony is necessary to make the honoring of our heroes meaningful. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

BHS Homecoming set for Sept. 23

Come to the BHS "Alumni Gathering" at 2 pm Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at the Bronte ISD auditorium. Share stories with high school friends and hear about the future of the BHS Alumni Association. The introduction of the 2007-2010 alumni officers will be made.

The program will include a reminder of teachers who have influenced our lives, the beginnings of Bronte ISD and we will hear from Alan Barbee, class of 1975. Various classes have activities planned following the program.

Ex-students, parents, teachers and friends are invited to the gathering. Don't miss the fun!!!

Spaghetti Supper slated for Sept. 22

The AON Service Club will host a Spaghetti Supper, Friday, September 22. The Spaghetti Supper will help to fund scholarships for Coke County graduates. See next week's issue of the O/E or go by Kickin' Up Roses for more details.

RLBC hosts 5th Quarter

The community youth students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to the 5th Quarter Fellowship at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Friday, September 8, 2006, following the football match up between Robert Lee and Borden County.

RL Sr. Center/ RLCC to host luau

The Robert Lee Sr. Center and the Robert Lee Care Center will be hosting an end of summer luau at the Sr. Center on Tuesday, September 12 from 5-7 pm. The meal will consist of ham, oven-roasted potatoes,

pineapple, and other Hawaiian novelties.

To RSVP or FMI, please call Karla Hamrick at 453-4780, Susan Millegan at 453-4790 or Mary Rodriguez at 453-2511.

Texas Theater host to church services

Bro. and Sister Hammer of Bronte will begin Church services beginning Sunday, September 10, at 10:30 am in the Texas Theater if Bronte.

If you are looking for the old time gospel gathering, please attend. Sister Hammer will play the piano accompanied by daughter Peggy.

For more information on

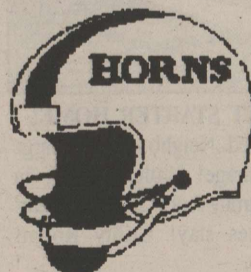
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vs.

Borden County Coyotes

7:30 pm • Friday
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Death Notices

Cole

Frances Jewel Cole, 76, died Thursday, August 31, 2006, at a local nursing home. Graveside service was held at 3 pm Sunday, September 3, 2006, at Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons, Andy Cole of San Angelo and Cliff Cole of Arlington; daughters, Sherry Nail of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Kay Duerksen and Jodelle Block, both of San Angelo, and Patti Shore of Springfield, Tennessee.

2-Person Low-Ball Tourney scheduled

A Two-Person Low-Ball Tournament will be held Saturday, September 30, 2006, at Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee. Tee time will be 9 am. For more information, call 453-2317.

Mtn. Creek Ladies Bake Sale set for October 6

The Mountain Creek Golf Club Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale will be held Friday, October 6, 2006, at Robert Lee State Bank, 621 Austin Street in Robert Lee, from 9 am until noon. Items available could include casseroles, burritos, cakes, pies, cookies, etc.

All funds received will be used to help with the improvement of the golf course/club house. Items already in the process: New patio furniture; new toilets on course bathrooms; installation of ceiling fans; repair of wallpaper. For more information, call 453-2317.

Street Affair coming up soon

The countdown has started for the Fifth Annual Robert Lee Street Affair. Now is the time to begin planning to reserve a booth, craft some crafts, cook some food, and make some money.

Also, everyone is invited to fix a float, beautify a bike, dress the pets and enter the parade. Put together a bed on wheels that will carry a passenger and enter the Daytona of Bed Races.

Enter your artwork in the Best Little Art Show in the West and shine up the customized car for the Best Show on Wheels. Donate items (the Bigger, the Better) to the CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) fund raising tent auction.

Bake up your favorite dessert and enter the Better Than Betty cook-off with junior and senior categories. Get historical at the Old Jail with enactments and the sale of Coke County mementos. Kids should plan for the kids carnival and the Concho Valley Electric Council exhibit.

Plan to attend the downtown evening entertainment - eat with the food vendors, clap and shout with the Cloggers, and listen and dance to Robert Lee's Driftwood at the Street Dance.

Call 453-2831 or 453-2495 for information and ways to join the party at the one and only Street Affair.

RLVFD Auxiliary seeks donations

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department is seeking donations of individual sized bottled water, gatorade, drinks, and/or money. This supply

will be kept on hand and available for the volunteer firemen when responding to fires. Drop off locations are City Hall and the Mountain Creek Lodge. The donations received last July were very much appreciated, but with all the fires it is time to restock.

RSVP Celebrating 25 years

The Concho Valley Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is holding its 25th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Friday, September 8 from 11:30 am to 1 pm, at the San Angelo Convention Center. The theme is "Celebrating 25 years of Service and Leadership."

RSVP volunteers make a difference on a daily basis. During the past 25 years, hundreds of RSVP volunteers have contributed a whopping 2,525,534 hours of service to local non-profit agencies, and the Concho Valley. The value of these hours, based on minimum wage, is a staggering 13 million dollars.

For further information contact Dolores Schwertner, Director, RSVP at (325) 223-6388, or email dschwertner@wtrc.com.

Bronte Pool will remain open on weekends

The 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.

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.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library invites all three-to-five year old children in Coke County to come to Story Hour on Tuesday mornings at 10:00. Story Hour is about having fun, building vocabularies, stretching comprehension skills, enjoying funny, colorful, exciting children's books.

Story Hour includes time to check out books, hear a story, do a craft, and have a treat

and a video and brothers and sisters are welcome to come to the Library too.

Bring a child and come by the Library on Tuesday at 10 am to see what excitement Story Hour can provide.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop at the Library.

Personal

Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee traveled to Houston August 29, to attend the funeral of Johnnie Farrar on August 30, 2006. She was the mother of their son-in-law, James (Jim) Farrar.

Bobby and Jeffie spent two nights with their daughter and family, Sheila and Jim. They were pleased to see their granddaughter, Lauren Hammerton, who is a student at Texas State University in San Marcos and attended the funeral also.

ASU summer graduates announced

Angelo State University conferred 206 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 205 graduates during 2006 Summer commencement exercises August 12 in San Angelo.

Local graduates included Pamela E. Saunders of Bronte, who was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree.

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. 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

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(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

Jason Martin, 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

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RLCC Shopping Trip! Robert Lee Care Center residents were treated to a shopping trip at Wal-Mart Supercenter in San Angelo on August 11. They also enjoyed a lunch time meal at Mejor Que Nada. Some of the participants included (left to right) Ruth Williams, Willie Foreman, Margaret Jones, John Eads (Volunteer), Augusta Higginbotham, Reba Tabor (Volunteer), and Billie Dunn. Other participants not pictured included Sylvia Tinkler, Dean Kinsey, Zera Fields, Bill Cox, Sammy Minjarez (Volunteer), Mary Rodriguez (Activity Director), and Anise Walker (Volunteer).

216 Texas Counties qualify for Livestock Assistance because of ongoing drought

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that livestock producers in 216 drought-stressed Texas counties may be eligible for \$14.5 million in assistance under the recently announced federal Livestock Assistance Grant Program. The livestock block grant is part of a broad-based national drought disaster assistance program for American farmers and ranchers announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture this week. USDA will distribute \$50 million in state block grants to 20 states to help livestock producers recover losses suffered because of the ongoing drought. Assistance may cover such items as the cost of lost forage, supplemental feeding, the cost of relocating livestock to new pastures and the cost of emergency water supplies.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is working with state-wide agriculture and livestock groups to establish the criteria for distributing the funds in Texas. "The funds released by USDA will provide a much-needed infusion of dollars to Texas producers devastated by the ongoing drought," Combs said. "With the entire state facing unprecedented economic setbacks because of this year's drought, I appreciate all that Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has done to help our hardworking producers recover some of their losses during these desperate times. "We will be working closely with our livestock groups, the Governor's Office and USDA to set up the criteria, announce a sign-up period and distribute the funds from the block grant to our producers as quickly as possible," Combs said.

Only livestock producers in the eligible counties who suffered a loss of forage production because of the 2006 drought may receive

assistance. Payments are limited to \$10,000 and cannot exceed the amount of lost forage production and related losses.

Livestock producers in the following Texas counties may be eligible for assistance: Anderson, Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bailey, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Cass, Castro, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Dallam, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton, De Witt, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Foard, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Gillespie, Glasscock, Goliad, Gonzales, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Howard, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, La Salle, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Llano, Lubbock, McCulloch, McLennan, McMullen, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Morris, Motley, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall,

Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Taylor, Terrell, Throckmorton, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Wood, Young, Zapata and Zavala.

For timely information on the Livestock Assistance Grant Program for Texas, please visit TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under "New at TDA."

More wildfires possible as a result of Labor Day and hunting season

State wildfire prevention leaders in Texas warn that the expected rise in outdoor activity during and after the Labor Day holiday period could spark an increase in wildfires. More people involved in recreation means that there are more opportunities for accidental wildfires.

Recent scattered rains helped slow the rise in fire danger in some areas, but they have not eliminated the wildfire threat. Many people take advantage of the last extended summer weekend to camp, hike and picnic outdoors. Also, the holiday weekend kicks off the start of dove hunting season and the start of outdoor clean-up operations around the home.

"People need to be extremely careful," said Texas Forest Service Incident Commander Paul Hannemann. "Much of the state is still in an extreme to exceptional drought, and an inch of rain is not going to alleviate that drought."

Here are a few fire safety tips to make outdoor activities safer and more enjoyable.

*Check to see if there is a burning ban in your county.

*Make sure spark arresters and mufflers on all outdoor equipment are in good working order.

*Postpone all debris burning
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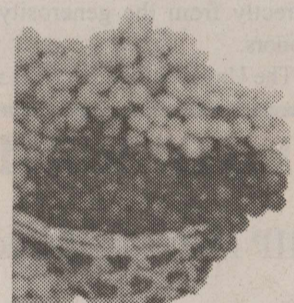


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...Fire Danger

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during periods of high to extreme fire danger even when conditions have improved, avoid burning trash and other debris on dry, windy days!

*When grilling outdoors, make sure barbecue coals and ashes are cold to the touch, then dispose of them properly. Avoid using barbecue pits and grills over dry vegetation.

*Travelers should watch where they park their vehicles and avoid parking in areas where hot vehicle pollution-control equipment could come into contact with vegetation beneath vehicles.

*Build campfires in open, level spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Keep fires small and extinguish them cold to the touch before leaving.

*Campers, hunters and other outdoor users who smoke need to dispose of smoking materials properly, either by using their vehicle ashtrays or by crushing smokes and matches dead out in bare mineral soil.

For more information, log on to <http://texasforests.tamu.edu>. For information on the continuing drought in Texas, the U.S. Drought Monitor can be viewed at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

Blood Drive set for Bronte

The Community of Bronte and United Blood Services will hold a commemorative blood drive on

Monday, September 11, 2006 at the Community Center in the Park.

Refreshments (sandwiches and drinks) will be provided by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, assisted by the Bronte High School Student Council, under the leadership of Lisa Gibbs and Lloyd Walker. Representatives of the Lions Club through Joey Lockett will also assist with food distribution. Local coordinator for the blood drive is Brendi Gentry from GEO Group, Inc. Ms. Gentry is the contact person for appointments to be made. Walk-ins are welcome, however appointments will greatly speed the process.

Ms. Gentry can be reached for blood donor appointments by calling 473-5700.

Mr. Michael Bohensky, asst-principal of the high school and vice-president of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce is directing food donations.

United Blood Services is bringing this special drive to Bronte for September 11th, and offering "Proud to be An American" t-shirts as well as American Flags for all blood donors.

Based in San Angelo, United Blood Services is the community blood provider for 11 (eleven) surrounding counties, serving 10 (ten) hospitals. Those suffering chronic illnesses, a variety of cancers, trauma, burns, surgery and accident victims, - all benefit directly from the generosity of donors.

The United Blood Services net-



RLCC Birthdays! Robert Lee Care Center held a birthday party to celebrate the July birthdays of these residents. They are (from left to right) Hilda Kirchman, Gracie Boggs, and Margaret Jones. Their birthdays were celebrated with Ice Cream Coke Floats sponsored by Pecan Baptist Church.

work is one of the nation's oldest and largest non-profit blood service organizations, and is a founding member of America's Blood Centers and the Association of American Blood Banks.

"We will never forget the importance of this date. Giving blood for our community is just one way of being a proud American." (Gloria Johns, United Blood Services Representative).

Salsa Conest, Bake-off, and Taste Test set for today at Miles

The first ever Salsa Contest will be held today at the Miles Cotton Festival. Entry time is

between 6 pm and 8 pm. Entrants are asked to bring your salsa in a one quart container to the Miles Young Farmers Complex on Railroad Avenue. Categories include the Hottest, Best Flavor, Overall Best and Worst Possible. For more information, contact 468-3611.

The Miles Cotton Festival Bake-Off will also be held today at the Miles Young Farmers Show Complex. The categories for this program include cookies, pies, cakes and sweet breads. There will also be two age divisions, which will be, adult and children. Entries need to be turned in between 6 pm and 8

pm. For more info contact 468-3611.

A Taste Testing of all the salsa and bake-off entries will be held at 9 pm following the salsa and bake-off contests. It will also be held at the Miles Young Farmers Complex. Come and enjoy all the great entries!

Keep your fear to yourself, but share your courage with others.

Robert Louis Stevenson

If you wish your merit to be known, acknowledge that of other people.

Oriental proverb

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We need LEADERSHIP to avoid the implementation of septic system regs that were more restrictive and costly than those in the metropolitan counties.

We need LEADERSHIP to avoid making illegal appointments to political office.

We need LEADERSHIP to avoid an embarrassing grant-writing error which cost an additional \$16,000 in local funds for the Bronte pool. That ends up being a lot of cakes, pies, and cookies that you ladies had to bake (and the rest of us had to buy - not to mention the calories, which I don't need), and a lot of pennies saved by local youngsters to make up the difference.

We need LEADERSHIP to represent ALL the people of Coke County.

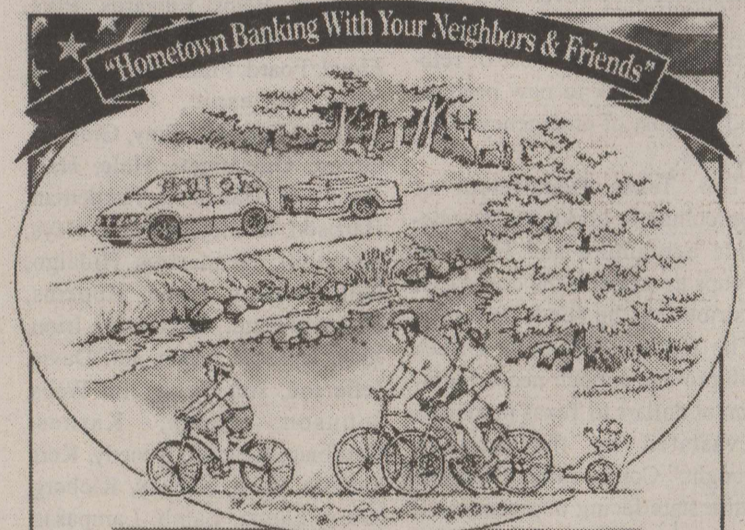
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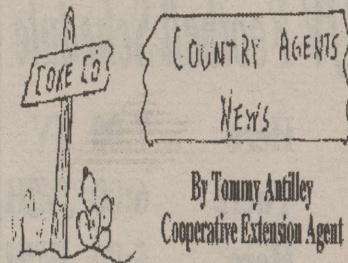
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Prepare to Save Your Life During a Disaster

Many people think that when a disaster strikes the emergency management system, police, or National Guard will be there to rescue them, if needed. They will. But some disasters overwhelm the local response system, extending the time it takes for help to arrive.

You should be prepared to care for yourself for at least 72 hours after a disaster. Estimates show that about 480 people die and another 2,880 are injured in U.S. disasters annually. In addition, thousands lose their livelihoods and jobs due to disasters.

Even though deaths and injuries due to disasters have been on the decline in the United States, there's still room for improvement. And with just a few simple steps you may be able to save yourself and your family when a disaster strikes.

It is difficult to estimate deaths due to disasters because of the wide and varied nature of disasters. But worldwide, deaths due to disasters often skyrocket to more than 100,000 per year. While the U.S. population is about 5 percent of the world population, our death toll due to disasters is often far less than 1 percent of the world's death toll. Many factors contribute to our safety record.

Local, state and federal warning systems help us prepare. The news media do a very good job on disaster coverage, especially in countries that have a free press. Some governmentally controlled media in developing countries may avoid disaster coverage because it is "bad news" and may reflect poorly on the government. When that happens, fatalities can rise because the people do not have enough information. Education has helped reduce the impact of disasters. We learn in school or at work by doing safety drills. Building codes have often saved lives because many city buildings are built to withstand certain disasters.

We could sit around and come up with many other reasons why we've saved lives, but the fact is hundreds of people still die each year and thousands are injured due to disasters in the United States.

Across the nation, organizations and all levels of government are observing September as National Preparedness Month. For all the reasons above this is important, but what does it mean to the average person?

It simply means take the time this month, September, to take some steps to prepare yourself for the mostly likely disasters

that could affect you. It doesn't mean, "I'll ignore it, nothing will happen to me?" And, it doesn't mean, "The sky is falling, so I'll build a bunker." What does it mean?

Be Informed. A lot of information is available from the U.S. government Web sites, which you can find through the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) Web site at www.EDEN.lsu.edu.

Information can also be found at Texas Cooperative Extension's EDEN web site <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. In addition, your local emergency management, law enforcement, American Red Cross, local library, and/or Cooperative Extension Service office may help you find information. The first step is to find out what potential disasters may affect you. For some it may be tornadoes; for others it's earthquakes. Being prepared means being informed about the most likely disasters that could affect you. It also means having a battery powered radio in case the power goes out. During a disaster, information is often as important for survival as food and water.

Make a Plan. Plan in advance what you will do for the most likely emergencies. Your plan should include a family communication plan and a shelter in place plan, as well as the action steps you will take when disasters are eminent. The EDEN Web site and agencies mentioned above can help you find guidelines to make those plans.

Get a Kit. Think of everything you might need if you shelter at home for 72 hours. The list of items doesn't need to be extensive, but plan to have those items handy. Consider a smaller kit that you can leave in your office or car or take with you in case officials ask you to evacuate the area.

Take these steps and you will make your family safer, maybe even save your lives, during the next disaster. For many places in the United States, the next disaster is a matter of "when," not "if."

Miles Cotton

Festival set Sept. 9

The 29th Annual Miles Cotton Festival will be held on Saturday, September 9.

This year's festival boasts new and exciting events.

On Friday, September 8 a NEW Salsa Contest will be added to the Bake Off and at 9:00 pm, the doors will open and you can sample all the goodies for a small fee per person. For more information on these events call 468-3611.

The Cotton Festival Cook-Off which is held on Saturday has brought back the Showmanship Division and Best Camp Site Prize money will be \$125 for Showmanship and \$75 for Best Camp Site.

Also the Cook-Off itself will feature over \$3,000 in cash and prizes. Get your best recipe ready for Brisket, Rib, Chicken and Beans. And don't forget those Margaritas! For more

information contact 468-3501 or 468-3611.

This year's theme is Ja' Makin' Cotton. And the usual fun day is planned beginning with breakfast from 6 am to 9 am, the Cook-off, Arts and Craft booths and food booths, parade, arts exhibit, noon meal at the Historic Miles Opera House and bingo, 1/2 mile Kid's Fun Run, Kid's Fair, washer/horseshoe pitching, musical entertainment in the City Park, Queen's contest and rounding out the evening the best toe-tapping brick street dance in the whole STATE of TEXAS from 8 pm to 1:00 am, featuring the Corby White Band and Mark David Manders.

For more information on all the events check our website at milestexas.com or call 468-3611.

Cutest pet photo open to Coke County

The International Pet Owners Club is proud to announce that over \$10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded in the 2006 Fall Cutest Pet Photo Contest.

Pet owners from the Coke County area are welcome to win their share of the prizes. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. Dogs, cats, rabbits, etc...are welcome.

To enter, send one photograph (full color or b/w) size 8"x10" or smaller.

All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back.



Cantaloupes and Mesquite trees! Loy Wrinkle of Bronte shows off his cantaloupe garden which appears to be growing out of some Mesquite trees on his property.

Photographs should be sent to: 2006 Fall Photo Contest c/o The International Pet Owners Club, P.O. Box 1908, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

Entries must be postmarked by October 15, 2006. You may also submit your photo directly online at www.cutestpetcontest.com.

The International Pet Owners Club is an organization dedicated to bringing pet owners from around the world together for fun and fellowship. Membership in the club is not necessary to participate. To receive a free copy of the club newsletter via postal mail visit www.IntPetClub.com.

EQUIPMENT

LIQUIDATION AUCTION

When: Sunday, September 10 • 1 pm

Where: Robert Lee, Texas

From 208-158 in Robert Lee, go West on the Sterling City Highway 8.2 miles to Edith Road. Turn right and go 3/10th mile to auction. Watch for auction signs.

Early View Saturday, 1 pm - 4 pm

and Sunday 10 am - Sale time

200 bushel bumper pull grain trailer, 25' auger, 500 bushel grain tank, 1 16x6 1/2 ft. utility trailer with ramps, 1 6x10 trailer with tool boxes - T30 gasoline air compressor and 230 amp Lincoln welder, 16 ft. travel trailer, 18 ft. travel trailer, 4 wheeler (needs motor), Equipment moving trailer, 4x9 ft trailer rigged to work with hog traps, 095 combine with 15' and 20' headers.

7500 watt generator (new), 5400 watt generator, incubators, pressure washer, 1 lot mixed tin (30-40 squares), 20 4'x20' welded wire panels, cedar posts and stays, Miller roughneck welder (needs work), tire rack, battery rack, used tires, shop manuals, tools, air tools, oxygen and acetylene bottles, 4x10 live traps, hog traps, 1" impact gun, long anvil, misc. fencing tools, misc. auto parts and shop equipment, cash register and credit card machine and much more.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
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Randy Cave - Owner, Txs-6274**

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers Drop Opener

by Tom Sawyer
Welcome back Steer football fans. I was hoping for some good news to start the season but the Steers ran into a new six man team that goes by the name of the Red Devils. A good crowd made the long trip to Rankin and everyone's hopes were high but that wasn't enough to overtake Rankin. Remember this is the time of year everyone needs to get out of the house and get to the game to support our team, band, cheerleaders, and school. Join us this week when the Borden County team comes to our house and has to deal with some Steer Pride.

Game Summary

1st Quarter

Rankin - 41 yard pass with 8:36 left, PAT failed;
Rankin - 17 yard pass with 5:12 left, PAT good.

2nd Quarter

Robert Lee - 16 yard pass from Gallegos to Hodge with 2:32 left, PAT failed;
Rankin - 28 yard run with :55 left, PAT good.

3rd Quarter

Rankin - 22 yard run with 5:11 left, PAT good;
Robert Lee - 28 yard run by Gallegos with 3:48 left, PAT kick by Percifull;

Rankin - 6 yard run with 1:09 left, PAT good.

4th Quarter

Robert Lee - 11 yard run by Hodge with 7:23 left, PAT kick

by Percifull;

Rankin - 25 yard run with 4:20 left, PAT good;
Rankin - 38 yard run with 3:09 left, PAT failed.

1st Quarter

Robert Lee - 0, Rankin 14.

2nd Quarter

Robert Lee 6, Rankin 8.

3rd Quarter

Robert Lee 8, Rankin 16.

4th Quarter

Robert Lee 8, Rankin 14.

Steer Stats

Taylor Percifull - 2 receptions for 49 yards, and 5 tackles;

Jeremy Martinez - 2 receptions for 18 yards;

Brody Dillard - 1 carry, 2 of 5 on passes, 1 reception, and 6 tackles;

Josh Gallegos - 20 carries for 178 yards, 4 of 14 on passes, and 11 tackles, 1 rushing TD, 1 passing TD, 1 fumble recovery;

Kevin Honse - 6 tackles;

Cameron Hodge - 6 carries for 17 yards, 2 receptions, and 10 tackles, 1 rushing TD, 1 TD pass reception, 1 fumble recovery;

Chase Roe - 9 tackles

Chris LaRue - 3 tackles.

Final Score

Robert Lee 22, Rankin 52.

See everyone Friday night, GO STEERS!!!

RL All-Sports

Booster club news

Spirit Makers available! The Robert Lee Steers first home game is Friday, September 8, 2006 taking on the Borden County Coyotes. The All Sports Booster Club will have a table set up to make all types of spirit makers available. You can get you and/or your family a Steer cap, Steer Flag, noise maker, or spirit band. They will also be taking orders for collared Steer shirts!

The Booster Club is continuing to meet weekly, striving to support the athletes as they train and compete. Weekly meetings are held in the High School library on Monday evenings at 7 pm. You are welcome to come and join!
Show your spirit and support of the Robert Lee Steers and students. Be at the field early to catch the kick-off at 7:30 pm.

RLISD board meets in regular session

The RLISD school board met in a public hearing at 6:45 pm, Wednesday, August 30, 2006, in the high school library.

Discussion on proposed 2006-2007 estimated budget was discussed for RLISD.

A special called meeting was held in the school library at 7 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Roe.

Members present were Reed, Roe, Washam, Torres, Sawyer, and Duncan. Members absent were Roberts.

The meeting was called to order, a quorum was present. President Roe led invocation and pledge.

No comments from the public.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2006 board meeting as read seconded by Buck Duncan. All for.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the bills as listed seconded by Irma Torres. All for. Wes Washam made a motion to approve the budget amendments as read seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to approve Tommy Antilley and Jan Yanez as adjunct faculty members for the 2006-2007 school year seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve 2006-2007 budget by fund and by function with \$500,000 designated to fund balance as listed: \$75,000 claims; \$125,000 to capital expenditures; \$250,000 to contingency; \$50,000 to technology; seconded by Buck Duncan. All for.

Supt. Hood made a recommendation to approve the 2006-2007 M&O Tax Rate by Ordinance. Wes Washam made a motion to set the tax rate at \$1.37 seconded by Buck Duncan. All for.

Supt. Hood made a recommendation to post and accept bids for a school vehicle. Tom Sawyer made a motion seconded by Tod Reed to accept the recommendation as read. All for.

Supt. Hood gave his superintendent's report.

Next regular board meeting set for Thursday, September 21, 2006.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

Honk three times for victory

Show the Steers that you support them! Every time you drive by the football field and any of the Steer or Dogie athletes are practicing, honk three times "3 for Victory". Let the students know they are being supported in all they do. Support our teams.

Books, Pencils and...Sunscreen!

Prepare Your Children for Back to School

When shopping for back to school supplies, make sure to stop by the sunscreen aisle. Summer may be coming to an end, but that doesn't mean you should forget about sun protection. Children in grades K-8 usually have outdoor recess between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when the sun is especially intense. One blistering sunburn in childhood can more than double a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life. So while getting your children ready for school, make sure to remind them about the importance of applying sunscreen before leaving the house and seeking the shade when

Robert Lee Junior High JV Football Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-------|------------|
| 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 |

outdoors.

Although sunscreen is an essential part of a complete sun protection regimen, you may need to check with administrators before sending your children to school with a bottle. Many states prohibit the use of sunscreen during school hours, and legislation varies from state-to-state. Some schools require a doctor's prescription; some provide students with sunscreen, and some schools don't allow it at all.

"Sunscreen use has not been universally recognized in schools, but it is an important health issue," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Our goal is to educate the public about the importance of sun protection, and if our schools can adopt a few key sun safety policies, we will be one step closer to combating the skin cancer epidemic."

Some states have made progressive efforts to allow sunscreen in schools. For example, California state legislators recently signed into law a bill permitting students to bring sunscreen to school without a doctor's prescription and loosened the restrictions on wearing hats and other protective clothing. A bill pending in Maryland would

require school health officers to make sure students are allowed to wear sunscreen when they go outdoors on sunny days. "Children should be able to use sunscreen during school hours," said Dr. Robins. "Such changes will have to be made on a local, state and nationwide basis." In the meantime, contact your State Department of Education or your local school district to find out if your child's school has any sunscreen restrictions.

No matter what the rules are at school, it is important to remember that sun safety begins at home. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends following these tips:

- * Dress children in sun-protective clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.

- * Apply broad-spectrum, SPF 15+ sunscreen to exposed skin every morning.

- * If permitted by your school, teach children to reapply sunscreen if going outdoors for recess.

- * Teach kids to look for shaded areas in which to play.

- * Protect yourself and lead by example.

Children should enjoy the outdoors safely. Learn how to protect your children and teach them how to protect themselves. For more information, visit www.skincancer.org or call 1-800-SKIN-490.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 11

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Juice, fruit pastry, cereal, milk

Thursday, Sept. 14

Juice, sausage & biscuit, cereal, milk

Friday, Sept. 15

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 11

Rib B Que, mac & cheese, green beans, roll, peaches, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Chicken & rice wrap, salad, orange, raisins, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Hot dogs, chili & cheese, fritos, fruit cocktail, go-gurt, milk

Thursday, Sept. 14

Salsibury steak, baked potato, broccoli & cheese, sliced bread, mandarin oranges, milk

Friday, Sept. 15

Hamburger, salad, pickles, French fries, pears, milk

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RLHS Junior Class Fish Fry

Prepared by Paul Burns & Crew

Friday, September 8 • 5 pm - 7 pm

RLISD School Cafeteria

Dine in or Take Out Only

Adults \$8 • Children (12 & under) \$4

On the menu:

Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Dessert, Iced Tea

For more information contact Cynthia Dillard at the RLISD Superintendent's office at 453-4555

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte High School Volleyball Schedule

| Date | Junior Varsity | Varsity | Site | Time |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------|
| September 9 | Cornerstone/GC | Cornerstone/GC | Cornerstone | TBA |
| September 12 | Open | Junction/Utopia | Junction | 5:00 |
| September 16 | Rotan | Rotan | Rotan | 10:00 |
| * September 19 | Miles | Miles | Miles | 5:30 |
| September 23 | Bronte JV Tourney | Open | Bronte | TBA |
| * September 26 | Water Valley | Water Valley | Bronte | 5:30 |
| * September 30 | Santa Anna | Santa Anna | Bronte | 12:00 |
| * October 3 | Veribest | Veribest | Veribest | 5:30 |
| * October 7 | Sterling City (JVA,JVB) | Sterling City | Sterling City | 11:00 |
| * October 10 | Miles | Miles | Bronte | 5:30 |
| * October 14 | Water Valley | Water Valley | Water Valley | 12:00 |
| * October 17 | Santa Anna | Santa Anna | Santa Anna | 5:30 |
| * October 21 | Veribest | Veribest | Bronte | 5:00 |
| * October 24 | Sterling City (JVA,JVB) | Sterling City | Bronte | 4:30 |
| October 28 | | District Certification | | |

* denotes District 4-1A matches

November 3-4 Bi-District

November 6-7 Area

November 10-11 Regional Tournament

November 16-18 State Tournament

Coach Amy Bohensky

Coach Pam Hilliard

Coach Carol Moore

Longhorns open season with 21-12 victory

The Bronte Longhorns opened up the season last Friday, with a 21-12 victory over the Cross Plains Buffaloes. After a scoreless first half, Bronte opened the scoring on an Adam Halfacer 1 yard run. Halfacer made the PAT for a 7-0 Longhorn lead. Cross Plains marched right back to score to cut the lead to 7-6. The Longhorns then marched the field on a long

drive, ending with a Logan Rawls pass to Albert Force of 13 yards, PAT was no good, for a 13-6 Bronte lead. The Longhorn defense held the next series. The Longhorns then marched 65 yards for their last score, ending with a Logan Rawls 12 yard run, then Rawls hit Force with a two point conversion pass, to make the score 21-6. Cross Plains scored with 52 seconds left to make the final score 21-12.

The Longhorns had 105 yards rushing and 182 yards passing. Logan Rawls was the leading rusher with 83 yards on 13 carries, and also threw for 183 yards. Albert Force caught 3 passes for 81 yards and Adam Halfacer caught 3 passes for 56 yards. The Longhorns defense gave up only 226 yards and was led by Reece Springer with 9 1/2 tackles and Gus Saunders with 7 1/2 tackles.

The Longhorns next take on the speedy Rotan Yellowhammers tonight, in the home opener.

Lady Shorthorns begin volleyball

The Bronte Lady Shorthorns began their 2006 volleyball season in Grape Creek on August 24, with ace serving by Mackenzie Gibbs, Jill Scott, and Kassie Fillman. The 7th grade team beat their opponent in two games. The 8th grade team fell short against Grape Creek but they had heads up play by Shandee Vaughn and Rachael Dellar.

In their first home match of the season, the Lady Shorthorns rolled by Water Valley and won all three of their matches. The 7th grade team split into two teams and the "White" team won in an impressive two game victory behind the serving of Leticia Pena and Kassie Fillman. The "Maroon" team also posted a decisive two game victory with kills by Katie Austin, Leah Jones, Kim Lee, and Mackenzie Gibbs. In the 8th grade match, the Lady Horns had to fight back from behind to force the match to a third game. Cheyenne Boyd led the charge with four clutch

kills which swung the momentum. Kelsey Sedden was another force to be reckoned with as she served four aces in critical times and added a kill.

BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a public hearing on 2006-2007 Budget and Tax Rate on August 31, 2006 at 6 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, Gary Acker, Bob Frazee, Terry Marrs, David Bedford, Paul Knight, Valerie Braswell, Wayne Dannheim, Nancy Cooper, Gina McCutchen, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Discussion was held on the 2006-2007 budget and the proposed tax rate for 2006-2007. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

The Special Board meeting started at 8:25 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, Gary Acker, Bob Frazee, Scott Frasier, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Absent was Terry Charles. Also present were Michael Bohensky, Donna Poehls, Terry Marrs, David Bedford, Gina McCutchen, and Nancy Cooper. Guests were: Wayne Dannheim, Valerie Braswell, Ericka Knight, and Susan Williams.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Scott Frasier.

The board accepted the resignation of Gary Acker effective September 14, 2006. Mrs. Susan Williams addressed the board on the process of selecting a new board member. The board tabled replacement of board member.

Michael Bohensky, Asst. Secondary Principal, Donna Poehls, Asst. Elementary Principal, and David Bedford, CCJJC Principal, gave their reports.

The band program and guidelines were presented by Wayne Dannheim.

The board approved Cadco for architect engineer services. No action was taken on Golf Association proposal. The board

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 |

approved unemployment insurance with TASB, curriculum audit by TASA, and the Adjunct Faculty agreement. No action was taken on passes for extracurricular activities. The board amended the 2005-2006 budget, adopted the 2006-2007 budget, and approved lowering the tax rate from \$1.45 to \$1.3257.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave an update on facilities and WADA options.

The board retained Burl Lowery, C.P.A. as the Independent Auditor.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:20 pm.

4-H Seeks Members

The Coke County Extension agents will be conducting 4-H meetings in Bronte and Robert Lee to kick off the 4-H year. Any youth who is either 9 years old or 8 years old and in the 3rd grade, and has not reached their 19th birthday by August 31, 2006, is eligible to become a 4-H member. Meetings in Robert Lee will be held the first Wednesday of the month beginning September 6, 2006. The senior 4-H group, grades 7-12, will meet during the lunch period at the Catholic Church hall and the junior 4-H group, grades 3-6, will meet after school in the cafeteria. Bronte 4-H meetings will be

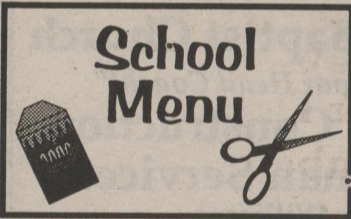
held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning September 13, 2006. Grades 3-12 will meet after school in the library.

4-H is open to any youth regardless of sex, religion, race, socioeconomic level, color, disability, or national origin, who meet the age requirement listed above.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in these meetings, are encouraged to contact the Coke County Extension office to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Being a member of 4-H offers vast opportunities to gain valuable experience in leadership, learning responsibility, interaction with others and knowledge in several project areas. Many people have the misconception that 4-H members only learn to cook, sew or have livestock projects, but 4-H is "more than just cooking and cows." Youth can participate in project areas including: gardening, horticulture, electricity, shooting sports, archery, government, wildlife, dog care and training, poultry and numerous other learning experiences.

Additional information can be obtained from the Coke County Cooperative Extension office in the county courthouse in Robert Lee, or by calling (325) 453-2461.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 11

Cereal, pineapple, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Scrambled eggs, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Thursday, Sept. 14

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Friday, Sept. 15

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 11

Burrito, tossed salad, Spanish rice, fruit cup, brownies, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rosie applesauce, rolls, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, bread sticks, lime jello with pears, milk

Thursday, Sept. 14

Sausage links, macaroni & cheese, black-eyed peas, sliced peaches, flour tortilla, strawberry short cake, milk

Friday, Sept. 15

Bar-B-Que sandwich, ranch style beans, tator tots, assorted fruit, bun, chocolate chip cookies, milk

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2006 Bronte High School Homecoming

Friday, Sept. 22 - Parade 2:30 pm with Pep Rally following at school; Football Game vs. Winters 7:30 pm

Saturday, Sept. 23 - Registration & coffee at school 9 am; Coke County Veterans Memorial at Depot 11 am; Luncheon at school 11:30 am; Ex-Student Assembly at Auditorium 2 pm with class meetings following.

Homecoming Meal Reservation

\$12 adults; \$6 children 10 & under

Reservations MUST be made for meal!

Name: _____ Class: _____

Total: _____

Please return w/payment before September 16 to:
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San Angelo, Texas 76905

BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|------|----|----|
| September 1 | Cross Plains | There | 7:30 | 21 | 12 |
| September 8 | Rotan | Here | 7:30 | | |
| September 15 | Open | | | | |
| ** September 22 | Winters | 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

Friday
September 8
7:30 pm
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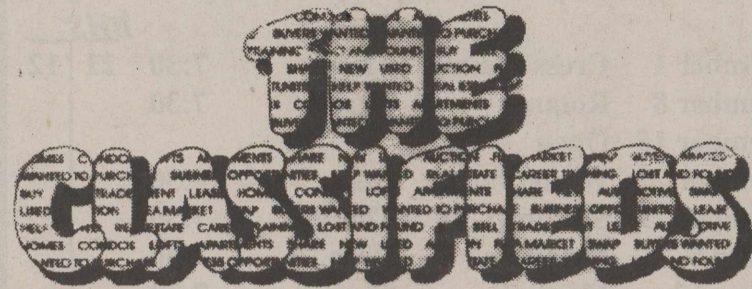
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**Five years later:
September 11**

by Senator Kay
Bailey Hutchison

Just as many of us will always remember where we were when President John F. Kennedy was shot in Dallas in 1963, we will never be able to forget what we were doing when we first learned of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Five years have passed since 9/11, and the horrific images of that morning remain ingrained in our memory.

On this anniversary, it is important to reflect on what happened that fateful morning and how our country responded. The bravery exhibited by emergency responders on September 11 is both inspiring and heart-breaking, because America lost many of its finest citizens that day. September 11 is now recognized as Patriot Day in their memory.

The morning of 9/11, I was in my office in the United States Senate. As I watched the events unfold on television, I knew what so many others were concluding at the same time all across the country — America would be forever changed. Not since Pearl Harbor had such cowardly and deadly acts been carried out against America, and we all felt confusion, sadness and anger that terrible day.

Though the details of the terror plot were yet to be revealed, I called my entire staff into a conference room to speak to them about what appeared to be happening. Many of my younger staff members had never experienced anything that reminded them of their own mortality, and I wanted to reassure them that we were going to get through this.

The rest of the day was incredibly hectic—communication was difficult and I spent a good deal of time trying to reach other senators. Even so, I was able to organize a meeting of about two thirds of the Senate to determine how we would proceed. Congressional leadership decided we needed to go back to work the next day, not only to send a message to the terrorists responsible for the attacks that they could never break the American spirit but to begin immediately doing what was necessary to secure our homeland.

America has always shown resolve when confronted with tragedy. Today, our country is at war. This war did not begin on September 11, 2001, but it arrived on our front doorstep that morning. The war against terrorism is not a war that can be easily won, but the resolve of our President and the American people must be steadfast. This is a war that radicals began well before September 11, and we owe it to future generations to see this through to ultimate victory. As weapons of mass destruction become easier to obtain, the price of failure is unimaginable.

In the last five years, we have significantly strengthened our national defense by engaging

the enemy in the Middle East before they reach America and improved our homeland security by passing the PATRIOT Act. We must continue to provide law enforcement officials with the resources necessary to protect us, and we must remain vigilant in pursuing terrorists who seek to harm our country.

We also owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the brave men and women of the armed forces who are defending America and freedom today. Their service honors the victims of September 11 and ensures a safer future for all of us. In the coming weeks and months, as troops from Texas are deployed abroad, they will carry with them the love and support of a grateful state and nation. We have not forgotten the events of 9/11, and we will not forget those who continue to serve on behalf of us all.

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The current reigning "2006" Mrs. Texas is Suzy Bootz of Canyon Lake, Texas. As Mrs. Texas, Suzy speaks on her platform "Saving Lives Through Early Detection & Awareness of Breast Cancer". Suzy lost her mother to breast cancer after a long battle with the disease. Her goal as Mrs. Texas is to educate as many women as she can about the importance of early

detection. Suzy has partnered with the Lois Caldwell Breast Cancer Foundation as well as the American Cancer Society to promote the cause.

Mrs. contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition!!!)

Married women living in Coke County interested in applying should write for bio form:

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**Obesity Places
Greater Burden on
Women**

The number of Americans who are overweight or obese has been rising steadily. A report issued Tuesday by Trust for America's Health shows that 31 states suffered an increase in obese adults in 2005. This is an alarming trend, especially for women, who seem to be affected more negatively than men by weight problems.

"Relative to men, overweight women suffer a disproportionate amount of morbidity up to age 45 and then a much higher rate of mortality thereafter," said Peter Muennig, M.D., M.P.H., lead author of a new study in the American Journal of Public Health and an assistant professor at the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University in New York. In essence, obesity not only causes more illness in women, it is more likely to cause premature death.

Muening's team found that the higher rate of disease among overweight and obese women is closely tied to lower health-related quality of life. People with a low health-related quality of life have problems with mental illness, difficulty getting around, have a decreased ability to take care of themselves and may be in pain or discomfort. Overweight women, unfortunately, are more likely than their male counterparts to experience poor quality of life related to health.

In addition to physical health problems associated with weight problems, there is a greater stigma associated with being overweight or obese for women compared to men, which can be hazardous to a person's health. "The messages that women receive about body image are stressful," Muennig said. That alone can be harmful. According to his study and others like it, increased levels of stress and anguish over a person's weight may raise the risk of undesired complications and premature death.

Certain ethnic and racial minority groups may suffer an even greater burden. "Key gender differences are seen in African American teens and adults, with women having dramatically higher obesity rates than men," said Pat Crawford, Dr.P.H., R.D., an adjunct professor and co-director of the Center for Weight and Health at the school of public health of the University of California, Berkeley. According to the American Obesity Association, African-American women have the highest prevalence of being overweight (78 percent) or obese (50.8 percent) out of all populations of adults in the United States.

Research has verified that weight problems as a child or adolescent lead to higher disease rates in adulthood. "We now know that chronic disease may be initiated in childhood with heart disease risk factors being identified in early childhood," Crawford said.

Type 2 diabetes is also tied closely to obesity. It affects more than 20 million Americans and more than 50 million Americans are considered to be at high risk for the disease. It was primarily diagnosed in middle-aged people 20-30 years ago, but individuals of all ages can be vulnerable to diabetes.

"We are more aware of the risk of poor diet and sedentary lifestyle on early type 2 diabetes," Crawford said.

Type 2 diabetes is one of the fastest growing diseases of childhood, but it can be prevented. Studies show that people at high risk for type 2 diabetes can prevent or delay onset of the

disease by losing five to seven percent of their body weight.

Because childhood obesity rates are at an all-time high, parents need to help their children make healthy lifestyle and diet choices. Parents also need to be careful about criticizing their children. "Criticism can be very damaging to girls' self-esteem," said Kirsten Davison, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Public Health at the State University of New York, Albany.

Research studies show that girls reject physical activity as they hit adolescence more often than boys. "The rate of decline in activity is faster in girls," Davison said. "Parents really need to support and encourage their daughters to be active, not just in sports but in other activities like walking." Studies have shown that eating well-balanced meals and getting regular exercise can dramatically reduce the chances of being overweight and obese. At a time when obesity rates continue to climb, making minor changes in diet and fitness plans can go a long way.

Pet Talk

Whisker's litter-box habits may seem like a private affair, but if he is having trouble answering Mother Nature's call, he may be in a life-threatening situation. "Feline urethral obstruction is a fairly common and dangerous condition that occurs almost exclusively in male cats," says Dr. John August, a veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University. It is a condition that can become devastating within a matter of hours and must be treated as an emergency." This condition is often initially mistaken for constipation. Affected cats will visit the litter box frequently, but will produce little or no urine in spite of their straining. August says symptoms may also include sudden onset of depression, lethargy, vomiting, pain when picked up, and eventually collapse and/or death. If the blockage is not removed, the cat may sustain a ruptured bladder, go into cardiac arrest or die within 12 to 24 hours.

"Urethral obstruction results from the passage of debris, usually cells, blood clots and crystals, formed in the bladder," said August. "While female cats produce

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...Pet Talk

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the same material in their urine, the anatomy of the male cat is more susceptible to the creation of blockage."

Since urethral obstruction can rapidly become fatal, August suggests some preventive measures that may help spare your cat from developing this condition.

Begin by feeding your cat a high quality diet that has reduced levels of magnesium and phosphorus. These foods promote more acidic urine, which impedes the creation and accumulation of urine debris. Encouraging water intake also helps and can be accomplished by keeping your cat's water fresh, providing a pet-sized watering fountain or flavoring the water with chicken broth ice cubes.

If you do notice your cat is having trouble urinating, taking your animal to a veterinarian quickly is crucial, August stresses. Your veterinarian will first try to relieve the pressure and remove the obstruction by inserting a urethral catheter, which requires anesthesia. This will allow the bladder, including any debris, to empty out. The patient may need to remain hospitalized for a few days to be sure that any complications caused by the blockage have subsided and until the cat passes clear urine. This will also allow the veterinarian to confirm the stability of the animal's kidneys, potassium levels, hydration and other critical variables. August adds that sometimes an ultrasound is done to ensure there are no stones in the bladder and to rule out cancer or other possible causes. By testing the crystals or other debris from the cat's urine, your veterinarian will be able to diagnose the cause of the obstruction and prescribe treatments for the existing condition while reducing the likelihood of a recurrence. This may include antibiotics, dietary changes, sedatives and stress management.

Any male cat can develop urethral blockage, so it is important to be aware of your cat's litter box habits and other behavioral norms so that you will be able to detect abnormalities in his routine easily," August says. You may think that looking into the litter box might be a violation of his privacy, but if he is in need of your help, what you notice just might be a lifesaver."

Back in the Day

Author Unknown

I came across this phrase in a book yesterday "FENDER SKIRTS". A term I haven't heard in a long time and thinking about "fender skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice.

Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these

terms to you.

'Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake."

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed".

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the "running board" up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - "store-bought." Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.

"Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "world wide" for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, "wall-to-wall" was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

When's the last time you heard the quaint phrase "in a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about stork visits and "being in a family way" or simply "expecting."

Apparently "brassiere" is a word no longer in usage. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just "bra" now "Unmentionables" probably wouldn't be understood at all.

I always loved going to the "picture show," but I considered "movie" an affectation.

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure-'60s word I came across the other day - "rat fink." Ooh, what a nasty put-down!

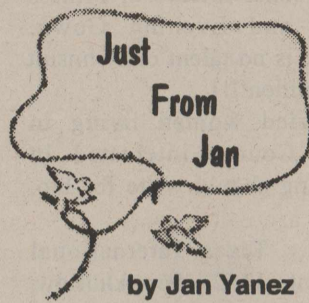
Here's a word I miss - "percolator." That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffee maker." How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "DynaFlow" and "Electrolux" Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with "SpectraVision!"

Food for thought - Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with castor oil anymore!

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most is "supper." Now everybody says "dinner." Save a great

word. Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts. Someone forwarded this to me. I thought some of us of a "certain age" would remember most of these.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Laundry Tips

Put a whole new spin on your College Career! The absolute bare minimum information you should know before being left alone with a loaded washer and dryer!

Now that you are a college student, your life changed a lot. Plus, there's this little detail; probably no one mentioned that laundry would be part of college. Maybe someone used to take care of your laundry for you, but now you're on your own. That may seem like a big deal, or it may not, but if you take five minutes to read this little section, doing your laundry at school will go smoother, and maybe even a little cleaner. It's easy; here's how:

- * Sort your stuff!
- * Follow care directions on clothing labels!
- * Choose the right cycle and water temperature!
- * Don't overload!
- * Make sure soap & bleach are fully dissolved!
- * Add fabric softener on the rinse cycle for wearing comfort!
- * Your wash is done when "time remaining" on your machine display reaches 00 minutes!
- * Dry on "normal" for most kinds of wash!

Now, for more details:

Sort It - Before you head for the laundry room, separate light and dark things. It also helps to keep heavy stuff like sweats and jeans separate from light-weight synthetics. Really delicate things, like stockings and underwear, should be washed separately. The same with red-colored articles of clothing - they tend to run, no matter what. You'll notice there's a special setting on your washer for delicates; use it to avoid your machine becoming jammed, unbalanced, or damaging your fine washables.

Load It - Your clothes should be completely covered with water and no higher than the top of the agitator vanes. There is no benefit to overloading a washer. Too big a load means your clothes don't get clean and you risk the possibility of damaging the machine, creating an inconvenience for your fellow students. Heavy things like towels and sweats can cause a machine to go off balance. In such a case, just lift the lid, redistribute your clothes, and then continue washing. The same goes for dryers. One wash load equals one dryer load. That's it.

The Complicated Stuff - Not! - Pick the right wash cycle and water temperature following the "care instructions" label that's sewn into most pants, shirts, and sweaters. The "Normal" cycle plus "Hot" or "Warm" water is a

good choice for soiled and heavier clothing or non delicate whites. The "Normal" cycle plus "Cold" water is best for dark clothes like the red-colored things we mentioned earlier that are quite soiled but also might "run" - a situation that arises when dye in one piece of clothing discolors another while in the wash. The "Permanent Press" cycle and "Warm" / "Cold" is a good choice for pants, skirts, shirts, and 100% cotton clothing that is specially treated against wrinkling. Finally, "delicates" are usually best washed at the "Warm" or "Cold" setting. Heavy towels and sweats should be washed on the "Normal" setting, with warm or cold water. Don't forget to distribute the load evenly!

All right, let's work up some suds! - Choosing your wash cycle and temperature in this way will help ensure your clothes get cleaner and look better. Also, remember to close the lid before you add the money - your washer won't start unless you do.

The "Scoop" on detergents and fabric softeners - Basically what you are doing when you add soap, bleach, and fabric softener to wash water is standard Chem 101 stuff. Just like when you are in the lab, proper use leads to good results. Remember to use the volume-per-load recommended on the soap bottle or box (Yes, liquids do dissolve more easily than powder, so if you use the latter, let the machine fill with water for a while). And just a word about fabric softener; it's cool, but it can stain and discolor fabric if not handled properly.

Before you reach for the bleach - Make sure to add it to the washer only when it's completely full of water. Also take care to not let it splash on you. Chlorine bleach is powerful stuff!

One other thing about bleach; chlorine bleach works best with white (and in a hot or warm wash), and "all purpose bleach" can perk-up darks when used sparingly. But when you are doing darks, take it easy! Colored dyes and bleach do not easily go together.

How dry can you get? - There are three rules of thumb here:

* Read the care labels on your clothes again; you'll find drying instructions there right along with washing suggestions

* Hang stuff up immediately after it's done (if you want to avoid wrinkles)

Dryer touchpad settings are easy to understand. "Normal" means hot and is the best all around setting for drying large loads, "Permanent Press" means moderate, and "Delicates" means low. "Fluff" is excellent for delicate fabrics and fine washables.

The Grand Finale - Fold 'em; stack 'em; and put 'em away! Do this once a week and your social life will improve, your grades will get better -- well, maybe not completely. Anyway, now you've got a whole new spin on college.

Homeownership is stepping stone out of poverty

by Gary Wolfe

For many Texans the road to homeownership can seem daunting. What many people don't realize, however, is that homeownership is not only

attainable, but it is one of the best possible paths to wealth-building and financial stability.

Even families of modest means who own a home typically have a net worth 12 times that of a renter who earns the same amount of money, according to the most recent Survey of Consumer Finances from the Federal Reserve Board. This is especially relevant in Texas, where renters make up more than a third of Texas households and where more than half a million renter households are below the poverty level.

For the majority of Texans, owning a home is the biggest investment of their lifetime, and the rewards of this investment are plenty. Home equity, when managed well, can help fund children's college tuitions, increase business opportunities and build nest eggs for retirement. Homeowners also enjoy the benefits of important tax relief. The IRS allows mortgage interest rate credits for low-income homeowners, and homeowner property taxes are entirely deductible on federal income tax returns.

Research from the Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University has shown that homeownership brings significant social benefits. Homeowners typically enjoy stronger family and neighborhood stability; their children perform better in school; and they are more likely to participate in civic activities.

Many Americans at lower income levels believe obtaining affordable housing is beyond their means. But there are numerous resources that can help make homeownership an achievable goal.

As a resource, NeighborWorks America provides financial support, technical assistance and training for communities across the nation, including the NeighborWorks network - a nationwide network of more than 245 community development organizations working in more than 4,400 urban, suburban and rural communities across America. These organizations leverage public and private dollars to put people in new houses, rehabilitate older homes and provide financial education. In Texas, the NeighborWorks network has helped turn thousands of renters into homeowners in both major metropolitan areas and rural communities.

In addition, through the National Campaign for Homeownership, NeighborWorks has invested more than \$12 billion in communities across the country and has helped more than 100,000 households become homeowners. NeighborWorks organizations have helped thousands of low-income, minority and single-headed households plan for a down payment on a home; learn about buying a home; find affordable housing; and secure competitive interest rates on a mortgage.

Buying a home is never risk-free. It is essential that people buy homes that they can actually afford and they not get lured into too-large mortgages. Homeownership is a win; a foreclosure is devastating. The first step to avoiding foreclosure is, of course, buying a home within one's means.

The key to making a wise investment, and protecting that investment, is knowledge. The web site, www.nw.org, is a good place to start for referrals.