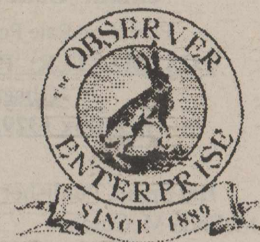


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## Free hot dog supper set for Robert Lee

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.

## CC Retired Teachers Assoc. meeting set

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, September 18. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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!



**Pool Dedication!** A group of local youngsters enjoy the festivities at the dedication ceremony for the Bronte Pool which was held Saturday, September 9. The dedication was originally scheduled for Labor Day but was rescheduled due to the much needed rain that fell that day.

## BHS Homecoming set for Sept. 23

Come share stories with high school friends as we celebrate the 2006 BHS Homecoming. Activities will begin at the school with: Registration, coffee, donuts-9 am; Veterans Ceremony - 11 am at the depot; lunch - 11:30 am, school cafeteria.

The "Alumni Gathering" will be at 2 pm in the school auditorium. All will hear about the future of the BHS Alumni Association, as well as, introduction of the 2007-2010 alumni officers.

The program will include a reminder of teachers who have influenced our lives, the past and present days 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!!!

## Street Affair meeting set

The Robert Lee Street Affair chairmen and committee members will meet Thursday, September 21 at 5 pm in the Coke County Library.

This will be the last meeting before the Street Affair on Saturday, October 7, 2006.

All committee chairmen and members are urged to attend and anyone who would like to help or have in-put is urged to come to this meeting. Schedules are still open and events can be added.

County-wide attendance and participation at the Street Affair supports so many good causes and brings such positive attention to the area. All entertainers appreciate a good audience. All vendors appreciate attention to their wears. All those who enter their art, cars, beds, parade get-up are paid in full by enthusiastic crowds. Visitors go away impressed by the local support.

Join in by entering the art show, the car show, the parade, the cook-off, donating items to the auction, building a bed, visiting the jail, and just being there.

## Mtn. Creek Ladies Bake Sale set

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. For more information, call 453-2317.

## County burn ban lifted

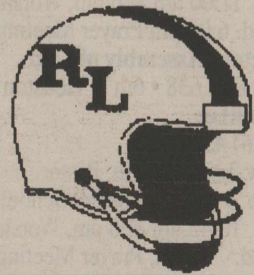
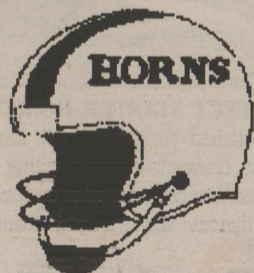
On September 11, 2006, the Coke County Commissioner's Court lifted the county wide burn ban. Due to recent rains the Commissioners Court feels that the burn ban could be lifted at this time. However, the court is asking everyone to take extreme precaution while burning.

If you are doing a control burn, please call the Sheriff's office at 453-2717, the Robert Lee Care Center at 453-2511 and the local fire department to let them be aware that you will be burning.

If the rains do not continue and drought conditions worsen then the burn ban will be placed back in effect. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your County Commissioner or the County Judge.

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**San Angelo Craft Fair set for this weekend**

The Greater San Angelo Craft Guild will be having their 32nd Annual Fall Festival on Sept. 16 and 17, located in the Wells Fargo Pavilion on the Fair Grounds in San Angelo. This is the oldest craft guild in San Angelo. These crafts are hand made. You will find all kinds of woodwork, hand-work, quilts, jewelry and much more.

There will be hourly door prizes. If you bring a can of food for the Meals for the Elderly you will receive an extra free door prize ticket.

The hours are Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 pm.

**Chili Cook Off benefiting Meals for the Elderly**

The 'San Angelo Cookers Association' (SACA) Pod is hosting a chili and BBQ cook off at Lonesome Dove, 3300 N. Chadbourne Street in San Angelo, Texas, on September 16 and 17, 2006.

The cook off on Saturday will benefit "Meals for the Elderly" and the cook off on Sunday will benefit "SACA Pod charities".

Entries on Saturday, September 16 are as follows:

Pinto Beans at 11 am, 1/2 Jointed Chicken at 12 pm, Country Style Pork Ribs at 1



**Mortensen-Burwick wedding!** Racheal Kay Mortensen of Trent and Darin Glenn Burwick of Blackwell were united in marriage on June 10, 2006. The ceremony was held in the home of David and Sherri Morgan with Justice of the Peace, Grady Coulter, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of David & Christine Mortensen of Trent.

The groom is the son of Glenn and Tanya Burwick of Blackwell and grandson of T.G. and Lillie Burwick of Blackwell and Jim & Carolyn Lee of Bronte.

pm and Chili at 2 pm. Entries on Sunday, September 17 are as follows: Chili at 1 pm. Please come and join the fun---as cooks, judges, or just spectators. For more information, contact Lonesome Dove (325) 486-1315.

## Death Notices

**Taylor**

Anna B. Taylor, 84, of Blackwell, passed away on September 6, 2006.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, September 9, 2006, at 11 am in the Blackwell Cemetery with Rev. Aubrey Jones officiating. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

**CNA classes to be held in Bronte**

Bronte Health & Rehab Center will begin taking applications for CNA class on Monday, September 18, 2006, at Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee. Tee time will be 9 am. For more information, call 453-2317.

**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.

**RLHS Class of '76 Reunion slated for October 6-7**

Robert Lee High School Class of 1976 will hold their 30th Class Reunion, October 6 and 7, 2006. They would like to invite any former classmates and teachers/administrators that attended school with them throughout their twelve years to join them.

If you are a former classmate or teacher/administrator or know of someone that would like to attend please contact Sheila (Roberts) Farrar at 281-893-1648 and/or Mary Elaine (Lackey) Ray at 972-312-8992 for more information.

**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.

**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.


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<p><b>Bronte Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson                  Bronte                  (325) 473-3291                  Preacher John V. Driggers                  Sun. 10 am &amp; 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm</p> <p><b>Central Baptist Church</b>                  324 S. Franklin • Bronte                  (325) 473-4811                  Tim White, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 6 pm Worship                  Wed. 6 pm</p> <p><b>Emmanuel Pentecostal</b>                  PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2360                  Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am &amp; 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b>                  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</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  Corner of Washington &amp; Holmes                  Bronte                  (325) 473-3281                  Rev. David Bailey, Pastor                  Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School                  11:00 am Worship                  5:00 Youth</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  PO Box 144 • 9th &amp; Chadbourne                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2417                  Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School                  11 am Worship                  Wed. 7 pm Choir</p> <p><b>Iglesia Bautista Bethel</b>                  101 Houston • Robert Lee                  (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296                  Pastor: Basilio Esquivel                  Sun. 9:45, 11:00, &amp; 11:30 am                  &amp; 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm</p>	<p><b>Northside Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 388 • 9th &amp; Chadbourne                  Robert Lee                  (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685                  Portis Ribble, Minister                  Services: Sun. 10 am &amp; 1:30 pm;                  Wed. 6 pm</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church</b>                  601 W. 10th, Robert Lee                  (325) 365-2687                  Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor                  Sat. 6 pm</p> <p><b>Pecan Baptist</b>                  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 &amp; 7 pm, Worship</p> <p><b>Robert Lee Baptist Church</b>                  PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th                  (325) 453-2724                  Jason Martin, Pastor                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 7 pm, Worship                  Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>Southside Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 698 • 8th &amp; Houston                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2176                  Frank J. Daniels, Preacher                  Sun. 10 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 7 pm, Worship</p> <p><b>Tennyson Baptist Church</b>                  Hwy 277 • Tennyson                  Joe Hodges, Pastor                  (325) 473-2040                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  11:00 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>Victory Assembly of God</b>                  PO Box 638 • 6th &amp; Houston                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2208                  Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  10:45 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting</p>
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### Democracy in America

by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

These are busy days in the United States Senate. Following August recess, members of Congress returned to Washington, D.C., armed with comments provided by our constituents. During the past month, I had the opportunity to visit with Texans throughout our state. In the remaining weeks Congress is in session before November's elections, I will continue my work on issues important not only to our state but vital to our nation.

We must ensure our armed forces have the equipment and support needed to properly secure our nation. The Senate recently passed a Department of Defense appropriations bill that provides our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines with critical supplies necessary to prosecute the ongoing war against terror. It is essential that we give our servicemen and women everything possible to do the job of protecting freedom. This bill increases benefits, delivers a much-deserved pay raise for military personnel, upgrades equipment, and funds key readiness programs critical to America's national security.

As Chairman of the Senate's Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, I believe it is important to prioritize housing for families and base infrastructure modernization.

Veterans of our armed forces deserve our continued support once they leave military service, and this includes resources to ensure proper care for those who have proudly served our nation.

An integral aspect of defense is the security of our nation's ports. Texas is home to 29 ports, including four of the 10 busiest in the country. We are working to secure our ports and improve our methods for inspecting containers and materials at the point of origin before they enter U.S. water. For years I have focused on more stringent port security. Key parts of my legislation, the Intermodal Shipping Container Security Act, will be incorporated into a comprehensive port security bill making its way through Congress this month.

America's strength is drawn not only from our military, which is the finest in the world, but from the participation of our citizens. Every two years, federal elections provide the American people with an opportunity to express themselves and have their voices heard.

Through writing weekly Capitol Comments, I enjoy sharing with Texans my views on important issues facing our state and country, as well as commenting on topics that are truly Texan. I also conduct surveys to hear your views on the issues our country faces. However, this will be my final Capitol Comment until after November's elections, as Federal Election Commission rules prohibit this form of

communication within 60 days of Election Day, which this year falls on Nov. 7.

It is important to exercise your right to vote. Historically, more than half of eligible voters do not vote in mid-term elections. In 2002, only 37 percent of eligible voters across the nation turned out, and in Texas that number was even lower at 29 percent.

This is a distressing sign at a time when our country continues to support emerging democracies around the world where many are experiencing the right to vote for the first time. In Iraq, 60 percent of eligible voters participated in their country's constitutional referendum last October despite threats of danger and violence. Iraqis were willing to risk their lives to enjoy the powerful and intoxicating feeling of being part of the democratic process.

By voting, you play a direct role in the selection of the men and women whose policy decisions affect the quality of your life and your pursuit of happiness. And not incidentally, you also send a message to those throughout the world who look to America as the most shining example of freedom.

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## ETHICS

Ethics in a political campaign, in my opinion, are even more important than in everyday life. A candidate is asking voters to cast their ballot in his or her direction, and the message he carries to the voters must be truthful and verifiable.

I also feel that an opponent's personal life is off limits in a political campaign. For example, I feel that some of the personal attacks in the recent Scott Campbell -- Drew Darby race were beyond this ethical boundary.

By the same token, I have felt all along that it is an ethics violation for one who would be county judge to retain ownership of the county newspaper. I personally feel that the newspaper should be a "watchdog" of local government, and ownership of the county newspaper while serving as county judge would be a conflict of interest, and would not be in the best interest of the county.

For this reason, I am announcing publicly what I have been telling voters all along during the campaign. I signed a contract with Wayne and Melinda McCutchen in March of 2002 for them to begin purchasing the paper. The purchase will be finalized at a time of my choosing within ten years of the origination date. With the voters' approval in the county judge's race, the sale of the newspaper will be completed prior to my taking office in January of 2007.

We have already taken steps to implement this sale, with the hiring of Morgan McCutchen (Wayne and Melinda's oldest daughter), as editor of the paper. Morgan completed her Bachelor's Degree at ASU in December of 2005, and has been the primary in the composition of the newspaper since March of 2006. Although she still looks like a kid to some of us older folks, she has a wealth of newspaper experience that goes back to working here all during her high school years.

I have no doubts as to leaving your county newspaper in good hands, should you decide to elect me your county judge. I plan to visit personally with as many of you as possible between now and the election, which is set for Tuesday, November 7th.

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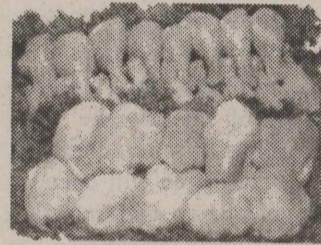


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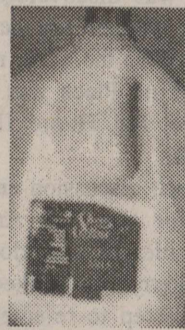


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### Archeology Fair set at Fort Concho

Every member of the family will enjoy a free day of re-living Texas' past at San Angelo's Fort Concho National Historic Landmark on Saturday, September 30, from 10 am to 4 pm. "YesterYears Revisted", the Concho Valley Archeology Society's 7th annual Archeology Fair is co-sponsored by Fort Concho, 630 S. Oaks St., San Angelo, with financial support from the Texas Archeology Society.

According to Robert "Bob" Bluthardt, Fort Concho Director, "The Archeology Fair will have all of Fort Concho to itself. We are celebrating National Museum Day as declared and promoted by Smithsonian Magazine, and we are listed as a Museum Day site in the September issue that is sent to hundreds of thousands of Texans."

Bluthardt added, "We will have our tour buildings staffed, we will have some troops out riding and firing weaponry, and in honor of the day we will waive all admission charges. Also, a food booth will operate to provide lunch and refreshments throughout the day."

Activities for everyone will be spread around Fort Concho. All ages can enjoy exhibits such as Fort Chadbourne and Concho Valley Artifacts, Pre-historic Hide Tanning, and Paint Rock Pictographs. To learn about the life of early settlers in the west, everyone can view presentations and demonstrations like Flint Knapping, The Butterfield Stage, The 49er's Trail across Panama, and Tracing the Chihuahua Road.

Children and youth can choose from a variety of hands-on activities including throwing an atlatl, making pottery and baskets, painting pictographs and learning how pre-historic peoples cooked their food. A special treat will be an authentic teepee and story telling by Ray Hernandez of Menard.

Larry Riemenschneider is coordinating the fair. For more information, contact him at (325) 653-8216, e-mail larremjo@wcc.net, or call the Fort at (325) 481-2646. More than 50 volunteers are set to share their enthusiasm about the history and archeology of our unique part of Texas.

### Oktoberfest returns to Fredericksburg

The sound of oompah, the aroma of sizzling bratwurst, and the cries of Genutlichkeit once again herald the arrival of Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg, Texas, October 6, 7, 8, 2006. For three full days, the whole world is invited to sing, toast and dance at one of Fredericksburg's favorite festivals, celebrating its 26th Anniversary!

Oktoberfest hours are 6 pm to 12 midnight Friday, 10 am to 12 midnight Saturday, and 10 am to 6 pm Sunday.

Oktoberfest attracts many participants just for the shopping opportunities. Over 45 juried artisans from across the state fill two big tents, offering their best

arts and collectibles. In yet another tent a select group of hill country artists will be selling their fine art to the public in a rare showing.

Of course the best of any celebration in Fredericksburg is the hearty menu of delicious German and Mexican-American foods. Over a dozen vendors will be sizzling up fajitas, tacos, burgers, and a variety of sausage on a stick to plates with kraut, salads, strudel, and other scrumptious surprises. Adventurous tasters can sample over 30 varieties of domestic and imported beer.

More information on Oktoberfest and Fredericksburg is available by contacting Oktoberfest, P.O. Box 222, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624, by calling 830-4810, or at [www.oktoberfestinfbg.com](http://www.oktoberfestinfbg.com).

### Hot Tempers To Be Cooled By Chili

In today's mostly civilized world, personal issues are seldom settled by shoot-outs. So, it was decided recently - by a proclamation from Texas Governor Rick Perry, no less (copy available) - that instead of hot lead cooling hot tempers in the matter of a scoundrel committing chili theft, the score would instead be settled and the culinary scales balanced at the 40th Annual Original Terlingua International Chili Cook-off, November 2-5, 2006.

"You have to know the history of the cook-off," said Tom Nall of 2-Alarm Chili fame, but basically the unique event started 40 years ago with Frank X. Tolbert, Wick Fowler and some other Texas chiliheads attempting to put a scoundrel in his place. Now, here we are, 40 years later with another scoundrel to deal with."

NOTE: The entire history of the Original Terlingua International Chili Cook-off may be viewed on the event site - <http://www.abowlofred.com>. In 2003, Don Eastep, a scoundrel from Illinois, gained false entry as a cook and won the event by stealing small portions of chili from other cooks to create his own spurious concoction. When his crime was discovered, his award was stripped and he was ordered to leave the State, never to return. First Place was then awarded to Ted Hume III of Dallas, Texas.

After much discussion among planners for the 40th Annual event, the idea of a pardon by Governor Perry was cooked up, allowing Eastep to re-enter the state for a head-to-head cook-off with Hume.

"Some folks have been quite vocal against allowing Mr. Eastep back in Texas or to be connected with the cook-off in any way," admits Kathleen Tolbert Ryan, daughter of cook-off co-founder, Frank X., "but I think this is the way my dad and Wick might have handled the matter."

Eastep, upon learning of the pardon, was pleased to accept the invitation, stating he looked forward to shaking Governor Perry's hand after he won.

Marc Nall, an Austin imagineer and chilihead was quite vocal against allowing Eastep back in

The Lone Star State for any reason other than to attend his own hanging, "Can you believe the [expletive deleted] is expecting his [expletive deleted] travel expenses to be paid by the Cook-off?" Nall was an official chili judge in 2003.

When asked if justice had not already been served by stripping the First Place award from Eastep in 2003, Hume said simply, "I out-cooked him then; I'll out-cook him in November."

### Seat belt usage hits record high for state

There's proof that more Texas motorists are buckling up. State transportation officials recently announced safety belt usage in Texas topped 90 percent for the first time in history.

A record 90.44 percent of motorists are using safety belts, up from 89.9 percent last year.

Since enforcement and education efforts began in 2002, safety belt usage in Texas has jumped more than 14 percentage points. This increase translates into an estimated 1,200 fewer fatalities and more than 28,000 injuries prevented as a result of traffic crashes since 2002, according to transportation officials.

"Increasing safety on Texas highways is something we work on every day," said Hope Andrade, a member of the Texas Transportation Commission. "We are pleased that more and more Texans are doing their part to make our highways a safer place by the simple act of buckling their safety belt every time they get in their vehicle."

Transportation officials credit a safety belt awareness and enforcement campaign called "Click It or Ticket" with helping drive safety belt usage to an all time high in Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation and its partners, the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies across the state, engaged in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign last Memorial Day with a single objective: to watch for Texas drivers and passengers who were not buckled up and encouraged them to comply with safety belt and child safety seat laws.

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers in all vehicles to be secured by a safety belt. Children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or a child safety seat. A child under five years old and less than 36 inches tall must ride in a child safety seat.

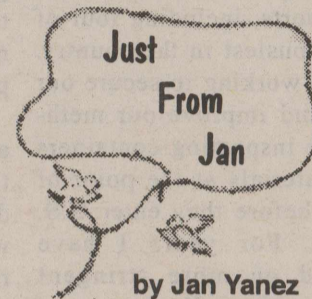
A safety belt violation can result in fines up to \$200, plus court costs.

Increasing safety on Texas highways is one of the five main TxDOT goals, along with reducing congestion, expanding economic opportunity, improving air quality and increasing the value of transportation assets.

"Helping people get in the habit of using safety belts is just one of the many things we are doing every day to improve safety on our highways," said Andrade. Among the TxDOT initiatives she cited were efforts to install safety barriers in the center median of divided highways, installing rumble strips along

pavement edges, building wider safety shoulders, dividing busy four-lane highways, adding dedicated left-turn lanes at busy intersections and encouraging teen drivers to practice safe driving habits.

"Working together we can improve safety on Texas highways," said Andrade.



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

### Prepare now to keep your family safe in a disaster

Although disasters kill hundreds and injure thousands of people each year in the United States, local residents can help keep themselves and their families safe in emergencies by taking a few steps to become prepared now.

September is National Preparedness Month, which is part of an annual effort to help communities in every state become better prepared for disasters. To help citizens become disaster-ready, Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross are offering information on the steps each person should take before a disaster occurs.

Being disaster-prepared is more than just knowing what to do in case of a tornado or a fire. It also involves:

- \*Developing and practicing an emergency plan for your family

- \*Preparing 72-hour disaster supply kits for your home, office and car

- \*Understanding your community's warning systems and evacuation routes

- \*Knowing whom to contact in your community for more information

- \*Getting involved in local preparedness efforts

Disasters most often are unpredictable, and they can be devastating.

But the more you prepare, the better you will know exactly what to do and where to go and the more likely that you and your family will be safe.

For more information on disaster education, contact your local Extension office at (325) 453-2461 or visit the office at the Coke County Courthouse. Other tips are available through a nationwide network known as the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN). Texas EDEN information is on the web at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>.

### Biggest job search mishaps

While everyone makes mistakes, one of the most unfortunate times to do so is when applying for a job. OfficeTeam recently asked office professionals to recount the biggest job search blunders they had heard of

or witnessed firsthand. Some of the more frequent responses related to over- or underselling one's skills during interviews or on resumes, not researching the company, complaining about former employers and treating clerical staff poorly.

The survey was developed by OfficeTeam, a leading staffing service specializing in the placement of highly skilled administrative professionals. It was conducted by an independent research firm and includes responses from 508 individuals 18 years of age or older and employed in office environments.

Office workers were asked, "What is the biggest mistake you've heard of someone making during his or her job search? Following are some of the responses:

- \*Someone interviewed for a position and was not given the job. But he showed up anyway saying, 'Here I am!'"

- \*Someone tried to bribe me during the interview. She really wanted the job and asked how much she could pay me for it."

- \*An applicant came in with his recruiter and had the recruiter answer the questions."

- \*A job seeker didn't hand up the phone after calling about a job. I overheard everything he said, and it wasn't good."

- \*One gentleman submitted a resume that contained misspelled words and an orange juice stain."

- \*I interviewed someone who had a jawbreaker in her mouth during the entire interview."

- \*When asked what he had been doing while unemployed, the applicant said, 'Staying home and watching TV.'"

- \*I interviewed a person who was only interested in the benefits and salary, and not the details and responsibilities of the job. He had a 'What's in it for me?' attitude."

- \*"One woman immediately described her faults to the interviewer and mentioned days she would need to take off."

- \*Applicants have shown up in torn shirts, blue jeans and flip flops."

- \*"During an interview, when asked what his greatest faults were, an applicant gave too many answers. He kept going and going and going."

- \*A job seeker wrote on her application, 'My boss was a jerk so I quit.'"

- \*"Job seekers are being evaluated from the moment they submit a resume," said Diane Domeyer, executive director of OfficeTeam. "It's critical that applicants behave professionally and treat everyone they encounter, from the receptionist to the person they bump into in the elevator, as someone who may weigh in on the hiring decision."

- Poor communication etiquette was a mistake cited often by survey respondents, including applicants following up too frequently, failing to return calls or show interest in the job, and talking too much or too little during the interview.

- Behavior that also left a bad impression included job seekers who admitted they were only interested in the money, failed to research the company or learn the interviewer's name, or were discourteous to the office receptionist

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**How the new Bronte Pool came to be**

Four years ago, a group of Bronte citizens, led by Fran Crumpler, began to express concern about the local swimming pool. If some extensive repairs were not made, it was going to be closed by the Texas Health Department. Fran talked to Judge Jackie Walker, who suggested approaching the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a grant.

Many phone calls and hours later, Fran constructed a rough drawing of the pool, which Gary Donaldson turned into an architectural drawing, and the process was begun. Showing local interest and participation was essential so she enlisted the help of the Sorosis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. The grant was awarded, but much more money had to be raised.

The Sorosis club had garage sales, the Lions Club pitched in, and Geo Group even held a Jail-a-Thon to squeeze money out of several prominent citizens. The children robbed all their piggy banks for pennies, and they held a talent show which really stirred up the local interest in the project. The Sorosis Club started a Write A Friend campaign which brought in some "outside the county" money. The Chamber sponsored a dance and Fun Day at the park. Many organizations began to help—the Eastern Star, the Golf Association, Hochheim Insurance, Royal Neighbors Insurance, First National Bank, Main Street Market, Glenn-Bivins Insurance, Hometown Hardware and Halls Grocery all did their part. Town and Country sent a generous donation.

The children were amazing, but by the summer of 2005, the money still was not there. Schoolchildren stood on the highway intersection, selling donuts and lemonade and telling travelers how badly they wanted to save their pool. The high school students organized a Pull for the Pool campaign. Kathy James sponsored a dance. The Sorosis Club had more garage sales and a Tour of Homes, Joni Frasier and Myron Halford, with the help of many people, organized a PeeWee Basketball tournament, which raised over \$3000.

Even with all this hard work, the pool would not have been saved. Over a quarter million dollars was needed. Where did that all come from? The county donated lots of money and labor. Commissioners George Snapp and Bill Wheat worked tirelessly, trying to stretch every dollar. The Economic Development Board and the City of Bronte donated money and essential labor. Ricky Royall kept the pool going while money was being raised, and then he did much of the new electrical work, including the bathhouse.

Did you say "bathhouse"? Wouldn't it have been terrible to have a nice pool and that

awful bathhouse. Commissioners Wheat and Snapp scrimped and worked, along with their employees and the city boys and put together a new bathhouse. The city installed the new sewer system and lift stations that were required.

The San Angelo Health Foundation made a major donation. Many individuals, like Henry and Beverly Kitzman and numerous others filled in the gaps. Memorials were given and dozens of other people did their part. Mentioning everyone's name would be impossible.

So what happened? At least three things: Bronte has a beautiful pool which children and adults can enjoy for many years. The pool renovation removed an old eyesore and made the town a more attractive place, and we all learned that when we work together for a common cause, dreams can really happen.

**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.

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](http://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](http://www.IntPetClub.com).

**Can You Afford to Switch Careers?**

Take Charge America Has 7 Questions You Need to Ask Yourself before Making the Leap

Peering outside your cubicle, it's often hard to tell if the grass is greener on the other side. You may be bored, in need of a fresh start or you've outgrown your job. They're all valid reasons to switch careers, but before you take action, take a hard look at what it takes to turn that daydream into reality.

Mike Sullivan, director of education of Take Charge America, a non-profit credit counseling agency, says if you're one of the growing numbers of Americans who are thinking of making a career change to improve your



**Pool Dedication!** Coke County Commissioners (from left to right) George Snapp and Bill Wheat, along with Coke County Judge, Roy Blair, observe some of the happenings at the dedication ceremony for the Bronte Pool, Saturday, September 9.

lifestyle, you need to first assess how it will affect other aspects of your life.

"Switching careers can have both positive and negative repercussions on your family, lifestyle and financial state," he said. "If you are ready to make the leap it's important to have a plan and weigh the risks."

Statistics show that the average American will change careers at least three times during their working life and change jobs within the same career even more frequently.

Sullivan notes that not all of those workers are moving up on the pay scale.

"If you're looking for a different atmosphere, better hours or a flexible schedule, you may have to take a pay cut, and you will need to make adjustments accordingly," he said. "Following your inward calling may take some sacrifice on the home front."

Sullivan has seven questions workers need to ask themselves before switching careers:

\* How risk-tolerant are you? - Security is a comforting feeling. Abandoning that sense of security is a big risk. Does the unknown make you queasy or exhilarated? Accepting a job offer doesn't mean you are home free. If the job market shifts, are you comfortable at the bottom on the totem pole?

\* What's your background? - Evaluate whether your inward calling is feasible. If you have an engineering background, can you easily make the transition to English teacher? You may be a fabulous writer, but without a qualified resume you may be hard pressed to find an employer to hire on faith. Start gathering the needed background while you are at your current position if possible. Test the waters by going back to school, volunteering or finding freelance work.

\* Have you done your research? - Know exactly what you are getting into. Talk with people in your desired career field about their current positions and lifestyles. Examine

hiring trends in your local job market and field. Find out what background is necessary, who is hiring and the potential growth in that field. If you're moving to another state, how much will your take-home pay differ from where you are now? **Log onto** [www.paycheckcity.com](http://www.paycheckcity.com) to find out. Just enter the state, salary and the number of allowances you claim into their free calculators.

\* How's your credit? - If you're neck high in bills, now may not be the time to downsize your career. Make it a priority to pay off high-interest credit card debt so you are in a position to save extra cash. Do not downsize if it requires you to take out an extra credit line to live off of. The financial heartache is not worth it in the long run. Consult a financial planner or credit counselor to create a workable financial solution. Visit [www.takechargeamerica.org](http://www.takechargeamerica.org) for more information.

\* Can you afford to downsize? - Switching careers may force you to say goodbye to certain luxuries. This could mean eating in more often, spending less on clothes, coupon clipping or even downsizing your car or home.

\* Do you have a backup

plan? - Have you examined the what-ifs? What if your new company downsizes, health problems pop up, or your spouse gets laid off? Talk with your family about the potential "what-ifs" and come up with a plan to take care of them.

\* Are you good with change? - Change is good, right? If you're leaving a 60-hour work week behind for a part-time job you may come across unexpected consequences like boredom or a sense of not feeling needed. Factor in adjustment time. You can have the lifestyle you've always dreamed of by evaluating potential fallout and fixing it.

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**"BLAZE THE TRAILS"**

**Fort Chadbourne Foundation**

**Annual fundraiser Dinner Show**

**Saturday, September 16, 2006**

**5:30 pm at**

**Historic Fort Chadbourne**

**12 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277**

**\$75 per person includes steak dinner**

**For reservations - 325-743-2555**

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# 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**

### Bronte Longhorn football results

The Bronte Longhorns lost a tough contest Friday night to a very good Rotan team 12-7. The game was filled with a bunch of hard hits and athletic plays.

The Longhorns struck first on a Logan Rawls pass to Matt Allen that covered 37 yards, Adam Halfacer kicked the PAT, for a 7-0 lead. The Yellowhammers came back with the next score to cut the lead to 7-6 at the half.

Rotan scored in the third quarter to take a 12-7 lead. The game was scoreless for the last 22 minutes, as both defenses played extremely well. The Longhorns are open this week and resume play September 22nd against the Winters Blizzards.

### Bronte Band Booster Club meeting set

The Bronte Band Booster Club will have their monthly meeting on September 22, 2006 at 7 in the band hall. The year is off to a great start and your help is needed to continue the great thing that you have begun.



### School Menu

#### Breakfast

**Monday, Sept. 18**  
Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, jelly, milk

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

#### Lunch

**Monday, Sept. 18**  
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, apple crisp, milk

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
Beef and bean chalupa, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, chip, rosey applesauce, milk

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
Chicken nugget, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, banana pudding, milk

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, assorted fruit, Texas toast, pink panther cake, milk

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, spicy fries, bun, frozen fruit bar, milk

The Coke County Library is searching for any three to five year old in need of a book, or a story, or a project, or a treat. Tuesdays at 10 am is Story Time at the Library. If this is not a convenient time, please come by the Library or call 453-2495 and another time can be planned.

Also, toddlers and their moms and caregivers are urged to come see the new collection of board books. Studies show that children with active exposure to language have social and educational advantages of their peers - and reading is one of the best exposures to language. Reading is interactive. Television is not interactive - imagine being talked AT rather than being encouraged to enter into the conversation. Being read to is the first step in independent reading. More information about toddlers and reading is available in the parenting section of the childrens books.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned

in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the library.

### SA Museum of Fine Art resumes Art Thursdays

The Education Department of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts announces the resuming of Art Thursdays. Art Thursdays are a fun-filled afternoon of hands-on art activities. Kids accompanied by an adult can try out their artistic skills with clay, watercolors, and two other activities that rotate monthly. The afternoon of art fun runs from 2 pm until 6 pm.

Art Thursdays will continue throughout the school year. Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7, 14, 21.

The program will resume again on January 4 after the Christmas break and continue every Thursday until May 31.

The purpose of this program is to encourage kids and adults to engage and enjoy art in their lives. The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts wants to encourage kids and adults to experience the wide world of art through exhibitions, programs, and hands-on activities.

**Editorial & Advertising Deadline is 2 pm on Tuesday preceding publication.**



## 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

## Introducing BISD's new faculty

### Micah Hoyt

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Micah Hoyt and I am very excited about being the Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Twelve School Counselor this year for Bronte I.S.D. This is my first year in this position so I have many new experiences ahead of me. I am convinced that what I lack in experience I make up for with enthusiasm.

I graduated with my bachelor's degree in Special Education from Angelo State University in 1999. After graduation, I taught for five and a half years for Mesquite Independent School District (M.I.S.D.). Two of those years were spent in the special education resource room at Cannaday Elementary. Three and a half years were spent as an elementary Dyslexia Itinerant (fancy word for traveling "gypsy" teacher) at various Mesquite elementary campuses. I

enjoyed my time with Mesquite school district and especially the children and faculty I was fortunate to work with during my years living in the Metroplex.

I completed my master's degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce in School Counseling in May 2006. After a year and a half of internships with M.I.S.D. and the Promise House in Oak Cliff, I felt ready to begin my new adventure of life as school counselor.

My family and I feel very fortunate to be back in Bronte among our family and friends. Although I would not trade my experience in the "Big D", you cannot ask for a better place to raise your children than in Bronte. Plus, "there's no place like home".

I look forward to working with you and your children. You may contact me by phone at (325) 473-2521 ext. 119 or by email: micah.hoyt@bronteisd.net.

It is going to be a great year!

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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:  
Gayle (Mackey) Sartain, 3927 E. FM Hwy 2105,  
San Angelo, Texas 76905

# BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL

				BHS	
September 1	Cross Plains	There	7:30	21	12
September 8	Rotan	Here	7:30	7	12
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 15  
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Pre-K and Football!** The Robert Lee Elementary Pre-K students enjoyed a visit from a couple of RLHS football players, Kevin Honse and Eleasar Vera, on Friday, September 8.

## RL Pep Rally to be held at track

The Robert Lee High School Pep Rally will be held at the Robert Lee ISD track field today at 3:50 pm. All Steer fans are encouraged to attend.

## Steers get first win

by Tom Sawyer

Robert Lee got their first win of the regular season with a win over the Borden County Coyotes. The Steers are 1 and 1 for the season with their next game at Santa Anna and trust me

## School Menu

### Breakfast

- Monday, Sept. 18**  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
Juice, French toast sticks, sausage, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
Juice, pizza, cereal, milk
- Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Friday, Sept. 22**  
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

### Lunch

- Monday, Sept. 18**  
Corn dog, pork and beans, tator tots, pineapple, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
Taco, cheese, salad, Spanish rice, chili beans, peaches, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
Steakfingers, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk
- Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Chicken A La King, rice, eggroll, banana, pudding w/cookie, milk
- Friday, Sept. 22**  
Bar-B-Que on bun, pickles, ranch beans, baked chips, apple, milk

football fans you don't want to miss it, these two teams can fly. Remember to get out and support the Steers you won't have a better time this year than backing the Orange and Black.

### Game Summary

#### 1st Quarter

Steers - 59 yard run by Hodge with 9:03 left, PAT failed;  
Steers - 31 yard fumble return by LaRue with 4:29 left, PAT by Percifull;  
Steers - Safety by Hodge with 4:24 left, PAT failed;  
Coyotes - 11 yard run with :25 left, PAT kick good.  
Steers - 16 Coyotes - 8

#### 2nd Quarter

Steers - 62 yard run by Gallegos with 9:39 left, PAT kick by Percifull;  
Steers - 61 yard run by Hodge with 5:18 left, PAT kick by Percifull.  
Steers - 32, Coyotes - 8

#### 3rd Quarter

Coyotes - 19 yard run with 8:22 left, PAT kick good;  
Steers - 36 yard run by Gallegos with :52 left, PAT pass

Dillard to Honse;

Steers - 10 yard pass from Dillard to LaRue with :09 left, PAT pass Dillard to Honse.

Steers - 46, Coyotes - 16

#### 4th Quarter

Coyotes - 1 yard run with 3:56 left, PAT failed;  
Steers - 42 yard pass from Gallegos to LaRue with :44 left, PAT pass Dillard to Honse;  
Coyotes - 19 yard pass with :06 left, PAT blocked.  
Steers - 53, Coyotes - 28

#### Steer Stats

Taylor Percifull - 4 tackles, 3 PAT kicks, 1 fumble recovery;  
Jeremy Martinez - 1 reception for 34 yards and 2 tackles;  
Brody Dillard - 1 carry, 3 of 7 passing for 18 yards and 1 TD and 7 tackles, 3 PAT pass completions;  
Josh Gallegos - 18 carries for 213 yards, 3 of 5 passing for 100 yards and 1 Touchdown, 14 Tackles, 1 interception;  
Johnathan Pagan - 3 tackles and 1 interception;  
Kevin Honse - 1 reception for 24 yards, 9 tackles, and 1 inter-

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 **Free**   
**Hot Dog Supper**  
**Saturday, September 16**  
**5 pm - 7 pm**  
**Recreation Hall**  
**Robert Lee**  
**Enjoy music by Driftwood**  
**Sponsored by First United**  
**Methodist Church of Robert Lee**  
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## 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

ception, 3 PAT receptions;

Cameron Hodge - 4 carries for 125 yards and 2 TD's, 2 receptions for 8 Yards, 6 tackles and 1 fumble recovery;

Chase Roe - 5 tackles;

Chris LaRue - 2 carries for 9 yards, 2 receptions for 52 yards and 2 TDs, 7 tackles and 1 fumble recovery with 41 yard TD return;

Tony Munoz - 2 tackles.

See everyone Friday night, GO STEERS!!!

## 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.

## Friends Of The Governor's Mansion High School History Contest

Friends of the Governor's Mansion, a Texas non-profit organization, announces its third annual History Presentation Project Contest for Texas high school students. The contest is designed to encourage high

school students in the study of Texas history and enhance computer skills in conjunction with the state curriculum. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) supports and promotes the contest with staff members participating in the judging process, including Kay Harvey-Mosley, director of the THC's Community Heritage Division, and Stan Graves, director of the THC's Architecture Division.

The project requires students to create a PowerPoint presentation on a topic concerning the history of their county. A donation of \$500 will be awarded to the school of each winning project. Categories for winners include best overall presentation, best use of audio, best use of images and best use of text. Additionally, the winning students and their teachers will be invited to Austin for an awards presentation after the winners are selected in December.

The contest entry form and guidelines are available at [www.txfgmcontest.org](http://www.txfgmcontest.org). All student participants must use the entry form to register for the contest no later than Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006. The deadline for submitting the completed projects is Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006. The winning schools and students will be notified in December.

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## AON Chicken Spaghetti Supper

Friday, September 22

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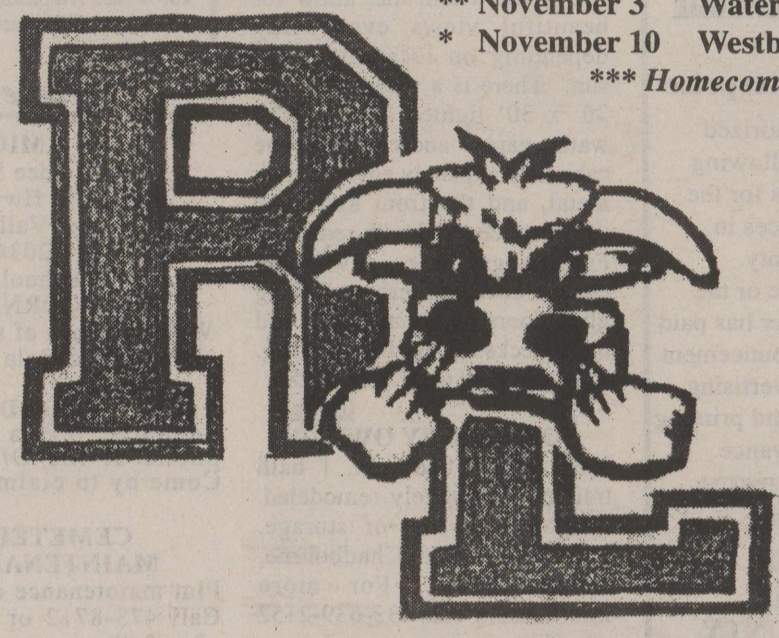
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* November 10	Westbrook	There	7:30		

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# ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

Friday,  
September 15  
7:30 pm  
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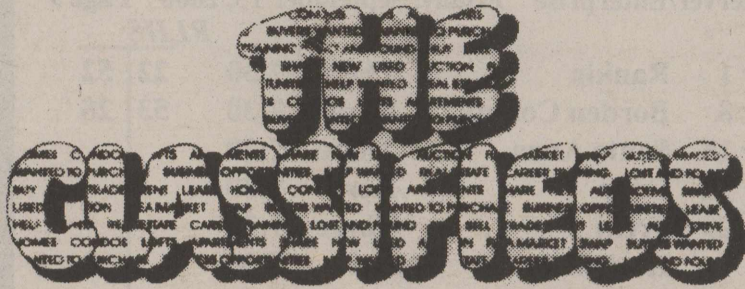
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& Handyman Services  
Tommy Williams

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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.

**COKE COUNTY JUDGE**  
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**  
D. Joan Davis

**COKE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**  
Josie Dean

**CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1**  
Marshall Millican

**FOR SALE**  
418 SW Railroad, Bronte. 2 BR/1 BA with carport, storage & storm cellar. Also fenced front and back yards. 432-693-2322.

**FOR SALE**  
Oak computer table. \$30. 473-2604.

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**RENT OR BUY**  
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9 am - 12 noon  
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Robert Lee

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With purchase of any 20 oz. bottle Coca-Cola Product.

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Someone left a portable phone at the O/E office. Come by to claim.

**CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**  
Plot maintenance or repairs. Call 473-8712 or 453-9902 after 5:00.

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The air in your home or office could be making you sick! Doesn't it make sense to breathe the cleanest air possible? Ask about free in-home trial. For more information, call (325) 453-2768 or 1-888-553-2768.

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Two sets of keys. Corner of 4th & 208, Robert Lee. Come by the O/E office & pick up.

**PARKER PLUMBING**  
Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.

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**BRONTE ISD**  
is accepting applications for a full time janitor. For more information contact Donna Poehls at 325-473-2251. Applications may be picked up at Superintendent's office. Position open until filled. BISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**GARAGE SALES**

**4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
806 SE Railroad, Bronte. Saturday, September 16. 8 am-2 pm.

**GARAGE SALE**  
1023 Austin, Robert Lee. Sat., 8 am. Toys, TV and misc.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST RAIN OR SHINE GARAGE SALE**  
Clothes, knick knacks, misc. and burritos. Sat., 9-16-06, 8 am til ?. 214 N. Jefferson, Bronte.

**CARD OF THANKS**

**IT'S GREAT TO KNOW**  
we live in such a generous & caring community. Words can never express how thankful we are to those who visited, called and prayed for us. And a big thanks to Mary Bessent, Lewis Millegan and Jackie Walker for responding to our call so quickly.

Kevin & Tammy Roe & Family

**THANK YOU**  
to Paul Burns, Jeremy Burns, Joe White, Gay and Tom Sawyer, Coach Harrison and all our parents for helping with the fish fry. And thanks to all those who attended, we hope you enjoyed it.

RLHS Jr. Class

**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
CITY OF ROBERT LEE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Robert Lee is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant request is \$200,000.00 for water system improvements in Robert Lee. The application is available for review at the City Hall during regular business hours.

Mayor, Joe White  
City of Robert Lee

**PROPOSAL NOTICE**  
Robert Lee ISD is now accepting competitive proposals for a SUV (Expedition, Suburban, or Comparable Vehicle). The vehicle should have V-8 engine, automatic transmission, second and third row bench seating, power steering, towing package, all required safety devices, cloth interior, AM/FM radio with CD, power locks and windows, and white exterior preferred. Proposals will be accepted through Monday, September 18, 2006. Proposals should be mailed or faxed to: Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX 76945, Fax (325) 453-2326. Robert Lee ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

# NOTICES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Coke County is now taking applications for a Senior Center Director in Bronte, Texas. Applications can be picked up in the Judge's Office in the Courthouse. Applications will be received until 9:00 am on September 18, 2006. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 1159

ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2006. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS, THAT:

We the City Council of the City of Robert Lee, do hereby levy and adopt the tax rate of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation for this City for the tax year 2006 as follows:

.37709 FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON DEBT OF THIS CITY.

.37709 TOTAL TAX RATE  
The tax rate adopted will increase total taxes in the City of Robert Lee by 0%.

The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the City of Robert Lee employing the above tax rates.

The above ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Robert Lee, Texas on this the 11th day of September, 2006, and was executed in duplicate.

Joe V. White, Mayor  
City of Robert Lee  
ATTEST:

Kay Torres, City Secretary

## BRONTE ISD

Will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 5:00 pm in the board room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Bronte Independent School District's rating on the State's financial accountability system.

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## ...Mishaps

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when calling or visiting a prospective employer.

"Hindsight is 20/20," said Domeyer. "Learning from these examples will help professionals sidestep mistakes that can cost them a job offer."

OfficeTeam provides the following tips to avoid embarrassing job search setbacks:

\*Spell it out. Confirm the correct spelling of the hiring manager's name and his or her title so that you can address the cover letter appropriately.

\*Practice, practice, practice. Anticipate interview questions and prepare thoughtful answers.

\*Be honest. Always be truthful on your resume and in your

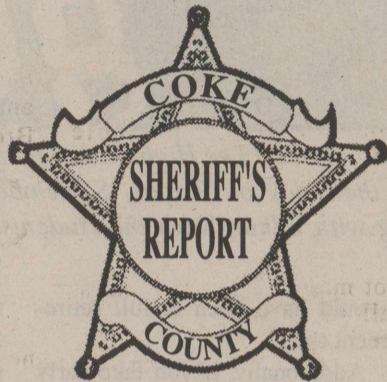
interview.

\*Don't ask what the company can do for you. Never inquire about salary or benefits in the first interview, unless your potential employer mentions them.

\*Accentuate the positive. Attitude is everything, and hiring managers will pick up on subtle cues, from your energy level and enthusiasm to the way you refer to your former employer.

\*Mind your manners. Request a business card from each interviewer so you can send a note expressing appreciation for his or her time. E-mail also is acceptable, but follow up with a formal card regardless.

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## Arrests/Charges Filed August 2006

Tellez, Dominguez Jennifer  
Driving While License Invalid  
8-1-06;  
Hernandez, Ernest Jr.  
Burglary of a Vehicle  
Engaging in Organized Crime  
8-2-06;  
Saunders, Jaylon  
Evading Arrest  
8-6-06;  
Acker, Garrett  
Evading Arrest  
8-6-06;  
Sabrusla, Michael  
Endangering a Child  
Reckless Driving  
8-11-06;  
Anderson, Melvin  
Driving While License Invalid  
8-12-06;  
Hernandez, Ernest Sr.  
Possession of Marijuana < 2oz  
Driving While License Invalid  
8-16-06;  
Garza, Raymond  
Assault F.V.  
8-17-06;

Montalvo, Hector Jr.  
Driving While License Invalid  
8-17-06;  
Benton, Floyd  
Possession of Marijuana >4oz <5lbs  
8-20-06;  
Benton, Caryl  
Possession of Marijuana >4oz <5lbs  
8-20-06;  
Clift, Bryant  
Possession of Marijuana <2oz  
8-26-06.

## County Court Dispositions 8-16-06

The State of Texas vs. Charles McCullough  
Charge: Possession of Controlled Substance  
Plea: 72 days Jail Credit, Court Cost \$224.00;  
The State of Texas vs. Jim

Hill  
Charge: DWI 1st  
Plea: Pre-trial Intervention;  
The State of Texas vs. Whitney Montgomery  
Charge: DWI 1st  
Plea: Probated 12 months, Fine \$1000.00, Court Cost \$416.00, 24 hrs Community Service;  
The State of Texas vs. Shad Groves  
Charge: Theft by Check  
Plea: 8 Days Jail Credit, Restitution \$163.67 paid within 2 weeks;  
The State of Texas vs. Stephen Baker  
Charge: Theft by Check  
Plea: Fine \$100.00, Court Cost \$271.00, Restitution \$189.78;  
The State of Texas vs. Robert Thomson  
Charge: Driving While License Invalid

Plea: 12 Months Deferred Adjudication, Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$249.00.

## District Court Dispositions 8-28-06

The State of Texas vs. Arthur Rogers  
Charge: Assault on a Public Servant  
Plea: 3 Years TDCJ;  
The State of Texas vs. Jimmy Norman  
Charge: DWI 3rd or More  
Plea: 6 Years TDCJ;  
The State of Texas vs. Bryan Riney  
Charge: Indecency with a child by contact  
Plea: 10 years deferred adjudication, \$1500 fine;  
The State of Texas vs. Orlando Esparza  
Charge: DWI with child under 15 yr  
Plea: Pre-Trial Intervention

## Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The COKE COUNTY GENERAL conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the COKE COUNTY GENERAL from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.88 percent on September 5, 2006 at 9:00 AM and September 8, 2006 at 9:00 AM. The Coke County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 18, 2006 at 9:00 AM at Commissioner's Court Room, Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th St., Robert Lee, Texas.

## IVEY MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

<p><b>1997 Ford F-150 Supercab XLT</b> #4870A \$ 5,995 <i>Sonic Blue • Grill Guard • One local owner!</i></p> <p><b>2003 Lincoln Town Car Signature</b> #7031A \$15,995 <i>White • Tan Heated Leather Seats • Light hail</i></p> <p><b>2005 Ford Focus ZX5</b> #F114A \$11,995 <i>Silver • Gray Cloth • 4 Cyl. • Auto • Great fuel economy!</i></p> <p><b>2002 Toyota Celica GT</b> #7013A \$12,995 <i>Satin Silver • Automatic • Very Sporty! • 29K Miles</i></p> <p><b>2005 Ford Mustang</b> #7035 \$17,750 <i>Vibrant White • Charcoal Interior • 21,000 Miles • Very Sporty!</i></p> <p><b>2005 Ford Focus ZX4</b> #8595 \$10,995 <i>Bright Red • Tan Cloth Interior • Automatic • Great Mileage!</i></p> <p><b>1998 Ford Expedition XLT</b> #4838A \$ 9,995 <i>Toreador Red • Tan Cloth • Great Family Ride!</i></p> <p><b>2004 Ford Explorer Sport Trac</b> #F240A \$17,995 <i>Vibrant White • Tan Interior • 35,000 Miles!</i></p> <p><b>2005 Lincoln Towncar Signature</b> #7037 \$23,995 <i>French Silk • Beige Leather • Light hail</i></p> <p><b>2005 Mercury Grand Marquis LS</b> #7041 \$17,995 <i>Arizona Beige • Tan Leather</i></p> <p><b>2000 Ford Crown Victoria LX</b> #4858A \$ 4,495 <i>Ice Blue • Blue Leather Interior • Extra nice!</i></p>	<p><b>2006 Ford Taurus SE</b> #7046 \$12,995 <i>Windveil Blue • 21K Miles • CD</i></p> <p><b>2006 Ford Escape XLT</b> #7049 \$17,995 <i>White • 4 Cyl. Automatic • 17,000 Miles! • Amazing Fuel Economy!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Overstocked Explorer Sale!</b></p> <p><b>2006 Ford Explorer XLT</b> #7051 \$19,995 <i>Mineral Gray • Tan Interior • 14,000 Miles!</i></p> <p><b>2005 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4</b> #4872A \$14,995 <i>Mineral Gray • Tan Interior • Grill Guard • Really nice!</i></p> <p><b>2004 Ford Explorer Limited 4x4</b> #F231A \$15,995 <i>Cashmere • Tan Leather • V-8 • Moon roof • Wow!!</i></p> <p><b>2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4x2</b> #F246A \$10,995 <i>White • Gray Cloth Interior • Low miles!</i></p> <p><b>2002 Ford Explorer XLT</b> #F203A \$ 9,995 <i>Laser Red • Tan Cloth Interior • Really sharp!</i></p> <p><b>2002 Ford Explorer XLS</b> #4874A \$ 8,995 <i>Mineral Gray • Tan Cloth Interior • Great Condition!</i></p>
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Ask For: **453-4561**  
**Randy Flanagan • Marsha Wink**  
**Billy Wayne Roe**

**Protect the eyes of Texas**

by Jon T. Schreiber, MD, Tyler President, Texas Ophthalmological Association

Imagine that your Eye MD (ophthalmologist) has just informed you that you have a potentially blinding eye disease. He or she tells you that with proper treatment, probably even surgery, blindness is preventable, which reassures you somewhat.

Now imagine that you don't have health insurance.

That situation is lived out daily in exam rooms around the state. Nearly one out of three Texans aged 18-64 have no health insurance, and many of the uninsured lack the savings needed to cover surgery or other major medical expenses out of their own pocket.

For these people, the state of Texas created the Blindness Education, Screening, and Treatment (BEST) Program.

The BEST Program-run by the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services-assists uninsured adult Texans with the payment for urgently needed medical and surgical treatment for such diseases and disorders as retinal detachment, diabetic retinopathy, and acute glaucoma. As the name implies, the program also offers vision screening clinics and patient education.

The program is funded through \$1 voluntary contributions when Texans renew their drivers' licenses. Because of the shortage of contributions, the BEST Program has a shortage of funds year in and year out. Consequently, there is a waiting list of 90-100 patients who cannot afford the medical or surgical eye care they need.

Please do your part to shorten-or even eliminate-that wait list and protect the eyes of Texas. Join me by contributing \$1 next time you renew your license.

If you are a patient and think you qualify for the program, ask your Eye MD (ophthalmologist) or optometrist. If you'd like more information on the program or a schedule of upcoming screenings, contact the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services at 800-628-5115 or online [www.dars.state.tx.us](http://www.dars.state.tx.us).

**Pet Talk**

Man's best friend can quickly become anything but that with incessant barking. But there is hope for canines whose barks really are worse than their bites. Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a veterinarian and certified behaviorist at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University, says dogs bark for several reasons.

Most importantly, dogs bark as

a warning that someone or something is approaching," explains Beaver. "It can be a threat to the person approaching or a notice to whatever is coming." Dogs can also bark out of excitement, the need for attention or simply boredom. Some pooches may even join a chorus of barking dogs as a demonstration of canine unity. "Dogs bark more than their wolf cousins, and it has been speculated that in the domestication process, we have selected certain puppy traits, one of which is barking," says Beaver.

Many owners appreciate a simple warning bark, but when they begin to receive complaints from the neighbors, they may need to assess their dog's behavior. Beaver notes that some dog breeds are more easily stimulated to bark, but she adds that, in general, a dog should not bark often.

As a behaviorist, Beaver corrects inappropriate barking by determining the cause of the dog's vocalizing and educating the owner on steps that should be taken to correct the problem. "There isn't a single course of action," says Beaver.

A veterinarian or behaviorist specifically tailors the process to the dog, the owner and the cause of the excessive barking. Despite the fact that a dog may need professional attention, an owner can help at home by not reinforcing bad behavior and rewarding good behavior. If a dog knows that it will receive attention for barking, it will likely bark for a longer period of time, Beaver says. "If the dog learns that the owner will bring it inside, pet it or talk to it, the dog will continue to bark until it gets the correct owner response," says Beaver. "Each correct response only reinforces the behavior more, meaning the dog will bark even for hours to get the expected attention." Instead, Beaver suggests that the owner of a vocal canine reward the dog when it is quiet. The pet owner should give the animal some sort of affirmation that silence is preferred. Although a warning bark can be a blessing, a barking habit can be a nuisance. If a four-legged friend takes up barking as a hobby, owners can seek professional help from a local veterinarian or behaviorist, and Beaver adds, they should remember that changing their pet's behavior starts at home.

**Resume typo can ruin job prospects**

The adage "It's not what you say, but how you say it" holds particular weight when it comes to resumes, a recent survey shows. Eighty-four percent of executives polled said it takes just one or two typographical errors in a resume to remove a candidate from consideration for a job opening; 47 percent said a single typo can be the deciding factor.

The survey was developed by Office Team, a leading staffing service specializing in the placement of highly skilled administrative professionals. It was conducted by an independent research firm and includes responses from 150 senior executives at the nation's 1,000 largest companies. Executives were asked, "How



**Pre-K, Reading and Football!** Robert Lee High School football players Kevin Honse and Eleasar Vera took time out of their day on Friday, September 8, to visit the Robert Lee Elementary Pre-K class. Along with talking with the students, the players also read some books to the kids.

many typos in a resume does it take for you to decide not to consider a job candidate for a position with your company?" Their responses: One typo-47%, two typos-37%, three typos-7%, four or more typos-6%, don't know/no answer-3%.

"Resumes often are a job seeker's first contact with prospective employers," said Diane Domeyer, executive director of Office Team. "Candidates who submit application materials with typographical or grammatical errors may be seen as lacking professionalism and attention to detail, and thus spoil their chances for an interview or further consideration."

Domeyer noted that in addition to running a computer spell-check, it is crucial for job seekers to proofread their resumes and ask friends and family members to do the same. "A fresh pair of eyes can help candidates spot mistakes overlooked by the spell-checking function," said Domeyer. "I've often seen simple errors-such as a job seeker applying for the position of office manger--derail even the most talented applicants."

OfficeTeam has more than 300 locations worldwide and offers online job search services at [www.officeteam.com](http://www.officeteam.com).

**Can you afford retirement?**

In the past, Americans looked forward to retirement. They made plans to travel, spend time at the fishing hole and enjoy the grandkids. Now, more and more of us are delaying retirement just to get by.

While this column will offer suggestions for retirement planning, you always need to check with your financial planner or family members to decide which retirement strategies work best for you. Tax consequences can be significant-always do the research or check with an expert. Social Security Benefits-Should you decide to begin receiving your Social Security benefits before you reach "full retirement" age, your benefits will be reduced permanently from what they

would have been at full retirement age.

Additionally, if you take early benefits and continue working, your benefits may be reduced even more until you reach full retirement age.

However, if you wait until your full retirement age to begin collecting your benefits, you can continue to work and still get your full benefits and perhaps even higher benefits, no matter how much you earn.

For help in calculating whether early retirement is best for you, log on to the Social Security website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and click on "Calculate Your Benefits." Pensions and Retirement Accounts

As with your Social Security benefits you may want to delay tapping into your pension and other retirement accounts. This allows them to continue to grow to cover unexpected medical costs or other expenses. Before making that retirement account withdrawal, check with your financial planner so that you don't deplete your fund too quickly.

Reduce Debts as Much as Possible

Many senior citizens need credit cards to pay for medical, pharmacy and other expenses. When living on a fixed income, carrying a large credit card balance month to month may become unmanageable, so try to reduce debts as much as possible before you retire.

The rules and regulations governing retirement accounts can be complicated. The FDIC suggests that a year before you plan to retire, make an appointment with a Social Security Claims Administrator to discuss your situation. You will also want to sit down with your workplace personnel department and financial advisor. After you decide on a retirement date, apply for Social Security benefits and other pensions about three months in advance.

And, remember, once you do retire, you don't want to have to

run to the bank to deposit those Social Security benefits and other pension payments. Plan to have them directly deposited into your checking account. It's safe, secure and affords you more time to spend with your grandchildren.

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Beware of the half-truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half.

Seymour Essrog

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You can't eat well and keep fit if you don't shop well.

Adelle Davis

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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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You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again.

Bonnie Prudden

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Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better.

Albert Camus

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