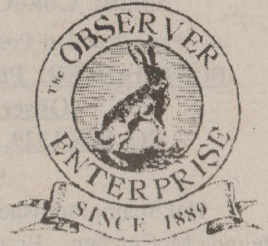


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Hickman family reunion set for this weekend

The annual Hickman family reunion will be held this weekend on Friday afternoon and Saturday, June 22-23, at the Community Center in Bronte. Family and friends are invited to attend. For more information contact Mrs. Willie Forman at 453-2408.

Mtn. Creek to host golf tourneys

Mountain Creek Golf Course will be hosting the Club Championship on June 23-24. There will be play of 18 holes each day with tee times at 8 am and 1:30 pm. They will also be hosting a 4-person tournament on July 7-8, with 18 holes each day and 8 am and 1:30 pm tee times.

Benefit softball tournament set for Becky Morrow Cochran

Becky's Buds, a group of friends and family of Becky Morrow Cochran, are sponsoring a benefit co-ed softball tournament on June 29-30, 2007, to help defray some of Becky's medical expenses. All monies will go toward this fund.

Becky was diagnosed with diabetes as a young child and has battled her health for most of her adult life. She

has had by-pass surgery and is on dialysis right now, as well as waiting for not one, but two transplants. Becky needs both a kidney and a pancreas. Needless to say, her medical expenses are exorbitant, and Becky is unable to work due to her health.

Donations or volunteers to help with the concession stand at the tournament are needed. You may contact Mary Jane Cooper or Brendi Gentry for more details.

Monetary donations for this cause may be made at the First National Bank of Bronte. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, or to sign-up for the tournament or volunteer, contact Mary Jane Cooper at (325) 473-7023 or 473-2388; or Brendi Gentry at (325) 786-2257.

Bronte FBC plans Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of Bronte invites all children ages 4 through those who have just completed 6th grade to join us for their annual Vacation Bible School. It will begin Sunday, June 24 and continue through Thursday, June 28. VBS will be held from 6:30 pm to 9 pm each evening. Participants are encouraged to come a little early on the first night to



2007 Ranch Rodeo Champions! The Chico Ranch, out of Big Lake, Texas, were named the 2007 Coke County Ranch Rodeo Champions on Saturday night, June 16. The team was presented with a check for \$1600 and each member received a buckle. Team members include Cody Long, Shawn Kalina, Jeremy Myers and Logan Furlong. Also pictured are Bailey Saunders and Morgan McCutchen Kresta, Coke County Ranch Rodeo secretaries.

register; so we can begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

The VBS theme this year is "Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made!" It will be a week of nonstop action as you learn what it means to join God's team, play your position on the team, get in the game by believing God's plan for salvation, take action to serve others, and recruit new teammates. During the week you will hear play-by-play Bible stories, participate in successful crafts, warm up to motivating music, enjoy snacks from the concession stand, and play fun games in

recreation!

The VBS Game Day event will conclude Thursday night with family fun night! On this night, children will come at the usual time of 6:30 pm. Parents and other guests are invited to join at 7:30 pm. You will enjoy seeing some of what the children have learned followed by a time of refreshments and fun games for all ages.

R U Ready to be a winner? Join in for "Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made!" This week of fun is free of charge and open to everyone. Call First Baptist Church, Bronte at 473-2331 for more information.

RLBC to host farewell service

Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold evening services for Sunday, June 24, in the local Coke County Park Pavilion on 170 County Park Road in Robert Lee at 6 pm to say "farewell" to one of the community families, Shawn, Dawn, and J.J. Harrison, as they prepare to relocate. Bring your lawn chairs, visit, and enjoy hamburgers, ice cream, and cookies!

Bronte Health and Rehab Center slates July 4th celebration

Bronte Health and Rehab Center is inviting everyone to a community wide Fourth of July celebration on Wednesday, July 4th at 6 pm.

There will be a hot dog and watermelon picnic supper at

6 pm, which is free to the public, followed by a bake sale auction at 7:30 pm. The fireworks display will begin at dusk.

Bring your lawn chairs and plan on eating supper with the BHRC. Don't forget your checkbooks; so you can take home some great baked goods and other items to be sold in the auction.

For more information, contact the BHRC at 473-3621.

Angel Food Ministries distribution day set

The Angel Food Ministries June orders will be distributed on Saturday, June 30, at 3 pm at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. If you have any questions, call (325) 473-6511.

Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation has been established by their family.

The Scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at the City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte.

Applications must be returned to the City Hall by July 6. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on July 18.



West Texas Junior Championship Golf Tour! Robert Lee was well represented in the West Texas Junior Championship Golf Tour tournament held at Mountain Creek Golf Course on Friday, June 15. In the Boys 16-18 year old division, Brody Dillard placed second with a 74. Logan Philley placed first with a 75 and Haden Dillard placed fourth with an 81 in the Boys 14-15 year old division. In the Girls 12-13 year old, Jordan Gartman placed second with a 114 and Meagan Ross placed third with a 116. Justin Gartman placed fourth with a 97 in the Boys 12-13 year old division.

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Second Place Finish! The Ranch Hands, out of Robert Lee, placed second at the 2007 Coke County Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, June 16. The team was awarded a check for \$800. Team members include Luis Rojas, Monty Keeney, Pepe Navarette and Bob Guerin.

Obituaries

Harmon

Ethel A. (Counts) Harmon, 84, was called home by her Lord on Thursday, June 14, 2007, just in time to be reunited with her husband, Alfred, to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary the next day. Funeral arrangements were through Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee, with visitation from 1 pm to 8 pm, on Friday, June 15, and from 8 am to 10 am on Saturday, June 16. Graveside services followed at 11 am in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Ethel was born in Coke County on the Divide on November 9, 1922, to Alvin and Annie (McCabe) Counts. She grew up on the family ranch and attended school in Water Valley. She married Alfred B. Harmon of Robert Lee on June 15, 1942, and was a homemaker and lifelong companion to her husband until his death in 2000. She moved to Friendswood, Texas, in 2003 to be near her son's family, and spent the last few years of her life making friends and living under the wonderful and compassionate care of a loving staff (Nicole, we love you!) at Summerville of Friendswood.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alfred, her brothers and sisters, C.A. "Doc" Counts, J.Q. Counts, James Counts, Melba Posey and Lucille Cathey.

She is survived by her son, Nick Harmon, and his wife, Kim, of League City; five grandchildren Cody Harmon, Kristal Bitzer and Michael Bitzer of League City, and Amanda Blair and Beau Blair of Robert Lee; brothers Dennis Counts and wife Viola of San Angelo, Logan Counts and wife Billie Jean of Castlerock, Colorado, and Lloyd Counts and wife Shirley of Arlington, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to American Hospice, 11200 Richmond, Suite 110, Houston, Texas 77082, or to Summerville of Friendswood, 1310 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546.

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Death Notices

Leonard

Richard Lee "Dick" Leonard of Blackwell, Texas, and formerly of Midland died on Friday, June 15, 2007, in a Sweetwater Hospital. Graveside service was held at 10 am, Monday, June 18, 2007, at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie Leonard of Blackwell; his children, Kathy Johnston of Kellerton, Iowa, Rick Leonard of New Orleans, Louisiana, Randy Leonard of Blackwell, Ben Dunn of Sweetwater, Texas, Jennifer Kindred of Longview, Texas, and Ariel Harendt of San Angelo; and one brother, Dennis Leonard of Huntington Beach, California.

West Texas Wind Energy Trade Fair slated

The 3rd Annual West Texas Wind Energy Trade Fair is set for Tuesday, July 10 through Thursday, July 12 at Trent ISD in Trent, Texas. The fair will kick off on Tuesday with the Small Wind portion (small turbines for home, ranch and school use). There will be an all day seminar on turbine choices, interconnection, economics, case studies and much more. Wednesday, July 11, is slated

as Mega Wind Day. The latest on large developments and utility-scale turbines will be discussed. There will be a variety of topics and seminars to satisfy everyone. Registrations will be between 7:30 am and 9:15 am. There will also be a Texas BBQ lunch from 11:45 am until 1 pm. The topics and individual seminars and times are listed below.

Wind Energy 101

9:15 am - 10:15 am, West Texas Wind Update; 10:20 am - 11:20 am, Transmission Update; 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, Landowners Perspectives; 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm, Development Initiative Case Study; 4 pm - 5 pm, Developer Perspective

Wind Operations

10:20 am - 11:20 am, Development Issues; 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, Transmission Grid Issues; 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm, Construction Issues; 4 pm - 5 pm, Operations Issues

Landowner Legal Issues

10:20 am - 11:20 am, 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm and 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm, Attorneys' Q&A

Counties

10:20 am - 11:20 pm and 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, County Perspectives; 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm, County Initiatives Case Study

Schools

10:20 am - 11:20 am, Schools Panel; 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, Attorneys' School Q&A; 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm,

School District Case Study Industrial Development

10:20 am - 11:20 am, Workforce Training; 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, Texas Industry Case Studies; 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm, Texas Manufacturing; 4 pm - 5 pm, Texas Economic Development

Policy

10:20 am - 11:20 am, Federal Policy; 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, Transmission Action Update; 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm, Broader Renewable Energy; 4 pm - 5 pm, Texas Policy

Emergency Response

10:20 am - 11:20 am, Regional Response Issues;

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, Regional Response Capabilities; 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm, Best Practices Roundtable; 4 pm - 5 pm, Landing Zone Operations

CPR Certification

10:20 am - 11:20 am, 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm; 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm and 4 pm - 5 pm, CPR/First Aid Training.

Wind Ranch Tours will be held on Thursday, July 12. For more information on the fair, go to www.westtexaswind.us.

Robert Lee is hoping to host a booth at the fair and are looking for some volunteers to man it. If you are interested, call Beth Prather at (325) 453-2495.

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

Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331

Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship,
6 pm Youth
and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281

Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417

Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

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

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 & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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
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(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
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10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Gray - Lavergne exchange vows

Amanda Gray, of Midland, and Dan Lavergne, of Odessa, were united in marriage on June 4, 2007, at 6 pm, at The Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The bride is the daughter of Gilbert and Kim Carter of Midland and Ron and Lana Gray of Tallahassee, Florida. She is the granddaughter of Shirley and the late Don Hambricht of Midland and the late Bob and Edith Gray of Higginsville, Missouri. Doris Shandley of Robert Lee is also Amanda's great-aunt.

The groom is the son of Diane Lebon of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He is the grandson of Paul and Simone St. George of Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

The couple will reside in Odessa with the groom's daughter, Haley Lavergne.

Wallace Reunion held June 9-10

Descendants of Harve and Millie Wallace recently celebrated their 25th Annual Reunion. The Wallace family gathered June 9-10, at the Northside Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Robert Lee.

The two-day event began on Saturday with a hot dog lunch, followed by a potluck dinner in the evening. The group enjoyed visiting, playing dominos and various games, and some singing on Saturday evening.

A Bar-B-Q lunch was served on Sunday.

Prizes were given to the oldest family member present, the youngest member and to the family members who traveled the farthest distance to attend the reunion.

Those attending were J.C. and Jewell Wallace, Royce and Alice Wallace, Francis and Addie Jeffries, and Lawana Perry, all of Robert Lee; Fannie Gipson, Sidney Myers and John and April Redmon of Mustang, Oklahoma; Bill and Dee Wallace of Nacogdoches, Texas; Travis and Marie Allen of Centennial, Colorado; Bob and Margaret Rossow of Aurora, Colorado; Jan Havins of Arlington, Texas; Linda Havins of Dallas; Wade Wallace of Carrollton, Texas; Morris, Wanda, Duncan and Garrett Wallace of Veribest; Matt and Vanessa Hoffman and Jackie Smith of Lubbock, Texas; Joe Smith of Austin, Texas; Kameron Cates and Jacky and Pam Wallace of Abilene; Buddy and Kip Wallace of Gail, Texas; Tyler Wallace of Sherman, Texas; Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City; Cayla Millican of Big Spring; Jana Jeffries and Portis and Helen Ribble of San Angelo; B. Shelborn of Houston; Larry Jameson of Silver and Wayne and Nettie Bob Roberts of San Angelo.



Mr. & Mrs. Dan Lavergne

38th annual Brice Reunion held at Winters

The annual Brice Reunion was held at the Winters Community Center on June 16 and 17, 2007. There were 112 family members and guests present, with Mary Snow of Carlsbad, NM being recognized as the oldest in attendance.

Those attending included Mary Snow of Carlsbad, NM; Mona Kirk-Vogel and D'Lois Schuman of Roswell, NM; Juanita Bradley and Joan Lightfoot of Bronte; Marvin and Faye Henager, Eddie and Vickie Watts, Gary and Melinda Brice and Kendall and Megan of Belton; Kenneth, Cynthia, and Sarah Henager, David, Laurin and MaKenna Potts, Katy Henager of Moody; Janie Potts and Christopher Watts of Temple; Billy Jay Brice and A.J. Monroe of Sweetwater; Rita and Ben Blakeney, Shirley Strakos, Pam and Sarah Gandy, and Leslie Brice of San Angelo; Stephen and Jennifer Blakeney and Aspen, Kelsey, and Megan of Pflugerville; Iris Coffey and Allan Coffey of Port Lavaca; James and Teresa Long of Placedo; Jim Bob Webb of Alaska; Ann and Eddie Berrick, Beth Brice, Jackie and Megan Brice, and Judy Snowden of Odessa; Christa McClellan and Emily and

Gracie, Alicia and Travis Sims of Abilene; W.A. and Dorothy Henley of Kerrville; Kyle and Sylvia Bradley of Carrizo Springs; Dale Bradley of Aspermont; Denise and Hector Elizondo and Alandra and Micaela of San Antonio; LeeAnn Fabry of Lubbock; Shaunna and Alyka Payne of Andrews; Bessie Brice and Gene Brice of Robert Lee; Breanna and Bryce Webb of Coppell; Loy Morris, Darlene and Tim Kelly of Ballinger; Leon Brice, Taylor Brice, Gloria and Bobby Smith and Marshall and Kelsey and Debbie Parker of Comanche; Odell and Horace McGinnis, Greg and Sherrie Johnson, Bodie and Kelly McGinnis, Ivey Barkley, David and Scarlett Morgan and Taylor, Cassidy, and Clesea and Brandon and Brandy McGinnis and Brailey and Braylon of Mineral Wells; Anita Wood, Bob and Oleta Webb of Winters; Patsy Roberson, Terry Sanders, Dwayne and Vonda Grun and Gene and Kirsten of Tuscola.

Visitors attending were Marcus Ogas-Moody; Olen Baker and Shellie Brake of Temple; Sebastian Elizondo of San Antonio; Erica Stone of Stephenville; Myrtle Nichols of Coleman; Laura Barnett of Alaska; Marie Allen and Larry and Sherryl Webb of Ovalo.

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Bluebonnet Brigade! This is part of the local group who met on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 to gather bluebonnet seed for distribution throughout the county. This year's effort was assisted greatly by the San Angelo Work Camp, which is a satellite unit of the Wallace Ware Unit of Colorado City, Texas. A group of prison state approved trustees helped in gathering seed at Lake Spence, under the direction of Unit Administrator Captain John Atkinson. CRMWD representative Doug Frey was instrumental in obtaining the work unit, which harvested bluebonnet seed for distribution at Lake Spence and on the highways surrounding the lake. The inmates work in different capacities in our area, assisting with Habitat for Humanity and other worthwhile efforts for local governments and non-profit entities. They are the only such work camp in the area, and the unit consists of 30 to 36 trustees who work in four or five different groups assisting in local non-profit efforts.

Chessir-Sanchez honored with shower

Jamie Chessir, formerly of Robert Lee, and Sam Sanchez, formerly of Bronte, were married in San Angelo on Friday, March 23, 2007. The couple was honored with a wedding shower Saturday, June 2, in the fellowship hall of Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee, with the ladies of the congregation serving as hostesses. Jamie and Sam are currently making their home in San Angelo.

White and various shades of pink were used throughout the room to decorate. On the serving table, a six-inch layer of cake, topped with a floral arrangement of pink and white roses with carnations, lace and pearls was displayed on a crystal cake stand and was used a centerpiece. It was later given to the bride and groom to have for their first anniversary. Guests were served peach tea punch, slices of decorated sheet cakes, nuts and mints. Also on the serving table was a milk glass platter filled with fresh fruit and pink-tinted marshmallow dip. Coffee was served from a side table. Sisters of the bride, Rachel Hinderliter and Laura Lee, served the refreshments.

On the tables where the guests sat, there were white candles in milk glass bud vases with white and pink lace bows tied around them, in addition to single pink and white roses and carnations scattered over the table tops.

On the register table were the register book, a pink pen, and a milk glass flower vase holding more pink and white roses and carnations. The bud vase was tied with a white bow streaming over the table top. There were bookmarkers in a small crystal dish and the bride and groom gave one to each

guest as a small token of thanks for attending the shower. Jewell Wallace sat at the table and greeted guests as they entered.

The couple received gift certificates, a nice assortment of small appliances, linens, and other useful household items. Among the number of guests from Robert Lee, San Angelo, and other area towns, also attending the shower as special guests were the mother of the bride, Mary Chessir, of Robert Lee, the bride's two sisters, and niece, Molly Hinderliter. The groom, Sam, and the couple's brother-in-law, Tim Lee, also arrived in time to enjoy the festivities.

Hostesses for the shower were Helen Ribble, Addie Jeffries, Donn and Lynn Green, Virginia Whybrew, Alice Wallace, Joan Davis, Jewell Wallace, Terri and Mandy Blair, Dean Kinsey and Irma Blair.

Richey earns degree from A&M

Diplomas were awarded to 5,417 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies.

Among those recognized

from the Coke County area was Heather Jynell Richey, Senior, from Bronte. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Bronte ISD Board meets in regular Thursday session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on June 14, 2007, at 8:00 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were: Wayne Coalson, Bob Frazee, Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, Terry Charles, Scott Frasier, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present was David Bedford. Absent was Quinda Feil-Duncan.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford. The board went on a walk-through of the new Ag building. Principal's report was given by David Bedford.

The board approved Update 80. Discussion was held on supplies and technology wiring for the new Ag building and demolition of the old Ag building.

The July board meeting and budget workshop will be held on July 17, 2007.

Alan Richey,



Brisbin places at Houston and San Antonio! Briana Brisbin, a sophomore at Robert Lee High School, placed fifth at the Houston Livestock Show with her Southdown wether. She also placed seventh at the San Antonio Livestock show in the finewool class. Briana is the daughter of Jeff (pictured) and Jana Brisbin of Robert Lee.

Superintendent, gave an update on CCJJC. Discussion was held on dress code and student drug policy.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 9:39 pm.

at 11:30 am, a name is drawn and the winner can choose a prize from the group of prizes at the library.

Reading is power training for the brain. Adults and children alike improve their brainpower by reading. The Coke County Library has something for any reading preference from non-fiction to regional reading to westerns, romance, mystery and history, books in large print, and some things in between.

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 Library porch.

A reading hour is being offered on Thursdays at 3 pm to Kindergarten through 3rd grade children.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Brain Gain Summer Reading prize was won by Bianca Huapilla on Friday, June 15. There are only five more drawings in the summer program. Everyone will have a chance for the Grand Prize drawing on July 20, which is the last day of the program.

For every book returned, readers can add their names to the drawing. On Fridays

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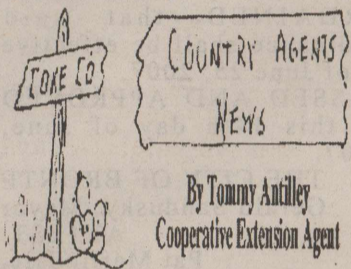
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Postal Airman of the Year! Senior Airman Reys Josue Cruz (right) receives the Postal Airman of the Year award for the Pacific Region. He has been overseas for 4 years and will be stationed soon in the United States. He has been in the Middle East for six months this past year and helped with the tsunami cleanup in Sri Lanka.

Reys J. Cruz is the son of Reys and Sara Cruz of San Angelo. He is the grandson of Albert and Julia Garza of Robert Lee and the great-grandson of the late Luther and Sara Ybarra Lara. Reys plans to be in Texas for the Fourth of July holiday.



Factors That Determine Hay Quality

Factors that determine hay quality include stage of maturity at harvest, soil fertility, nutritional status of the plant, available moisture during the growing season, season of the year, ratio of leaves to stems and stem size, weed control, foreign matter, and harvesting, weather at harvest and storage. Of all the factors that influence quality, stage of maturity or age of the plant at harvest is the most important. About 70% of the quality of hay is determined by stage of maturity at harvest. As a plant matures toward heading, flowering and seed formation, the growth pattern changes from leaf production to hard stem formation. The digestible portion of the plant tissue decreases rapidly with each stage. Maturity affects the ratio of digestible leaves to indigestible stems which determine both the nutritive content and digestibility of forages. A 1% increase in digestibility of a warm season forage results in a 5% increase in animal performance.

Immature plants cells have a thin primary cell wall and are succulent with soft flexible tissue that is high in water and water soluble nutrients. Immature leafy forage plants contain easily digestible nutrients while old, mature stems and leaves contain complex nutrients and mature indigestible fiber. As plants begin to form seed, cells mature and a secondary wall composed of cellulose and lignin

begins to develop to add rigidity to the plant. Lignin is indigestible and is comparable to wood. For example, Coastal bermudagrass, which is 12 inches tall can be 58% digestible in the top third of the plant, 54% digestible in the middle third, and only 50% digestible in the bottom third. Coastal bermudagrass harvested at 6 weeks of age has only 50% of the crude protein content and 80% of the energy of hay harvested at 4 weeks of age.

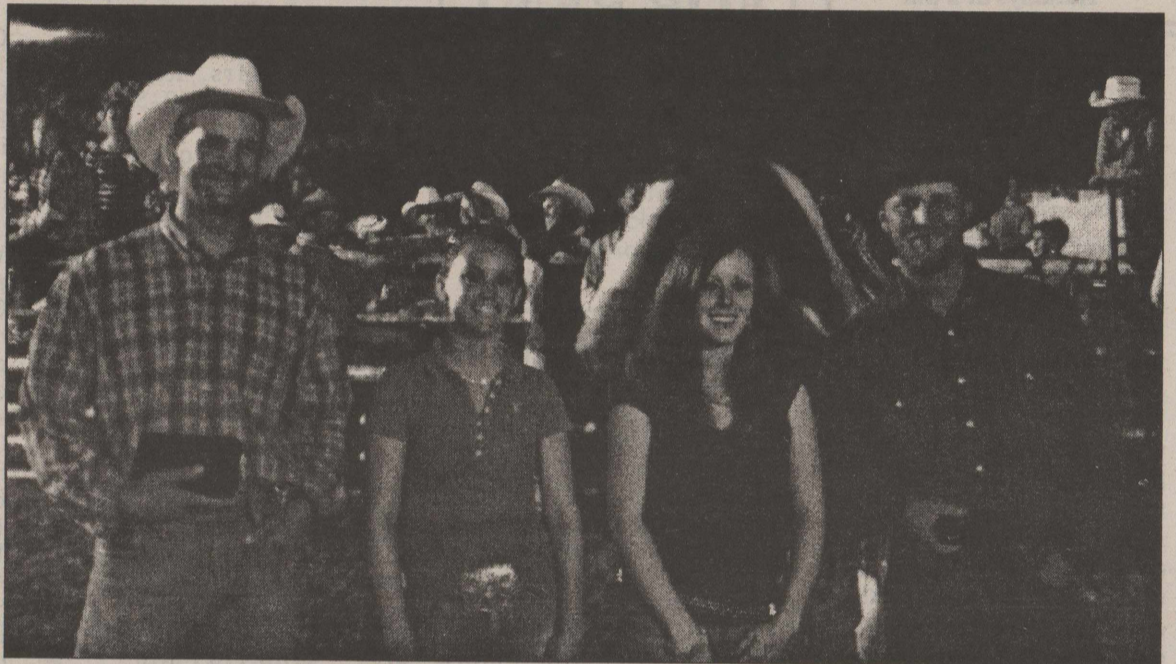
Since leaves are more digestible than stems and contain most of the nutrients, the higher the leaf content, the higher the quality. Additionally, seed heads are usually produced on the end of stems which are devoid of leaves, decreasing the leaf to stem ratios.

The proper stage of growth for harvesting forages is the time when the greatest amount of total digestible nutrients per acre may be obtained. This usually represents the best compromise between quality and yield. Generally, the younger the crop at the time of harvest, the higher the quality but the lower the yield. The more mature the crop at time of harvest, the higher the yield but the lower the quality. Crude protein content drops in all crops and crude fiber increases with maturity as shown that percent protein of forage in pre-boot stage can be as high as 18% but drops to 6% following heading.

Research also indicates that forages are higher in quality during spring and fall and lower in quality during mid-summer. Hence hay harvested during the spring will tend to be higher in forage quality than hay harvested in



Coke County Ranch Rodeo! Pecos County Ranches (above photo), out of Bakersfield, Texas, rounded out the top three at the 2007 Coke County Ranch Rodeo, Saturday, June 16. The team won \$400 and included Jerrod Bowen, Birch Jones, Bret Ballew (formerly of Robert Lee) and Bartley Murray. Ladd Hughes (bottom photo, far left) was presented with a buckle and a gift certificate for earning the Top Hand Award, while Justin Frizzell (bottom, far right) also won a buckle and gift certificate for the Top Horse Award.



July and August. For the best quality hay, you need to cut before it heads out.

Time to Treat for Cattle Grubs

Cattle grubs are internal parasites and their damage is largely unseen, yet they cause greater economic losses to the U.S. beef industry than any other insect pest.

While grubs are usually found on the backs of infested animals during the winter months, that is not the time for control measures since the pests have already done their damage. Feed efficiency and animal vigor are greatly reduced in infested animals.

Grubs are the larvae or worm stage of heel flies, and adult heel flies are active over most of the state from March through May. The time to treat for grubs is now through August when grubs are small and before infested animals suffer stress, weight loss and decreased feed efficiency.

Heel flies cannot sting and cause no pain to cattle, but they frighten the animals making them difficult to manage. Heel flies lay their

eggs on an animal's hair in the lower leg region. Tiny larvae hatch in a few days, crawl down to the base of the hair and burrow into the skin.

This begins a migratory course through the animal's body, congregating in the animal's throat after a few months, and after eight to nine months, appear in the mature grub stage on the animal's back.

The systemic insecticides are absorbed directly through the skin, circulate throughout the body and kill grubs while they are small. Injectable treatments are circulated in the body fluids to kill the invading pests.

As always, read and follow label directions when applying any form of insecticide. Remember that the best time to treat for grubs is during early summer. With the new pour-on wormers, like Ivomec, Cydectin, Dectomax, etc., cattle can be effectively treated for grubs along with worms. These also give 2 -

4 weeks fly control. Don't wait until September to treat because the grubs are concentrated in the throat region and killing them at this stage could strangle the cattle.

Fact or Fiction About Bees

We are beginning to get several calls concerning bees swarming around houses, sheds, etc. Most of these will be the domestic (European) honey bee. Honey bees are extremely valuable to us as they assist in pollination of flowers and other plants, such as most of our vegetables and shrubs. Over 1/3 of the food we eat each day was pollinated by bees.

Unless the bees are extremely aggressive, they are probably going to be honeybees. Right now, we know of no one that will get rid of bees for you except an exterminator. Also, there is no way to tell the difference between Africanized bees or honeybees without sending samples to a trained entomologist.

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...Facts About Bees

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Listed below are several myths and facts about Africanized bees.

Myth: Africanized bees are called "killer bees" because a single sting can kill you.

Fact: "Killer bee" is a misnomer popularized by Hollywood and the media. A single sting from an Africanized bee actually has slightly less venom than that of a domestic (European) honeybee. For most people, a single bee sting is painful, but not life threatening. However, if you are allergic to honey bee stings (less than one person in 100 is), a single sting from either bee -- Africanized or domestic-- could cause a severe allergic reaction. If you are allergic, you should carry a bee sting kit.

Myth: Africanized bees hunt people down and kill them.

Fact: Africanized bees do not seek out victims. If you go near their hive, however, the bees will defend it vigorously.

Myth: Africanized bees are expected to kill thousands of people in the United States.

Fact: The Africanized bee has lived for decades in parts of South and Central America, and nowhere has it caused deaths on a major scale. Scientists have suggested that a handful of people in the United States could be killed by the bees each year--fewer than the 40 who are annually killed by lightning.

Myth: Africanized bees are more dangerous when they are swarming, that is, when they appear as a large cluster of insects searching for a new home.

Fact: Africanized bees do swarm more often than domestic bees, but they are actually less dangerous at that time because they do not have a nest to protect. However, if you encounter a swarm, move away slowly and don't bother the bees.

Myth: Africanized bees do not produce honey.

Fact: Africanized bees are honeybees and do produce honey. However, they are less easily managed by beekeepers for honey production because of their defensiveness.

Myth: Africanized honeybees are larger than domestic bees and therefore easy to identify.

Fact: Africanized honeybees look like any other honeybee to the naked eye. Though they are slightly smaller than domestic bees, only scientists in specially equipped labs can identify the bees.

Andrew Martin Blood Drive slated

Andrew Martin is the middle son of Jason (the Pastor of Robert Lee Baptist Church) and Aimee Martin.

Andrew recently went to Cook's Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth, and is going to have to have a kidney removed on June 27. This surgery has resulted from an obstruction at the ureteropelvic junction that Andrew has probably had since birth.

Andrew is a trooper; if you were to see him at the pool you would not even realize there was anything wrong.

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be sponsoring the Andrew Martin Benefit Blood Drive on Sunday, July 22 from 9 am - 1 pm. Andrew will receive credit toward his total hospital fees based on the number of units collected during the drive. Ten to fifteen units could mean \$500. Two buses will be set up in the church parking lot to allow donors the freedom to come and go from morning church activities as needed.

In conjunction with the drive, a church-wide potluck luncheon will be held following the morning service.

Be a donor, worship the Lord, and bring your favorite



RA Camp! Eighteen boys and six men enjoyed camping and fishing on the Colorado River June 8-9. This annual event was sponsored by the RA group at Bronte's First Baptist Church. Sponsors for the trip included RA leaders Ray Barnett, Martin DeLaGarza, and Marty Sedden, as well as some of the dads (James Byars, Corby Kelso and Jeff Lee).

dishes for a luncheon fellowship. Everyone who has already gotten an appointment to donate blood in honor of Andrew Martin on July 22 is appreciated. There is room for 37 more appointments, so pray about it, consider a time that is good for you, and contact

Becky at 453-2724 or rlbaptist1904@wtxs.net to schedule.

Please feel free to share this with anyone who might be a possible donor. This special little boy and the family will need all the help and prayers that they can get.

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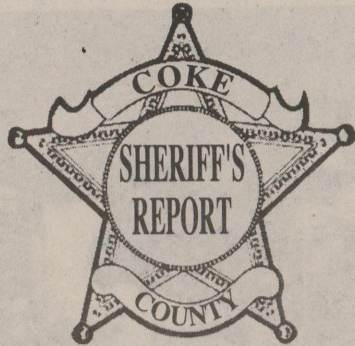
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Tampons/Pads, Moisturizing Cream (small bottles), Hydrating shampoo/conditioner (small bottles), Razors, Baby wipes (easily carried type), Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Small bar soap, Hair clips/bobby pins, Underwear, Tube socks, Hard candy, Gum, Visine, Books, Cards, Board games. Movie DVD's (cheerful themes), Flashlights (easily carried types), Batteries for flashlights, Cup of Soups, Canned Meats, Jerky, Baggies to carry their things in (they put them in there pockets).

Men

T-shirts (light brown), Tube Socks, Flashlights/batteries, Snacks, Visine, Chapstick, Gum, Jerky, Cup of Soups, Underwear, Baby wipes (easily carried type), Movies DVD's (cheerful themes), Small bar soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo (small bottles), Razors, Games (card games, horseshoes, board games, hand held games), Hard Candy, Baggies.

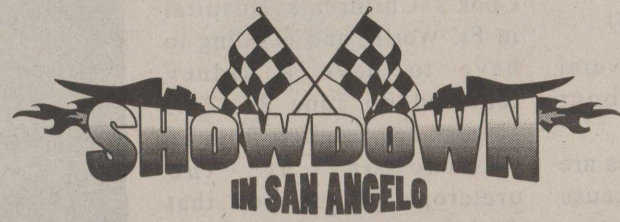
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Toland, Kevin, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 5-5-07;
Eckert, Shannon, Theft by Check, 5-9-07
Pullen, Robert, Theft by Check, 5-9-07;
Gonzalez, Amanda; Driving While License Invalid, 5-20-07;
Moore, Cody, Driving While License Invalid, 5-21-07
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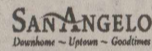
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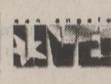
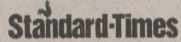
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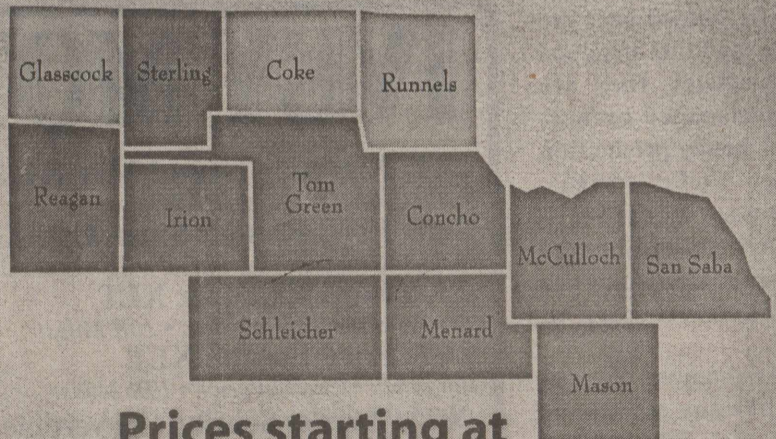
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