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Local elections set for tomorrow, May 10

Several local taxing entities will be conducting elections tomorrow, May 10, to determine who will serve in leadership capacities for our schools and cities. Each election or cancellation of election is discussed below:

The Bronte Independent School District has five candidates who have filed for 2 positions on the board of trustees. Incumbents Kendall Gibbs and Scott Frasier will be joined on the ballot by Shane Kelton, David McWright, and Paul Williams. Early voting will be conducted at the school from April 28 through May 6, with election day voting to be held at City Hall on May

The Robert Lee Independent School District Hospital District has three has two open 3-year terms on their board of trustees. Incumbents Jeffie Roberts and Irma Torres have filed for these two positions. RLISD will also have a 1year unexpired term on the ballot. Brandi Brosh has filed for this trustee position. In years past, with no contested spots on the RLISD school board, the election may have been cancelled. However, the RLISD ballot contains a bond election issue on this year's ballot. By law, the trustee election cannot be cancelled due to the bond proposal on the ballot.

The bond proposal on this year's ballot involves two propositions: 1. (for or against) The issuance of \$15,000,000 of bonds for Robert Lee Independent School District and levying the tax in payment thereof. 2. (for or against) Maintenance tax as limited by Chapter 45 of the Texas Education Code.

Early voting will be the same dates as the BISD election, and election day is also the same (May 10). All early and election day voting will be held at the courthouse in this election.

Incumbent Joe White will be joined on the ballot by Richard Cantrell for a 2-year term as mayor on the City of

Robert Lee ballot. addition, incumbent Bonita Cartrite, Trey Sawyer, and John Jacobs will be vying for two positions on the city council, with both being 2year terms.

Early and election day voting in the city election will be the same as for the RLISD board of trustees election.

In the Bronte City Council election, Alvin Jones, Jim Guthrie, and Buzz Gohman have filed for three spots on the city council for 2-year terms. Gerald Sandusky has also filed for re-election for There are no contested positions for the City of Bronte election and the election is cancelled.

The East Coke County board members who have filed for three 2-year terms. They are Alonzo Robbins, Garry Bivins, and Lee Wommack. According to Administrator Pat Young, that election has been cancelled due to no contested

The West Coke County Hospital District has three filings for three 2-year positions on the board. They are Pat Stephens, Mike Lomas, and Marilyn White. Since there are no contested positions, the WCCHD Board has voted to cancel their

Bake Sale for RLVFD

There will be a Bake Sale on May 10 at 9 am at Super H in Robert Lee. The RL Fire Dept. will receive matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. They need the community's support to make this a success and help the Fire Dept. replace some of the equipment lost in the recent

Concho Diagnostics to hold screenings

Concho Diagnostics will be at the Robert Lee State Bank on Friday, May 9. Schedule your vascular screenings today, don't become a statistic! Three simple, painless screenings that



Washington, D.C.! Bobby (far right) and Jeffie Roberts traveled to Washington, D.C., on April 3, representing Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, for the 2008 National Affairs Awards Trip. They were among 165 Farm Bureau leaders who helped to voice their concerns to legislative leaders. Bobby and Jeffie were able to visit with Congressman Mike Conaway (second from right) and Scott Graves (far left), Congressman Conaway's legislative director. Scott is the son of Jerry and Susan Graves of Bronte.

could save your life or the life of a loved one. All procedures performed by a registered vascular technician read by area cardiologists. All procedures placed on CD (MPEG) for viewing and written results mailed to your home within 48 hours. All three tests only take 30 minutes. Call 653-3000 or 1-888-245-7605 to schedule your appointment.

Mother's Day Bake Sale set for May 9

The annual Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held on Friday, May 9, at the Robert Lee State Bank, starting at 9 am. Proceeds will benefit the Relay for Life, Robert Lee Friends for a Cure team. There will be all kinds of homemade goodies including casseroles, hot rolls, cakes, pies, etc.

Give mom a break from cooking and benefit the Relay for Life at the same time! For more information, contact DeeAnna Harmon, 453-2804.

Inmates to work at Bronte

The City of Bronte will have an inmate crew working in the City, May 12 through May 15. The inmates will be working at the cemetery and other locations in the City.

Anyone wishing to donate Cokes, Dr. Peppers, or Pepsi can bring them by City Hall. The work done by the

appreciated.

Extension to Host Brush Management meeting, May 13

The Coke County AgriLife Extension office will hold an educational meeting on Tuesday, May 13, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Pedro Carlucci, Dow Chemical rep will give information on the brush control products and procedures that Dow has. formulations that have and easier to use for brush control of various species. They will be discussing these new chemicals along with the old standby chemicals that are still very effective, proper mixing and proper procedure for application.

One hour of CEU's for Pesticide License renewal will be given and there will attend.

BHRC Auxiliary to hold meeting

Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will meet at 1 pm on Thursday, May 15, in the BHRC living room. This is the last meeting before the Spring Dance and the July 4th Celebration and Auction; so there will be lots of planning to do. New

inmates is a great benefit to members and ideas are the community and is greatly always appreciated. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. Please contact Janet Wommack at 473-5388 for more information.

Graduation issues set for May 23 & 30

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special Senior Class editions May 23 and 30. These issues rotate each year between the final two Fridays in May; so that the entire paper may be devoted to each graduating They have several new class. This year's issue honoring the Bronte Class of proven to be very effective 2008 will be May 23, with the issue honoring the Robert Lee Class of 2008 set for May 30.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors in their special edition. If you would like to sponsor that special graduate in either class, be a small fee required to please contact our office at 453-2433.

> Exercise Your Right To Vote!

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Obituaries

Sissom

Nettie Virginia Sissom, 84, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, May 3, 2008.

Virginia, a long time resident of Bronte, was the widow of M.C. "Sam" Sissom and mother to Diane Barton of Little Elm and Ray and Barbara Sissom of Dublin. She was also proud grandmother to Jim, Trish. Mike, Beth and Chad and great-grandmother of three.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam; an infant daughter, Glenda; and her three sisters, Birdie Mote, Ida Oden and Josie Craig, all of Blackwell.

Virginia at various times in her life worked for Dry's Manufacturing, ran a café and operated a laundry. She was known as "Mom", advisor and confidant to scores of people, including her beloved church family at Bronte Church of Christ. Her indomitable spirit, her steadfast faith and her willing heart and hands drew missed.

Funeral services were held at 10 am, Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at the Bronte Church of Christ. Burial followed in 31 great-grandchildren. His the Blackwell Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

2008, in Panhandle, Texas.

Monday, April 28, 2008, at of five plates of more will be are appliances, household First United Methodist delivered. For more and yard items. Absolutely Church in Panhandle. information contact Judy NO Reverend Bud Tidwell, minister, officiated. Burial was at 4 pm, at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral

Velma was preceded in death by both husbands, an infant grandson, Ernest Nabors, a granddaughter, Debbie Story in 1998, and her son, Wesley Story in

2004; five brothers, two of which were infants, and four

Velma is survived by two daughters, Dorris and husband Carl Foster of Panhandle and Twilla Story of Woodward, Okla.; three sisters; Lona Fithen of Washburn, Lena Triplett and husband Tommy of Amarillo, Elsie Hill and husband Cecil of Amarillo; 13 grandchildren 11 great-great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

DeVoll

Steve DeVoll left this earth on April 30, 2008, at the age of 95. The services were held at 2 pm on Friday, May 2, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Amarillo, Texas; with Carl Hamilton and Westin Price officiating. Burial followed at Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Steve was survived by three daughters: Nina Kemph and Martha Sluder, both of Pampa, and Karen DeVoll of Tampa, Florida; three sons: Roland DeVoll of Palmdale, California; Eddie DeVoll of Sunnyvale, and Bill Rice many to her. She will be DeVoll of Pampa; one sister: Zulla Taylor of Hobbs, New Mexico; one brother: Jody DeVoll of Lovington, New Mexico; 11 grandchildren and parents and a son, Wayne DeVoll in 1995, preceded Steve in death.

Relay for Life Spaghetti Lunch slated

A Spaghetti Lunch to clutter and unwanted items. benefit Coke County Relay for Life has been set for service. Roll-off dumpsters Thursday, May 15. Each will be located at the County Solid Communications, 803 12 noon. Services were held at 2 pm, Austin, Robert Lee. Orders

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Cooking Crew! Joe White (from left to right), Paul Burns and Sid Burns were honored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce for their many years of providing the excellent meal for their annual banquet. Presenting their award is Susan Williams.

Blair at 453-2380.

RLBC Youth Benefit 4-Person Golf Tourney slated

Robert Lee Baptist Church will sponsor a Youth Benefit 4-Person Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee. The tournament will be eighteen holes with A-B-C-D Scramble Format. Bring your own team for a 9 am tee time.

All proceeds will benefit the Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth Camp. For more information or to register, contact Ryan Reed at 453-2724.

Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27 hole, 2 person select shot golf tournament on May 17, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. For more information, call (325) 473-

Robert Lee City-Wide Spring Cleanup

The City-wide Spring Cleanup event is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 and May 24. The event is sponsored by the City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services.

This free service is offered to the residents and business owners of the City and is an opportunity to get rid of

There will be no curbside plate of spaghetti will be sold Precinct 3 Yard located on for a small donation. Place Coke Street between E. 6th Velma Barnett Story Frank your orders by May 9. Plates and 7th Street. This location died Saturday, April 26, can be picked up at Rock will be open from 7:30 am to

> Items that will be accepted tires, batteries,

household trash, wet paint or chemicals. Appliances must have refrigerant removed.

Brush, tree limbs and wood material need to go to the landfill. Take advantage of the FREE disposal offered at the City Landfill during this clean-up event. The Landfill will be open from 9 am - 12

For more information residents are encouraged to call City Hall at 453-2831.

Historical Commission to meet

The Coke County Historical Commission will meet Monday, May 19 at 3 pm in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse.

This is the second organizational meeting and the public is invited to attend. A historic interpretational reading, discussion of membership, fundraising, the newspaper project are items on the agenda.

The commssioners and anyone interested in the historical preservation of Coke County sites and buildings is encouraged to attend the meeting on Monday, May 19.

Tennyson Reunion slated for May 17

All persons who have lived or had family members who have lived in or around Tennyson Community are invited to meet on May 17,

Starting at 10 am until everyone goes home. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm to 2 pm and the auction will follow a short business meeting.

Bring your stories to share and let's have a good day.

Congressman Conaway's Rep. to be in county

On Monday, May 19, 2008, from 10:30 am - 12 noon in the City Council Room at City Hall in Bronte, constituents in District 11 will have the opportunity to visit with, Joanne Powell, the San Angelo Regional Office Director for Congressman Mike Conaway, to ask questions, share concerns, and request services.

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 Emmanuel Pentecostal PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy (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 (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. George Bradley, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship Wed. 6 pm Choir Iglesia Bautista Bethel

101 Houston • Robert Lee (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296 Pastor: Basilio Esquivel & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 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 508 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 Catholi 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) 453-2482

Jim Dominey, 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 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 Robert Lee (325) 453-2208 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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

Emergency Conservation Program deadline set for May 15

Due to the recent wildfires, Coke and Sterling Counties have been approved to take applications for assistance to replace or restore fences damaged by the fires under the Emergency Conservation Program. At this time there has been no money allocated by Washington for the program, however encourage producers to apply for assistance. In order to receive any assistance if it becomes available, you must have your application completed with our office prior to beginning any repairs. Our office will have to make an inspection to determine the amount of loss. Cost shares are authorized for cross fences, boundary fences, and gates. If you have sustained damage to fences from the recent wildfires, we encourage you to call the office in Robert Lee at (325) 453-2751 to make an appointment to sign up for assistance. The final date to file an application is May 15, 2008.

Joe Torres Memorial Golf Tourney slated

The First Annual Joe Torres Memorial Golf Tournament is set for June 7-8 at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. Tournament Chairman Gilbert Torres said that this tournament is in honor of Joe "Uncle Joe" Torres who passed away peacefully six months ago. Joe served the community for 18 years working for the City of Robert Lee. He was a great friend; brother, son and uncle, but he was a wonderful father. Joe's legacy is carried on through his daughter, Ashley Torres and sons, Garrett and Jayton Torres. If anything could be said about Uncle Joe was that he didn't say I love you that much, but he spent his life showing how much he loved you. Gilbert would like to take this time say we love you Uncle Joe and God Bless You. I hank you for showing us how to give even if you have nothing to give.

All proceeds will benefit Joe's boys, Garrett and Jayton, so they may have a chance at a brighter education and future.

The tournament format will be a 4-person scramble beginning Saturday, June 7 at 8 am, with a shotgun start. Entry fees are \$60 per person and and includes lunch and dinner on Saturday. Sponsorships are available donations appreciated and are tax deductible with written receipts issued. Sponsors are \$500 and above and Major Sponsors are \$250 and above. There are Hole Sponsors available \$50 and

above and for those who would like to donate door prizes it would be All checks appreciated. should be made payable to the " Joe Torres Memorial".

If you like to play golf come join in the fun and if you don't play come be a part of the tournament anyway.

Early Entry fees and donations are appreciated. There will be cash prizes, prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and scores will be flighted, featuring closest to the pin, longest drive and door prizes.

Tournament Committee includes chairman Gilbert and Tina Torres, Ashley Torres, Eric and Lynlee Torres, Jonathan Torres, Bobby Joe Longoria, Salomon Saucedo, Omar Saucedo, Counselor Gina Williams, Johnny and Kay Torres, Richie and Dora Baines, Joe and Rosa Longoria, Saul and Yolanda Saucedo, Julian and Esela Torres, Julian and Juanita Torres, Efrain and Mary Lou Garcia, Lewis and Maria Samaniego, Lewis and Stephanie Samaniego, Harvey and Julie Rangel and The Torres Family.

For more Information contact Gilbert Torres at (325) 260-8808 or The Club House at (325) 453-2317. Hope to see ya'll out there.

Relay for Life slated for June 6-7

be June 6 and 7. The theme Forms to purchase luminaria for this year will be can be obtained from Dian Celebrate, Remember, Fight Coulter (325/743-2038) or at Back. The Relay will kick off various locations in Bronte at 7 pm with the Survivor and Robert Lee. Watch for Lap, followed by the Caregiver Lap. If you are a Survivor (anyone who has had or is battling cancer of any kind), we are asking that you be there by 6:30 pm to register and complete a form.



Joe Torres

Also if you did not participate last year, please call Glenda Draper, 473-2050, or Rhonda Hood, 453-2065, and give us your name and T-shirt size.

Everyone will want to come out and join their neighbors in this fun-filled evening to help raise money to fight back against cancer.

Why do we Relay? One in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. The funds raised at Relay save lives by funding cutting-edge cancer research, early detection and prevention education, advocacy efforts and lifeaffirming patient services. This happens only because of your involvement.

A very special and meaningful Luminaria Service to Honor and Remember those who have had cancer or who have lost their battle will be held The Coke County Relay will around 10 pm in the evening. more newspaper articles and posters around town!

> **Deadline** is **Tuesday** at 2 pm

City-Wide Cleanup

for City of Robert Lee Residents Location:

County Precinct 3 Yard Coke Street (between E. 6th & 7th Street) Saturday, May 17

& Saturday, May 24 7:30 am - 12 noon

· Free disposal of appliances and unwanted household and yard items

> • Refrigerant must be removed from appliances

· Absolutely no household trash, tires, batteries, wet paint or chemicals

• Absolutely no brush and lumber material |

Free Disposal at the City Landfill

9 am - 12 noon

Contact City Hall at 453-2831 for more information

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Earth Day! Robert Lee second graders helped to make their community a cleaner place to live. On Earth Day, April 22, the students in Mrs. Gartman's and Mrs. Byrne's classes participated in a Trash Scavenger Hunt. They were proud to do their part in keeping their environment clean.

RL Sports Banquet set for May 15

The Robert Lee Sports Banquet is set for Thursday, May 15 at 7 pm in the Robert Lee High School Cafeteria. A meal will be catered by Kenny Blanek. There will be a limited amount of tickets at the door but it is strongly encouraged to order tickets through the RLHS office (453-4555) by Thursday, May

Farm Bureau hosts Ag Day students

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau held their annual Ag Day Wednesday,



Breakfast Monday, May 12 Burrito, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, May 13 Pancake & sausage on stick, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 14 French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk

Thursday, May 15 Cinnamon roll, cereal,

juice, milk Friday, May 16 Student holiday

Lunch Monday, May 12

Pizza, salad, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Tuesday, May 13

Bean chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, orange, milk Wednesday, May 14 Chicken O's, mac &

cheese, green beans, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk Thursday, May 15 Sub sandwich, pickles,

salad, peaches, milk Friday, May 16 Student holiday March 26, 2008, at the county show barn in Robert The fourth grade Lee. students and teachers, Denise Roberts, Michele Bearden, Christy Bearden, and bus drivers, Philip Ratliff and Chris Bearden from Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City attended. These 60 learned everyone's lives each day.

Sutton Page, Field Representative for District 6, taught from the Mobile Learning Barn by telling and showing the by-products produced from farm animals, agriculture products.

John Stephens his farm equipment; Joe Harmon demonstrated a sonogram on to a lamb soon. The group importance of driving safely. watched this on a computer screen. Bobby and Jeffie educational booths set up Roberts brought butter with free information and making ingredients, early day demonstrations. churns, milk cans, butter mold, crock jars, wooden bowl and spoons and cow bells. Each one present was served homemade butter on crackers. Kacee Roberts display.

Bureau insurance agent Russell Davis were present to assist with the demonstrations. Visitors Ronnie Clawson, Jason Rich, Susan Millegan, and Marie Raney.

PALS Street Rally

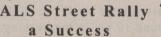
The Bronte and Robert Lee how much agriculture affects High School PALS class sponsored a rally to promote safe driving last Saturday, May 3 at the depot in Bronte. The rally was made possible through a grant from State

The rally had several grain, cotton, corn, and other speakers including Laurie Austin, speaking on the Blake Millican, assisted by behalf of the C.J. Macon Natalie Clawson, brought a family; Kei Antilley, who calf for the children to see; spoke of her son Clay; Sheriff Rick Styles, who spoke about safe driving and the dangers of brought his horse, two ewes being distracted while driving and one baby lamb. Joe also and Bronte High School principal Michael Bohensky, a ewe which was to give birth who also spoke about the

There were several

PALS students appreciate all the teachers, coaches and administrators from Bronte High School and Robert Lee High School as well as Deputy Anthony assisted her grandparents in Lopez who volunteered time churning butter earlier for to be dunked. There was also a bounce house that kids Alonzo Robbins, director jumped in and several and Coke-Sterling Farm children's booths, such as

present were Natalie Clawson,



Farm Insurance.



Murals! These are two of the murals that Mrs. Service's art students painted at Robert Lee High School.

State Bound! The Robert Lee High School Steer and Lady Steer track teams traveled to Abilene recently to run at the Regional Qualifying meet. Josh Gallegos (right) qualified in two events. He placed first in the 800 meter run and second in the 300 meter hurdles. These placings qualify him for the state track meet in Austin. which is set for tomorrow, Saturday, May 10.

rubber duck races, face painting and "Plinko". Free balloons were handed out to anyone who wanted one and they said "Be Safe, Buckle Up". People also had the opportunity to answer safe driving questions to win Wal-Mart gift cards and t-shirts. A silent auction was also available for people to bid on baked goods and gift items.

The proceeds of the rally will benefit the Clay Antilley Scholarship Fund, the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Chris Brown family. The night ended with a street dance.

Library News

The Coke County Library is all ready to present many books for students to step into independent reading. Library books and independent reading problems - and many solutions.

and Harper Lee are still the most is also available.

read authors according to a study by Renaissance Learning. First graders selected Green Eggs and Ham while second graders chose If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, third graders read Charlotte's Web and fourth graders chose Tales of a

Fourth Grade Nothing more often

according to the study. Books chosen by the top ten percent of reading achievement students were as follows: in the first grade Green Eggs and Ham, second graders chose Where the Wild Things Are, third graders chose Charlotte's Web, fourth graders chose The Bad Beginning (Snicket), fifth graders chose Bridge to Terabithia, sixth graders chose Eragon (Paolini) and Hatchet (Paulson), and seventh grade students chose The End (Snicket) and The Outsiders.

The study is online at www.renlearn.com/whatkidsarerea are elementary and junior high ding. The reading lists are students' first introduction to the available at the library and most of idea that life presents many the books mentioned in the study are also available for independent The classics, Dr. Seuss, E.B. reading. A list of books White, Judy Blume, S. E. Hinton recommended for college students

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Farm Bureau Ag Day! Jeffie and Bobby Roberts demonstrate butter making to a total of 55 students, 4 teachers, 2 bus drivers, 12 directors and visitors from Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City at the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day.

Help support BHS band students

Several band students from Bronte High School are trying to raise money to attend the Howard Payne Band Camp this summer. A shaved ice stand will be set up across the street from Town & Country in Bronte on different days and each student will work that day and 100% of the profit will go to that student for their band camp fees.

Powder Puff Football game slated for May 15

The Bronte High School Student Council will be sponsoring a powder puff football game that will be held Thursday May 15, 2008, at 7:30 pm at the Bronte football field. The Junior/Senior girls will be taking on the



Breakfast Monday, May 12

Cereal, apple sauce, toast,

jelly, milk

Tuesday, May 13

Sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 14 Breakfast pizza, juice,

milk Thursday, May 15 Sausage roll, juice, milk

Friday, May 16 jelly, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 12 Pizza, tossed salad, corn, AR Reading Goal

frozen fruit bar, milk Tuesday, May 13

Spud day, chili, cheese, baby carrots with ranch, mixed fruit, Texas toast,

Wednesday, May 14

Chicken & noodles, tossed salad, corn on the cob, roll, strawberries & bananas, milk

Thursday, May 15

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, assorted fruit, chips, ice cream cups,

Friday, May 16

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, sliced peaches, flour tortillas, milk

Freshmen/Sophomore girls. There will be a small fee for admission. Donations will be accepted also. Admission proceeds will benefit the Student Council Scholarship Fund and concession stand proceeds will benefit the Bronte Cheerleaders. Come witness the toughest football game this year.

BHS to host curriculum meeting

Bronte High School will host a curriculum meeting for parents and community members on Thursday, May 22, at 6 pm to discuss course offerings, curriculum alignment and four-year plans for students 9th grade - 12th

Bronte Elementary Awards

5th Six Weeks

PK/PPCD Perfect Attendance

Keeley Queen, Marissa Reyes, Shyann Strickland

Kindergarten Perfect Attendance

Karissa Cervenka, Hunter Hortenstine, Kinsey Lee, Anthony Ramirez, Megan

First Grade

Perfect Attendance

Nathan Arthur, Nita Betts, Tanner Braswell, Danielle Clostion, Alyssa Lyon, Skyleigh Minjarez, Raegen Moore, Kimberly Ogle, Savina Ornelaz, Damian Puentez, Kaylee Puentez, Kaci Queen

Super Citizen Award

Nathan Arthur, Makaylah Blueberry muffins, toast, DelaCerda, Cassidy McWright, Skyleigh Minjarez, Kimberly Ogle, Kaci Queen, Jayden Speary

Tanner Braswell, Danielle Clostio, Makaylah DelaCerda, Jacob Eubanks, Hailey McKinney, Cassidy McWright, Raegen Moore, Savina Ornalez, Damian Puentez, Kaylee Puentez, Zachary Gully

Achieved Ready Reader Certification

Jacob Baken, Nita Betts, Nicholas Casarez, Danielle Clostio, Skyleigh Minjarez, Savina Ornelaz, Jayden Speary, Miranda Tijerina

Second Grade Mrs. Rawls Perfect Attendance

Alyssa Balderas, Vincent



Teacher of the Year! Leah Rosson (center) was named the Bronte High School teacher of the year at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce Banquet recently. Presenting the award were Tammy Hortenstine, representing the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, and Michael Bohensky, representing Bronte High School.

Aaron Cervenka, Jaqui Davila, Darby Duncan, Collin Moore, Melissa Perez, Shawn Puentez

Super Longhorns

Alyssa Balderas, Tanner Bedford, Jaqui Davila, Darby Duncan, Melissa Perez, Shawn Puentez, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres

AR Reading Goal

Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Nicole Carnell, Jaqui Davila, Darby Duncan, Melissa Perez, Shawn Puentez, Chelsea Trussell

A Honor Roll

Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Nicole Carnell, Aaron Cervenka, Darby Duncan, Chelsea Trussell

A/B Honor Roll

Jaqui Davila, Collin Moore, Alejandro Rosales Sierra O'Brien, Melissa A/B Honor Roll Perez, Baily Torres

Second Grade Mrs. Baker Perfect Attendance

Mercedes DelaCerda, Joshua Fuentez, Colton King, Kevin Parks, Danny Pullen, Kristin Stilley

Super Longhorns

Bohensky, Analyn Emmanuel Casillas, Mercedes DelaCerda, Joshua Fuentez, Mason Keeney, Cambrey Lange, Zachery Mayo, Hanna McKinney, Kevin Parks, Danny Pullen, Kristen Stilley, Tiara Watson A Honor Roll

Analyn Bohensky, Mercedes DelaCerda, Cambrey Lange, Tiara Watson

A/B Honor Roll

Emmanuel Casillas, Joshua Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Fuentez, Mason Keeney, Colton King, Zachery Mayo, Hanna Destiny Lyon, Justin Reed, McKinney, Danny Pullen

Third Grade Mrs. Lloyd Perfect Attendance

Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Carson Kelso, Chase Wynne Super Citizen

Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Alex Guia, Ryan Alyssa Balderas, Vincent Jones, Alejandro Rosales, Zachary Rosales

AR Reading Goal

Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Harley Cerda, Alex Guia, Ryan Jones, Tristin Minjarez, Alyssa Balderas, Vincent Darin Munsey, Alejandro Rosales, Zachary Rosales, Chase Wynne

A Honor Roll

Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd,

Carson Kelso, Katlyn Reeves Third Grade

Ms. Wilson Perfect Attendance

Hannah Brackeen, Ismael Cecilio, Evan Ferguson,

Tristan Sullivan

Super Longhorns

Emily Whitehurst, Hannah Brackeen, Justin Reed, Tristan Sullivan

AR Reading Goal

Reighlyn Baken, Hannah Brackeen, Evan Ferguson, Justin Reed, Emily Whitehurst A Honor Roll

Destiny Lyon, Emily Whitehurst

A/B Honor Roll

Hannah Brackeen, Justin Reed

Fourth Grade Mrs. Bearden

Perfect Attendance

Kevin Charles, Payton Cutting, Christian Davila, Tucker McMullan, Kyler Richards, Brittany Sutton, Kellie Thorn, Ean Ward, Cami White

AR Reading Goal

Jayden Baumann, Kevin Charles, Payton Cutting, Jerica Davis, Rankin Deronde, Chris James, Cambri Kelso, Emmery McCullough, Tucker McMullan, Kellie Thorn, Kyler Richards, Ean Ward

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1st Annual Clay Antilley Invitational Golf Tournament set for June 28

Tournament is scheduled for Ricky Ross, great contributions to 4-H at 453-2317. and FFA made Clay one of Coke County's favorite

The tournament will be an A/B Honor Roll 18 hole, three person scramner with live entertainment Cami White by Stephen Myers, Jeff Brisbin, Randy Flanagan, and friends after play.

All donations are apprecible with written receipts Stacia Emfinger, Carlos sors are donations of \$500 Kolby Lee, Joshua Means, and above. Gold sponsors Jensen Reed, Jared Scott are donations of \$200 -\$499. Silver sponsors are \$100 - \$199, and bronze Reed, Stacia Emfinger, sponsors are under \$100. Donations of any amount as well as those who would like to donate door prizes would be appreciated.

All proceeds will benefit Antilley Clay Scholarship Fund. All checks should be made payable to "The Clay Antilley Invitational." Whether you teams (54 players) will be Addison Rosson accepted; so sign up now. If AR Reading Goal you don't have a team we'll appreciated. There will be Oscar Pena free mulligans on every A Honor Roll hole, closest to the hole prizes, and beautiful hand- Bilbrey, Lance Burns carved mesquite plaques A/B Honor Roll

will be presented to the top . three teams honoring Clay

Tournament committee members include Bill Ballew, Clay Allen, Jessie The first annual Clay Flores, Terry Eaton, Randy Antilley Invitational Golf Smith, JD McClelland, Mountain Creek Golf Flanagan, Jeff Brisbin, Tim Course in Robert Lee on Philley, Thad Metcalf, Don Saturday afternoon, June Powell, Stephen Myers, 28th. Tournament Chairman Nancy Baty, Dana Sims, Don Dick Sims said that the tour- Hodge, Tom Sawyer, Doug nament is to honor the mem- Roberts, David Bautista, ory of Clay Antilley, who Jimmy Skinner, Dick Sims, was tragically killed in a and the Tommy Antilley vehicle accident almost a family. For more informayear ago. His involvement tion contact Dick Sims at with golf along with all his 453-9977 or the club house

...Bronte Awards (Continued from page 5)

Jayden Baumann, Hailey ble beginning with a 1:00 Bennett, Kevin Charles, pm shotgun start. Entry fee Jerica Davis, Chris James, is \$80 per person. There Cambri Kelso, Tucker will be a free lunch before McMullan, Kyler Richards, play and free barbecue din- Sarah Sanchez, Ean Ward,

Fourth Grade Mrs. Coalson Perfect Attendance

Savannah Arthur, Dakota ated, which are tax deducti- Arthur, Charissa Caston, given out. Diamond spon- Fuentez, Kourtney Kelton,

AR Reading Goal

Marley Braswell, Jensen Heriberto Cecilio, Kolby Lee, Charissa Caston

A Honor Roll

Marley Braswell A/B Honor Roll

Stacia Emfinger, Carlos Fuentez, Kolby Lee, Jensen Reed, Jared Scott

Fifth Grade Perfect Attendance

Amber Betts, Crystal play golf or not, we would Bilbrey, Lance Burns, Dalton like for you to be a part of Ogle, Oscar Pena, Josh the tournament. Only 18 Puentez, Dakota Pullen,

Maria Franco, Lance find you a spot. Early entry Burns, Moriah Royall, Addie fees and donations are Rosson, Dakota Pullen,

Jessica Arthur, Crystal



Teacher of the Year! Michelle Bearden (center) was named the Bronte Elementary School teacher of the year at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce Banquet recently. Presenting the award were Tammy Hortenstine, representing the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, and Donna Poehls, representing Bronte Elementary School.

Maria Franco, Joshua Puentez, Addie Rosson

Sixth Grade Perfect Attendance

Fred Arthur, Rebecca Dugan, Rachel Everheart, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, John McDonald, Johnathon Moore, Megan Yackley AR Reading Goal

Fred Arthur, Myranda Kenny, Megan Yackley A Honor Roll

Rachel Everheart, Ty Lee, Kaleb Reyes, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley A/B Honor Roll

Fred Arthur, Trinity Demry, Coby Malone, John McDonald, Nathaniel Rosales, Marisa Sanchez

Girl Scouts need volunteers

Girl Scouts of Central Texas is in need of dedicated, responsible adult volunteers to support our mission in the Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City areas. Help us build girls of Courage, Confidence and Character by donating your time and talents to serve girls in your community. We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities, so you can tailor your participation to fit right into your life.

By volunteering you will acquire new skills, gain professional development experience and have fun while you give back to the community. If you are 18 or older and wish to be a positive role model for tomorrow's leaders, please contact Maryelva Luna, Girl Scouts of Central Texas, 304 W. Ave. A, San Angelo, Texas 76903, (325) 655-8961.

Ombudsman needed for area

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments has an urgent need to fill volunteer positions to perform duties as an ombudsman for the San Angelo, Menard, Bronte, and Junction area nursing homes. An Ombudsman is a specially trained individual who advocates for quality of care and helps residents achieve the best possible quality of life in nursing and assisted living facilities

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For more information please contact Kathy Schiller, Managing Local Ombudsman at (325)223-5704, or toll free at 1-877-944-9666; email kathy.schiller@cvcog.org, or visit the websites: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/new s info/ombudsman/index.html and www.cvcog.org and click on the Area Agency on Aging link

Bronte EMS to offer ECA course

Bronte EMS will offer an ECA course to qualify individuals for service on either Bronte or Robert Lee Ambulances beginning May 19 and ending June 24.

For more information, call Larry at 473-4014 or Steve at 224-3047.

Letter to the Editor Prayers, a Miracle & an Ordinary Day

It was February 9 and it started out like most of my Saturdays. Little did I realize that this day would forever change my life. My wife and I left San Angelo to spend the weekend at our place just outside of Bronte. After friends. Prayers went up to lunch at a local restaurant, I mounted my bicycle with plans on going from Bronte San Angelo and the surrounding to Robert Lee and back. area. I felt the peace that truly

Little did I know that my life was about to change forever. I was only a few miles from Bronte, riding on the shoulder of the road when I was hit by a car that obviously did not see me.

The injuries were extensive with severe fractures of the pelvis, multiple rib fractures, shock from blood loss and blood clots to the lung. By all accounts, I should be dead. Much of my 2 month hospitalization is a blur, but many of the events are vivid. I was aware that that I was close to death. I prayed in my own simple way for the Lord to spare me but I also had faith in the knowledge that we have a savior in Christ. I was afraid---very afraid. Even though I had been to confession and handed over my sins to the Lord, I still was afraid to die. I was afraid that I might never be able to hold my wife again. I was afraid that I might not be able to see my two sons again and I was afraid that I would never see my grandchildren again. I also was afraid also because of doubt. Doubt that I might not be "right with the Lord". I spent many a fretful night in the hospital finding solace in pray, over and over again until I gently drifted into a fretful sleep. I could truly feel the power of prayer and it gave me great comfort as Jesus held my hand to ease my discomfort.

Despite being afraid and having some doubts whether or not I was ready to leave this earthly existence, I realized that I had many, many Christian heaven on my behalf from churches all over Coke County,



Farm Bureau Ag Day! These were just some of the people who made the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day possible. They include (from left to right) Bobby Roberts, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau President; Sutton Page, Fieldman; Russell Davis, Insurance Agent; and Alonzo Robbins, Secretary; John Stephens, Vice President. Joe Harmon and Jeffie Roberts (not pictured) assisted with demonstrations.

passes all understanding. The miracles and remember that constant pain somehow seemed more tolerable. Slowly, very slowly my wounds began to heal and I was left to ponder the significance of the events.

This event has changed my life. I simply would not have survived this accident without the prayers of so many people in Coke and Tom Green couny. I now have a better understanding of God's unconditional love. I now understand how fragile and ephemeral our life on earth is. I now better understand that I am called to better serve the Lord each of my remaining days.

It turns out that February 9 was not an ordinary day for me. It was an extraordinary day in which the Lord decided to get my undivided attention. Believe in prayer! Believe in

there is no ordinary day for those who believe in Christ! Each one of our days on earth is extraordinary and to God we are expected to be His extraordinary servants. Lastly, I wish to thank all of my friends from Bronte, Robert Lee and the surrounding area who extended such kindness to me and to my wife.

Ernie Charlesworth, MD Coke County Food Pantry Memorials and Donations January-April 2008

Golda Jean Honea Robert Lee Baptist Co-ed SS Class Daryl Lee Nieman

Memorials

Insurance, United Methodist Women, Frances Lindsey, A Friend, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, Dale and Sue Wotjek, Bob and Polly Large, George and Thelma Lomas, Pecan Baptist Church - WMA, Northside Church of Christ, Coke County Library Patrons,

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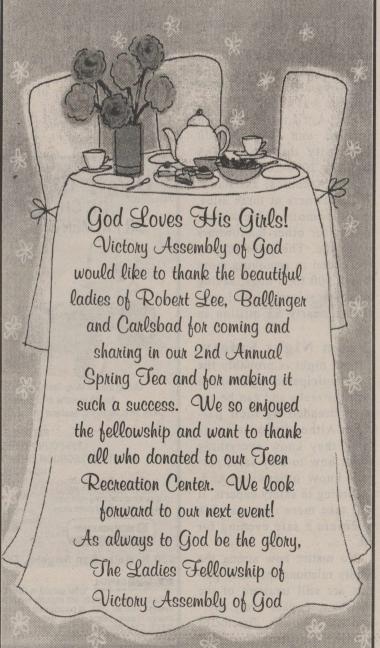
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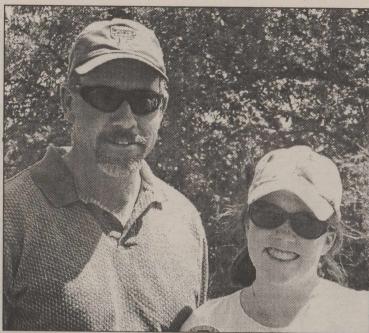
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CC Riders is a non-profit organization. All proceeds from our annual car show and cruise go into our scholarship fund for local high school seniors. CC Riders members do not enter the show.







Golfing! Douglas Roberts and his daughter, Kacee, participated in the Mountain Creek Adult/Child Golf Tournament and had a score of 81.

Commissioner Staples Awards \$1 Million to remove, control Feral Hogs

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) recently awarded Texas AgriLife Extension Service \$1 million for the agency's new Texas Feral Hog Control Program: Moving Towards A Long-Term Abatement Strategy.

Texas is home to more than 2 million feral hogs, the largest feral hog population in the U.S., and their numbers continue to increase due to high reproductive potential and the lack of natural predators.

Feral hogs wreak havoc on property, livestock, crops and pastures across the state and frustrate landowners because of their destructive nature. In fact the Extension Service estimates the statewide annual economic damage caused by feral hogs is close to \$52 million.

The 80th Legislature directed this \$1,000,000 in funding following a \$500,000 pilot project funded by the 79th Legislature. The pilot program was administered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Tech University through a TDA grant in 2006-2007 and did provide technical assistance to landowners at three sites, and promote educational events for other landowners statewide. The pilot project succeeded in removing more than 3,000 feral hogs, saving landowners/agricultural producers nearly \$3 million in losses.

Prom Night Safety

Prom night is probably the most anticipated night of the year for teens and can be the most dreaded by their parents. Although most teens think they know everything about how to stay safe, parents know otherwise. And, according to safety experts, it will take more than just talk to ensure a safe evening for

"No matter how strong the family relationship, many parents are still unaware of the choices teens face every day," said Ray Palermo, director of public imformation for

Teachers' Insurance Plan. "For parents to successfully reach their kids, they'll have to approach safety issues in new, often more direct ways." He offered tips that go beyond "don't drink and drive." Parents:

· Get involved in planning prom night.

· Talk specifically about what they should say or do in certain high-risk situations.

· Consider having a mutually agreed on "contract" for the night. Set out rules regarding post-prom parties or other activities - with whom they will be, where, for how long and what they will be doing.

· Get the names of other prom-goers and phone numbers of their parents.

· Set a curfew based on past behavior, but be reasonable. This is a special night. Have your teen call if there is a delay.

· Send your teen a text message during prom night telling them to have fun, but reminding them not to do anything that could ruin a great time.

· Limit the number of passengers in a car.

· Be on call for a ride home or other emergency.



EMS! The Bronte EMS was recognized for their hard work by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce at the annual Chamber Banquet recently.

· Have a "no questions asked" policy on getting home safely.

· Join with other parents and rent a limo for them.

· Be the chauffeur for the night, but don't meddle. Rent a vintage car to make it more special.

Teens:

· Make an arrangement with parents to not drink and drive, and not to ride with anyone who is drinking.

· Resist high-risk activities of all types.

· To avoid tampering, do not leave your beverage unattended.

· Check in with your parents during the night. It will go a long way toward reassuring them about how you are doing.

· Always buckle up.

• In short, follow your parent's rules.



Arrest and Dispositions April 2008

Tijerina, Robert, Out of County Warrant, 4-8-08;

Foster, Clayton, Theft by Check, 4-9-08; 4-16-08

McGinley, Cathy, DWI, 4-11-08:

Dougan, David, DWI, 4- Plea: Dismissed; 12-08;

X 2, 4-14-08;

Reyes, Little Joe, Out of \$350.00, Court Cost \$224.00; County Warrant, 4-23-08;

to Vehicle/Fleeing scene of \$500.00, Court Cost \$224.00; Accident, 4-26-08;

Accident, 4-26-08.

County Court

Dispositions

The State of Texas vs. Lydia Lara, Charge: Evading Arrest,

The State of Texas vs. Jesse Larue, Christopher, Assault Eads IV, Charge: Criminal Trespass, Plea: Guilty, Fine

The State of Texas vs. Derek McCormick, Corey, Thomas, Charge: Assault Family Accident involving Damage Violence, Plea: Guilty, Fine

The State of Texas vs. Earnest Ybarra, Vicky, Accident Leroy Mills, Charge: Resisting involving Damage to Arrest, Plea: Guilty, 90 Days Vehicle/Fleeing scene of Probated for 18 Months, Probation Fees Waived, Fine \$500.00, Court Cost \$309.00;

Deliberate and Willful Sin

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? • Romans 6:1

For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace? For we know Him that hath said, vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, the Lord shall judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. • Hebrews 10:26-31

Sowing Sin And Reaping Its Consequences

But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done and there is no respect of persons. • Colossians

Evil pursueth sinners: But to the righteous good shall be repayed. • Proverbs 13:21

Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house. • Proverbs 17:13

Sin Gives Satan Entrance Into Your Life

Be ye angry, and sin not: Let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. • Ephesians

Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, behold, thou art made whole: Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. • John 5:14

The Hardships Of A Life Of Sin

Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: And he that hateth reproof shall die. • Proverbs 15:10 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal

life through Jesus Christ our Lord. • Romans 6:23 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: The end

of the wicked shall be cut off. • Psalms 37:38 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the

transgressors shall be rooted out of it. • Proverbs 2:22

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The State of Texas vs. Earnest Leroy Mills, Charge: Assault Causing Bodily Injury - Family Member, Plea: Guilty, 180 Days Jail Probated for 18 Months, Fine \$700.00, Court Cost \$249.00, Anger Control Class;

The State of Texas vs. Stephanie Soto, Charge: DWI 1st, Plea: Guilty, One Year Pre-Trial Intervention;

The State of Texas vs. Albert Carlos, Charge: Taking Wildlife Resource without Consent, Plea: Guilty, Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$224.00.

County Farm Bureau leaders travel to

Washington, DC Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee were among 165 Farm Bureau leaders from Texas headed by Texas Farm Bureau State President Kenneth Dierschke, who journeyed to Washington, DC April 1-4, 2008, on the 2008 National Affairs Awards Trip. With the deadline for a new farm bill looming, and a host of other issues on their collective plate, this group went to voice concerns to legislative leaders.

Those who spoke to the group were Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Senator John Cornyn about immigration and other issues. House Ag Committee Chairman Collin Peterson and the four Texas member of the ag committee -Congressman Mike Conaway, Randy Neugebauer, Henry Cuellar, and Nick Lampson discussed the Farm Bill; and American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman and several others discussed other issues.

Bobby and Jeffie had the pleasure of meeting with a small group in Congressman Mike Conaway's office and were delighted to visit with his legislative director, Scott Graves of Bronte. The group

was given a private tour of our nation's Capitol building and a bus tour of the national monuments, Arlington National Cemetery, White House, and many other sights.

The cherry trees were in full bloom and were a beautiful sight. The weather was nice. Bobby and Jeffie also toured the Washington, DC offices of the American Farm Bureau and visited with AFB President Bob Stallman in his office. It is a perfect picture of the Capitol Building from his desk through a picture window.

Bell grandchildren gather in Robert Lee

Thirteen of the fourteen living grandchildren of Will H. and Elizabeth Bell gathered in Robert Lee for a cousins' reunion last Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Gwendolyn Scherz of San Angelo fell on Monday (her birthday) and ended up in Shannon Hospital instead of Robert Lee for the dinner at the Cracker Barrel.

The first cousins' activity was attending the church service at First United Methodist Church, followed by a spaghetti dinner in the fellowship hall. They ate Mexican food Sunday Night at Rangel's.

Twenty-three relatives and friends gathered at the Cracker Barrel for dinner on Monday. Bill Rial Denman served as master of ceremonies as the cousins paid tribute to their aunt, Robbie Turner, who passed away in October of 2007. She was the youngest and last surviving daughter of Will and Lizzie Bell. They raised their nine daughters in Robert Lee. All of the girls graduated from Robert Lee High School and all were members of the First United Methodist Church. The 14 cousins and five deceased cousins were children of those nine daugh-



Bell Grandchildren! The grandchildren of Judge W.H. and Elizabeth Bell gathered in Robert Lee for a cousins reunion. Those attending included (front row, left to right) Tommy Denman, Jamie Boren, Carleen Craddock, Alta Bell Kay, Jo Ann Littlefield, Janie Beth Sturman, Charlotte Prickett, Janet Rathmell, (back row, left to right) Bill Sturman, Bill Rial Denman, Frank Sturman, Floydene Groves, Joyce Hope Jarmon and guests, Dale Fields, Doris McCabe and Ava Lou Davis.

ters. After the dinner, they gathered at the Bilbo House for birthday cake and coffee in honor of Gwen Scherz.

On Tuesday, Jamie Boren, assisted by her sisters, Alta Bell Kay and Jo Ann Littlefield, hosted the group at the Boren home, northwest of town. The relatives enjoyed much talking, visiting, and reminiscing. A dinner of brisket, salads, cornbread and pinto beans was served to the group.

Attending the joyous celebration were Bill Sturman of Riverside, California; Frank Sturman of Boise, Idaho; Floydene Groves of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Janie Beth Sturman of Thousand Palms, California; Joyce Hope Jarmon of Corpus Christi, TX; Carleen Clark of Medina, Texas; Alta Bell Kay of Alpine, Texas; Jamie Boren of Robert Lee; Jo Ann Littlefield of Grove, Oklahoma; Janet Rathmell of Mertzon, Texas; Bill Rial Denman of Medina, Texas; Tommy Joy Denman of Corona Del Mar, California; and Charlotte Prickett of Carrollton, Texas.

Spouses attending were Jarvis Littlefield, Mary

Denman, and Bob Prickett.

and Dale Fields, all of after her mishap. Robert Lee.

The children of cousins attending were Leslie Hope Jarmon of Austin; Paul Brown Jarmon of Austin; Merriet Lewis of Dallas; and Robbie Ann Wells of Medina, Texas. Gwen Scherz's daughters, Ann Madison of San Antonio and

Gay Burns of Sarasota, Guests attending were Ava Florida, had planned to attend Lou Davis, Doris McCabe, but stayed with their mother

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Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

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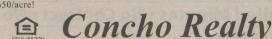
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C/O NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law:

Dated: April 30, 2008. Signed: NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR Attorney for the Estate 42-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE TO **BILL EASLEY AND DESCENDANTS OF EDITH MAE EASLEY**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Texas Property Code, Sue Diane Luckett, P. O. Box 21, Bronte, Texas, seeks reimbursement of the prorata share of a total of \$2,500.00 paid on ad valorem taxes on the property from Bill Easley who may own approximately undivided 1/4 of the following described property and the descendants of Edith Mae Easley who may own an approximately undivided 1/2 of the following real property, said property described as Lots 11 and 12, Block 49, Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas.

Greg Gossett, Attorney P.O. Drawer 911 San Angelo, Texas 76902 40-4tc

Graduating to 'the real world'

By Jason Alderman Anyone who's graduated from college understands the relief of leaving behind years of cramming for exams and living on dorm food. With the next chapter of their lives now at hand, this year's grads deserve kudos for successfully negotiating the twists and turns of higher education. Now the fun begins.

Take it from someone who's learned a few lessons the hard way - there are steps you should take now to ensure you start off on sound financial footing. A few tips: Step 1: Budgeting 101.

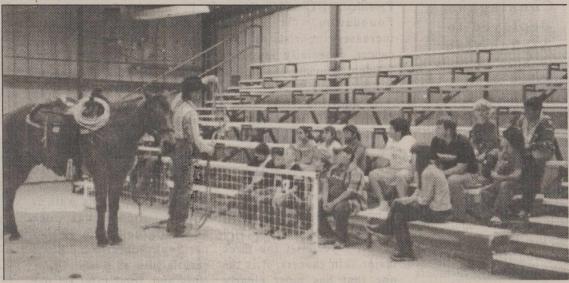
throughout college, many people go to the other extreme after landing their first full-time job, buying all the things they've done without. Before going on a spending spree, first figure out (A) how much you earn and (B) how much it costs to live. If (B) is larger than (A), not only will you not get ahead, you may soon find yourself reeling from debt.

Step 2: Figure out what you owe. Roughly two-thirds of young adults begin their post-graduation job search saddled with student loan debt - the average amount is around \$20,000, but for many it's much higher. When you factor in rent, car payments, credit card balances and other monthly obligations, it's easy to see why some grads feel overwhelmed.

Although most federal student loan programs offer a repayment grace period, many private loans don't. Ask your lender whether they'll reduce your loan's interest rate if you agree to automatic monthly payments or after making a certain number of on-time payments. If you anticipate repayment difficulties, contact your lender immediately to discuss your options. You may be able to work out an agreement to defer payments, extend the loan's term or refinance at a lower rate.

Step 3: Know the score, credit-wise. Many people don't realize the important role their credit score plays in their financial future until after they've seriously damaged it by making late payments, bouncing checks, opening too many accounts or exceeding their credit limits. This can haunt you later, not only when you try to borrow money for a house or car, but also when you try to rent an apartment or apply for a job, since many landlords and employers now check credit records and reject applicants with poor

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Farm Bureau Ag Day! Joe Harmon discusses Farm Animal Safety to the Sterling City fourth grade, along with their teacher, Christy Bearden and Chris Bearden at the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day.

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To learn more about the importance of understanding and improving your credit score, visit What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.com), a financial literacy program for young adults run by Visa Inc. It features a comprehensive workbook called Money 101: A Crash Course in Better Money Management, which can be downloaded for free. The workbook covers such topics as:

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This is when all your hard work finally starts to pay off - just make sure you don't sabotage yourself by overextending your finances early in your career.

Pet Talk

When it comes to cats, the experts agree: Leave those whiskers on Whiskers alone.

That's the advice of animal experts when it comes to vibrissae, the technical name for whiskers. They serve a purpose and it's not a good idea to cut or trim them, as many pet owners feel they should do.

"It's best to just leave them alone," says Dr. Bonnie Beaver, an animal behavior expert at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

"Some pet owners might get the urge to take out some scissors and give some long whiskers a little trim, but they should not. Whiskers serve a very real purpose they are like a sensory device for the dog or cat.

"Especially in cats, whiskers keep the animal from bumping into things at night and help with depth perception. They help the animal decide where it's going, so it's not a good idea to cut them."

· Cats can have whiskers on the sides of their face, under their chin, above their eyes and on the back of their front legs. The average cat has between 20 and 30 whiskers.

Whiskers are attached to a nerve under the skin, and these whiskers can provide cats with all sorts of information. They can tell the animal about its immediate surroundings and also help it move in closed-in areas where space is tight.

"Sometimes, whiskers will naturally fall off the animal," Beaver explains. "If this happens, it's nothing to be alarmed about. Over time, the whisker will eventually grow

Dogs use their whiskers in the same way as cats do, Beaver says, "but because cats are more nocturnal, they tend to rely on their whiskers a little more."

"We know cats can feel breezes by using their whiskers, and they can also use them to detect such things as high grasses," she says. "All of this goes back to their ability to hunt in the wild. They need whiskers to do certain things."

The slightest touch of a cat's whiskers will result in the blinking or closing of its eyes, a natural reaction that goes back to the animal's hunting background.

Studies have shown that cats with poor eyesight will use their whiskers much like a person uses a cane - as a sort of guide to help it maneuver through a room or an area.

"That's why it's best to leave the whiskers alone," Beaver adds. "Your cat or dog will appreciate a nice brushing much more."

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Cunningham deployed to Afghanistan

Army Spec. Amanda K. Cunningham has deployed to a forward operating base in Afghanistan to support the missions of Operation Enduring Freedom and the ongoing Global War on Terrorism.

Enduring Freedom is the official name given to antiterrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been mobilized, activated and deployed along with active duty members to support the war against global terrorism. Mission objectives encompass combating the international terrorist network or regime forces outside the borders of the United States. U.S. troops serve in South and Southwest Asia, Central Asia, the Arabian peninsula, islands in the Pacific, and other countries.

Cunningham is assigned to the 436th Chemical Company, Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. She has served in the military for two years.

She is the daughter of Max Cunningham of Robert Lee, and granddaughter of Chester Cunningham of Sweetwater. Her sister, Brandy, also graduated from Robert Lee ISD, and she and her husband, Arthur Martin, and two children reside in San Angelo. Brandy teaches history at Lake View.

The Truth About Tanning

Nearly 2.3 million American teenagers visit tanning salons every year, and with summer right around the corner, the temptation to tan is even greater. But with the increasing rates of skin cancer, recent research has found that the use of sunbeds during a person's teens and twenties is linked to an increase in melanoma risk, the deadliest form of skin

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC, a branch of the World Health Organization) conducted a thorough review of all available worldwide data - 19 international studies - and found a strong association between tanning bed use and melanoma risk. Across all age groups, males and females who have ever used tanning beds have a 15 percent higher risk of developing melanoma. More alarming still, based on 7 worldwide studies, people who first use a tanning bed before age 35 increase their risk for melanoma by 75 percent.

"This new research substantiates what we've believed for years about the danger of indoor tanning," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "It clearly increases the risk of skin cancer, especially in young women, who are the largest group of users."

In addition, this study found that the risk of squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) is significantly increased in teens after their first use of tanning beds. SCC is the second most common form of skin cancer and accounts for 2,500 deaths a year. Of the three major skin cancers, it is the one that has most clearly been linked to cumulative lifetime ultraviolet exposure. In fact, a 2002 study from Journal of the National Cancer Institute found that people who use tanning beds are 2.5 times more likely to develop SCC than those who don't use tanning beds.

If the threat of melanoma isn't enough to scare teens away from tanning booths, they should know that 90% of visible skin changes commonly attributed to aging are really caused by exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Ultraviolet radiation (UV) accelerates the signs of aging, including wrinkles, leathering and fine lines, which can be seen as early as in one's 20's. Yet many young women continue to contribute to the \$5 billion dollar tanning industry.

The Vitamin D Dilemma

Promoters of sunbeds tout the benefits of tanning as a source for Vitamin D. While it is widely known that Vitamin D can have many health benefits, it is also known that UV radiation is a human carcinogen and does cause skin cancer.

Vitamin D can easily be obtained from oily fish (salmon, mackerel, sardines) and cod liver oil as well as from fortified orange juice and milk (both with 100 IU per 80z), yogurts, and some cereals such as Kashi, Grape Nuts and Total (100 IU per serving). Finally, supplements are readily obtained and inexpensive.

The "Base Tan" Myth

The assumption that a tan offers protection against sunburn is false. A tan generated by ultraviolet light offers, at best, a very low level of protection against sunburn. You first have to damage your skin to get a tan, which obviously defeats the whole "protective" purpose of tanning. A tan is a biological signal by the skin that DNA damage has occurred.

Go With Your Own Glow

In addition to the obvious health risks associated with tanning beds, tanning as a lifestyle is over. Fashion and beauty insiders agree that today, it's all about natural beauty.

"Tanning as a life priority

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Golfing! Jimmy Skinner and his son, Zack, participated in the Mountain Creek Adult/Child Golf Tournament and had a score of 80.

is over," says Lois Joy Johnson, fashion and beauty director, MORE magazine. "We all need to pay attention to being healthy and having healthy skin, not changing our skin to another color."

The Skin Cancer Foundation is launching its first nationwide public awareness, "Go With Your Own Glow," to empower people to be comfortable in their own skin and encourage luminous, radiant skin as the new beauty and fashion ideal.

"The goal is to change the way people think about tanning," says Dr. Perry Robins,

president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Once people stop linking their self esteem to tanned skin, we will really begin making headway in the fight against skin cancer."

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