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Holiday Closings

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 4. Friday Trash Service will run as scheduled. The Landfill will be open on Saturday, July 5. City residents are reminded that all fireworks are banned within the city limits. Any person who violates this ban may be issued a citation and fined. Residents are urged to call the local law enforcement to report violators.

Bronte City Hall, Coke County Courthouse and the Observer/Enterprise office will also be closed on Friday, July 4.

Blackwell Fire Station Annual Barbecue

Please join the Blackwell Fire Department on Saturday, July 5, 2008, at 5:30 pm at the Blackwell Fire Station for their Annual Barbeque. The meal includes Brisket, Sausage and all of the trimmings. The parade will start at 5 pm. For more information, contact Karen Walls at (325) 282-3037.

Red Hat meeting set for July 10

The Robert Lee Care Center is being invaded, By a bunch of really strange ladies.

They wear Red Hats, weird shirts and such,

And laugh and talk a lot too much.

But they have lots of fun and want to see,

The beautiful ladies who live in Robert Lee.

Thursday, July 10 is the next meeting of the Coke County Red Hat Club. We

will meet at the West Coke County Care Center at 12 noon and will eat with the residents (arrive a few minutes early, please). The ladies who live at the Care Center have decorated their very own red hats to wear and we will all be eating lunch together.

There is a small cost for the meal (correct change, if possible) and we will be sitting down to eat at 12 noon. For the cost of the meal and to let the staff know how much to cook, please call Janet at 473-5388 in Bronte or Marilyn at 453-2026 in Robert Lee, this will give the staff an idea of how much extra to prepare.

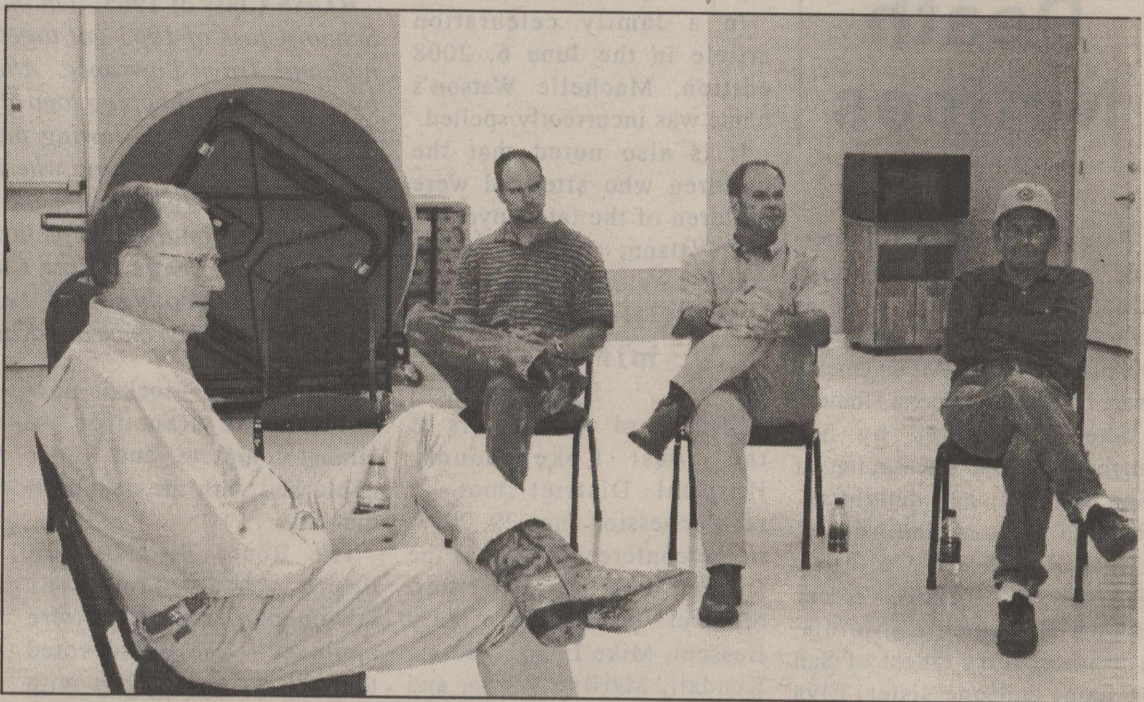
This will be a fun lunch and the ladies at the Care Center are very excited about decorating their hats and having an occasion to wear them.

Help support Bronte baseball teams

The Bronte 9 and under and 12 and under baseball teams will be selling fajitas and sno-cones and will also be hosting a car wash on July 6, beginning at 11 am, in the parking lot of the First National Bank in Bronte. Everything will be by donation, and all proceeds will go toward paying the teams' ways to the playoffs.

4-H County Camp slated for July 10-11

The 4-H multi-county camp will be held July 10-11, 2008, at Buffalo Gap. Any 4-H member in grades 3 - 8, is encouraged to attend. Deadline for registration is



Conaway in Coke County! U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (above photo, far left and bottom photo, second from right) traveled to Coke County to visit with constituents in meetings in Bronte (above photo) and Robert Lee, on Tuesday, July 1. Topics discussed included skyrocketing oil prices, and the exorbitant costs of travel, inheritance taxes, local health care, and the upcoming presidential election.

July 3. Please contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461 to register and obtain more information.

Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27 hole, 2 person, low ball, alternate shot, select shot, golf tournament on July 19, 2008, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. Tee off time, 8 a.m. For more information, call 473-2156.

USDA announces disaster program sign-up deadline

Livestock producers have until July 18, 2008, to enroll in the 2005-2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Signup began on September 10, 2007, for the two

programs that provide aid to livestock producers who suffered eligible livestock or livestock feed losses between January 1, 2005, and December 30, 2007, because of a natural disaster.

The LIP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who incurred the death of livestock because of a natural disaster. The LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster.

More information about LCP and LIP is available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

For more information on FSA programs, visit your local USDA Service Center or the agency's website, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Rides for cancer patients now available

People are now available through the America Cancer Society to take cancer related patients to and from treatments (within 80 miles one way). For more information, call Benny and Jackie Corley at 473-7771, Joe and Glenda Draper at

473-2050 or Carolyn Lee at 786-4866. If you are interested in taking the 2-hour class to become a driver, call someone on the list for more information.

RL swimming pool opens

The Robert Lee swimming pool has officially opened for the summer. It is open from 2 pm to 6 pm daily.

Pool managers this year are Cathy Green and Jeff Barnes. Certified lifeguards are Chase Roe, Megan Percifull, Olga Perez, Sarah Philley, Emalie Green, Alexis Garren, Molly Hinderliter, and Blake Millican.

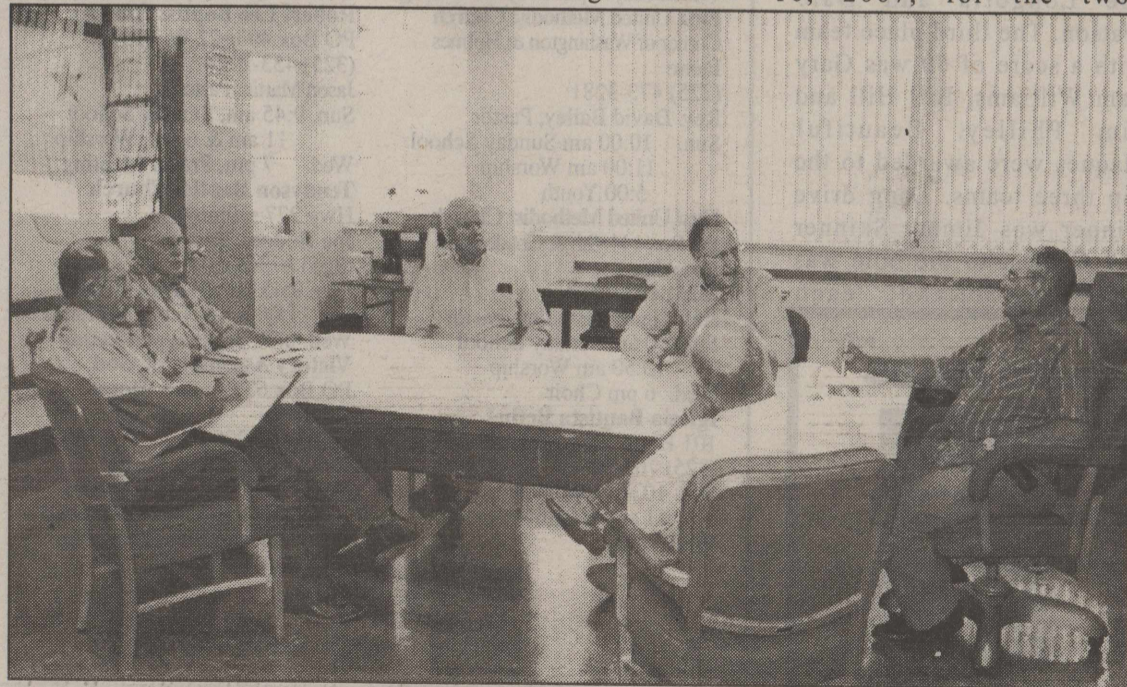
Ladies night is each Monday night from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm.

Reserve the pool for your next gathering or party. You may hire your own certified lifeguard or one can be schedule for you. More than 30 swimmers requires 2 lifeguards. Call to schedule your next et together at 450-5204 or 201-4227.

Season tickets are available for individuals or family rates at the window.

Call the swimming pool at 450-5204 or 325-201-4227 to get admission fees.

★ HAPPY 4TH ★
★ OF JULY! ★



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Death Notices

Archer

Patricia Ernestine Archer, 74, formerly of Robert Lee, died, Tuesday, July 1, 2008, in a local hospital. There will be no services. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband Arthur Lee Archer of San Angelo, her daughters, Rhonda Mida of San Angelo, Lana Herod of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Teresa Brown of Hemet, California, a brother, Jerry Guest of San Angelo, and one sister, Elva Lankford of Goldthwaite, Texas.

Community Medical to host senior talks

San Angelo Community Medical Center will be hosting free educational talks for seniors. Holly Wescott will present "File of Life" on July 11, from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Both talks will be in the conference rooms at San Angelo Community Medical Center. Coffee, water and snacks will be served. There is limited seating so call 947-6262 to reserve a seat.

FSA accepting applications

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting application for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by fires and high winds on January 1, 2008 and continuing.

Coke County has been named a primary county where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2009, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater, Texas.

Correction

In a family celebration article in the June 6, 2008 edition, Mabelle Watson's name was incorrectly spelled.

It is also noted that the children who attended were children of the late Loyd and Pat Watson, and not Nelson and Pat Watson Frederickson.

WCCHD meeting minutes

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session June 29, 2008, in the conference room of the Robert Lee Care Center. Members present were Mary Bessent, Mike Lomas, Dessie Kendall, Marilyn White, and Pat Stephens. Others present were Janie Munoz, Business Office Manager, and Roger Alexander, Administrator. President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Roger Alexander led the invocation. There were no visitors, nor Board members absent from the previous meeting. The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

The facility now has a new roof. The work was completed in June, and hopefully we'll have plenty of rain in July to give it a good test.

Under capital improvements, the project of replacing worn out furniture in all the resident's rooms, and replacing the older beds with electric ones was temporarily tabled due to the need of immediate replacement of two new compressors and a control board for the chillers that keep the facility cool. The Board also discussed repairs needed for the facility's vehicle.

In the staffing update, the Administrator reported to the Board he has advertised for RN's to come in for the weekend shift. The facility has 3 new CNA's trained and ready for service. The



RLHS Class of 1963! On the weekend of June 14, several members of the Robert Lee High School Class of 1963 got together for a reunion hosted by Carol Hester Lowrance and her husband, Travis Lowrance. After an informal gathering at Carol's home, the group was taken by trolley for a shopping tour of downtown Granbury, followed by a delicious dinner at Babe's Restaurant. The following morning everyone gathered for breakfast at the Holiday Inn followed by more visiting where everyone agreed that a good time was had by all and plans were immediately begun for the next reunion.

Classmates and guests pictured are (back row, left to right) Jimmy Bell, Jimmy Caraway, Bob Hollway, Dwain Walker, Clark Godwin, Royce Hood, (front row, left to right) Beth Walker, Beverly Higginbotham Bell, Lexie Lewis Hollway, Frankie Millican Hood, Travis Lowrance, Carol Hester Lowrance and Kay Humphrey Caraway.

electronic time clock is now in use, the transition is almost complete, and Roger is pleased with the operation thus far.

The Board discussed in depth the financial statements, and they were approved. The Board voted to write off some debts with expired filing dates. Roger and Janie continue to update past accounts. A refund from Capital One was put in Activity funds at the Care Center.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:10 pm. When the Board reconvened, policies and procedures were discussed, as well as future agenda items. The next meeting date will be July 28, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

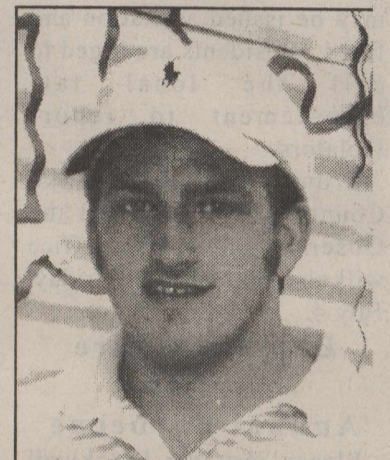
First Annual Clay Antilley Invitational Golf Tournney a Huge Success

The first annual Clay Antilley Tournament went off like clockwork on Saturday, June 28, with a full field of 18 3-person teams. First place winners were Jessie Flores, Clay Allen and Ricky Ross with a score of 57. Second place with a score of 58 was Dick Sims, Bobby Joe Longoria and Dale Watson. The third place team with a score of 60 was Gary Sam Williams, Bill Hill and Tim Phillely. Beautiful plaques were awarded to the top three teams. Long drive winner was Jimmy Skinner and Closest to the hole was J.D. McClelland; each

receiving \$50 gifts. Volunteers did a great job preparing noon and evening meals for the participants and workers.

Entertainment was provided by "Birdie and the Divots" Stephen Myers, Doug Roberts, Randy Flanagan and Jeff Brisbin.

The tournament committee would like to thank all those who made contributions and would like to congratulate the Tommy Antilley Family on having a great tournament honoring Clay. Proceeds



Clay Antilley

benefit the Clay Antilley Scholarship Fund.

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ
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 (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. Corey Cornutt, 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. George Bradley, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 10:50 am Worship
 Wed. 6 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354
 Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 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 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) 453-2482
 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
 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
 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

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Check Out Coke County Library

The winner of the drawing at the Coke County Library on Friday, June 27, was Jessica Wheat.

Winners are taking Road Trips to the Library through the many fiction and non-fiction books whose authors can describe places readers would like to visit and people readers would like to know.

There are Star Wars' galaxies, Arthur's read-it-yourself world, R. L. Stine's really scary world, a world of five-minute mini-mysteries, and the land of the Hulk in graphic form.

All Coke County students and visiting grandchildren are eligible to enter the weekly drawing.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop at the Library. Call 453-2495 for information.

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In Memory of Irma Casey Blair

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Mr. and Mrs. William Archer
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Joe and Donna Ash
Robert and Mona Mathers



Copeland - Sullivan Engagement Announced! Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Copeland of Robert Lee are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Anne, to James Sullivan, son of Brenda Sullivan of Wolfforth, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Margaret Jones and the late Lowell Roane and J.L. Jones. She is also the granddaughter of Bonita and Allen Cartrite, and the late Les Copeland. Tiffany is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and Covenant School of Nursing. A Registered Nurse, she is employed at Covenant Children's Hospital of Lubbock.

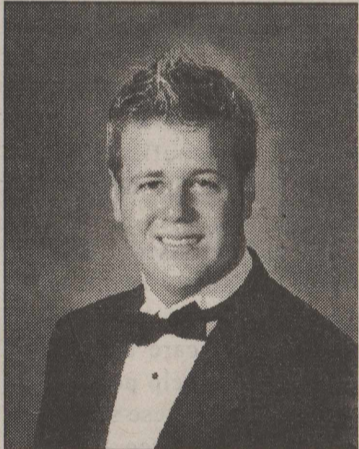
The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Lillie Nunn of Lubbock. James is a graduate of Frenship High School and is a Corporal with the Lubbock Police Department.

Tiffany and James are planning a wedding for September 6, 2008 to be held at Lubbock Women's Club in Lubbock, Texas.

D Bar Ranch and Livestock Ltd.

David and Dianne Hefner Roe awarded scholarships

Chase Roe, a 2008 graduate of Robert Lee High School, has been awarded the Texas Tech University Superior Scholastic Achievement Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000. Chase was also selected by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to receive the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 a year for up to four years. The selection was based on his excellent academic record and anticipated success in college. Chase will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall and is the son of Kevin and Tammy Roe of Robert Lee.



Chase Roe

**Deadline
is Tuesday
at 2 pm**

We Need Your Scrap Metal Fundraiser

**Bronte Volunteer Fire
Department is collecting scrap
metal, old appliances and cars.**

**This fundraiser will help to
send people to training and buy
new equipment.**

**For more information, talk to a
Bronte VFD member or call
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**Bronte VFD thanks you in
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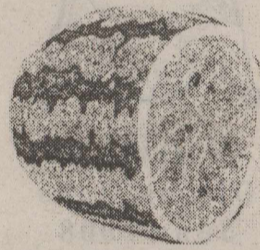
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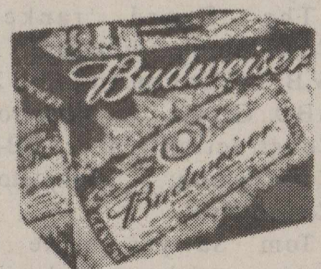
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**Cody Blair
commissioned as
second lieutenant**

Cody J. Blair has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

The new officer will be branched to a specific corps in the Army to serve on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserve. The lieutenant will attend an officer basic course relating to his or her particular military occupational specialty/job. Afterward, the officer will complete advanced training by attending basic officer leadership courses for career progression purposes.

The ROTC curriculum prepares students with the tools, training and experiences to help them succeed as effective leaders in any competitive environment. Army officers serve as leaders, counselors, strategists and motivators, who lead other soldiers in all situations occurring in ever-changing environments. As trained problem-solvers, key influencers and planners, they are driven to achieve success with their team on every mission.

The new lieutenant is the son of Joe D. and Terri Blair of Robert Lee and is a 2002 graduate of Blackwell High School in Blackwell.

**RLISD School
Board holds
special meeting**

On Thursday, June 26, 2008, a special meeting of the Robert Lee Independent School Board was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members present were K. Roe, I. Torres, W. Washam, J. Roberts, B. Brosh, T. Sawyer. Member absent was T. Reed.

At 6 pm, the meeting was called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Wes Washam.

The Board continued to interview Construction Managers for the 2008 Bond Project. The candidates were W.B. Kibler Construction Ltd, Dallas, TX; ABD Group, San Antonio, TX; Templeton Construction, San Angelo, TX.

The Board ranked Construction Managers: 1. W.B. Kibler Construction; 2. ABD Group; 3. Waldrop Construction; 4. RBR Construction; 5. Templeton Construction.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to delegate authority to Supt. Hood to negotiate contract with W.B. Kibler



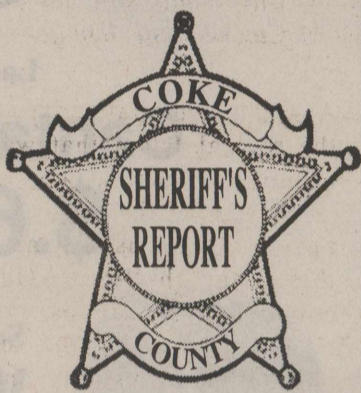
Cody Blair

Construction seconded by Brandi Brosh. Motion Carried.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion seconded by Tom Sawyer to authorize Jeff Robert to advertise the Sale of Bonds \$9,500,000. Motion Carried.

Next regular meeting will be July 14, 2008, at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned 10 pm.



**Arrests and
Dispositions
June 2008**

Garza, Esteban, Assault Family Violence, 6-5-08;

Gloria, Efen, James, Assault Family Violence - Warrant, 6-6-08;

Garza, Esteban, Violation of Protective Order, 6-18-08;

Mayfield, Billy, Boating While Intoxicated, 6-21-08;

Gloria, Efen James, DWI - Warrant, 6-30-08.

**County Court
Dispositions
6-18-08**

The State of Texas vs. Jim Bob Green, Charge: Criminal Mischief, Plea: Dismissed;

The State of Texas vs. Brenton James Bilbrey, Charge: Purchase Furnish Alcohol to a Minor, Plea: 6 Months Deferred Adjudication, Court Cost \$274.00, 44 Hours Community Service.

**District Court
Dispositions
6-30-08**

The State of Texas vs. Timothy Barnes, Charge: Identity Theft, Charge: Credit



Ranch Rodeo! The Chico Ranch out of Big Lake, Texas, was named the winner of the 17th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo, held this past Saturday, June 28, in Bronte. Team members included Logan Furlong, Tray Paul, Cody Long and Ralph O'Bryan. Presenting the team their Montana Silversmith buckles and \$1,000 check, were Coke County Ranch Rodeo secretaries, Morgan McCutchen and Jennifer Murray.

Card Abuse, Plea: 270 Days State Jail each Charge to run Concurrent;

The State of Texas vs. Bernie Valles, Charge: Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More - MTR, Plea: 4 Years TDCJ.

**County Court
Plea Hearing
Dispositions
6-30-08**

The State of Texas vs. Gerald Allen Fudge, Charge: Driving While License Invalid - Release of Surety, Plea: Fine \$400.00, Court Cost \$224.00.

Pet Talk

Proper precautions can prevent stress for both you and your pet.

The pet industry offers owners a plethora of helpful services such as grooming, boarding, day care and even dog parks that help pets have richer lives and these services are a great resource for pet owners and can make the responsibility of pet ownership less burdensome. But it is the owner's responsibility to make sure that the experience is a safe, pleasant and healthy one for everyone involved.

"As with any experience, preparation is key to reducing stress on your pet," said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a professor in the Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and a nationally known animal behavior expert. "By staying on top of your pet's health and

obedience, excursions out of the house can be much more pleasant and safe."

All pets should be up-to-date on their immunizations and vaccines whether they are taken out of the home or not. But the immediacy and effectiveness becomes more evident when taking pets to a public area with other animals. For example, Parvo, distemper and rabies are all common required vaccines for dogs, but vaccination against kennel cough is also a good precautionary one to add.

While veterinarians and care takers are helping your pet, pets don't necessarily understand this concept, so it the pet owner's job to help ensure the safety of those people working on and around your pet. It is imperative that pets behave with people, Beaver stresses, adding that acclimating your pets with people can help provide a safe experience for everyone involved in the care of your pet. The more comfortable your pet is with people, the less likely it is to become afraid and to try to

protect itself at the expense of others, she notes.

Pets should also be comfortable interacting with other animals. You don't want to take your pet to the park or veterinarian's office if it doesn't get along well with other pets, Beaver says, so prevention is better than having to deal with a problem later. It means helping your dog or cat get used to being around other pets very gradually and in small doses each time.

Parks and dog parks are wonderful places to exercise a pup, and they allow your dog freedom and fresh air and a break from the indoors. If you have a large dog, you should keep an eye on it while interacting with smaller breeds, especially while off a leash, Beaver says, and owners of a larger dog that could potentially be harmful to a smaller breed should take extra care to prevent any injury to either party.

She adds that while out and about, it's a good idea to pick up any droppings your pet might leave behind. Not only is this courteous, but is also a health concern.

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Rocky Counts
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Friends and family are invited
to join in the celebration on
Saturday, July 5
Robert Lee Pavilion
& Show Barn
6 pm - ?
Bar-B-Q and homemade bread provided.
You might bring a covered dish and
your best Rocky Counts story!
Make sure to bring your own CD's
and your dancin' boots!
BYOB

Beaver adds that checking out the facilities before taking your pet is an excellent precaution to take before even walking through the door or taking the dog to the dog park. Be sure to note how employees treat the animals. Are they responsive to their needs? Are they respectful? Are they safety conscious? Are the facilities clean and well fenced?

When boarding, it is imperative that any health needs for your pet are met. Food allergies are one of the most common concerns. If your pet has specific dietary needs, be sure to clearly explain all facets to the caretakers.

Providing your pet's favorite toys and bedding or one of your old, dirty T-shirts can also help your pet feel at home while being boarded, Beaver says, and keeping your pet's routine as ordinary as possible can also help. Many boarding facilities offer yards or "exercise time," which can be great for pets accustomed to having access to the outdoors.

Beaver also notes that it is a good idea to consider the time of year you are boarding. Certain holidays seem to be more popular than others for human get-aways and subsequent pet boarding.

"Spring Break and Christmas seem to be the most popular," Beaver explained. "Boarding facilities get slammed during these times. Sometimes it can be difficult to even get boarding space during these holidays. It can be best to wait to vacation at a less popular time to ensure your pet gets more one-on-one attention."

There are numerous factors to consider when utilizing the many pet services offered today. By staying up-to-date on your pet's health and obedience regimen, you can enjoy these services with less worry and stress. Beaver says these services are meant to be enjoyable, and by upholding your responsibilities as a pet owner, they can be both safe and pleasant for all involved.

American Liberty: A Beacon of Hope to the World

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

On July 3, 1776, the day after the Continental Congress unanimously voted for the Declaration of Independence, John Adams wrote this to his wife, Abigail: "You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil, and blood, and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and

defend these States. Yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory."

The next day, when the Founding Fathers signed that Declaration of Independence, they pledged their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor" to create a new nation rooted in liberty. They had complete faith in the righteousness of their struggle with no guarantee of its success. They saw that unprecedented opportunities lay ahead, though they were aware of the cost. And yet, they strove, through difficult times and against seemingly impossible odds, to secure the freedoms we enjoy today.

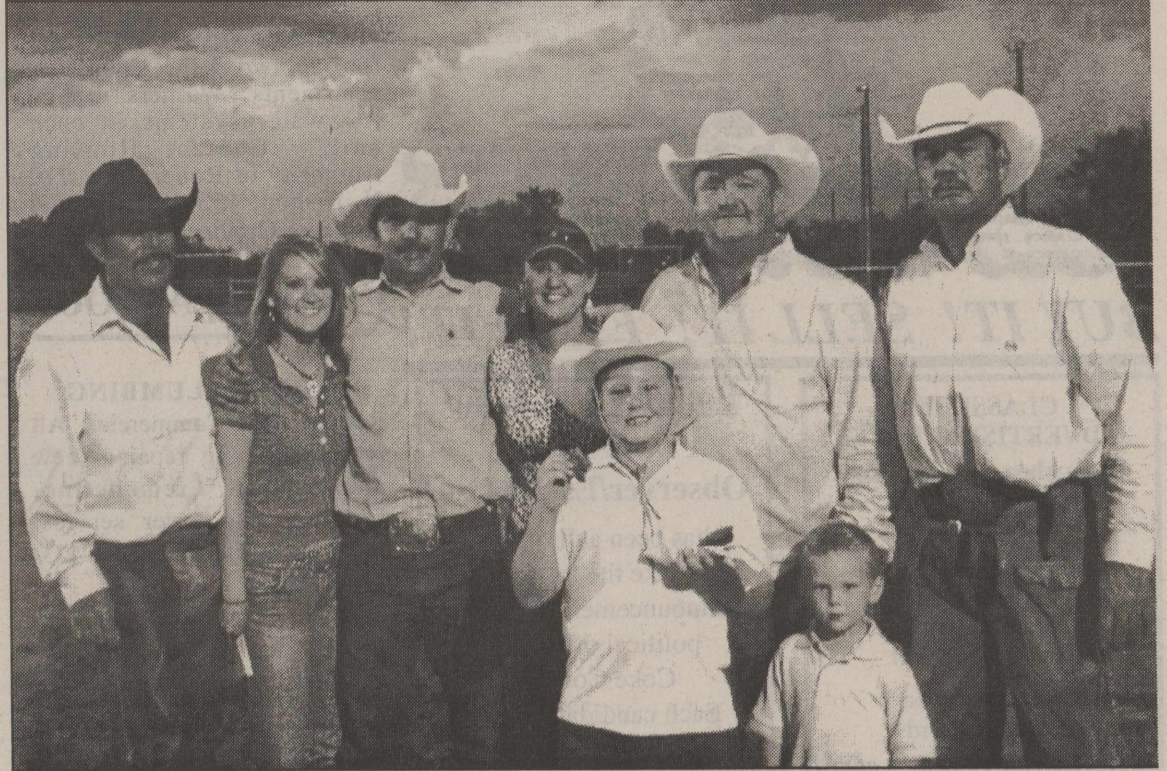
For eight long years, early American forces struggled against the formidable British military. With help from our allies, including France, Spain, and the Dutch Republic, America eventually secured its independence.

The Declaration of Independence might be one of the most direct presentations of the natural rights of people in documented history. Across the world, other nations, silenced by oppressors and stifled under tyranny, have looked to America as a beacon of hope when they have chosen freedom and democracy for future generations of their children.

Within just the past 25 years, the light of liberty has spread across the globe. In 1955, the Warsaw Pact was signed by a block of Communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The Soviet-led pact - formalizing what Winston Churchill called "the Iron Curtain" in a speech right after World War II - was to be the Communist answer to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Thirty-five years later, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the people of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Romania, overthrew their Communist despots and thus seized their "unalienable rights" of freedom and self-governance.

Liberty has also spread in the Middle East, a region steeped in ancient tradition and centuries-old tribal systems. Persian Gulf states, like Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, and Bahrain, are slowly opening the political process to enfranchise all of their citizens by expanding voting



Ranch Rodeo! Local team, *The Ranch Hands*, out of Robert Lee, won second place at the 17th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo, held this past Saturday, June 28, in Bronte. Team members included Luis Rojas, Monty Keeney, Carlos Valenzuela and Pepe Navarette. Presenting the team their Montana Silversmith watches and \$600 check, were Coke County Ranch Rodeo secretaries Morgan McCutchen and Jennifer Murray.

rights and civil liberties to women. Some states now allow minority ethnic or religious populations to hold elected office. In Iraq, after nearly 25 years under Saddam Hussein's fierce dictatorship, the Iraqi people overwhelmingly affirmed a constitution in 2005. Though saddled with the challenge of a violent insurgency, this new democracy makes courageous strides toward stability every day.

The process is sometimes gradual and often difficult, but the rights that seem natural to Americans are illuminating dark parts of the world and introducing their citizens to freedom and democracy.

Throughout our own nation's history, whenever our freedom has been threatened, we have risen to its defense. On battlefields across the world, our forces have heeded the call to service, fought on the frontlines, and showed the true measure and depth of American character. Whether at Bunker Hill, on the beaches of Normandy, or in the streets of Baghdad, their mission has always been the same: fight for freedom, liberty, and a just society.

In the face of global terrorism, America's own resolve is again being tested. Iraq and Afghanistan -- the central fronts in the Global War on Terror -- are where the forces of freedom, tolerance, and democracy are fighting to defeat the tyranny and oppression of

Al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and the radical Islam that was exported to American soil.

The eyes of the world are on our nation as we meet this great challenge. Our enemies and friends are watching to see if America has the same tenacity and commitment that we've exhibited throughout our great history.

As families across Texas, and throughout the U.S., gather to celebrate this Independence Day, let us all keep our brave troops in our prayers. And let us always remember they are fighting to preserve the liberties our forebearers won so long ago.

Understanding Social Security

By Jason Alderman

Since its creation in 1935, Social Security has provided countless Americans with a degree of financial stability through its retirement, disability and survivor benefits. While never intended to fully support people when they retire, Social Security provides many retirees with their only safety net against poverty. So naturally, concerns about its solvency make headlines.

Whether you're a boomer, already retired, or much younger and paying into the

program, here's a brief guide to how Social Security retirement benefits work:

Eligibility. Generally, after you've contributed to Social Security for at least 10 years you become eligible to collect a retirement benefit. Those who haven't worked sufficient years may also qualify based on their spouse's work record.

Spousal benefits. If you're married and your earned benefit is less than 50 percent of your spouse's, you will be eligible for a benefit typically equal to half of his or hers. Spousal benefits also are available if you're divorced, provided your marriage lasted at least 10 years, you remain unmarried and are at least age 62.

Survivor benefits. If your spouse dies and was benefits-eligible, you (and children under age 16) may be eligible for survivor benefits. Benefit amounts vary depending on your age and other factors. **Benefit calculations.** Your benefit is based on earnings during 40 years of work. The five lowest-earning years are dropped from the equation - and each year not worked counts as a zero. This often occurs when women stopped working to raise children or care for ailing parents - a triple whammy, since they also typically earn less than men and live longer.

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"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: **BILL EASLEY, ET AL**
Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock am of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 1st day of August, 2008 at or before 10 o'clock am, before the 51st District Court of Coke County, at the Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on June 16, 2008 in this case, numbered 08-4262 on the docket of said court, and styled: Sue Diane Luckett vs Bill Easley, Et Al.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Sue Diane Luckett is Plaintiff and Bill Easley, Et Al are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: All of Lots 11 and 12, Block 49, Original Town of Bronte as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The office executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Robert Lee, Texas, on June 16, 2008.

ATTEST: Mary Grim,
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48-4tc

PROPOSAL NOTICE

Robert Lee ISD is now accepting competitive proposals for an SUV (Expedition EL, Suburban, or Comparable Vehicle). The vehicle should have a V-8 engine, automatic transmission, second and third row bench seating, power steering, rear AC and heat, towing package, all required safety devices, leather interior, AM/FM radio with CD, power locks and windows, and white exterior preferred. Proposals will be accepted through Tuesday, July 8, 2008. RLISD

offices will be closed the week of June 30, 2008. Proposals should be mailed or faxed to: Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX 76945, Fax (325) 453-2326. Robert Lee ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Contract 6178-96-001 for **PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE** in COKE County, etc. will be received on July 24, 2008 until 1:00pm and opened on July 24, 2008 at 2:00pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$33,761.67.

Contract 6178-98-001 for **PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE** in STERLING County, etc. will be received on July 24, 2008 until 1:00pm and opened on July 24, 2008 at 2:00pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$39,539.27.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and / or Dist / Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 27078

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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"Full retirement age" increases gradually from 65 for those born before 1938 to 67 for those born after 1959. If you retire at 62 your benefit will be reduced by 20 to 30 percent, depending on your birth year. This percentage reduction gradually lessens the closer you approach full retirement age. In addition, if you retire after full retirement age, your annual benefit increases by 6.5 to 8 percent per year, depending on your birth year.

Annual statement. One tool to help estimate your potential benefits is the annual Social Security Statement mailed each year about three months before your birthday. Check this statement for any errors to your earnings record since that could impact future benefits.

Tax implications. Keep in mind that if you start receiving Social Security benefits but continue working, you may be taxed on a portion of your benefit if your combined income is over a certain amount.

For interactive calculators to estimate your retirement benefit under different earnings and age scenarios, go to "Plan Your Retirement" on the Social Security website (www.ssa.gov/retire2). The site also contains complete information on how Social Security works, eligibility issues, tax implications, how to apply and much more.

For women weighing retirement options, another helpful resource is a program jointly developed by Heinz Family Philanthropies, the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER) and Visa Inc. called the Women's Saving Initiative (practicalmoneyskills.com/women/save). This free site features a book called "What

Women Need to Know About Retirement" that includes a detailed chapter on Social Security. It's available in an easily printed version, as well as an audio file that can be played online, in the car or on an iPod. Start researching your Social Security options now, while you have time to explore your options and beef up other retirement savings, if needed.

Do You?

Need Love

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. • *John 3:16*

Need Peace

Peace I leave with you, My peace, I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. • *Luke 14:27*

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. • *Romans 5:1*

Need Joy

As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. • *John 15:9-11*

Need Friendship

A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. • *Proverbs 18:24*

Need Comfort

Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. • *2 Corinthians 13:11*

Need Help

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. • *Hebrews 4:16*

But when the helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. • *John 15:26*

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And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. • *Romans 8:28*

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