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Friday, July 4, 2008

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 will be held July 10-11,

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

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 The 4-H multi-county camp in the 2005-2007 Livestock Compensation Program

programs that provide aid to 473-2050 or Carolyn Lee at livestock producers who 786-4866. livestock feed losses between hour class to become a driver, January 1, 2005, and call someone on the list for December 30, 2007, because more information. 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

If you are suffered eligible livestock or interested in taking the 2-

## **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



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.

live in Robert Lee.

next meeting of the Coke encouraged to attend. County Red Hat Club. We Deadline for registration is

2008, at Buffalo Gap. Any 4- (LCP) and Livestock Thursday, July 10 is the H member in grades 3 - 8, is Indemnity Program (LIP). Signup began on September 10, 2007, for the two



FSA programs, visit your local USDA Service Center or the agency's website, http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

## **Rides for cancer** patients now available

through the America Cancer your next et together at 450-Society to take cancer related 5204 or 201-4227. patients to and from treatments (within 80 miles for individuals or family rates one way). For more at the window. information, call Benny and Call the swimming pool at Joe and Glenda Draper at get admission fees

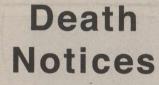
\* \* Monday night from 6:15 pm -7:30 pm.

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 People are now available lifeguards. Call to schedule

Season tickets are available

Jackie Corley at 473-7771, 450-5204 or 325-201-4227 to

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#### 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

Correction In a family celebration article in the June 6, 2008 edition, Machelle 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. 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 June 28, with a full field of Farm Loans resulting from temporarily tabled due to the 18 3-person teams. First damages and losses caused need of immediate place winners were Jessie by fires and high winds on replacement of two new Flores, Clay Allen and Ricky compressors and a control Ross with a score of 57. board for the chillers that Second place with a score of keep the facility cool. The 58 was Dick Sims, Bobby Board also discussed repairs Joe Longoria and Dale needed for the facility's vehicle. Administrator reported to the Tim Philley. Beautiful Board he has advertised for plaques were awarded to the RN's to come in for the top three teams. Long drive weekend shift. The facility ready for service. The J.D. McClelland; each



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 President Bessent called the 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 Tourney** a Huge Success

The first annual Clay Antilley Tournament went off like clockwork on Saturday, Watson. The third place team with a score of 60 was Gary In the staffing update, the Sam Williams, Bill Hill and winner was Jimmy Skinner

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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 Scholarship Fund.



benefit the Clay Antilley

# Area Churches Invite You to Worship

**Bronte Church of Christ** PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte (325) 473-3291 Preacher John V. Driggers Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm **Central Baptist Church** 324 S. Franklin • Bronte (325) 473-4811 Dale Patterson, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm Worship Wed. 6 pm **Emmanuel Pentecostal** PO Box 683 •1019 Colorado City Hwy Robert Lee (325) 453-2360 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm **First Baptist Church** 424 S. Washington • Bronte (325) 473-2331 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** 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

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 has 3 new CNA's trained and and Closest to the hole was 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.

# **Tommy E. Neal** Edward Jones **Financial Advisor** 2412 College Hills Boulevard Suite 102 San Angelo, Texas 76904-8475 Bus. (325) 223-8244 Toll free (877) 223-8244 www.edwardjones.com

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**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 nonfiction 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-ityourself world, R. L. Stine's really scary world, a world of five-minute minimysteries, 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.

# **RLVFD** Memorials

and Donations In Memory of Erma Lee Gartman

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Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Sword

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horn

Mr. and Mrs. Winton Milliff

Raymond and Debra Lindsey

In Memory of J.M. Prine

Mrs. Peggy Davis Allan and Bonita Cartrite Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adkins Karen A. Rasco

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In Memory of Leta Stokes Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adkins Mike and Sherry Wilkes

In Memory of Ruby Hearn Karen A. Rasco

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and is the son of Kevin and Rasco **Terry Hines** Debbie and James Ditmore Nell Hines In Memory of Bill Drennan David and Lisa Lewis Mike and Fran Lomas In Memory of Benito Torres Roy and Judy Blair Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rasco In Memory of Gary Hubbard Daryl and Myna Copeland **Donations** Tommy and JoAnn Clifton Sheridan Production Company Mr. and Mrs. Addison Davis Mr. and Mrs. William Archer Lonnie Bloodworth 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 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Scholastic Achievement Scholarship in the amount of In Memory of Irma Casey \$8,000. Chase was also selected by the Texas Higher Mr. and Mrs. Wilbern Education Coordinating **Chase Roe** Board to receive the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Mr. and Mrs. Wilbern in the amount of \$1,500 a Deadline year for up to four years. The selection was based on his is Tuesday excellent academic record and anticipated success in college. Chase will be attending Texas at 2 pm Tech University in the fall Tammy Roe of Robert Lee. 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** Bronte City Hall at 473-3501.



Bronte VFD thanks you in advance for your support!

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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 any competitive in environment. Army officers serve as leaders, counselors, strategists and motivators, who lead other soldiers in all situations occurring in everchanging environments. As trained problem-solvers, key influencers and planners, they are driven to achieve success with their team on every mission.

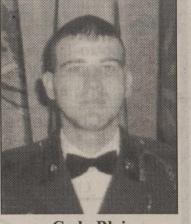
The new lieutenant is the son of Joe D. and Terri Blair of Robert Lee and is a 2002 graduate of Blackwell High School in Blackwell.

# **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.



**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, Efren James, Assault Family Violence -

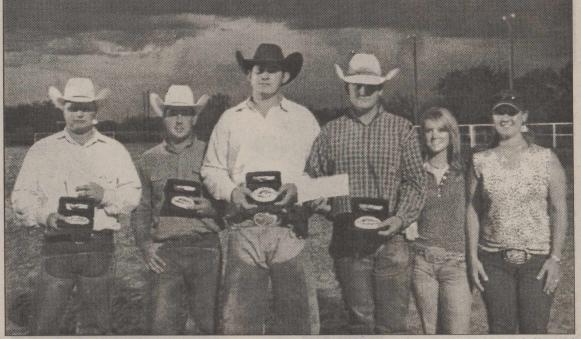
Warrant, 6-6-08; of Protective Order, 6-18-08; Mayfield, Billy, Boating

While Intoxicated, 6-21-08; Gloria, Efren 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



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 Garza, Esteban, Violation 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

the house can be much more pleasant and safe."

All pets should be up-todate 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.

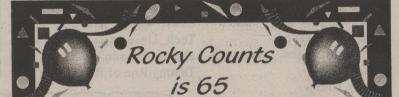
While veterinarians and care takers are helping your pet, pets don't necessarily understand this concept, so it the pet owner's job to help ensure the safety of those people working on and around your pet. It is imperative that pets behave with people, Beaver stresses, adding that acclimating your pets 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

obedience, excursions out of 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.



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

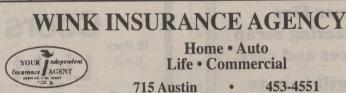
Invocation and pledge led by Wes Washam.

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

The State of Texas vs. known animal behavior Timothy Barnes, Charge: expert. "By staying on top of Identity Theft, Charge: Credit your pet's health and



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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

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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 Tshirts 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 getaways 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 the most direct of 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 selfgovernance. 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 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 exhibited throughout our great history.

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.

program, here's a brief guide the radical Islam that was to how Social Security retirement benefits work:

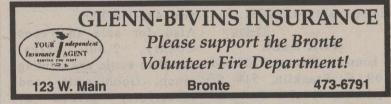
Eligibility. Generally, after you've contributed to Social Security for at least 10 years you become eligible to collect a retirement benefit. Those who haven't worked sufficient commitment that we've years may also qualify based on their spouse's work record.

Spousal benefits. If you're As families across Texas, 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. TT \$ 12

Survivor benefits. If your spouse dies and was benefitseligible, 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.

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

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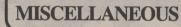


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"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation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

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.

## <u>49-2tc</u> NOTICE TO **CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF** TRANSPORTATION **(TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

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

MAINTENANCE / BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT (S)

Dist / Div: San Angelo

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.

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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/wo

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 mensave). This free site options and beef up other features a book called "What 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

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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

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## 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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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, **District Clerk** Coke County, Texas <u>48-4tc</u> **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

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# Tick-Borne Diseases

By Walter Hewell, MD As families across the country plan to spend time outdoors this summer, they expect to encounter insects. However, they often do not plan on being infected with an illness from contact with insects. Diseases, such as tick-borne illnesses, that spread through insects are called vector-borne diseases, because the insect acts as a vector by transporting the disease. Ticks can carry one of several different types of bacteria, which can lead to disease, depending on the type of tick and its geography. The most common diseases carried by ticks are Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia. Each has some unique characteristics, but they all produce flu-like symptoms, such as fever, body aches and chills. Tickborne diseases can be treated by a physician if identified early. However, effective treatment may take longer if the disease is in an advanced stage before being diagnosed.

Like all tick-borne illnesses, Lyme disease proto 10 days and are generally duces flu-like symptoms hospitalized for treatment. often accompanied by a rash More than 50 percent of around the tick bite. The rash cases appear in the southmay start as a tender, red Atlantic region of the United bump, then grow into a larger States, which includes red area that resembles a Delaware, Maryland, bull's-eye. Developing a rash Washington D.C., Virginia, in the shape of a bull's-eye West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, ranging from half an inch to Georgia and Florida. The dis-12 inches in diameter is one of the most telling signs of ease also appears in Lyme disease, appearing in Oklahoma. 70 to 80 percent of those Tularemia is the most wideinfected. If left untreated, spread tick-borne illness. It has been reported in all U.S. Lyme disease can produce joint pain and neurological states, except Hawaii. It is also known as "rabbit fever" damage such as temporary paralysis of the face (Bell's because it is usually carried by rodents, rabbits and hares. palsy), meningitis, limb weakness, memory loss or About 200 cases of tularemia mood changes. It is important are reported in humans each year in the U.S., almost all of to see a physician and begin treatment as soon as you which occur in rural areas of experience symptoms to the country. While tularemia avoid advancement of the is generally transferred through insects such as ticks, disease. Lyme disease appears most often in the it can also spread through Northeast, North Central and inhalation of the bacteria. Northwest United States. This does not occur from per-Only a small percentage of son to person, but more often tick bites lead to Lyme dis- through handling infected ease because very few ticks animals or inhaling airborne \*\*\*\*\*\* Have a Safe & \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Happy  $\star \star \star \star$ \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

carry Lyme disease and the bacteria can only enter a human's blood stream if the tick has been attached to the skin for 36 to 48 hours.

Ehrlichiosis is the general name used to describe several tick-borne diseases caused by a bacterium that can affect animals and humans. It is most common in the Southern and Southeastern United States, the West Coast and the Great Lakes area. Much like Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis causes symptoms similar to the flu, including nausea, diarrhea, confusion and fatigue. Symptoms generally develop five to 10 days after a tick bite and must be treated with antibiotics for 14 to 28 days. A physician will monitor symptoms and perform tests to accurately identify the bacterium.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is the most severe tickborne illness in the United States. Although it also produces flu-like symptoms, it is difficult to identify through lab tests. A physician will diagnose the disease by looking for a fever, rash and a tick bite. Many patients develop symptoms over five



60th Birthday! A group of friends celebrated their 60th birthdays with a potluck dinner and a time of visiting Saturday, June 21, 2008, at the home of Wes and Farrell Jean Washam. Pictured are (front row left to right) Pistol Hood, Robert Wink, Marsha Wink, Farrell Jean Washam, Bill Burns, Kaye Pitcock, Doyle Robertson, (back row, left to right) Wes Washam, Rhonda Hood, Gayle Bolding, Linda Burns, Gaylon Pitcock, and Sandy Robertson.

bacteria in a laboratory setting. Symptoms of infection may be skin ulcers, swollen lymph glands, sore throat, mouth sores, diarrhea and/or pneumonia. Tularemia can be fatal, and must be treated with antibiotics.

While each tick-borne disease can be treated with antibiotics, the best way to avoid developing a serious illness is by avoiding tick bites altogether. When spending time outside where ticks might be present, wear long pants tucked into tall socks, long sleeves and insect repellent. Afterward, remove all clothing and thoroughly check your body for ticks that may have gotten onto the skin. If you find a tick on your skin, remove it immediately with

tweezers. Often, removing a tick within a day of its attachment will eliminate the chance of developing a tickborne illness. It is important to identify the symptoms of a tick-borne disease and seek treatment from a physician before the symptoms advance. See a physician immediately if you develop flu-like symptoms after spending time in an area with high grass and vegetation or after finding a tick attached to your body. With early detection and treatment, developing an illness spread by ticks can be avoided.

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