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## Hayrick Lodge Cemetery

### Association to meet

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association will meet Monday, August 4, 2008, at 5:15 pm in the Hayrick Masonic Lodge Building in Robert Lee.

Everyone interested in the Robert Lee Cemetery is invited to attend. For more information call Jeffie Roberts at 453-2957 or cell 763-8857.

## Bronte JH/HS students

### schedule check set

Bronte junior high and high school students may come check their schedules August 4-7, from 10 am - 12 noon. The seniors may come on Monday, August 4; juniors - Tuesday, August 5; sophomores and freshmen - Wednesday, August 6 and 7th and 8th graders - Thursday, August 7.

All students will meet in the auditorium at 8 am on Monday, August 25, the first day of school. Copies of official class schedules will be distributed during this time. Access to the Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct will be available online at [www.bronteisd.net](http://www.bronteisd.net).

## RL Sports

### Boosters to meet

The Robert Lee Sports Boosters will have a meeting on Thursday, August 7 at 7 pm in the Robert Lee High School Library. Plans will be discussed for the "Meet the Steers" night.

## Bronte Band begins rehearsals Monday

Bronte band members will begin band rehearsals on Monday, August 4. The rehearsal schedule is as follows.

Monday, August 4 - Friday, August 8, 10 am - 11:30 am and 12:30 pm - 2 pm (1 hour for lunch).

Monday, August 11 - Thursday, August 14, 10 am - 11:30 am and 12:30 pm - 2 pm (1 hour for lunch). Make sure to bring tennis shoes, a hat and sunglasses for the marching portion of rehearsals.

On the evening of August 14 at 7 pm, there will be an ice cream supper and short concert for the parents in the

band hall. For more information, call Mr. Dannheim at (325) 514-7775.

## 2008 RL Mini Cheer Camp

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will hold a mini cheer camp August 11 - 15 at the high school tennis courts for all girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. There is a small daily fee or one-time fee for the whole week. There will also be special 80th anniversary Steer football t-shirts for sale. For more information, contact Maranda Hood at [maranda.hood@rlisd.net](mailto:maranda.hood@rlisd.net).

## RL Pre-K/Kind. registration slated

Robert Lee Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will be held from 5 pm - 6:30 pm at Robert Lee Elementary School at the cafeteria on August 11. Registration will also be accepted beginning August 11, from 8 am - 4 pm at the Elementary Secretary's office.

Kindergarten registration is for children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2008. Pre-K registration is for children who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2008.

Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate, social security number and immunization records.

For more information call Rosa Long, Elementary Secretary at (325) 453-4555.

## Rabies Clinic slated

Pioneer Vet Clinic and Bronte FFA will host a rabies clinic on August 12, from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm in the foyer of Bronte High School.

## BHS Class of '58 reunion set

The Bronte graduating class of 1958 will hold their 50th Class Reunion Saturday, August 16, at the Bronte Housing Authority. Activities for the class will begin at 9 am and include registration, touring of the school, a barbecue luncheon and a program. A reception and visitation time for classmates, former teachers, relatives and friends will be from 3 pm until 6 pm. Anyone is invited at this time to come and share memories of lots of fun and good times



**BVFD puts disabled vehicles to good use!** The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department had a practice drill training on July 14, 2008, with the Jaws of Life and removing victims from wrecked vehicles. The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department is still accepting scrap metal, old appliances and disabled vehicles for their fundraiser.

at Bronte High School with the Bronte Senior Class of 1958. For further information, please contact Pat Lee at 473-4881.

## Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27 hole, 2 person select shot golf tournament on August 16, 2008, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. For more information, call (325) 473-2156.

## BHS Class of '68 to celebrate 40th Reunion

The class of 1968 of Bronte High School will have their 40th Reunion at Davis Corley's place at Tennyson. The reunion will begin at 11 am on Saturday, August 16. A barbecue buffet will be served for lunch.

Also on Saturday, there will be a tour of the Bronte school from 9 am until 10:30 am. A program, visitation and reception will be held at the Corley Ranch from 2 pm to 5:30 pm.

In addition, at 7 pm on

Friday, August 15, there will be a get-together at 503 S. Madison, San Angelo.

For more information contact Linda Cumbie Gladden at (325) 655-6693.

## Street Affair still in the works

The Street Affair has not been cancelled. There are plans in the works to keep

this event going. Volunteers are still desperately needed. If you would like to volunteer, contact Toni at Designs by Toni at 453-4317.

## No Red Hat meeting in August

The Coke County Red Hats will not have a meeting the month of August. The next meeting is set for September 4.

# SCHOOL BEGINS

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August 25

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**Coke County Food  
Pantry update**

The Coke County Food Pantry is located in Robert Lee at 714 Austin Street and is open each Wednesday from 2 pm to 4 pm. Each first time shopper must provide a proof of address in Coke County. One member from a family is allowed to shop and must bring a standard size grocery bag. Each shopper is allowed to fill their own bag but there are rules that must be followed. All types of products are available-canned vegetables, fruit, soups, meats, dry products such as macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, and pasta. Also, there is canned milk, dry milk, crackers, corn meal, cornbread mix, flour, sugar, and etc. There are frozen products available at times. The Food Pantry is a very small version of a grocery store.

Three shoppers are allowed in the Food Pantry at one time to make choices and fill their bag. The volunteers help them to find products so that their shopping can be done in an expedient manner. If fresh produce, bread, and cakes/pies are available those items are put into a plastic bag furnished by the Food Pantry (this is what we call a free food because it doesn't take up room in their paper sack). These foods are perishable and can't be held over until the next week.

Food is purchased weekly at the Concho Valley Food Bank in San Angelo. Two of our volunteers go every Tuesday to shop and are met back at the Food Pantry by other volunteers to help unload and stock shelves.

Since January 1, 2008, we have provided food for a total of 1243 people, of which 297 are over 65 and 138 are 12 years of age or under.

As time goes by there seems to be more of a need in the county and it is more difficult to get what is needed with the resources we have. We would appreciate donations either of canned goods and/or money. We have a freezer and can take frozen food as well as canned or dry food. So, if anyone is cleaning out a freezer or a pantry please think of the Food Pantry. Also, when

shopping, please consider picking up a few items for the Food Pantry. It's hard to think that children or adults in our county could be going to bed hungry but sometimes this is a reality. Please help if you are able.

For more information call Marilyn at (325) 453-2026 or Dolores at (325) 453-2164.

**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.

**Coke/Sterling  
County Farm  
Service update**

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Service Agency is announcing a critical program deadline for your calendar. Be sure to contact your local office NOW at 325-453-2751 for an appointment or more information.

2009 Non-Insured Disaster Assistant Program (NAP). September 1, 2008 is the final date to purchase 2009 coverage for the following crops.

\*Barley, oats, wheat, triticale, rye, and seeded small grain mixtures intended for grazing or forage production.

\*You will be required to obtain NAP coverage and/or crop insurance on all 2009 crops you intend to produce, to qualify for: Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and

Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP).

Contact your crop insurance agent for sales closing dates on insurable crops.

**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.

**Community  
Medical  
Center NICU  
Reunion slated**

San Angelo Community Medical Center will hold their 2004 Belly Button Retirement and NICU Reunion on August 19, 2008, from 4 pm until 7 pm. The event will be held in the conference rooms at San Angelo Community Medical Center. Snacks and water will be served. Belly Buttons from 2001-2003 will also be available. Call 947-6224 for more information.

**Check Out  
Coke County  
Library**

The winner of the drawing in the Coke County Library's Road Trip summer reading time was Daniel Mendoza. Daniel can come pick out his prize any time during library hours.

The Library has received a memo announcing that 4Tests.com provides free practice exams for the GRE, LSAT, NCLEX RN0, CLEP, Postal Exams, SAT, TOEFL, and other comprehensive exams. The Library is Internet connected for use to browse these tests.

Also, online training

through the Small Business Development Center Network at ASU is available. A brochure at the Library explains the process.

A final drawing will be held Friday, August 1st, for the remaining prizes. Anyone who hasn't been in to choose a prize should come in soon.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. For information call 453-2495.

**BHRC 4th of July  
festivities successful**

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center July 4th celebration was a huge success! The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, the auction raised more than \$5300, and the fireworks were outstanding!! The BHRC Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who participated by attending, donating items for the auction, and/or buying goods. Because of your caring generosity the money raised set a record. Ed Martindale did a great job as auctioneer. The guys of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department also were a huge help taking care of the fireworks. Let's make next year even bigger and better so start planning now.

**Sanchez recognized  
as student of  
excellence**

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Zachary Sanchez from Robert Lee has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy as

a student of excellence in Mathematics.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Zachary Sanchez, who attends Robert Lee Junior High School, was nominated for this honor by Tammy Roe, a teacher at the school. Zachary will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy students should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy recognizes students upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards for Selection set forth by the Academy. The Standards for Selection include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a qualified sponsor.

Zachary Sanchez is the son of Rick and Elena Sanchez from Robert Lee. His grandparents include Elena Garcia of Wink, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Sanchez of Sonora, Texas.

**Area Churches  
Invite You to Worship**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
(325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
(325) 473-4811

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

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

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331

Bro. 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

**St. James Catholic Church**  
215 N. Washington, Bronte  
(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sun. 5 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 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  
Bronte  
(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  
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10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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**Wink/Tinkler reunion held**

Sixty-four members of the Wink and Tinkler families attended their family reunion Saturday, July 26, at the large rec center in Robert Lee. Good food, visiting, and games were enjoyed by all.

All of Erma Wink's surviving brothers and sisters attended. This was the first time in several years they were all together. They were Ella Mae Dumas, Margarite Sonnenberg, Polly Large, and Roy Tinkler.

Ten towns and cities were represented at the reunion. Cities and representatives attending were:

Altus, Oklahoma:  
Jenny Allemeire, Kylie Allemeire, Bailey Allemeire; Brady:

Ella Mae Dumas, David Dumas; Canyon Lake:

Wade Ellis, Angelina Ellis, Gay McCullach, Pearce McCullach, Conner McCullach, Michelle Brooks; Lubbock

Charles Ledbetter, Kay Ledbetter, Barry Ledbetter, Snyder Ledbetter; Midland

Jeania Lewis, Kevin Wink, Kelli Wink; Miles:

David Moore, Karen Moore, Zoe Moore; Robert Lee:

Milburn Wink, Roy Tinkler, Jennie Tinkler, Bob Large, Polly Large, Clark Tinkler, Noel Tinkler, Douglas Gartman, Harvey Wink, Shari Wink, Judy Blair, Robert Wink, Marsha Wink, William Hood, Rhonda Hood, Aaron Hood, Amanda Hood, Braylee Hood, Brewer Hood, Brennen Hood; San Angelo:

Marqarite Sonnenberg,

Wilma Haynie, LT Moore, Regina Dewolf, Becky Large, Mikeal Wink, Alex Wink, Alisha Rivers, Makinna Rivers, Taijan Rivers, Brenda Baggerman, Jason Moore, Kanne Moore, Luther Large, Brandon Moore, Danica Moore; Snyder:

Kenneth Wink, Betty Wink, Walter Tinkler, Shayden Tinkler, Raymond Craighead, April Craighead; Wichita Falls:

Cassidy Wink

**Federal judge allows grazing on CRP land**

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is pleased with the decision by a federal judge to conditionally allow haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage under the Critical Feed Use (CFU) Program. The CFU program is designed to alleviate livestock feed needs resulting from drought and escalating feed costs.

"This is great news for Texas producers who work hard to feed the world and support their families," Commissioner Staples said. "The judge made a sound decision, understanding that opening the land will assist producers who are struggling from the one-two punch of drought and high feed costs."

Earlier this month Commissioner Staples filed an affidavit on behalf of Texas producers who would have suffered severe economic hardships had the National Wildlife Federation succeeded in convincing the court to suspend the use of CRP land for critical haying and grazing.

Today's federal order will allow producers with approved CRP contracts to

continue operations. Producers whose applications were being processed at the time of the temporary restraining order will have their applications processed, and producers who can prove they had already invested at least \$4,500 in preparations for the CFU program before the date of legal action may apply.

The CFU program was designed to give farmers and ranchers permission for "special, one-time" hay and forage use of certain CRP acreage after the primary nesting season ends for grass-nesting birds. According to USDA estimates, the initiative would generate around 18 million tons of hay worth approximately \$1.2 billion.

**Skyrocketing Fuel Prices Mean Turbulence for Airlines and Passengers**

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The average Texas family now spends around \$100 to fill up its truck or SUV, so imagine the financial burden confronting our nation's air carriers, as they struggle to fuel their fleets amid soaring energy costs - a 737 aircraft burns more than 885 gallons of jet fuel per hour at cruising altitude. If fuel costs continue to climb - and without enactment of a balanced energy policy that includes domestic production, they will - the capacity usage of our domestic air carriers will diminish further, and affordable air travel will become a luxury of the past.

Our nation's major airlines report that fuel now accounts for a whopping 40 percent of their operating costs.

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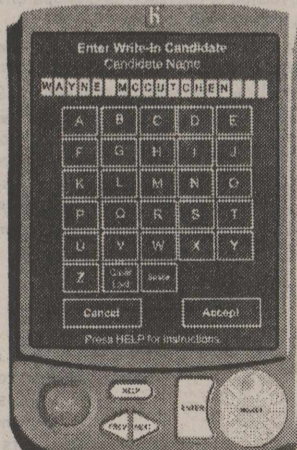
**Wayne McCutchen**

for **Coke County SHERIFF**

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1. Use the SELECT wheel to pick a letter.
2. Press ENTER to add the letter or space.
3. To complete the write-in, select ACCEPT and press ENTER.



Be sure to visit the Election page on  
[www.mccutchenranch.com!](http://www.mccutchenranch.com)

**...High Airfare**

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Houston-based Continental Airlines was spending \$84.99 per second on fuel in February 2007. Now, their fuel costs have skyrocketed to \$168.76 per second. As energy prices hover around \$130 a barrel, our nation's airlines are forecast to collectively spend \$61.2 billion on jet fuel this year - \$20 billion more than in 2007 - causing carriers to incur \$10 billion in losses.

Since December 2007, eight airlines have gone out of business and two others filed for bankruptcy. It is very difficult for airlines to break even - let alone turn a profit - in this economic climate. The Air Transport Association reported that in the first quarter of 2008, average net loss reached a staggering \$10.89 per passenger. As a result, airlines have taken cost-saving measures, including limiting the number of flights on various routes and replacing large-capacity aircraft with smaller planes, thereby cutting the number of seats in order to conserve fuel. The decrease in supply of seats will drive up passenger airfare.

Smaller cities in Texas, relying on regional jet service are being hit particularly hard. Because of the cost of jet fuel, the smaller aircraft, some carrying as few as 50 passengers, are not generating enough revenue to justify the flights. Continental will cut service to Abilene, San Angelo, and Texarkana in October.

Airline experts report that, by fall, passengers will feel the capacity cuts in larger airports as well, with Bush International in Houston expected to lose almost 12 percent of its seats, and an 8 percent cut slated for Dallas-Fort Worth.

In addition to higher airfare, diminished capacity will result in sweeping job losses. On July 17, Continental reported it will eliminate 3,000 jobs in the fall, and American recently announced a 6,800 person reduction by November.

The airlines are taking additional steps to mitigate the effects of the fuel price crisis. They are swapping older aircraft with newer, more energy efficient models that burn less jet fuel. Airlines are also retrofitting existing aircraft to be more fuel efficient. To reduce fuel consumption in flight, airlines are removing heavy ovens when they are not needed, and are turning to light-weight meal and beverage carts to help lighten planes.

The impending crisis in the airline industry is one more reason we need a balanced plan that will help bring down fuel prices by increasing domestic production. Congress must meet the airlines' fuel savings efforts with a forward-looking energy policy to address the underlying issue of demand for oil outpacing supply.

Congress should first reverse the outdated and punitive moratorium on off-shore drilling and open up the Outer

Continental Shelf for exploration. The President recently lifted the executive ban, but Congress has yet to do so. Several recent national polls indicate that over 70 percent of Americans support increased domestic production.

Furthermore, we must bolster American oil production with clean renewable sources, including nuclear, solar, and wind power. Lastly, we must work to conserve the energy we do have, and continue to encourage technology and innovation through tax incentives.

For each dollar increase of the price of a barrel of oil, every family with a motor vehicle is hit hard and each airlines' costs go up by approximately \$45 million.

**Harmon-Sparks reunion**

The families of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon and the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks gathered Saturday, June 7, 2008, for their 69th annual reunion. There were 90 relatives and friends of the family present.

The late Thomas (T.R.) Harmon was the son of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon. The late Amanda Elvira (Mandy Sparks) Harmon was the daughter of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks. The family of T.R. and Mandy Harmon present for the 69th reunion were Milton "Bill" Harmon, Kenneth and Inez (Harmon) Harper, Nola Harmon, Lawana Perry, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts, Marshall Millican, Richard and Suzann Johnson, Jonathan Skipworth, Bill and Linda Burns, and Olean Stricklan all of Robert Lee; Justin Grimes of Mississippi; Lee, Tammy, Hunter and Zoey Hortenstine of Bronte; Alf Harmon, Jackie and Darlene Boyd, Ardie Harmon, Randle Harmon, Dorene Mashburn, Rena Mashburn Conner, Jerrel and Lavelle Harmon, Brint, Robin, Brynson and Logan Harmon and Teresa Morgan all of San Angelo.

Also present were Jerry and Janie Harmon of Weatherford; James and Blanche Harmon of Benbrook; Joe and Julie Ann Harmon of Southlake; Barbara Garrett of Mart; Jim and Sharon Eicke of Amarillo; Betsy Barton of Kerrville; Ernest Burns of Odessa; Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City; Clint, Sharon, Kelcie and Shayla Harmon of Midland; Sharon Rohmfeld, Debra and Gina Wilde, Judy, Travis, and Blake Holle all of Ballinger; Lisa and Markayla Fite of Ferris. Friends present were John Bearfield of San Angelo; John Baker of Kerrville; Foy Askins and Mary Patterson of Robert Lee; and Kenneth and Lucille Hampton of Mart.

Other descendent of the late Joe C. and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon was their granddaughter, Shirley Harmon-Lay of Midland. She is the daughter of the late George and



**Harmon-Sparks Reunion!** The families of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon and the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks gathered Saturday, June 7, 2008, for their 69th annual reunion. Pictured above are (back row, left to right) Terry Sparks, Louise (Sparks) Drennan, Shirley (Sparks) Thomas, Wanda (Sparks) Jones, Marion Luthur Sparks, (front row, left to right) Milton "Bill" Harmon, Inez (Harmon) Harper, Shirley Harmon-Lay, Alf Harmon and Randle Harmon.

Ruby Harmon and attended every reunion.

Descendents of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks present were Marion Luther and Mary Sparks, Wanda Sparks Jones, Carol June Dennis, Andrew Ray Burrejo, Marne and Bobby Joe Jones III, Brenda McGill, Karen McGill, Amanda Napper, Jamie Gray and J.B. all of San Angelo; Terry Sparks of Bryan; Connie Turner of Veribest; David and Louise Drennan, Charlie and Tara Drennan all of Ballinger; and Don and Shirley Sparks Thomas of Cape Fair, Missouri.

The only member of the Harmon-Sparks family who passed away in 2007 was Ethel

Counts Harmon.

Jeffie welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and was so pleased that the families of the late Luther and Violet Sparks came. She introduced the visitors. Betsy Harmon Barton said she is still working on the old family pictures and would like to add more each year. Betsy is scanning these onto the computer so they can be downloaded. James D. Harmon had pictures and explained the progress on the new building for

the Pecan Baptist Church. The T.R. Harmon family will purchase the 4 ft. x 6 ft. baptistry stain glass window for the new church in memory of Thomas and Amanda Harmon.

The group enjoyed a delicious Pot Luck dinner and supper. Douglas Roberts prepared the delicious barbecue brisket and pork ribs. There was a lot of visiting, picture taking, domino playing, swimming and golfing. Plans are being made to continue the reunion in June 2009.

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 123 W. Main Bronte 473-6791

**Bronte Independent School District**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Bronte ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs 0; lunch costs Pre-K-5th \$1.75, 6th-12 \$2.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is 0 for breakfast and .40 for lunch.

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: High School Principal Michael Bohensky or Elementary Principal Donna Poehls, P.O. Box 670, Bronte TX 76933.
2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free price meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Please call [school, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator] to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
4. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart shown on this application.
5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced price meals? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 325-473-2511 if you have questions.
6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
7. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Phillip Ratliff P.O. Box 670 Bronte TX 76933, 325-473-2511 EXT 116.
10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.
13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call Phillip Ratliff at 325-473-2511 EXT. 116. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: Phillip Ratliff at 325-473-2511 EXT. 116. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 325-473-2511

Sincerely,

*Alan Ratliff*

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Household size	FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2008-2009		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$19,240	1,604	376
2	25,900	2,159	499
3	32,560	2,714	627
4	39,220	3,269	755
5	45,880	3,824	883
6	52,540	4,379	1,011
7	59,200	4,934	1,139
8	65,860	5,489	1,267
Each additional person:	+6,660	+555	+129

**Bronte  
Elementary  
School Supply List  
Preschool program for  
children with disabilities  
and Pre-K**

- 1 blunt 5" Fiskar scissors
  - 3 Elmer's glue 1.25 oz.
  - 3 boxes Kleenex Facial Tissue
  - 1 Purell hand sanitizer (8 oz.)
  - 1 box "Ziploc" bags, quart size
  - 1 set washable Crayola thick markers
  - 2 rolls Scotch transparent tape
  - 1 set Dry Erase markers (set of 4)
  - 5 glue sticks
  - 1 \*spiral notebook (100 ct. wide ruled)
  - 1 \*folder with 3 brads
  - 1 \*lg. Zippered top backpack
  - \*set of extra clothing
- Please consider clothing that will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.
- \*Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class glue box.

**Kindergarten**

- 6 boxes Crayola crayons (8 count only - NO Jumbo)
  - 3 boxes facial tissues (100 count)
  - 6 No. 2 pencils
  - 1 box Crayola thick markers (10 count)
  - 4 Elmer's glue 1.25 oz.
  - 1 set Dry Erase markers (set of 4)
  - 8 folders with only bottom pockets
  - 1 sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
  - 40 ct. "Ziploc" bags, gallon size (these need to have a zipper)
  - 1 box "Ziploc" bags, quart size (these need to have a zipper)
  - 1 canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
  - 2 pink bevel erasers
  - 1 sm. plastic school box (no zipper bags please)
  - 1 school bag or backpack
  - 1 roll 1/2" transparent tape
- Please label everything your child brings to school.

**1st Grade**

- 2 boxes Crayola crayons (16 count)
- 1 box facial tissue (100 count)
- 12 No. 2 pencils
- 3 Elmer's glue, 4 Oz.
- 8 assorted folders (pockets only)
- 1 sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 5 pink bevel erasers
- 1 canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
- 1 plastic school box
- 1 school bag or backpack
- 1 box gallon sized "Ziploc" bags
- 1 box sandwich sized "Ziploc" bags

**2nd Grade**

- 1 box 24 count Crayolas
- 2 boxes facial tissues (100 count)
- 12 No. 2 pencils
- 1 Elmer's glue, 4 oz.
- 1 scissors
- 1 pink eraser

- 1 school bag or backpack
- 1 school box
- 8 folders with pockets
- 1 ruler
- 1 spiral notebook (70 sheet wide ruled)
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 box gallon sized "ziplock" bags
- 2 cloth book covers

**3rd Grade**

- 1 box 24 count Crayolas
- 2 boxes facial tissues (100 count)
- 24 No. 2 pencils
- 1 box Crayola markers (thick 10 ct. assorted colors)
- 1 Elmer's glue, 8 oz.
- 6 folders (pockets only, assorted colors)
- 1 sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 plastic school box
- 8 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 filler paper, 200 ct. wide ruled
- 1 box map colors, 12 count
- 1 box quart size "Ziploc" bags
- 1 box gallon size "Ziploc" bags
- 1 school bag or backpack
- 1 pkg. eraser tips

**4th Grade**

- 1 box facial tissues (100 count)
- 12 No. 2 pencils
- 1 school bag or backpack
- 1 set of 4 dry erase markers
- 8 colored ink pens for journals
- 6 pocket folders
- 6 cloth book covers
- 1 pkg. Notebook paper, wide ruled
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 composition notebook (wide ruled 9 3/4" X 7 1/2")
- 1 pkg. index cards (3 x 5)
- 2 glue sticks

**5th and 6th Grade**

- 12 No. 2 pencils (wood)
- 2 pkgs. Filler notebook paper (200 wide ruled)
- 1 pkg. of 8 colored gel pens for journals
- 1 box facial tissues

- 6 cloth book covers
- 8 pocket folders
- 1 pkg. of 4 highlighters
- 3 spiral notebooks (70 page, wide ruled)
- 1 box quart size "Ziploc" bags (5th grade only)
- 4 glue sticks (white or clear, not blue)

**RL Elementary School  
Supply List**

**Pre-Kindergarten**

- 1 box 8 count crayons (if you can't find 8, just get 16, but please no 24 count)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 pkgs. of glue sticks
- 1 pkg. of assorted construction paper
- 4 pencils
- 2 boxes of kleenex
- 1 set of water colors
- One set of extra clothes
- 1 old large shirt that can be used for painting

**Kindergarten**

- crayons (no more than 24)
- 1 bottle school glue (white)
- 3 glue sticks
- 6 regular yellow #2 pencils
- 1 spiral notebook—wide ruled
- 1 small plastic school box
- 3 large boxes kleenex
- 2 sturdy, slick pocket folders (no brads)
- towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- backpack
- 1 change of clothes for accidents
- bottled drinking water (if desired)
- 1 large pink eraser
- 3 pkg. index cards
- 2 small boxes ziplock baggies (quart size)

- PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! INITIAL EACH CRAYON!

**1st Grade**

- 6 pencils
- 2 large erasers or pkg. of pencil top erasers
- 1 pair of 5 inch Fiskar

- scissors
  - 1 large zipper pencil bag
  - 1 box of 24 crayons
  - 1 large Elmer's glue
  - 3 sturdy slick pocket folders
  - 1 ruler with centimeters and inches
  - 2 red and green pencils or pens
- PLEASE INITIAL EVERYTHING!

**2nd Grade**

- 1 Spiral notebook (wide ruled) 80 pages
  - 6 Folders (with brads and pockets-no designs, (1-blue, 1-yellow, 1-green, 1-purple, 2-red)
  - 1 Bottle of glue (4 ounce)
  - 1 Glue Stick
  - 1 Pencil Sharpener with shaving holder
  - 1 Ruler (with metric and standard measurement)
  - 2 Red Pens
  - 1 Box of 12 count map pencils
  - 1 Box of 24 Crayons
  - 2 pkgs. of 200 count WIDE RULED notebook paper
  - 2 pkg. (12 count) #2 pencils
  - 2 Pink erasers or pkg. of pencil top erasers
  - 1 large zipper pencil bag
  - 1 pair 7 inch Fiskar scissors
  - 2 Boxes of Kleenex
  - 2 Pkgs. of lined index cards
  - 1 box of 50 count quart size baggies
  - 1 box of 15 count gallon size baggies
- PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

**3rd Grade**

- 1 ream of computer paper
- 1 pkg. of 200 count WIDE RULED notebook paper

- 3 pkg. (12 count) # 2 pencils—no mechanical pencils
  - 2 pink erasers or pkg. of pencil top erasers
  - 6 red grading pens or pencils
  - 3 spiral notebooks---wide ruled with 70 pages
  - 1 pkg. assorted construction paper 9 X 12" -50 count
  - 1 box of 24 crayons
  - 1 large zipper pencil bag
  - 1 pair 7 inch Fiskar scissors
  - 2 boxes of Kleenex
  - 2 boxes of 12 count map pencils
  - 1 ruler with metric and standard measurement
  - 5 pocket folders with brads---Need red, blue, yellow, green, and purple
  - 1 pencil sharpener with shaving holder
  - 1-2 ounce (small) bottle of glue
  - 1 glue stick
- GIRLS -1 box of quart size Ziploc "Easy Zipper" baggies  
BOYS -1 box of gallon size Ziploc "Easy Zipper" baggies  
NO TRAPPERS OR NOTEBOOKS

**4th Grade**

- 2 boxes tissues
- 12 - #2 pencils
- 1 spiral notebook
- 2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 1 12" ruler
- 3 boxes 100 count zipper seal sandwich bags
- 6 pocket folders with brads
- Sharp scissors
- Glue stick
- Markers
- Map colors
- 1 container disinfectant wipes (Clorox, Store Brand)

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**Seeking Rewards**  
 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.  
 • Psalms 53:2

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.  
 • Matthew 6:33

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. • Matthew 7:7-8

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. • James 4:8

I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me. • Proverbs 8:17

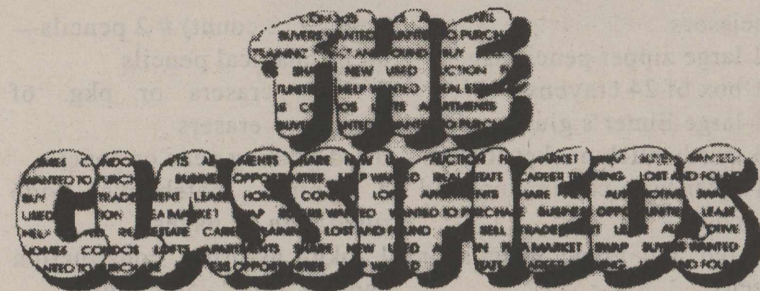
Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. • Isaiah 55:6

Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things. • Proverbs 28:5

And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord. • 2 Chronicles 12:14

If they obey, and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. • Job 36:11

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drop box is located at **HOMETOWN HARDWARE** in Bronte.

**Political Calendar**  
The Observer/Enterprise has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.

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

**CONSTABLE PRECINCTS 1 & 3**  
Marshall Millican (Dem.)  
**COKE COUNTY SHERIFF**  
Randall Jacks (Dem.)  
George Brickey (Rep.)  
Wayne McCutchen

**FOR SALE**  
Pop up camper and 1993 Plymouth Sundance (Duster). 03-2tc

**FOR SALE**  
Matching couch and love seat. Joyce Dodson 453-2489. 03-1tp

**FOR SALE**  
SUNNY, 4 BRM HOME IN RLISD! NEW DECKING & ROOF, WIRING, TERMITE PROTECTED! SOLID INVEST. GENEROUS BUY TERMS! \$695/MO. CALL JHS @ 655-9141. 03-tnc

**FOR RENT**  
2 BR/1 BA, furnished, covered parking, fenced yard. 325-763-7843. 40-tnc

**FOR RENT**  
New medium size storage units, utility trailers 1 & 2 axle, hand trucks and dollies available with day rates. Jesse's, 503 South State Street, Bronte, Texas 76933. 325-473-3900. 01-tnc

**TAKING APPLICATIONS**  
for one, two & three bedroom apartments. Washers, dryers, RO water systems in each unit. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity. 16-cow

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**NEED A SIGN?**  
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Debra England, 107 W. Main, Bronte. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm. Avon, buy or sell, independent rep. 650-1970. 50-tnc

**NATE'S PRODUCE**  
Friday 9-4. 901 W. 11th, Robert Lee. 234-0654. 02-3tp

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Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte. 34-tnc

**STUMP GRINDING**  
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**GARAGE SALES**

**YARD SALE**  
Friday, August 1. 620 E Holmes, Bronte. Furniture, tools, computers, MP 3 player, digital camera, much more. 03-1tc

**GARAGE SALE**  
Sat., Aug. 2, 7:30-11:30 am. 1521 Bishop St., Robert Lee. K. Rasco. 03-1tp

**YARD SALE**  
Saturday, August 2nd, 8:00 til ?. Movies, electronics, and misc. 408 W. 7th, Robert Lee. 03-1tp

**GARAGE SALE**  
Saturday, August 2. 8 am - ? 214 N. Jefferson, Bronte. Clothes, misc., burritos. 03-1tc

**REMODELING SALE**  
Everything must go, including some fixtures and displays. No reasonable offer refused. Thursday, July 31, Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2. 9 am to 6 pm. Kickin' Up Roses, 824 Austin, Robert Lee. 01-3tc

**To advertise, call 453-2433**

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On 30 Acres, 3 BR, 2 Bath Brick home near Bronte. Barn, Pecan trees, cross fenced with good cultivation.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
WE WOULD like to express our heartfelt thanks to such wonderful people, who kept the prayer circle going for my mom after her accident and stay in the hospital. A special thank you to Bro. & Sister Dominey of Pecan Baptist Church for being there with us during a stressful time. And to all our friends for their cards, flowers and prayers. God has truly blessed us with all of you. And also a heartfelt thank-you to the EMT's and Sheriff's department for the quick arrival and getting my mom to help. We love you all and God Bless you.  
The Bryant family 03-1tc

**Deadline is Tuesday at 2 pm**

*Send your news in through the internet.*

Email:  
CokeCoObserver@aol.com

*Please send articles in the body of the email and photos as a jpeg attachment.*

**Available Homes!**

- Woodlawn Addition! 3 Bedroom 2 Bath! 2 Living & Dining Areas! Sunroom, Established Yard with Live Oaks!
- Panoramic View of Lake from Large 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Brick Home! Boat Dock & Many Extras!
- Like New Near School! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Stainless Appliances!
- Hillcrest Addition! 4 Bedroom 2 Bath Home! Corner Lot! Enclosed back porch! \$60's!!!
- Brick Home with Bay Windows! 2 Bedroom 2 Bath! Island in Kitchen! Patio doors lead to deck!
- 15 Acres with Pecan & Oak Trees! Brick Home with New Paint, Tile & Hardwood Floors! Creek!
- Near Church! 3 Bedroom Home with Hardwood Floors! CH/CA! Wood Burning Stove! Shop/Garage!
- Steps Away from the River! 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bath Home! 2 Living 2 Dining Areas! Fireplace!
- Near School! 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home with Hardwood Floors! Bring the Horse! 2 Stalls!
- Near Golf **Under Contract** Bedroom 2.5 Bath Brick Home! Vaulted Ceiling! Fireplace!

**Land Available!**

- New Listing! 70+ acres on Highway 208 northwest of Robert Lee! Large updated home with 3 **SOLD** and 2 Living Areas! 2nd House, Barns & Pens! \$375,000!
- New Listing! 62+/- acres with Hilltop Views! 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home with Fireplace and Rock trim inside and out! Pastureland with 2nd older home, barn and arena!
- New Listing **Under Contract** Large updated 3 Bedroom Home near Bronte! Pastureland is cleared! County road frontage! Guest House! Barn and Pens!
- New Listing! 290+/- acres Sanco Loop area! Mountainous views! Remote! 3 Bedroom Home with Metal Roof, Central Heat & Air and Screened Porch! Barn & Pens! Abundant Wildlife! Excellent Hunting!
- 220 Acres with Creek, Pond, Water Well and New Fences!
- Breathtaking View from Large Home on Top of Hill! 149+/- acres! Huge Great Room (18'x42') with Fireplace! 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath! Barn, 4 Ponds, Seasonal Creek, 4 Car Carport, Workshop!
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**CARD OF THANKS**

**WE EXTEND**

our thanks to each of you for your expression of sympathy on the recent loss of our mother, Mary May Wylie. Deep appreciation to all who sent flowers or sympathy cards, prepared food, made memorial contributions, called or e-mailed with kind words, gave us a hug and were with us during this time. Your thoughtfulness and efforts are treasured.

Mike, Fran and Cilla  
03-1tp

**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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

The City of Robert Lee will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 pm on August 11, 2008 at the Robert Lee City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend the meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Mayor, Joe White  
City of Robert Lee  
03-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of Trustees for Robert Lee ISD will hold a public meeting on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the RLISD Auditorium. At this meeting, questions will be answered on the wind turbines, updating the public on construction and discussing the sale of bonds. Public input on these issues is encouraged at this meeting.

03-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the 13th day of August,

2008 at 9:00 am in the District Courtroom, Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas for the purpose of hearing comments on the amount of annual Compensation of the County Auditor and the Assistant County Auditor.

03-2tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COKE COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Coke County will hold a Public Hearing at 5:15 pm on Monday, August 4, 2008, at the Coke County Courthouse in regards to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The County encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the County Judge at the County Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend the meeting should contact the County Judge to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County Judge at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Roy Blair,  
Coke County Judge  
03-1tc

**...School Supplies**

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**5th Grade**

- 2 boxes tissues
- Fiskar scissors
- Glue stick

- 12 #2 pencils
- Markers
- 1 spiral notebook
- 6 pocket folders with brads
- 2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 12 inch ruler
- Map colors
- 1 container disinfectant wipes (Clorox, Store Brand)
- 6th Grade**
- 2 pkgs. 3-ring wide-ruled notebook paper
- 12 #2 pencils
- Ruler
- Fiskar scissors (good quality)
- Glue stick
- Markers
- 6 pocket folders with brads
- 2 boxes tissues
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 compass for math
- 1 protractor
- Map colors

1 container disinfectant wipes (Clorox, Store Brand)

**Pet Photo contest deadline extended**

The International Pet Owners Club is proud to announce that cash and prizes are up for grabs including a \$1,000.00 cash Grand Prize in the 2008 Cutest Pet Photo Contest. Prizes include Pet Smart gift cards, trophies, and \$1,000.00 in cash. Last year's winner, Diane Stichler of Ohio, received a check for \$1,000.00.

Pet owners from the local area are welcome to enter to win a share of the prizes. The entry deadline for the contest has been extended to August 15 to allow more pet owners to participate. The contest is open to everyone

and entry is free. Dog or cat photos are welcome. The photo may contain one pet or several and may include different pet types in the same photo. There is a strict limit of one photo per household to avoid disqualification.

Entries can be submitted online or by postal mail. To enter online, please visit www.intpetclub.com. To enter by postal mail please send one photograph full color or black and white of any size. All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back. Photographs should be sent to: The Pet Club Photo Contest, P.O. Box 4470, Olathe, KS 66063. Entries must be postmarked by August 15, 2008.

**ESTATE AUCTION**

**Saturday • August 9 • 9:00 am**

Location: Exactly 8 miles north of Bronte, Texas. Before the highway forks to the right to Abilene. Watch for Auction signs and Oxley Auction Trailer.

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**Protect yourself from the credit crunch**

By Jason Alderman

As the economy continues to falter, many people find themselves trapped in financial limbo: unable to cover their bills (such as adjustable rate mortgages) and not qualified for more favorable interest rates that could help because of lenders' tightening credit standards. Compare that to a few years ago, when just about anyone could secure a mortgage or car loan.

Maintaining a strong credit score has become more important than ever, since anything less could greatly increase interest rates you pay – or even prevent you from obtaining credit in the first place. It could even impact your ability to rent an apartment or secure a job.

Here are a few tips for strengthening your credit score:

Understand how credit scores work. The three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) track your credit history and activity and use that information to create a three-digit credit score – commonly referred to as a FICO score, after Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO), which developed the proprietary software.

Your FICO score is determined by such factors as your on-time payment record, overall debt amount, credit history duration, ratio of debt to available credit, number of accounts and types of credit used (credit cards, auto loans, mortgages, etc.) Creditors use your score to determine the level of risk involved in lending money to you and set credit limits and interest rates accordingly.

Warning flags that might lower your credit score include:

\* Late or insufficient payments for credit cards, loans, utilities and other bills.

\* Too many accounts. Think twice before opening unneeded new accounts.

\* Maintaining high individual account balances and making frequent balance transfers.

\* Closing old accounts. Closing older, unused accounts can backfire because your available credit amount is lowered, thereby increasing your "credit utilization ratio" – the portion of your available credit limit you're actually using.

\* Not using existing accounts. Many financial experts recommend occasionally using all open accounts to keep them active (paying off balances right away, of course).

\* Unpaid fines or penalties. However miniscule, unpaid library fines, traffic tickets and other civic penalties could show up on your credit report.

Here are several actions that can establish or improve your credit:

\* Always pay – on time – at least the minimum due on all bills. Consider signing up for automatic payments if this is a

recurring problem.

\* Although using lower interest-rate accounts makes sense, don't overburden any particular card or use more than 30 percent of the available credit.

\* Open a secured credit card, which is backed by a deposit account you open with the issuing financial institution. Often, you can convert a secured card to an unsecured (regular) card after you've made several on-time payments.

\* Carefully review your credit reports. You can order one free credit report a year from each of the three bureaus at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

Look for errors, omissions and fraudulent activities that could lower your score.

\* Consult a financial professional to help resolve your particular situation.

You can purchase copies of your credit scores from each of the three credit bureaus for about \$15 each at their websites ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com) and [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)).

**TDA Market Recap July 28 2008**

For the week ending July 26, 2008, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were mixed, but mostly \$2 to \$4 per hundredweight higher compared with a week ago. However, some sales were as much as \$5 lower. Fed cattle prices declined because of lower beef prices, which in turn pressured the feeder cattle market. Cotton prices were higher on concerns dry weather on the Texas Plains would reduce production. Corn markets were lower as weather in the Midwest remained favorable for crop development, but prices did rise modestly at the end of the week. As for futures markets, finished cattle, cotton and lumber were higher, while feeder cattle, wheat and corn were lower. Hurricane Dolly brought much-needed rain to South Texas and the Trans-Pecos

region, but some unharvested cotton and grain sorghum were seriously damaged in the process. Parts of South Texas recorded more than 10 inches of rain, while areas of the Trans-Pecos, South-Central Texas and the Upper Coast reported up to 3 inches. In areas that received little or no rain, crops suffered from heat stress. Corn harvest continued in the Blacklands with 51 percent of the acreage mature statewide. Cotton was developing rapidly and 41 percent of the crop is setting bolls. The grain sorghum crop is 40 percent harvested. Statewide, crop conditions were rated mostly fair to good.

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week.

		----- Week Ending -----		
		07/26/2008	07/19/2008	07/28/2007
<b>Cash Markets</b>				
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	110.34	109.76	119.59
Finished Cattle	(\$/cwt)	94.97	97.75	91.03
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	90.00	97.27	95.50
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	99.00	100.50	* 105.50
Cotton	(¢/lb)	65.00	63.50	57.00
Wheat	(\$/bu)	7.52	7.58	5.83
Corn	(\$/bu)	5.70	5.98	3.52
Grain Sorghum	(\$/bu)	9.07	9.53	5.33
Watermelons	(\$/lb)	0.18	0.18	0.10
<b>Futures Markets</b>				
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	111.75	113.88	117.13
Finished Cattle	(\$/cwt)	97.83	97.50	93.53
Cotton	(¢/lb)	71.58	70.35	61.55
Wheat	(\$/bu)	8.32	8.38	6.44
Corn	(\$/bu)	5.77	6.10	3.21
Lumber	(\$1000bd.f)	254.20	246.60	282.00

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