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County benefits from additional rains throughout weekend

by Hal Spain, Publisher

Coke County was blessed with additional rainfall this past weekend. Preliminary reports indicate that the west side of the county received from 1 to 1.5 inches of slow rainfall Saturday and Sunday, with the east side of the county receiving over 2 inches in some areas. This is in addition to the 3.5 to 4 inches we received the weekend before.

One of the big benefits of this weekend's rainfall is that the weather did not turn off hot and windy and suck all that moisture out of the ground.

Afternoon temperatures have averaged somewhere around the mid 80's. How's that for the middle of August and traditionally one of the hottest months of the year.

The only negative is that the rainfall has come so slowly, we haven't gotten any runoff to speak of so far. As of Tuesday afternoon prior to our press time, the Colorado River is up a little and running, and the forecast is for more showers this afternoon and tomorrow.

Casey Eubanks Memorial Golf Tourney slated

The Casey Eubanks Memorial 3-Person Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, August 23, at Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee.

Proceeds from this tournament benefit the Casey Eubanks Memorial Scholarship Fund to help a Robert Lee High School senior with college expenses. Call 453-2317 to enter; if you get the answering machine, just leave a clear message to sign up or have someone call you back.

Benefit fish fry set for this Saturday

West Coke County is sponsoring their 1st Annual Fish Fry this Saturday, August 23, 2008, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the large rec hall in Robert Lee. The event will benefit the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, Coke County Dive Team, and the Coke County CERT team.

Tickets will be available at the door. Anyone who would like to donate dessert items or for more information, contact any member of the RLVFD, Coke County Dive Team, or the Coke County CERT team.

Hayrick Lodge #696 to meet

Hayrick Lodge #696 will meet Saturday, August 23, at 2 pm at Hayrick Lodge in Robert Lee. District Deputy Grand Master will be the speaker. For more information contact Bobby Blaylock at 473-8503.

Lamb and Goat Validation Tags

Any 4-H or FFA member who plans on showing a lamb or goat at a major stock show (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio or Houston) must order validation tags by August 29, 2008.

Please call the Extension office at 453-2461 to place your order. If you are showing only at the county show you will not need to order validation tags.

Bruce Sonnenberg benefit slated

A benefit has been planned for Bruce Sonnenberg of Bronte on Friday, August 29, beginning at noon.

Hamburgers, sausage wraps, and homemade baked goods will be for sale. All donations will benefit Bruce's cancer recovery treatment. Location will be the Longbranch Barbecue in downtown Bronte. A bake sale will also be held at this time. Any donations of baked goods are appreciated. To donate baked goods, call Kay Robbins at 473-7051 or bring your baked goods to Longbranch Barbecue by noon on Friday, August 29.

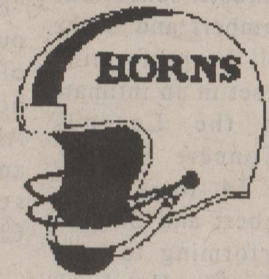
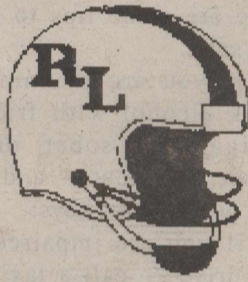
For more information or to see how you can help, contact Glenda or Joe Draper at 473-2050, or Jimmie Guthrie at 473-3049.

Coke/Sterling County Farm Service update

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Service Agency is announcing a critical

Coke County Scrimmages

BRONTE LONGHORNS
No Scrimmage



ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Water Valley Wildcats
6 pm • Friday
August 22 • Robert Lee

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.

BHS Class of 1948

The 1948 Senior class of Bronte High School will have a 60 year reunion on homecoming day, Friday, September 12, 2008.

Class members will meet at the Housing Authority Rec. room from noon Friday until midnight. Visitors are welcome.

Coke County Couples Golf Tourney slated

There will be a Coke County Couples Golf Tournament on September 20 and September 21. September 20 will be played

at Singing Winds Golf Course at Bronte and on September 21 at Mountain Creek Golf Course at Robert Lee. For more information, please call (325) 473-2156 or (325) 453-2317.

'64 Study Club to host art show

The '64 Study Club is extending an invitation to all area artists to exhibit in the annual art show during the Robert Lee Street Affair on Saturday, October 4. Details as to categories and media are being worked out.

Work will be accepted on Friday, October 3, from 10 am to 5 pm. The show will be held from 10 am to 3 pm during the Robert Lee Street Affair on Saturday, October 4.

Band Instrument Drive set for Monday

Wes Sutton from Tarpley Music Company in San Angelo will be at the Bronte Band Hall from 5 pm to 7 pm, Monday, August 25, to meet with beginning band parents. He will have instruments, method books, reeds, mouthpieces and other accessories. This is an opportunity for you to rent or buy your own instrument without having to drive to San Angelo. Bronte ISD has a selection of used instruments, but it is always better to have your own. The Essential Elements 2000

Book 1, an instrument specific mouthpiece, and care kit are necessary purchases to woodwind or brass students. Percussionists will need to purchase specific sticks and mallets, as well as a metronome. If you are not able to be at the meeting, your child will need their materials to begin playing, Tuesday, September 2.

Historical Commission to host Open House

Members of the Coke County Historical Commission were met at the recently restored Rock Hotel in Winters on Monday, August 18, with cookies and punch and much information on the hotel building, as well as the established C. I. Hale museum and the Drummer House which is undergoing a restoration project.

Wanda Brewer, President and Kay Colburn, Treasurer, and Randall Connors, director of the organization led tours through the Rock Hotel and Drummer House and discussed the joys and perils of restoration projects. Genevieve Spell opened the museum for the group to tour. The afternoon was a lesson in perseverance, ingenuity, and historical insight.

The Coke County Historical Commission members are planning an Open House event at the Old Jail during the Robert Lee Street Affair, October 4.

Good Luck
Back At School!

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Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton to perform charity concert in Abilene

Country music sensations Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton will be performing an acoustic set in an intimate setting at the Legends Country Concert Sunday, September 14 in Abilene, Texas. Lambert and Shelton will be performing to help raise funds for Hendrick Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network in Abilene.

The performance, which is presented by the National Rifle Association Foundation, begins at 8 pm at Frontier Texas! in downtown Abilene. Because of the generosity of Lambert and Shelton, 100 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales go to benefit the sick and injured children served through Hendrick Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network.

"We are very fortunate these two award-winning

artists have stepped up to help our cause," said Melinda Blay, Children's Miracle Network coordinator at Hendrick Medical Center. "Both artists regularly sell out concerts with thousands of tickets, so it is a unique honor to have them in Abilene to help raise funds and awareness for the kids served by Hendrick Children's Hospital."

Every dollar raised for Children's Miracle Network is used to purchase vital medical equipment, fund important health education programs and allows Hendrick Children's Hospital to treat every child without regard to the way they pay.

For more information about the concert or for ticket information, visit www.legendsovehunt.com or contact Children's Miracle Network at Hendrick at 325-670-6557.

Make the Crackdown Count

America is facing an impaired-driving crisis and

the problem is especially acute during the summer months. In 2006 alone, nearly 13,500 people died in crashes in which the driver or motorcycle rider was legally impaired, according to the latest statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Among them were 306 children under age 15 — innocent victims of crashes that could have been avoided.

That's one reason why the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement organizations today announced it will join other police agencies throughout the country in support of an intensive crackdown on impaired drivers this August 15–September 1. Nationally, more than \$50 million will be spent on this year's crackdown, known by its tagline: Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. Here are some tips to keep you safe:

- If you are planning to drink alcohol with friends, designate a sober driver before going out — and give that person your keys;
- If you are impaired, do not drive — call a taxi, use mass transit, or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Promptly report impaired drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement;
- Wear your seat belt while in a car or use a helmet and protective gear when on a motorcycle as these are your

best defenses against an impaired driver;

• And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys — and help them get to where they are going safely.

Don't take the risk. Law enforcement officers are on a mission to arrest impaired drivers, get them off the street, save more lives — and make the 2008 crackdown count.

Remember: Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

For more information on the crackdown, visit the High-Visibility Enforcement Campaign Headquarters at www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

AEP encourages use of energy efficient bulbs

According to AEP Texas, the average Texas family spends \$1,900 per year on home energy costs, a figure that is sure to continue rising. Approximately 10 percent of a home's electric consumption is from lighting,

typically with standard incandescent light bulbs. But consumers can make their mark on energy costs and the environment with a quirky-looking yet very energy efficient bulb, the compact fluorescent light bulb, or CFL.

Eight Texas electric utilities announced they are sponsoring the Texas Statewide ENERGY STAR Residential Lighting Program, which is designed to encourage the purchase and use of ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs. AEP Texas is a part of this effort, and is partnering with manufacturers and local retailers to offer discounts on the bulbs, which will make them more comparable in cost to incandescent bulbs.

"Not only will Texas consumers be able to buy CFLs and at price that's competitive with incandescent bulbs, they'll be making their mark on energy bills, energy usage, and the environment from the moment they install them," said program manager Gary Throckmorton.

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 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
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 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

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 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
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 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
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 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
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 Jason Martin, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church
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 Joe Hodges, Pastor
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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

COKE COUNTY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.93 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 2, 2008, at 9:00 AM at Commissioner's Court Room, Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th St., Robert Lee, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 8, 2008, at 9:00 AM at Commissioner's Court Room, Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th St., Robert Lee, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Bobby Blaylock, Gaylon Pitcock, Robert Feil, Gene Montgomery

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Roy Blair

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Coke County last year was \$39,845. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.569587 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$226.95.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Coke County this year is \$41,310. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.510777 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$211.00.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.525740 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$217.18.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.



Hummer House! Robert Lee Care Center residents traveled to Christoval, Texas, on August 14, 2008, to see the Hummer House. They really had a great time seeing all the different species of Hummingbirds and a really big buck! They also enjoyed visiting with Cathy (Hendry) Brown. She was so excited to see everyone from Robert Lee. Enjoying the trip were (from left to right) Billy Ray Ruth, Ruth Brown, Hazel Hutmacher, Nancy Eaker, Alice Beaty, Willie Forman, Margaret Jones, Dot Brown, MayBelle Stewart, Cathy Brown (owner of Brown Ranch - Hummer House), Billie Dunn and Donna Green.

"CFLs use 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs, burn cooler and last up to 10 times longer. One CFL can save up to \$30, on average, in energy costs, making it well worth the price."

Throckmorton explained that the discounted bulbs don't require any special coupons or rebates, and are available at retailers where customers are already used to buying bulbs. Customers can find out which retailers are participating by calling the program's toll-free hotline at 1-866-668-9581, or visiting MakeYourMarkTX.com. They'll also learn more about what kind of impact a small bulb can have on energy use.

Although the CFLs can last up to seven years, eventually

they will burn out. When that happens, utilities are encouraging customers to dispose of the bulbs - which contain a small amount of mercury - properly.

"Mercury is what makes the CFLs efficient, and - like mercury in batteries or thermometers - it's completely safe. However, a large number of CFLs in landfills is not good for the environment," said Throckmorton. "We're encouraging our customers to simply take their burned-out bulbs to the Home Depot, which has generously offered to accept the bulbs for recycling, free of charge, or another recycling center."

Discounted CFLs will be available at participating retail locations in AEP Texas

service territory through December 2009.

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Refreshments!

Music

Fellowships

Tour of facilities

Worship and Education
News and Events

With God all things are possible.—Matthew 19:26



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



For more information contact the church at 325-473-3281. Pastor, David Bailey

Robert Lee Junior High/JV Football Schedule

August 28	Highland	Here	6:30 JV
September 4	Panther Creek	There	6:00 JV
September 11	Garden City	Here	5:30 JV/JH
September 18	Rankin	There	5:30 JV/JH
September 25	Sterling City	There	5:30 JV/JH
October 2	OPEN		
October 9	Rochelle	Here	5:30 JH
October 16	Richland Springs	Here	5:30 JV/JH
October 23	Santa Anna	There	5:30 JV/JH
October 30	Veribest	Here	5:30 JV/JH
November 6	Eden	There	5:30 JV/JH

RL Sports Boosters hold meeting

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club met on Monday, August 18, at 7 pm in the High School Library to finalize plans for Meet the Steers Night, which will be held at the first home scrimmage against Water Valley tonight, August 22 at 6 pm. During this scrimmage, Rhonda Hood and Judy Blair will have their Shaved Ice Cream available for purchase with part of the proceeds going to the Booster Club. The Booster Club will also be selling Booster Club memberships, caps, Steer flags, and taking any donations, as well as taking orders for Steer, Dogie and Cheerleader buttons.

They encourage everyone to please become a member of the Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club and help support our students and athletic programs. Come out to Meet the Steers tonight, August 22, and watch the

Steers scrimmage the Water Valley Wildcats. Your support is important to the students, coaches, sponsors and school administration.

The next booster meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, at 7 pm in the High School Library.

Share financial 'facts of life' with your freshman

By Jason Alderman

Forget the birds and the bees: One of the most difficult – yet most important – discussions you can have with your children before they head off to college concerns the financial facts of life. Because a few early financial missteps can damage their credit for years to come, it's important to set your kids out on the right path.

Banking 101. If this is the first time your kids have been responsible for managing more than a weekly allowance, teach them the importance of tracking their financial transactions. Start with tips for properly managing checking accounts:

- * Check account balances online or by phone every day to know when deposits, checks and debit card purchases have cleared.

- * Because they often clear instantaneously, don't write checks or use debit cards unless you know your balance will cover the transactions.

- * Keep accurate balances by regularly entering all transactions into a check register. One forgotten ATM

withdrawal could cause a cascade of bounced check or overdraft fees.

- * Using non-network ATMs can rack up significant service charges. So choose a bank or credit union with convenient ATMs, or use your debit card for cash back when shopping.

- * Ask if your bank provides free phone or email alerts when your balance dips below a certain level, checks or deposits clear, or payments are due.

- * Debit cards are safer than carrying cash and are accepted by most merchants. Ask if your card offers "zero liability," which means you pay nothing for unauthorized or fraudulent purchases.

Ease into credit cards. Using credit cards responsibly helps build a solid credit history, which your kids will need later in life. But credit is essentially a loan that must be paid back, so urge them to tread carefully:

- * Start with only one credit card until you know you can manage it properly. Try never to

owe more than 30 percent of your credit limit on any card.

- * Strive to pay off the full balance each month; otherwise, the accumulated interest will add significantly to your repayment amount.

- * Try to avoid using credit cards for cash advances, which can incur upfront fees plus having interest accrue immediately.

- * Don't be tempted by free giveaways or low introductory rates that often rise dramatically after a few months.

- * Look for cards with no annual fee and a lengthy grace period before finance charges begin. Also compare cash advance, late payment, balance transfer, over-the-limit and other fees. A good place to comparison shop is www.bankrate.com.

Look forward. Before you know it, your kids will graduate and start careers. Don't let them start out with damaged credit that'll take

years to repair. This means avoiding making late payments, bouncing checks, opening too many accounts, exceeding credit limits and accumulating too much debt. All these missteps can lower their credit score and make it difficult to borrow money for a house or car, rent an apartment or even get a job.

To learn more about understanding and building strong credit scores, have your kids visit What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.com), a financial literacy program for young adults run by Visa Inc. It features a comprehensive workbook called Money 101: A Crash Course in Better Money Management, which can be downloaded for free.

Your kids are about to enter the most exciting period of their lives. Make sure they do so with their eyes wide open about the importance of sound personal financial management skills.

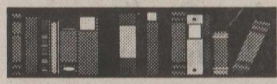
ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Robert Lee High School Football Schedule

August 22	Scrim - Water Valley	Here	6:00
August 29	Highland	There	7:30
September 5	Panther Creek	Here	7:30
September 12	Garden City	There	7:30
**September 19	Rankin	Here	7:30
September 26	Sterling City	Here	7:30
October 3	OPEN		
*October 10	Rochelle	There	7:30
*October 17	Richland Springs	There	7:30
*October 24	Santa Anna	Here	7:30
*October 31	Veribest	There	7:30
*November 7	Eden	Here	7:30

* District Games **Homecoming

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, August 25

Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Milk

Tuesday, August 26

Juice, Pigs in a Blanket, Cereal, Milk

Wednesday, August 27

Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk

Thursday, August 28

Juice, Muffin, Cereal, Milk

Friday, August 29

Juice, Pancake and Sausage on Stick, Milk

Lunch

Monday, August 25

Corndog, Tator Tots, Pork and Beans, Peaches, Ice Cream, Milk

Tuesday, August 26

Tuna or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Pickles, Carrot Sticks, Baked Chips, Orange, Milk

Wednesday, August 27

Fajitas, Salad, Spanish Rice, Ranch Beans, Pears, Milk

Thursday, August 28

Pizza, Salad, Corn, Banana Pudding, Cookie, Milk

Friday, August 29

Hamburgers, Salad, Baked Chips, Pickles, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte High School Football Schedule

August 22	No scrimmage		
August 29	Junction	Here	7:30
September 5	Roby	There	7:30
**September 12	Rotan	Here	7:30
September 19	Irion County	There	7:30
September 26	Hamlin	There	7:30
October 3	OPEN		
*October 10	Baird	Here	7:30
*October 17	Winters	There	7:30
*October 24	Cross Plains	Here	7:30
*October 31	Miles	Here	7:30
*November 7	Albany	There	7:30

* District Games **Homecoming

BISD Board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting, August 14, 2008, at 7:40 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were: Quinda Feil-Duncan, President; Jeff Schoenfield; Wayne Coalson; Bob Frazee;

Paul Williams; David McWright; Shane Kelton; and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were David Bedford, Michael Bohensky, Donna Poehls, Ed Cumbie, and Leah Rosson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Campus ratings were reported by the principals. Donna Poehls reported Elementary was recognized and Michael Bohensky reported Secondary was acceptable.

Reports were given on the Band and Athletic Programs.

The Board approved the certified tax roll, 2008 athletic passes for \$75.00, and a proposed budget. The Board approved TAPS for property and auto insurance and accepted Gandy's dairy bid. The Board approved the endorsement of Fred Contreras of Grape Creek for TASB Board of Directors.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave an update on the football field.

Discussion was held on the TASA/TASB convention.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 10:18 pm.

New identity theft scam targets debit card users

Parents who use the Texas Debit Card to access their

child support payments should beware of a new identity theft scam that targets EPPICard users. The Texas Attorney General's Office and government agencies in 14 other states use EPPICards, which are known locally as the Texas Debit Card, to disburse child support payments.

According to the internet Complaint Center, EPPICard users nationwide have reported receiving e-mail, voice and text messages falsely indicating problems with their accounts. Card users are directed to update their accounts or correct a problem by clicking on a Web link included within this message. The link directs the individuals to a fraudulent Web site where their personal information, such as account number and PIN, is compromised. Recipients of these messages also may be directed to call a phone number.

Texas Debit Card users who have questions about their account should call the program's toll-free hotline at (866) 729-6159. Customer service representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Parents also may call the toll-free number to check account balances and obtain transaction histories.

Bronte Junior High Football Schedule

September 4	Roby	Here	5:30
September 11	Rotan	There	5:30
September 18	Irion County	Here	5:30
September 25	Hamlin	Here	5:30
October 2	OPEN		
October 9	Baird	There	5:30
October 16	Winters	Here	5:30
October 23	Cross Plains	There	5:30
October 30	Miles	There	5:30
November 6	Albany	Here	5:30

More than 280,000 Texas parents served by the child support program use the Texas Debit Card as a convenient alternative to receiving child support payments by cash or check. Parents who receive fraudulent e-mails regarding account information or survey requests should notify the Internet Complaint Center by filing an online complaint at www.ic3.gov.

Copeland honored during Tech Commencement

Texas Tech alumnus Clay Sell, who serves as senior vice president for the Hunt Oil Co., spoke at Texas Tech University's commencement ceremonies Saturday (Aug. 9).

More than 1,253 undergraduate and graduate students received diplomas during the 9 a.m. ceremony at the United Spirit Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave. in Lubbock.

Sell served as the deputy secretary for the U.S. Department of Energy and played a key role in enacting the Bush Administration's landmark energy legislation in 2005 and 2007.

The ceremony included students from the Colleges of Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Visual and Performing Arts, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Education, Human Sciences, Mass Communications, the Jerry S. Rawls College of

Business Administration and the Honors College.

Outstanding students carried banners representing their respective colleges. Administrators selected the banner bearers based on all-around achievement.

Also recognized during commencement exercises were bachelor's degree candidates with the highest grade-point averages in their respective colleges.

Highest ranking August graduates for each college are:

* College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Honors College: Jordanna Leigh Copeland, an animal science major from Sterling City.

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, August 25
Cereal, peaches, toast, milk

Tuesday, August 26
French Toast sticks, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, August 27
Sausage rolls, pineapple tidbits, milk

Thursday, August 28
Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, milk

Friday, August 29
Peanut butter/jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, August 25
Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smilies, flour tortilla, chocolate pudding, milk

Tuesday, August 26
Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

Wednesday, August 27
Chicken fried steak/gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, hot roll, strawberry short cake, milk

Thursday, August 28
Meat and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, chalupa shells, milk

Friday, August 29
Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tator tots, baby carrots with ranch dressing, bread, peach cobbler, milk

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ATTEST:
Pat Martindale, City Secretary
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NOTICES

SALE OF PROPERTY
CITY OF BRONTE

The City of Bronte is seeking bids for the purchase of the following described property, 302 North Lombard, all of Lots 7 & 8, Block 14, Original Town of Bronte, held in trust by the City of Bronte.

Sealed bids must be submitted to the attention of Pat Martindale, City of Bronte, 114 South Washington, P.O. Box 370, Bronte, Texas on or before 5:00 p.m. September 11, 2008. Bids must be for cash purchase only, and Buyer will incur all costs of the sale.

Bids will be opened at 6:45 p.m. on September 11, 2008, in the Bronte City Hall. The City of Bronte reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a budget hearing will be held at 6:15 pm on September 11, 2008, in the City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas.

The budget for the City of Bronte for the fiscal year October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009, will be adopted.

The public is invited to attend and participate in these proceedings.

Pat Martindale
City Secretary

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SMALL TAXING
UNIT NOTICE

The City of Bronte will hold a meeting on September 11, 2008, at the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas, at 6:30 pm, to consider a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2008.

The proposed tax rate is 0.396766 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Bronte by 2.59%.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BRONTE
PUBLIC NUISANCE
ORDINANCE #349
VIOLATION
NOTICE TO ABATE

TO: Steve Barefoot
PROPERTY: 124 South Woods, Bronte
All of Lots 16 & 17, Block 55, OT, Bronte
VIOLATIONS: Failure to keep weeds and grasses at a height of less than twelve (12) inches over all the property. Allowing an accumulation of rubbish, trash, discarded items and items that hold water for mosquitoes to breed.

ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ABATE NUISANCE: Mow weeds and grasses over entire property. Removal of rubbish, trash, discarded items and items that hold water for mosquitoes to breed.

DEADLINE FOR

ABATING NUISANCES:
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
REQUEST FOR HEARING:
Request must be made in writing in 10 days from date of publication and addressed to Municipal Court Judge, P.O. Box K, Bronte, TX 76933.

IF NO ACTION IS TAKEN TO ABATE THE NUISANCE VIOLATIONS, THE CITY SHALL ABATE SUCH NUISANCES AND ASSESS THE COST AGAINST SUCH PERSON OR ESTATE.

BY: CITY OF BRONTE
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ORDINANCE #405
BE IT ORDAINED BY
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF BRONTE
AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:
SECTION 1

Rates: The rates for sewer services for users of such services in the City of Bronte, effective as of the September 20, 2008, billing, shall be as follows, to-wit:
Residential: \$10.00; Commercial: \$13.00; Church: \$13.00; Café, Restaurant: \$20.00; Service Station, Garage: \$25.00; Motel: \$25.00; Nursing Home: \$125.00; Laundry: \$30.00; Food Processing Plant with

Grease Trap: \$25.00; Food Processing Plant without Grease Trap: \$200.00; Training Centers, Schools: \$250.00.

SECTION 2

Rates: The rates for sewer service for users of such services outside the city limits of the City of Bronte, shall be as follows:

Residential: \$17.50.

SECTION 4

Connection Charge: It is hereby Further Ordained that at the time of connection to the City sewer system, a connection charge of \$200.00 shall be received prior to the connection of said user to the system.

SECTION 5

Date of Payment: All sewer rates shall be paid on or before the 10th day of the month. The City may add a per month interest charge of 10% or such other amount legal under the laws of the State of Texas for such unpaid bills, charges, and expenses.

SECTION 7

Therefore, this ordinance shall, upon passage, take effect as of the September 20, 2008 billing, and shall be in full force from such date until further action.

Said Ordinance was duly passed by affirmative vote.

Signed this 14th day of August, 2008.

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• *Genesis 1:27*

You Have A Choice To Make

I call Heaven and Earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendents may live.

• *Deuteronomy 30:19*

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

• *Joshua 24:15*

Where You Go As A Result Of That Choice

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

• *John 3:36*

God's Word Is Forever Settled And Will Not Pass Away

For assuredly, I say to you, till Heaven and Earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the word till all is fulfilled.

• *Matthew 5:18*

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He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

• *John 12:48*

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the book of life, from the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this book.

• *Revelation 22:18-19*

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And He said to me, it is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be His God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

• *Revelation 21:6-8*

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Pet Talk

Got to give a pill to Fluffy or Fido? It can be no easy trick.

Giving oral medication to companion animals can be a trying process. But pet experts say have no fear -- there are proven techniques that will make pilling your pet a pleasant experience for everyone involved.

"Choking and poisoning should be the first line of protection for pets taking medication, and your veterinarian's instructions should be followed to the letter," says Patty Hug, a veterinary technician in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University.

"Pet caregivers should take precaution to avoid pet choking by administering pills when the pet is in a sternal or standing position, never while lying down."

Also, Hug suggests that if in doubt, write the medication instructions down prior to leaving your veterinarian's office, and this will help prevent over-medicating.

Pills may be given by hand, but a safer technique utilizes a "pet piller," she notes. This instrument is made of durable, washable hard plastic that has a rubber tip on which the pill is placed and inserted into the pet's mouth.

Hug says that it is important not to gag the patient with the piller, and also to close the pet's mouth and hold its snout until there is evidence that the pill has been swallowed. Gently stroking the pet's throat or blowing on its nose generally makes the pet swallow the pill more quickly, she says. Additionally, she suggests offering your pet a drink of water for the pill to fully go down the esophagus.

"This is especially true for cats," Hug stresses.

Hug suggests another method to administer pet medication that involves "hiding" your pet's medication.

"Some pets need to have oral medicine hidden in a piece of bread, extremely low-fat cream cheese, squeeze cheese (sharp cheddar is most popular) or canned food," she says. "Hiding oral medicine in a food item entices your pet to eat the 'treat' while diminishing the smell and taste of the medicine before it is

swallowed."

Hug also recommends a popular pill-taking enhancer called "pill pockets." These are specifically formed for various pill sizes and are flavored to appeal to the most finicky medication-evading pet, she says. Pill pocket flavors include beef, salmon, and chicken; they can be obtained at your veterinarian's office.

"Oral medication should not be given if the pet vomits, or shows any type of stress; never

proceed thinking that the pet is just being difficult," advises Hug. "Pets let us know when something is not right, so consult your veterinarian if you are not able to pill your pet due to adverse circumstances."

She adds to follow your veterinarian's oral instructions and the instructions as they are indicated on the medicine bottle. Some medications are labeled with a sticker that states "Give with Food" and this instruction should be followed so that your pet does

not get an upset stomach while taking the medication, Hug explains.

"Never medicate pets with human medications," advises Hug. "Only your veterinarian is qualified and knowledgeable to recommend or prescribe 'human' medications for your pet. Your veterinarian knows how the medicine will affect your pet in its current physiological state.

"Also, crushing pills is only reserved for the veterinarian or the pharmacist to compound the

medication into a substance that will support a 'crushed' pill. If your veterinarian did not state to crush the medicine, then don't. Medications work in different ways, and disrupting the actual pill may cause the medication to be of no benefit.

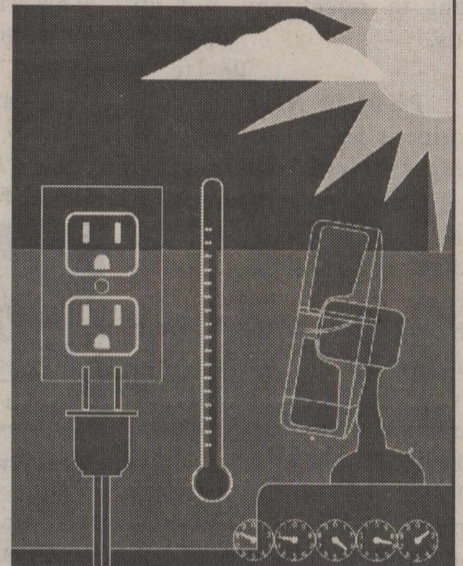
"Learning pet pilling techniques will keep you safe and also protect the health of your pet. Once your pet does take its oral medicine (and a gulp of water), offer it a pat on the head for comforting reassurance that all is well," she adds.

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- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.



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