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Fort Chadbourne receives \$1.125 million gift

During the Annual Fund Raising event at Fort Chadbourne this past Saturday, September 20, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake announced the designation of a gift to the Fort Chadbourne Foundation in the amount of one million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars. The gift is from the estate of Roberta Cole Johnson, a Brenham, Texas, resident who died in June at the age of 96.

In making the announcement, Mr. Blake stated, "Joy and I have long been interested in Fort Chadbourne and commend Garland and Lana for their generosity in opening up to the public the portion of their family ranch on which Fort Chadbourne is located. We also appreciate the untiring work in the restoration of some of the original buildings of the Fort, as well as the current project of restoring the 1858 Butterfield Overland Stage Station...I think she would approve of Garland and Lana's restoration efforts and would want to help them."

Garland Richards, president of the Foundation expressed appreciation to Charles Blake, the executor of Mrs. Johnson's estate. "This is a significant gift that will complete the Butterfield Stage Stop restoration, as well as building a visitor's center for Fort Chadbourne. The donation received is fabulous- being able to carry on this historic project while

paying tribute to Roberta Cole Johnson - is truly an honor."

Fort Chadbourne was established in 1852 by the United States Infantry. Fort Chadbourne was one of the frontier forts established to protect the settlers moving west and is one of the forts featured on the Texas Forts Trail. The fort offered protection to travelers, settlers, and commerce heading west along this part of the Butterfield Overland Mail Route. In 1861 Texas seceded from the Union and the fort was surrendered to Texas troops. After the Civil War, the United States military returned briefly to Fort Chadbourne only to finally abandon the fort in 1873.

In 1876, Garland Richards' great-great-great grandfather, Thomas Odom established the O-D Ranch with Fort Chadbourne as its headquarters. The ranch eventually took on the name of the Chadbourne Ranch.

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation was established in 1999 as a 501(c) (3) charitable organization to preserve, stabilize, and present the historic site of Fort Chadbourne to the public. Fort Chadbourne is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Roberta Cole Johnson was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio in 1911, where she lived most of her life before moving to Brenham, Texas, in the mid-1980s. A graduate



"Million Dollars"! Fort Chadbourne received a gift of \$1,125,000 from the estate of Roberta Cole Johnson, a Brenham, Texas, resident who died in June at the age of 96. Charles and Joy (Millican) Blake made the presentation to Garland Richards at the Fort Chadbourne fundraiser this past Saturday, September 20.

of Vassar College, Mrs. Johnson was reported to be a quiet, unassuming lady whose main interests in Brenham were the Presbyterian Church, managing her financial interests and playing bridge, which she did until the last few weeks of her life.

Executor Charles Blake said the will provided for her family and made specific bequests to a number of organizations in Brenham and Mount Vernon, Ohio, where she and her late husband Harold spent most of their lives.

The Johnsons moved to Brenham in the mid-1980s. Mr. Johnson died in 1998.

Mr. Blake and his wife Joy lived next door to Mrs. Johnson for 16 years. He said she always managed her own personal and financial affairs.

"People who knew Roberta recognized that she was a very sharp lady and she remained so until the day she died," Mr. Blake said.

Mrs. Johnson provided that the residual of her estate be left to 501(c) (3) charitable organizations to be designated by Mr. Blake.

"I believe that I have chosen organizations that would have met with her approval," he said, "but all of the credit for the gifts should go to Roberta Cole Johnson."

Fort Chadbourne is open to the public for self guided tours during daylight hours, seven days a week at no charge. A temporary visitor's center that houses many artifacts found at the fort is located in the rock office, just east of the fence line from the barrack buildings. This office is open from 8 am until 5 pm; weekend and holiday appointments are available by calling 325-743-2555 or 325-473-5311.

For additional information on the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, contact 325-743-2555, or 651 Fort Chadbourne Road, Bronte, TX 76933.

Hunters Barbecue tickets available

Tickets are now available for the 20th Annual Hunters Barbecue set for Saturday, November 1, 2008, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets for their hunters at the following locations in Robert Lee: Massey Hardware, Key Feed Store, Mountain Creek Mercantile, or Wink Insurance. Donations may also be mailed to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

For more information contact Robert Wink, Chairman, at 453-2713 (office) and 453-2003 (home). According to Wink, "our deer hunters bring a lot of dollars into the local economy, and we would like to express our appreciation to them for their continued support."

In addition, there is always a place for local folks to help with the appreciation barbecue, whether you want to volunteer as a cook, server, ticket taker, the set-up or clean-up crews. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Robert Wink at (325) 453-2713 or 453-2003.

Coke County Football

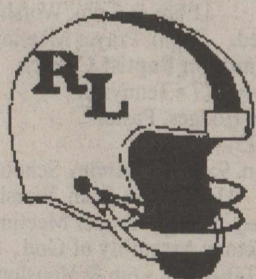
ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Sterling City Eagles

7:30 pm • Friday

September 26 • Robert Lee



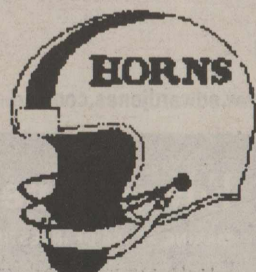
BRONTE LONGHORNS

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Hamlin Pied Pipers

7:30 pm • Friday

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RLHS Class of 1948! The Robert Lee High School graduation classes of 1948 and 1949 held a joint class reunion Saturday, September 13 at the Robert Lee Senior Citizen Center. The 1948 class was treated to a fish fry by Paul Burns assisted by Joan Burns, Suzann Johnson, Sid Burns and Jeremy Burns on the preceding Friday night.

The 1948 class members, spouses, decedent's spouses, or guests were Dale and June Lofton, Patty (Taylor) and Bert Sheppard, Billie (Roberts) and Eddie Good, Betty Jo (Mauldin) Lammers, Maudie (Watson) Conley, Inez (Cole) Caston, Joy (Millican) and Charles Blake, Frances (Parker) and Bill Arnold, Floyd and Billie Sheppard, Paul and Joan Burns, Preston and Norma Ross, Peggy Davis and Suzann Burns.

Workers' Compensation educational session set

The San Angelo Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers and employee organizations on Thursday, October 9, 2008.

The topic is Required Medical Examinations: the Issues and the Answers. This free session will be held from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the State of Texas Service Center, 622 S. Oakes, Room 107 in San Angelo. Following a presentation this session is an open forum in which participants may ask questions.

For more information, contact the TDI Public Information Office or San Angelo Field Office Manager Irma Cardenas at 325-657-0404 ext. 500; e-mail Irma.Cardenas@tdi.state.tx.us.

FSA accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by excessive rain, flooding, high winds, and hail on June 14, 2008 through June 19, 2008.

Coke and Sterling Counties have been named contiguous counties 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 5/5/2009, 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.

DCP Sign-up in progress

Sign-up for 2008 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) is in progress and the deadline is set for September 30, 2008. All required signatures and lease agreements for the DCP program need to be on file in the FSA office by September 30, 2008. Producers should call the local office at 453-2751 to set up an appointment as soon as possible.

November 4th General Election

The last day to register to vote for the November 4th General Election is October 6. The first day to vote early in person is October 20 and October 31 will be the last day.

If you would like an application for a ballot by mail, please contact the Clerk's office at 453-2631 and they will be glad to get one to you.

Deadline is Tuesday at 2 pm preceding publication date.

If you want a paper ballot for the November 4th general election, you must apply for a ballot by mail. However, certain criteria must be met for you to vote by mail.

You may apply to vote by mail if:

- You are over 65 years of age.
- You are disabled.
- Confined in jail.
- Expected to be absent from county.

You may request an application for a mail-in ballot from the Coke County Clerk's office by calling 325/453-2631.

Check out the election page at mccutchenranch.com.

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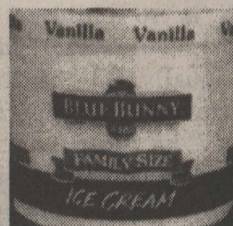
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Archery season set to open on Saturday

by Hal Spain, Publisher

If you happen to see quite a few folks in camouflage around Coke County this weekend, don't be alarmed. Saturday is opening day of bow (or archery) season in Coke County and throughout most of the rest of the state. This year's archery season runs from September 27 through October 31, with the general season slated for November 1 through January 4, 2009.

Bag limit for deer is five, with no more than two bucks, all seasons combined. Bag limit for turkey is four of either sex (total for all seasons), with either sex being harvested in the bow and general season, and gobblers only being harvested during the spring season, which runs from April 4 through May 17, 2009.

Legal shooting hours for all game animals and nonmigratory game birds are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

A valid hunting license is required, plus an archery stamp endorsement (\$7), plus an upland game bird stamp endorsement (\$7), if you are hunting turkey.

For more information, consult a current copy of the Outdoor Annual, which is published by Texas Parks and Wildlife, or contact our local game warden Jim Allen.

Hunting and Fishing Guide slated for Oct. 24

The 2008 Coke and Surrounding Counties' Hunting & Fishing Guide will be published in the October 24 edition of the Observer/Enterprise. The

deadline for pictures and editorial copy is Friday, October 17.

If you have pictures or stories (or both) of last season's hunting and/or fishing successes, send them in along with the details, and we'll get them in this year's Guide.

Concerning advertising in this year's Guide, every effort will be made to contact previous advertisers prior to deadline. However, if we miss you, or you are a new advertising contact, please call our office at (325) 453-2433.

The annual Hunting & Fishing Guide has been recognized as one of the best publications of its type in the state. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of this annual guide to the hunting and fishing resources of Coke and surrounding counties.

WTRC Round-Up

Coke County residents have 111 good reasons to support West Texas Rehabilitation Center's upcoming Round-Up for Rehab drive ... 111 is the total number of patients from Bronte and Robert Lee who've received services this past year at WTRC facilities to help them overcome the disabling effects of injury or illness.

Round-Up volunteer Ed Cumbie is encouraging ranchers to donate an animal or cash now or to ask their auction house to cut a check to Rehab when they do go to market later in the year.

"We know how important Rehab is to children and adults in our area, and we know equally well that Rehab never takes our support for granted," Ed added.

Stagecoach! Barry Corbin, along with Archie Jobe of Winters, and stage driver Dave Feltenberger rehearse with the Fort Chadbourne Stagecoach Saturday morning as they prepare for the Butterfield 150th Celebration.

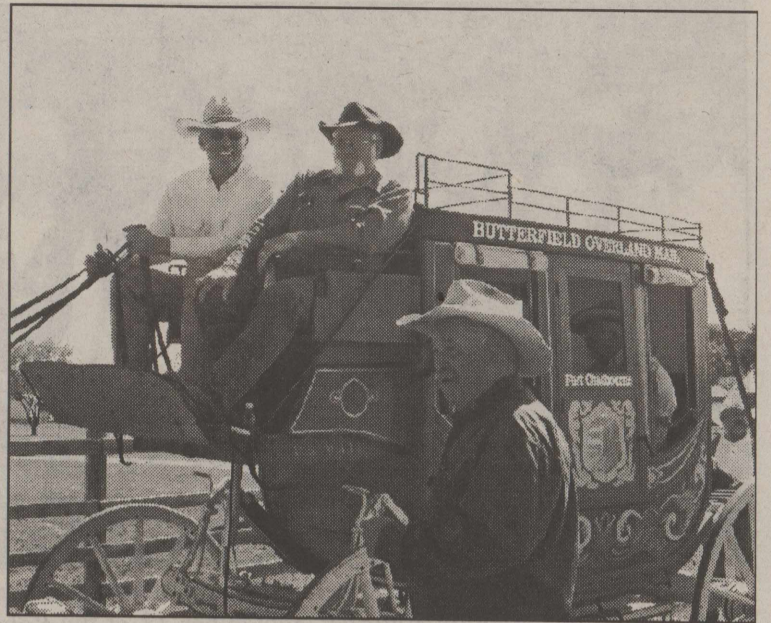
Sales of particular interest to Concho Valley ranchers are the cattle sale September 25 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and the sheep/goat sale October 27 at Junction Stockyards. WTRC's chuckwagon will be at both locations at noon serving up beans and cornbread for contributors.

General chairmen Jody Frey and Bob Helmers of San Angelo and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene are joined by legendary cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall in promoting Round-Up activities across central Texas.

Major corporate donors supporting Rehab's oldest fundraiser are Heartland Alliance of America, Farm and Ranch Healthcare Inc., Family PowerSports, Group IV member-owned Electric Cooperatives, Lone Star Beef Processors, Strongpoint-Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife and Wrangler. Providing additional support are TXP, Inc., Walco International, First Ag Credit, A-B Distributing and Mueller Metals.

Information about the Rehab Center, Round-Up sale dates and arrangements for hauling donated animals is available through local chairmen or WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.

Since 1953, WTRC's mission has been to improve the quality of life for every individual who enters its doors, regardless of their financial circumstances. Proceeds from fundraising events provide services for the more than 23,000 patients with physical disabilities and communication disorders who turn to the Rehab Center annually for help and hope.



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RL Sports Booster Club meeting set

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club will have a meeting on Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 pm in the high school library. The Booster Club is selling raffle tickets for a gas grill that will be given away at the last home football game Friday, November 7. They will sell tickets at the Street Affair and at all Junior High, JV, and Varsity home games.

If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, please call Cynthia Dillard at RLISD 453-4555. Please help support the Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club and the athletes of RLISD.

Coca-Cola Scholarship

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding 250 scholarships to current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States. Seniors who carried a 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school are eligible. Students may apply online at www.cocacolascholars.org.

The deadline to apply is October 31. More information is available on the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School.

Child Find

Do you know of a child ages 0-21 who shows signs of developmental delay, ongoing learning problems, behavioral or medical problems that interfere with learning.

Child Find is the ongoing process of locating students with disabilities for special education services. The Region 15 Education Service Center coordinates efforts with local school districts to assist in the identification of students with disabilities for special education services according to the procedures

established by the Commissioner of Education and the Texas Education Agency.

Public Education in Texas is for Every Child. Don't leave any child behind.

For more information, call the Robert Lee ISD at 453-4555 or Child Find at 325-658-6571.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund now open

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF), the nation's preeminent organization supporting Latino higher education, announced today scholarship applications for the 2009-2010 academic year will be available online beginning September 1, 2008. Current and prospective students may apply online at APPLY.HSF.NET.

To be eligible for HSF's General College Scholarship Program, applicants must be: a U.S. citizen or legal resident planning to enroll full-time in a degree-seeking program at an accredited institution of higher learning in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam or the U.S. Virgin Islands and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

By filling out an HSF application, a student automatically is considered for more than 3,000 different scholarships. Applications are available only online. There no longer are any paper application forms.

The online system allows a student to begin an application in a file that can be accessed and revised again later, prior to completion. The finished application must be submitted prior to the February 18, 2009 deadline.

High school seniors, with a GPA of 3.3 or higher, may also apply to the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. A separate application is required for this program and can be found at www.gmsp.org.



RLHS Class of 1958! The Robert Lee High School Class of 1958 began their Homecoming celebration Thursday by meeting at Tom and Gay Sawyer's to complete work on the Rock and Roll float. A special thanks to Bob Duncan for his assistance. Friday was a very busy day with the parade, visit to the old school, checking out the town, pep rally where they were awarded the spirit stick, and a great bar-b-que topped off with a super Homecoming win. The evening was completed with a gathering at Tom and Gay's for food, drinks, and lots of old memories. Classmates present for the over "50" reunion were Nettie Bob Bell (Roberts), Doris Sparks (Fox), Gay Hollis (Sawyer), Tom Sawyer, Frankie Wojtek, Monty Trimble, Bub Burson and friends Betty Wojtek, Sissy Burson, Vicki Trimble, Jackie Walker, and Tom and Sandy Sawyer. The group all said that coming home is good!

Hurricane

consumer alert

When disaster strikes, many Texans want to make generous donations to charitable organizations. Before reaching for their wallets, Texans should ask questions and check the facts to make sure they are not about to hand their

money over to a scam artist posing as a charitable cause.

*Ask for credentials, including the exact name and telephone number of the organization, particularly if the charity is unfamiliar;

*Call the charity directly and confirm that the solicitor is actually associated with it;

*Look out for questionable charities using names that closely resemble those of well-known charities;

*Find out how the donation will be used;

*Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion and short on descriptions about providing help to those in need;

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Victorious! Members of the Bronte Longhorn football team celebrate their victory over the Irion County Hornets, this past Friday, September 19.

Longhorns win in overtime

By Coach Kevin Burns

The Bronte Longhorns moved their season record to 3-1 with a win this past Friday over the Irion County Hornets by a score of 32-26 in overtime. Bronte scored three touchdowns in the second half and the one in overtime to take the win.

Irion County fell to 2-1 on the season.

Although the Horns moved the ball well at times, nothing was consistent in the first half. Irion County scored midway through the first quarter on a 5 yard run by Bryan Kenley and Barnett's 2 point run gave the Hornets an 8-0 lead. Bronte scored late in the 2nd quarter following a nice 80 yard drive that stalled after reaching the Hornet 4 yard line. Penalties and loss of yards on consecutive plays backed the Horns up and forced a 35 yard field goal attempt that was good from Ernesto Casillas and the Horns trailed 8-3.

On the Hornets next possession, they also kicked a field goal. Garrett Barnett kicked a 40 yard field goal to give the Hornets the 11-3 lead at intermission. Before the kick, the Hornets had scored a TD that was brought back due to a holding call.

The Longhorns defense played much better at the start of the second half. The Horns forced a 3 and out on the first possession for the Hornets. It took just three plays for the Horns to find the end zone. Rob Rosson ran down the right sideline for 51 yards and Dakota Rawls scored from 23 yards. A 2 pt. conversion pass was good from Rawls to Lahne Burns and tied the score at 11-11. Another strong showing by the defense gave the ball back to the Horns and they marched the 80 yards for another TD as Rosson ran the ball in from 5 yards out. The key to this drive was a 3rd down conversion pass play from Dakota Rawls to Louie Martinez that got the ball out past midfield and changed the

field position battle. Casillas kicked the PAT, and the Horns finally led 18-11.

The lead didn't last long, as the Hornets scored in just under a minute. Kenley took the pitch around right end and raced 57 yards to the end zone. Another Barnett run for the 2 point conversion gave the Hornets back the lead at 19-18.

On the ensuing kick-off, the Hornets recovered a loose ball and again were set up in good field position. With 8 minutes left in the game, Marshall Miller scored on a two yard run and the PAT kick from Barnett was good giving the Hornets a 26-18 lead.

The Horns played keep away from the Hornets as they chewed up all but 1:26 of the game clock on their next drive. Louie Martinez scored on 4th and inches to get the Horns within 2 points and then Rosson scored on the pitch from Rawls to tie the game up and send it into overtime.

In overtime, Bronte won the toss and played defense first. The Horns played good defense as two runs netted only 2 yards. On third and fourth downs the Hornets threw passes that fell incomplete. The Horns now knew that any score would win the game. On the third play of the overtime period, Rosson again took the pitch from Rawls and scored the game winner on a 9 yard option run and ended the game at 32-26.

Tonight the Horns travel to Hamlin for their final non-district game of the season. See you in Hamlin.

Concho Valley College Night

Concho Valley College Night is set for Tuesday, October 7, 2008, at Angelo State University's Houston



Winners! The Bronte Junior High football team came out on top at their home game against Irion County on Thursday, September 18.



True Longhorn Fan! Jim Rawlings of Bronte is a die-hard Longhorn fan. He seldom misses a game and is shown here cheering on the Horns against Irion County.

Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive, San Angelo. The College Fair will be held from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. This will be followed by the Financial Aid Forum from 7 pm - 8 pm.

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For more information call 942-2041.

Wendy's High School Heisman Award

For the past fourteen years, Wendy's Restaurants have teamed up with the Heisman Memorial trophy Committee to create the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The award honors both male and female high school students who excel in academics, athletics, and student leadership. Eligibility is

limited exclusively to men and women entering their senior year of high school in the 2008-2009 academic year who have at least a "B" average and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport. Students may apply online at www.wendysheisman.com. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2008. Free Wendy's \$5 to \$50 gift cards will be awarded to the first 41,000 applicants. For more information, please visit the web site or the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School.

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CV Volleyball Assn. scholarship

The Concho Valley Volleyball Association sponsors a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior that plays volleyball. Senior girls may pick up an application off the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte HS. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2009.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, September 29

Cereal, peaches, biscuit, milk, jelly

Tuesday, September 30

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, milk, jelly

Wednesday, October 1

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, October 2

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, milk, jelly

Friday, October 3

French toast sticks, assorted juice, milk, syrup

Lunch

Monday, September 29

Hot dogs with chili and cheese, french fries, pork and beans, hot dog bun, milk, apple

Tuesday, September 30

Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, Texas toast, milk, fruit jello

Wednesday, October 1

Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, English peas, pineapple tidbits, Texas toast, milk

Thursday, October 2

Taco salad, lettuce and tomato, pinto beans, fruit cup, taco shell, milk

Friday, October 3

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September 5	Roby	There	7:30	35	0
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September 19	Irion County	There	7:30	32	26
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		

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Homecoming! Robert Lee High School held homecoming festivities this past Friday, September 19. Named to the 2008 Homecoming Court were (from left to right) Holly Austin, Erika Sheldon, Norma Rojas, Briana Brisbin, Jodi Sheldon, Mira Myrice, Emilee Yanez and Cori Torres. Josh Gallegos and Briana Brisbin (top right photo) were named Mr. and Miss RLHS for 2008. Robert Lee High School named Jeremy Martinez and Norma Rojas (middle right photo) the 2008 Homecoming King and Queen. Blake Hewitt and Erika Sheldon were crowned Band Beau and Sweetheart at homecoming festivities.



PAT score the game and cheer on your Steers. Good Luck tonight against GO STEERS!! Sterling City everyone get out to STEER PRIDE!!!

Steers take down Red Devils

By Tom Sawyer

Homecoming 2008 started off with a great parade and a packed house for the pep rally. There were several generations of Steers and their families to cheer on the team in pursuit of the second victory in the 2008 season. Well Steer fans you couldn't ask for a better game or a better conclusion to the Homecoming festivities than to have the Steers come out with a victory. What a game these young men played and they

really dug down deep with the top two quarterbacks out. If the rest of the games this year are as exciting as the last two we are in for a very exciting year.

Congratulations Steers and thanks for the Homecoming victory.

Scoring summary

1st quarter

Steers - 14 yard pass from Gallegos to Rodriguez with 5:58 left, PAT failed; Red Devils - 11 yard run with 4:20 left, PAT failed; Steers - 17 yard run by Gallegos with 2:32 left, PAT failed; Steers - 55 yard TD interception by Dillard with :00 left, PAT failed.

Robert Lee - 18
Rankin - 6

2nd quarter

Red Devils - 24 yard pass with 6:58 left, PAT kick; Steers - 8 yard pass from Gallegos to Nesbit with 4:00 left, Gallegos kick; Red Devils - 30 yard pass with 1:46 left, PAT kick; Steers - 15 yard pass from Gallegos to Nesbit with :30 left, PAT failed.

Robert Lee - 32
Rankin - 22

3rd quarter

Steers - 1 yard run by Gallegos with :27 left, Gallegos kick.

Robert Lee - 40

Rankin - 22

4th quarter

Red Devils - 5 yard pass with 7:25 left, PAT kick; Steers - 50 yard run by Gallegos with 7:12 left, PAT failed; Red Devils - 5 yard run with 6:10 left, PAT kick; Steers - 29 yard run by Gallegos with 4:28 left, Gallegos kick; Steers - 3 yard pass from Gallegos to Nesbit with 1:47 left, PAT pass from Gallegos to Blair; Red Devils - 3 yard run with :12 left, PAT failed.

Robert Lee - 61
Garden City - 44

Steer Statistics

Stetson Nesbit - 6 receptions for 55 yards and 3 TD's, 6 tackles, 6 hurries and 1 fumble recovery;

Jeremy Martinez - 5 receptions for 102 yards, 9 tackles and 3 hurries;

Logan Philley - 1 reception for 21 yards, and 3 tackles;

Josh Gallegos - 22 carries for 197 yards and 4 TD's, 20 of 29 passing for 244 yards and 4 TD's, 13 tackles and 1 interception;

Haden Dillard - 2 receptions for 10 yards, 5 tackles, 1 fumble recovery and 1 interception for 55 yard TD;

Michael Rodriguez - 3 receptions for 56 yards and 1 TD, and 7 tackles;

Blake Millican - 6 tackles;

K W Roe - 1 tackle;

Garrett Blair - 1 reception for

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, September 29

Juice, pizza, milk

Tuesday, September 30

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Wednesday, October 1

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, milk

Thursday, October 2

Juice, biscuit, cereal, milk

Friday, October 3

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 29

Chicken nuggets, scallop potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, September 30

Meatballs in gravy, French fries, salad, roll, yogurt, milk

Wednesday, October 1

Fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, ranch beans, orange, milk

Thursday, October 2

Fish, mac & cheese, corn on cob, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk

Friday, October 3

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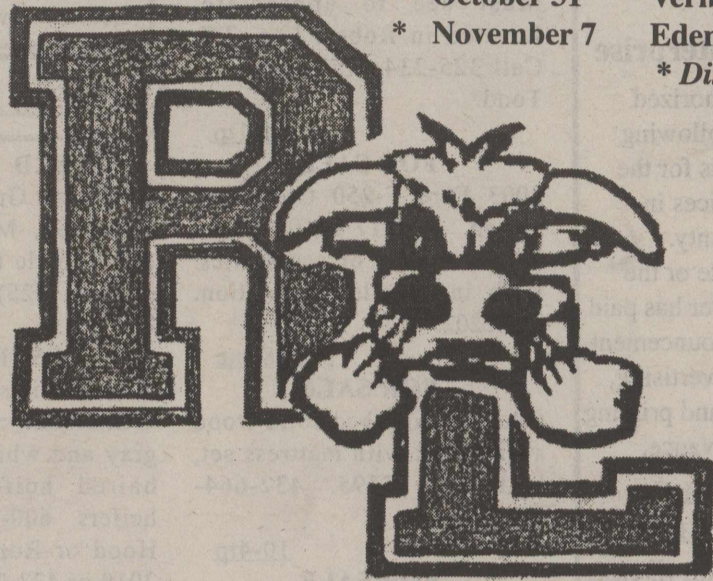
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September 5	Panther Creek	Here	7:30	58	12
September 12	Garden City	There	7:30	60	66
** September 19	Rankin	Here	7:30	61	44
September 26	Sterling City	Here	7:30		
October 3	OPEN				
* October 10	Rochelle	There	7:30		
* October 17	Richland Springs	There	7:30		
* October 24	Santa Anna	Here	7:30		
* October 31	Veribest	There	7:30		
* November 7	Eden	Here	7:30		

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NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BRONTE
PUBLIC NUISANCE
ORDINANCE #349
VIOLATION**

NOTICE TO ABATE

TO: Melissa Reyes
PROPERTY: 401 North Washington, Bronte
All of Lots 6 & 7, Block 6, 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: OCTOBER 15, 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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**VIOLATION-NOTICE TO ABATE
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ORDINANCE #1110**

TO: Fern Wilcox Estate
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TO: Willy G. Luedecke
PROPERTY: 215 Zero, Blk 1 Lot 23 OT
TO: June English Estate
PROPERTY: 117 W. 8th, Blk 24 Lots 10-12 OT
TO: Sandra Crenshaw
PROPERTY: 1521 Chadbourne, Blk 31 Lot 4 ANL

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: Removal of rubbish, trash, discarded items and items that hold water for mosquitoes to breed. Mow weeds and grasses over entire property.
DEADLINE FOR ABATING NUISANCE: October 6, 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 26, Robert Lee, TX, 76945.
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...Hurricane Warning

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*Never give a credit card or bank account number to a telephone solicitor;

*Never give cash and never agree to give money to a courier. Write a check in the name of the charity, not the individual doing the asking, and get a receipt.

Texans who wish to file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office regarding suspicious charities may call the Consumer Complaint Hotline at (800) 252-8011 or file a complaint online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Don't forget taxes when planning retirement

By Jason Alderman

When budgeting how much money they'll need for living expenses after retirement, most folks generally include things like housing, medical expenses, transportation - even food and entertainment. But sometimes people forget to factor in taxes, which can have a substantial impact depending on where you live and what your sources for retirement income are.

Plus, many don't realize that if they start collecting Social Security while still working, they may lose a significant portion of their benefit.

Here are a few things to research further before committing to a retirement date:

Taxes on Social Security benefits. Most people can begin collecting Social Security benefits at age 62, albeit at significantly reduced amounts than waiting until full retirement age (65 for those born before 1938; gradually older thereafter). Keep in mind, however, that although many states don't tax Social Security benefits, they are counted as taxable income by the federal government.

It's a complicated formula, but basically, if you're single and your combined income from all sources is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you will be taxed on 50 percent of your Social Security benefit. For income over \$34,000, 85 percent of the benefit is taxed and below \$25,000, none is. For married people filing jointly, the amounts are: 50 percent on combined incomes of \$34,000 to \$44,000; 85 percent over \$44,000; and tax free under \$34,000. Go to www.irs.gov and look up Tax Topic 423 and Publication 915 for more details.

Impact of work on Social Security. After opting to collect a reduced Social

Security benefit before reaching full retirement age, some people then find they need to continue working to make ends meet. This can backfire: If you earn more than \$13,560 a year in wages, you will lose one dollar of Social Security benefits for every two dollars you earn over \$13,560. (Income from investments doesn't factor in.)

In the year you reach full retirement age, the Social Security benefit reduction drops to one dollar for every three dollars over the earnings limit, but in the years after that, there is no reduction. Thus, if you think you'll need to continue working to make ends meet, it might be wiser to hold off on collecting Social Security until you reach full retirement age - plus, your benefit will be larger.

Taxes on 401(k) and IRA withdrawals. After age 59 1/2, you can start withdrawing balances from 401(k) plans or regular IRAs, without penalty. However, don't forget that you will pay regular federal (and state, if applicable) income tax on the withdrawals. Plus, you'll also have to pay an additional 10 percent penalty on early withdrawals.

Other taxes. Some people consider moving to another state after retirement to avoid high taxes. For example, seven states charge no income tax (although another two do tax dividend and interest income). And five states charge no sales tax. But because property taxes and other cost-of-living expenses vary significantly by community, such moves should only be made after thorough research.

The Retirement Living Information Center's website features breakdowns of the various kinds of taxes seniors are likely to pay, state by state, including taxes on income, sales, fuel, property, inheritances and other items (www.retirementliving.com/RLtaxes.html).

Bottom line: Be sure to consult a financial planner long before retirement to make sure you fully understand all the many tax and income implications. If you don't know a financial planner, www.plannersearch.org is a good place to start your search.

Pet Talk

It's probably happened to you: You're walking down the sidewalk, you hear a faint chirping sound, and you look down to see a plump baby bird staring up at you and you think that a cute new pet has fallen right into your lap.

But wildlife experts have three words of advice: leave it alone.

"Take pictures, enjoy them, admire them, but don't mess with them," says Teresa Shisk-Saling, a veterinary

technician at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University. "The absolute worst thing you can do is pick it up, take it home and try to make it a pet."

Touching a bird is a bad idea for several reasons. Parasites, salmonella and other bacterial diseases can all be picked up from wildlife, and although birds are not typically known for biting, they can do some damage with their beaks.

In addition, a well-intentioned animal lover may only do more harm than good by moving the bird. The most common reason a young bird ventures out of the nest is because it is fledging, and human interference does not help.

"It is a teenager, and it's learning how to fly and be on its own," Shisk-Saling says.

"You may see it and think it's by itself, but chances are mom and dad are real close by keeping an eye on it—and you're getting in the way."

The only exception to the hands-off rule is if the bird is injured or in obvious danger, such as being stranded in the middle of the road.

"If it is bright, alert, and chirping, it is not hurt," Shisk-Saling says.

However, if the animal shows none of these signs, it should be put in a dark, quiet and warm place, such as a box, and taken to a veterinarian or wildlife specialist. Shisk-Saling cautions rescuers not to feed the bird because it can cause complications, and the bird may already have a digestive tract injury.

"If it can't wait a couple of hours to be fed correctly, it is probably not going to make it anyway," Shisk-Saling says.

Occasionally, while moving around in the nest, a baby bird will stumble over the edge, or high winds and rain can knock a nest out of a tree, she adds. If this is the case, Shisk-Saling says that some assistance can be given to the animal.

"You can put it back in the nest, but if the nest is too far up, call and get advice from a vet or wildlife expert in your area," Shisk-Saling says.

"It is also important to keep in mind that some birds pick up their young and carry them back to the nest, and the parents are not going to abandon the young bird."

Another way to keep these treetop critters safe is to minimize their predators. Some types of birds, such as mockingbirds, are good at defending their offspring against predators. Others are not, and cat wounds are a common injury seen in wild birds.

Cats should be kept indoors, especially during spring and early summer. If your cat does venture outside, put a bell on its collar to warn baby birds that cannot

move quickly.

Shisk-Saling says that being educated on how to handle—or not handle—wildlife will benefit both you and the animal. "If a baby bird does stumble into your path, simply enjoy its chirp without thoughts of taking it home," she adds.

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Destroying the Foundations of Society

(Continued from last week)

At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

• Jeremiah 18:7-10

When The Wicked Rule

When the wicked one multiplied, transgression increaseth; but the righteous shall see their fall.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

• Proverbs 29:16

Jesus Will Judge All Men Whether They Believe In Him Or Not

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the son.

But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

• John 5:22

We Must Stop Perverting Judgment

Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge.

• Deuteronomy 24:17

God Changes Not And Is Not A Respector Of Persons • What He Did To Israel He Will Do To The United States

Moreoer the world of the Lord came unto me saying, son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: Their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, neither be ye idolaters, neither let us commit fornication, neither let us tempt Christ, neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for examples; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

• Ezekiel 36:17-19

All Is Not Lost If America Will Repent And Return To The Foundation She Was Built Upon By Our Founding Fathers

This Topic Continued Next Week!

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