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RLCC Relay for Life team fundraiser set

The Coke County Relay for Life team "We Care" will be having a fundraiser by selling chances on a Super Bowl Basket. Chances will be sold by members of the team at the Robert Lee Care Center or around town. Drawing will be held on Friday, January 30, 2009, at 2 pm at the Robert Lee Care Center but you do not have to be present to win.

For more information on tickets call Mary Rodriguez or Martha Trejo at the RLCC 453-2511.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm on February 3. The dance will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

The dancers bring good food that will be mighty tasty during the break. While everyone takes a break they eat and visit. After this they are up and at it again.

There is a small fee for the dance but it is worth it to have fun each month. Some people might not know what is involved in this monthly dance. The volunteers have to go set up tables for the food and dancers and after the dance they have to clean everything up. It is a big job, but it is a job that has to be done.

Come and enjoy the dance and band.

February Red Hat meeting set

Thursday, February 5 is the next meeting of the Coke County Red Hat Club. The place is the Red Barn in Bronte at 11 am. If you need a ride or want to car-pool, please call Janet at 473-5388 or Betty at 453-9853.

Windbreak tree seedlings order deadline

Deadline for ordering windbreak tree seedlings is fast approaching. Availability is limited. Hardwoods are sold out, but there are still some evergreens to choose from. Please call 325-453-2623 ext. 3 or come by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee to place

your order. Delivery date is February 5.

Cemetery Association sets meeting date

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association (Robert Lee Cemetery) will meet Monday, February 2, 5:30 pm, at the lodge building in Robert Lee. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Relay for Life Valentine's Getaway

The Coke County Relay for Life Orange Crush Team is selling chances for a Valentine's Getaway package. It includes all of the following: one night for two at Holiday Inn Express in San Angelo; \$25 Gift card at Olive Garden; Dinner for two at Henry's Diner in San Angelo; Two movie passes at Tinseltown in San Angelo; Free makeover and gift from D.J.'s Merle Norman in Robert Lee; \$20 Flower arrangement from Blossoms & Bloom in Robert Lee; Two one-hour massages from A Little Touch of Heaven in Robert Lee and a Valentine Gift Basket. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held on Friday, February 6, 2009, at the Robert Lee High School basketball game but you do not have to be present to win. For more information, contact Valerie Howard.

Bake Sale slated

The Orange Crush team will have a Bake Sale on Friday, February 13, 2009, to benefit the Coke County Relay for Life at the Robert Lee State Bank starting at 9 am. Cakes, pies, casseroles and hot rolls will be available. For more information, contact Valerie Howard, Brenda Skinner or Stephanie Puentez at Robert Lee State Bank, 453-2545. Don't forget to get something for your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

Seed exchange

By Peggy Coppedge Do you have potatoes sprouting in your kitchen bin? Do you have garlic which has sprouted? Did you save the seeds from that beautiful bell pepper or from that unusual squash? Well do you know what you are going



Search Warrant! At approximately 2:35 am on Sunday, January 25, the Coke County Sheriff's Department served a search warrant at a local address in Robert Lee. The above narcotics and narcotic paraphernalia were seized. The efforts were coordinated by Sheriff Wayne McCutchen (second from left) with help from deputies (from left to right) Randall Jacks, Emmitt Crisp and Trey Davis.

to do with them? Are you interested in having seeds of other vegetables you would like to grow this gardening season? Do you have excessive amounts of seeds you have saved and would like to share them? Do you have growing tips to share? Well please come to the First Annual Seed Exchange.

The Exchange will take place Saturday, February 14, 8 am to 12 noon at the home of Peggy and Jimmy Coppedge in Cedar Cove. Please bring labeling items (a pen and labels) and small containers or envelopes to put your seeds into. Please bring any seed catalogs you would like to share.

Please call 325-453-4637 for information. Our address is 116 Lake Shore Circle, for those of you with Garmin.

Bronte area in danger of losing cleaning service

Shirley Denton has informed the newspaper that the Bronte area is in danger of losing their dry cleaning service due to low volume. The dry cleaners have extended the deadline to increase volume for thirty days.

Service is being changed from next day to pickup on Thursday and delivery on Friday, effective immediately. The location of the dry cleaning pickup in Bronte is Shirley's Resale, 116 N. State St., Bronte.

Shirley is appealing to area residents to help continue this service in Coke County. For more information, please call her at 473-7371, or view their advertisement in this issue.

Plans underway for 2009 Coke County Relay For Life

This year's Coke County Relay For Life will start at 7 pm on Friday, April 3 and end at 7 am on Saturday, April 4 at the Robert Lee High School football field and track.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide signature event. It was started in 1985 with just one man in Tacoma, Washington. This year's theme is "Celebrating 25 years of HOPE".

A goal of 20 teams has been set for this year and so far there are 11. The annual event lasts 12 hours and involves teams consisting of 8-15 people who

can be co-workers, family, friends, churches, schools, clubs or other organizations who raise money in advance, individually or as a team, through donations and fundraising to support cancer research, educational programs, patient services and advocacy. At the event, teams will camp out and take turns walking around the track for the entire 12 hours! It goes through the night because like cancer, Relay doesn't sleep. Inspirational moments include the Opening Survivors Lap and the beautiful Luminaria Ceremony discussed below. There is a \$10 per person registration fee. All registered team members need to have their t-shirt sizes turned in by February 14, 2009, to be guaranteed a Relay For Life t-shirt.

There will be an important meeting on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:15 pm at West Central Wireless at 803 Austin Street in Robert Lee for all Team Captains and members to get signed up and learn more about Relay. For more information about starting or being on a team, contact Judy Blair at West Central Wireless, 453-2380 or Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, 473-6791.

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Death Notices

Arrott

J. E. "Buck" Arrott passed away in Schleicher County, Texas at the age of 92.

He was survived by his son Jimmy and wife Debbie of Orient; son-in-law Stanley Westbrook of Stephenville, sister Exa Smith of Miles, 7 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Graveside services were held at the Miles Cemetery at 2:30 pm Saturday, January 24, with the Rev. Bryan Ross officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

White

Mary Elizabeth Harmon White passed away on January 24, 2009.

Mary is survived by her daughter June Panzer and husband Larry of Sweetwater, son Tommy White and wife Carol of Blackwell, 6 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10 am on January 27, in Blackwell Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Casey officiating. There was also a graveside Rites Service conducted by the Robert Lee-Bronte Order of the Eastern Star #187 Chapter.

Arrangements were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

...Relay For Life

(Continued from front page)

A celebration of the lives of those who have battled cancer opens the Relay as Cancer Survivors walk the first lap around the track. The strength of these survivors inspires others to continue to fight. There is a goal of 90 survivors for this year's Relay. If you are a cancer survivor or know someone who is, please contact Lynn Green, 453-2215 or Kay Gothard at Main Street Market, 473-6246 to participate as a survivor. Please sign up by February 14, 2009 in order to make sure you get your purple survivor t-shirt.

Loved ones lost to cancer as well as cancer survivors will be remembered during the luminaria ceremony. This year the luminaria ceremony

will be a little different. Instead of using sand and tealight candles in the bags, canned goods and battery-operated tealights will be used and then the canned goods will be donated to the Coke County Food Pantry. Because of this, help is needed to collect canned goods in advance, so by Relay time there will be enough cans to put in all of the Luminaria bags. Approximately 400 bags are estimated. Collection boxes are located at Hall's Super Save in Bronte; Cindy's, Mt. Creek Mercantile, Allsup's, and Super H in Robert Lee; Bronte ISD; Robert Lee ISD and several of the local churches. For more information, contact DeeAnna Harmon at Robert Lee State Bank, 453-2545. Luminarias can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone that has lost their battle with cancer. The luminarias will line the track and will be lit during a special ceremony after dark on Friday night, April 3. Luminarias may be purchased from any Relay For Life team member or by contacting Katie Drennan, 453-2343 or

Stacy Kelton, First National Bank in Bronte, 473-2911.


Many participants have somehow been touched by cancer and want to fight back against this disease. Several teams have already started fundraisers; watch for more details weekly in the newspaper. Your support of these fundraisers will be greatly appreciated and will help make the 2009 Relay a success! If you're interested in helping cover the expenses of Relay by being an underwriter, a donation of \$250 or more will get your business or organization's name on the back of the Relay t-shirts. Contact Carla Wojtek, 473-0484 or DeeAnna Harmon, 453-2545 as soon as possible for more information on this. The goal this year is to raise \$40,000.

Relay For Life is a movement to eliminate cancer that now takes place in 5,000 communities in the U.S. and 19 other countries around the world with more than 3.5 million people participating in the life-changing event. A total of \$3 billion has been raised to fund the American Cancer Society's mission as a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Make plans now to be a part of your Coke County Relay For Life! Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

**Signup for
 2009 DCP Farm
 Program underway**
 Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment (DCP) Farm

Ladies! Save the Date!
May 2, 2009
*The ladies of Victory Assembly are having their
 3rd Annual Spring Tea!*
13 years of age and up.
Watch for more information to follow.


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 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Program is underway in Coke and Sterling Counties. Producers are encouraged to contact the FSA office in Robert Lee to schedule an appointment to enroll in the program. With the passage of the new farm bill, all new eligibility forms will have to be completed for producers who are enrolling in the program.

The 2009 Farm Program permits producers with base acreage on a farm to enroll in the program and receive direct program payments in return for participation. Producers can request a direct payment of 22% of the total at signup. The deadline to enroll in the program is June 1, 2009 with no late file period.

Details of the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program have not been announced. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in the spring. The phone number for the FSA Office for Coke and Sterling Counties is 453-2751.

UBS says "Find the Hero in You!"

Hero status isn't reserved only for those brave men and women who rush into burning buildings or step into the front lines of war.

"There's a hero in all of

us," said Linda Grace, Donor Recruitment Rep, of United Blood Services, this area's non-profit community blood service provider. "Ordinary people are saving lives every day. They do it while they are on lunch break or while they are running errands. The have found the hero in themselves by donating blood."

Several years ago, United Blood Services took the innovative step of highlighting donors rather than patients in its blood drive posters and materials. The organization continues that focus with a new national marketing campaign that invites people to "Find the Hero in You" by donating blood three times a year.

"We asked a donor, a young man, why he gives so consistently 3 or 4 times a year," said Linda. "He said, 'It feels so good to save someone's life. Why would you do it just once?'"

It's that kind of persistent, frequent giving that assures a safe, dependable blood supply every day.

Linda said many of the real-life donors featured in the new campaign began donating because they knew of someone who needed blood. They continue to donate because it makes them feel terrific-heroic, even.

To encourage the habit of blood donation, United Blood Services has expanded its rewards program. Donors can earn points for donating frequently and staying involved year after year. The points are redeemable for movie and restaurant gift certificates and other prizes.

**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
 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 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 5 pm Youth
First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th and Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2417
 Steve Peyton, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunay School
 11 am Worship
 5:30 pm Choir Practice
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354
 Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm
Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm
 Wed. 6 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th • Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
Pecan Baptist Church
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles west of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2482
 Jim Dominey, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Jason Martin, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 Joe Hodges, Pastor
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Potential donors can make an appointment to give at www.UnitedBloodServices.org or by calling 223-7500. Donors receive a free cholesterol test.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 or 17 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.

Find the hero in you, donate blood 3 times a year!

Keeping Americans Connected in the Digital Age

By U.S. Senator

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Recently, I outlined my goals for keeping Texas and the United States connected through our national highway system and commercial and passenger air transportation. As the Senior Republican on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, I am also focused on another kind of connectivity: telecommunications. Over the past several decades, America has seen a rapid advancement in communication technologies. While most citizens enjoy its benefits, we have not kept pace with other nations and the advantages of connectivity have not reached all our citizens. We must find ways to leverage new innovations to expand their reach and improve the lives of all Americans.

Perhaps the most pressing priority facing us this year is the Digital Television (DTV) Transition, during which broadcasters nationwide will switch from an analog format to digital broadcasting. Congress mandated the transition to digital broadcasting in 2006 to free up broadcast spectrum for important public safety activities that will increase the nation's ability to respond to terrorist attacks and national disasters.

For more than a year, the federal government and the broadcasting industry have worked to inform the public about the transition and to help consumers prepare. The transition date had previously been scheduled for February 17. However, in January, a senior official in the Obama administration called for postponement of the transition, citing dwindling funds for the federal Coupon Program, which helps consumers buy converter boxes at a discounted rate.

Initially, I had serious concerns about shifting the digital television transition without a sound plan to inform consumers and resolve the converter box coupon shortage. But Commerce Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller has worked with me to address many of my reservations with the initial proposals to move the

date. Once legislation is enacted to reschedule the transition, the changes I worked to secure will help consumers whose coupons have expired to apply for new coupons. Other modifications to early delay proposals will allow prepared TV stations to move forward without the added costs of operating multiple broadcast facilities. Moreover, I have received assurances that there will be no further postponement, and that we will bring the transition to a conclusion this year. Significant challenges remain, however, and I will continue working with my colleagues in Congress to ensure a smooth changeover to digital television for all Americans.

Another telecommunications issue that begs the Senate's thoughtful consideration is access to the high-speed communication service known as broadband. Most in Congress agree that the widespread availability of high-speed Internet will create jobs. Moreover, in heavily rural states, like Texas, broadband deployment will expand educational opportunities through distance learning and improve the delivery of medical services and information through telehealth programs.

Where lawmakers tend to disagree, however, is on how to deploy broadband. Some in Congress would like high-speed Internet access in the U.S. to match that of urban centers like Hong Kong and are ready to spend hundreds of billions of dollars to that end. There are two problems with that approach. First, the U.S. is geographically and demographically diverse — what makes sense for New York City might not work in the Texas Panhandle. Second, it isn't cost-efficient. Even if the federal government builds a nationwide fiber-optic network, there is no guarantee that all consumers

would subscribe to it. Instead, I am hopeful we will adopt incentives for investment by individuals and companies through changes in tax treatment, enhanced bonding authorities for broadband construction and targeted grant programs. This will allow the marketplace to determine what technology is appropriate for a community and how best to deploy it. In the meantime, broadband mapping efforts, which collect data on internet use, will help us better target our efforts.

Finally, just as Congress must support efforts to upgrade and expand telecommunications technology where we need it, we must limit it where it can do harm. In January, Rep. Kevin Brady and I introduced a bill to prevent prison inmates from using smuggled cellular phones, which are often used to orchestrate criminal enterprises and harass or threaten public officials from behind bars. In Texas, death row inmate Richard Tabler used a smuggled cell phone to intimidate a state senator. Current law prevents any kind of interference with wireless services. Our legislation provides a reasonable process for approval and use of jamming technology without compromising public access to 911 and emergency services or infringing on legitimate users' rights.

This year in the Senate Commerce Committee, I will work to advance sound, practicable policies that will keep Americans connected and allow our nation to keep up in the fast-moving digital age.

Wildlife

Summer Camp

Do something different with your summer! The Texas Brigades is seeking students age



Clerk of the Year! Pat Martindale (right), Bronte City Secretary, was presented the Municipal Clerk of the Year Award from the Bluebonnet Chapter of the Texas Municipal Clerk Association, Inc. Presenting the award is a previous recipient, Nancy Turnbow, City Secretary of Baird.

Pat Martindale was recognized for her contribution, achievement, professionalism, and leadership as a Municipal Clerk. Congratulations Pat and the City of Bronte.

13-17 with curiosity and enthusiasm about wildlife, habitat, and conservation. Each Texas Brigade camp is a five-day program focusing on one of four educational curriculums: Bobwhite Brigade (quail), Buckskin Brigade (deer), Feathered Forces (quail and turkey), or Bass Brigade.

Applications for the 2009 camp season are now available online at texasbrigades.org.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in

order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations.

Six camps take place this year at locations across Texas.

- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Carrizo Springs, June 14-18.

- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman, June 20-24.

- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Pleasanton, June 28-July 2.

- Bass Brigade, Mexia, July 13-17.

- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany, July 19-23.

- East Texas Feathered Forces, Nacogdoches, July 26-30.

Each camp consists of intense, interactive, and hands-on learning from some of the top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas. (Continued on page 7)

Are You A Follower Of Jesus?

Believers In Jesus Do The Work Of God

This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. • John 6:29

Christian Believers Have Everlasting Life

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life. • John 6:47

Christians Have Abundant Life Flowing Through Them

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. • John 7:37-38

Christians Believe In God The Father

He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. • John 12:44

Christians Reflect The Light Of God

While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. • John 12:36

Christians Have No Fellowship With Evil

I am come a light into the world, and whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. • John 12:46

Victory Assembly of God

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Remember the classic book "Pilgrims Progress"? We will be showing the movie "Pilgrims Progress"

February 1 at 6 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

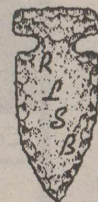
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



20 Years! Mary Morrow retired from the Bronte ISD cafeteria after twenty years of service. Superintendent Alan Richey awarded her a certificate and a reception was held in her honor. Mary has been a valuable employee at the school and will be missed.

School Menu

Breakfast
Monday, February 2
 Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk
Tuesday, February 3
 Blueberry muffins, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk
Wednesday, February 4
 Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
Thursday, February 5
 French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk
Friday, February 6
 Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Lunch
Monday, February 2
 Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, rosie applesauce, milk
Tuesday, February 3
 Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup, garlic toast, milk
Wednesday, February 4
 Pigs in a blanket, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, apricot halves, milk
Thursday, February 5
 Taco salad, cheese, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, mixed fruit, taco shell, milk
Friday, February 6
 Chicken burgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, assorted fruit, bun, sugar cookies, milk

Longhorns win two

The Bronte Longhorn basketball team defeated Baird by a score of 47-38. Stats: Sam Rawlings 1 pt., Lahne Burns 5 pts., Rob Rosson 2 pts., Ernesto Casillas 6 pts., Dakota Rawls 15 pts., 3 steals, Heath Richey 2 pts., 6 rebounds, and Kerwin Rawls 16 pts., 5 rebounds.

The Longhorns took the win from Roscoe by a score of 40-29. Stats: Sam Rawlings 4 pts., Lahne Burns 1 pt., Rob Rosson 3 pts., Dakota Rawls 23 pts., 7 rebounds, Heath Richey 2 pts., 6 rebounds, and Kerwin Rawls 7 pts., 6 rebounds, 4 assists.

BHS Financial Aid Night Rescheduled

The financial aid night for senior students and parents at Bronte High School was cancelled last Tuesday night, January 27, due to the

weather. The financial aid night has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 19, at 6 pm in the library. Free pizza and drinks will be provided.

At 7 pm, financial aid representatives will be on hand in the computer lab to help any students and/or parents who would like to fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Students and/or parents who would like to attend this session are asked to bring their 2007 tax return information. For more information about the financial aid night, please contact Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor at 473-2521.

ASU Dean's List released

The Dean's List for the 2008 Fall Semester has been announced at ASU in San Angelo.

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To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees include the following:
 Bronte-Gus Saunders
 Robert Lee-Christopher Cooper, Kayli Dickey, Mark French, Micah McDowell, Brandi Sheldon and Alexandria Welch
 Sterling City: Matthew Elizondo, Krista Havlak and Roxana Leija

Scholarship Opportunities

The Monsanto Company is offering 100 scholarships of \$1,500.00 to graduating seniors planning on pursuing careers in agriculture. For more information and the application, please visit www.monsanto.com. The deadline to apply is February 17, 2009.

The Working Ranch Cowboy Foundation Scholarship Fund is offering financial assistance to working ranch cowboys and their family members showing interest and promise in continuing their education in a collegiate, trade, or vocational program. High school seniors and students currently enrolled in college are eligible to apply. Applications are available in the counselor's office at Bronte High School and must be postmarked by March 1, 2009.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will grant a scholarship to a graduating senior in the Big Country who has participated in activities or contests in the Livestock Department and to an individual who has participated in the Modern Living Mall Youth Department. Applications are available on the bulletin board at Bronte High School and must be submitted by March 1, 2008.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will grant a scholarship to a graduating senior in the Big Country who has participated in activities or contests in the Livestock Department and to an individual who has participated in the Modern Living Mall

Youth Department. Applications are available on the bulletin board at Bronte High School and must be submitted by March 1, 2008.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship are now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under scholarships or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 14, 2009. The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2521.

Tips In Children's Entertainment: Audiobooks

Have you heard any good stories lately?

Getting together with your kids to listen to an audiobook - whether at home or during a long car trip -- can be both entertaining and educational. Through their use of narration, with emotion that draws in the listener, audiobooks uniquely can spark an interest in kids to read.

But how do you know which titles to choose? Put simply, not all children's audiobooks are appropriate for all kids.

"Oral storytelling is one of the oldest human traditions and people have a very keen ear for good storytelling. Audiobooks are just an extension of this very basic cultural practice and are a great way to get kids excited about all types of stories and books, but it's important to pick the right book for your child," says Jennifer Feldman, Publisher, Scholastic Audio Group.

By keeping a few things in mind, you can help ensure the titles you select for your children will truly entertain and inspire their imagination:

* Ask the advice of other parents and librarians at your local library for their top picks, proven to entertain children of similar ages.

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Wise X-Press Dry Cleaning & Laundry
 Next Day Service
 Pick-up day has been changed to Thursday, with delivery on Friday
 Due to low volume, this service will only be available for the next 30 days unless business picks up.
 Available at
Shirley's Resale
 116 N. State St. • Bronte
 (325) 473-7371
 Please help us keep this service in Coke County!

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Basketball! The Robert Lee High School Steers (right photo) and Lady Steers (above photo) basketball teams took on the Water Valley Wildcats recently.



3 places available on RLISD board

Candidate applications will be available for 3 places on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees with all 3 places being three year terms. Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee, ISD Administration office beginning Monday, February 9, 2009 during the hours of 8 am - 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The deadline for filing a candidate application is Monday, March 9, 2009, at 5 pm. Election day will be Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Requirements for filing are that you must have lived 1 year in the state and 6 months in the school district

prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at time of election.

Robert Lee ISD will need to elect three trustees. The 3 year terms of Tom Sawyer, Jr., Wes Washam, and Brandi Brosh are expiring.

Lady Steers win at home

On Friday, January 23, the Lady Steers won at home against Westbrook. The final score was Robert Lee 43- Westbrook 37.

Scoring for the Lady Steers were: Perez 8, Pearcy 3, Landeros 2, Minjarez 11, Hinderliter 3, Brisbin 9, Mendoza 2, and B. Saucedo 5.

RL Steer basketball results

On January 20, the Robert Lee High School varsity boys basketball team was defeated by Water Valley by a score of 43-30. Scoring: Josh Gallegos 9, Stetson Nesbit 2, Logan Philley 9, Cody Brosh 8, and Garrett Blair 2.

The Robert Lee JV boys team beat Water Valley by a score of 46-27. Scoring: KW Roe 11, Tyler Henderson 18, Blake Hewitt 6, Joe Esterada 7, and Cayetano Carrera 4.

On January 23, the varsity won against Westbrook by a score of 69-26. Scoring: Josh Gallegos 16, Michael Rodriguez 4, Stetson Nesbit 10, Haden Dillard 6, Logan Philley 11, Cayetano Carrera 2, Cody Brosh 14, Mason Ross 2, and Garrett Blair 4.

RLJH Dogie basketball results

On January 27 at Robert Lee, the junior high boys basketball team was defeated by Water Valley by a score of 35-25. Scoring: Justin Gartman 8, Dawson Brisbin 2, Zach Skinner 5, Zachary Sanchez 2, Will Howard 4, and Cooper Hinderliter 4.

The junior high girls team was also defeated by Water Valley by a score of 23-9. Scoring: Jordan Gartman 5, Alexis Mendoza 2, and Dusty Howard 2.

College financial aid orientation to be held at RLHS

A representative from Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center will present a free financial aid orientation on Thursday, February 5 at 6 pm in the Robert Lee High School library.

The program should last about an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application for (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and cover the nature of student and parent loans. There will be a drawing for a \$200 scholarship for attending seniors or seniors represented by a parent.

Also in attendance will be representatives from the San Angelo State University financial aid office who will elaborate on services that are available for incoming college students.

Although the presentation will be especially helpful for 2009 graduates, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session.

Please feel free to contact the Robert Lee High School at 453-4555 for additional information. Refreshments will be served.

UT Day announced

The University of Texas at Austin has announced that their Explore UT Day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009. This open house, which will include a

tour of the campus, will begin at 11 am and last until 5 pm. For more information and to register for the event, please visit the website www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut.

College Planning website available

Do you know a high school student who could benefit from learning more about planning, preparing and paying for college? The U.S. Department of Education has created a web site at www.college.gov which offers students helpful tools for college planning, such as the opportunity to create their college roadmap or view videos of students who are just like them. The site also helps students understand the steps of the college admission process such as taking the SAT or ACT test, filling out the FAFSA and finding

scholarships.

Hospice hosts Grief Program

Hospice of San Angelo is offering a free program for grieving children and their families on six Tuesday nights from February 3 through March 10 at the First United Methodist Church located at 37 East Beauregard, San Angelo. The purpose of the Building Bridges program is to provide a unique support group for children who have experienced loss through the death of someone significant in their lives. Running concurrently with each group of the children's sessions is a parent's group created uniquely for them which is designed to help parents have a better understanding of the changes going on with their children. Applications are available in the counseling office of your child's school or by calling 658-6524.

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, February 2**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, February 3**
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, February 4**
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Thursday, February 5**
Juice, pizza, cereal, milk
- Friday, February 6**
Juice, pancakes, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, February 2**
Burrito, salad, corn on cob, applesauce, graham crackers, milk
- Tuesday, February 3**
Salisbury steak, Au gratin potatoes, black eyed peas, strawberries, roll, milk
- Wednesday, February 4**
Oven fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, pears, sliced bread, milk
- Thursday, February 5**
Ravioli, salad, carrots, broccoli, celery w/ranch, apricots, milk
- Friday, February 6**
Turkey sub, salad, pickles, baked chips, peaches, milk

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...Wildlife Camp

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Each camp needs adult volunteers to serve as Leaders every summer. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and mentor youth. You will have the opportunity to aid a younger generation's consciousness of their responsibility to and understanding of their natural world. Not only are you enriching the lives of the participants, but you too will benefit from the experience.

An understanding of the importance of this program is represented by its cooperating partners, including Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Chapters of Quail Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

...Audiobooks

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* Seek out appropriate titles by relying on trusted publishers like Scholastic (www.scholastic.com) that focus on kids.

* Most importantly, listen to the audiobook before playing it for your children. Is it age-appropriate? Can it be understood by your child and is it paced well enough to entertain him or her?

* You can treat new audiobooks like new movies and get the whole family excited about upcoming titles. This season, for instance, highly-anticipated new kid-friendly releases include the Goosebumps HorrorLand series by R.L. Stine, "The 39 Clues - The Maze of Bones" written by New York Times bestselling author Rick Riordan and "The Hunger Games" written by fellow New York Times bestselling author Suzanne Collins.

For more information on kid-friendly books and audiobooks, visit www.scholastic.com on the Internet.

Texans: Protect Yourselves from Identity Theft

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott filed an enforcement action against one Rio Grande Valley company and reached agreements with two others that will help protect Texans from identity theft. All three companies were charged with failing to protect and properly discard records containing customers' sensitive personal

information.

Today's agreements require the two companies to enhance their information-security procedures and training programs. They will also pay a combined total of \$145,000 in penalties and attorneys' fees.

"Identity theft is one of the nation's fastest growing and costly criminal enterprises," Attorney General Abbott said. "These cases all involve companies that failed to properly dispose of materials containing their customers' sensitive personal information. The Office of the Attorney General is committed to enforcing laws that help prevent identity theft."

To resolve the state's investigation, GAB Robins, which provides services to insurance carriers, agreed to pay \$125,000 in penalties and attorneys' fees, and improve its information security protocols and employee training program. Under the settlement, \$100,000 will fund future identity theft investigations.

The state launched its investigation after a Corpus Christi reporter discovered company records in a dumpster that was not protected by security measures. Documents obtained by OAG investigators contained customers' personal information, including name, driver's license number and date of birth.

The second settlement involved B&F Finance McAllen, L.L.C., a loan company managed by Victory Management Services ("VMS"). In that case, B&F improperly disposed of customers' personal identifying information in a publicly accessible trash receptacle behind its

McAllen offices. Despite the unlawful disposal, VMS assured its customers through the company's privacy notices that it keeps customers' private personal information in a secure environment and that security procedures are used to protect customer data.

VMS agreed to improve its information security procedures, implement an employee training program, and pay the state \$20,000 in civil penalties and attorney's fees.

The Attorney General also is filing a separate enforcement action against a third company, Nino Tax of Brownsville. The state launched its investigation after the Brownsville Police Department turned over to the OAG five boxes of records that were next to a dumpster behind the defendant's office. The business records contained approximately 200 customers' personal identifying information.

Although the investigations have revealed no confirmed incidents of victims' personal information being obtained or misused by identity thieves, customers whose records may have been contained at the affected locations should carefully monitor bank, credit card and similar financial statements for evidence of suspicious activity. Texans also should obtain free annual copies of their credit reports from www.annualcreditreport.com to guard against this growing crime.

Consumers who wish to file a complaint may contact the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 252-8011 or do so online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov, where they also can obtain information on identity theft detection and prevention.

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**TDA Market Recap
Jan. 26, 2009**

For the week ending Jan. 24, 2009, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were mixed, from \$3 higher per hundredweight to \$6 lower. Profit losses at feedlots and volatile grain prices contributed to the uneven markets. Fed cattle prices were lower as beef prices declined. Cotton prices were higher on prospects for a smaller crop in China, the world's largest producer and user of cotton. Grain prices ended the week mostly higher. Strong export sales of corn and continued concerns about South American crops supported markets. As for futures markets, cotton and wheat ended the week higher; corn was unchanged and feeder cattle, finished cattle and lumber lower. Most areas of the state recorded little or no rainfall again last week. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, most of the state is now in abnormally dry to severe drought conditions, with the only exceptions being East Texas east of I-45 and the Trans-Pecos region. The winter wheat crop is in mostly very poor to poor condition due to the lack of moisture. Field preparations for spring planting are underway in many locations. Supplemental livestock feeding continues in most areas, as pastures remain

The cash prices to the right 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.

For additional information, contact TDA Market News at

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**Drivers License
Rule Changes**

Gov. Rick Perry recently issued the following statement on the recent DPS rule changes requiring non U.S. citizens to present proof they are in this country legally before being issued an original, renewal or duplicate Texas driver license or identification card.

"I strongly support the recent DPS rule changes that ensure public safety and national security, and am confident the vast majority of Texans feel the same way. Requiring driver license applicants to prove they are in the country legally before issuing them a license is a prudent course of action that most states already follow.

"This policy is no different than what U.S. citizens must do to obtain a driver license in most Mexican states (including Chihuahua, Coahuila, Tamaulipas) and Canadian provinces. They require foreign nationals to prove their legal immigration status to obtain a driver license, and understandably so," Gov. Perry said.

Texans got a wake up call last year when a federal investigation uncovered a Dallas man who was exploiting a gap in Texas driver license requirements to obtain six-year driver licenses. Nearly 400 foreign nationals, from countries such as Syria, Egypt and Iraq, whose expired visas precluded their receiving licenses in New York and New Jersey where they lived at the time, obtained valid Texas driver licenses.

"Those who criticize these new rules fail to acknowledge the realities of the world in which we live, where we must know who is in our state and nation, whether or not they mean us harm," Gov. Perry said.

		----- Week Ending -----		
		01/24/2009	01/17/2009	01/26/2008
Cash Markets				
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	97.50	97.55	104.79
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	81.98	84.37	91.01
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	128.00	127.50	114.00
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	139.00	135.00	118.00
Cotton	(¢/lb)	45.75	44.25	63.00
Wheat	(\$/bu)	5.19	5.17	8.12
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.96	3.86	5.04
Grain Sorghum	(\$/bu)	5.31	5.33	8.12
Grapefruit	(\$/carton)	10.49	11.13	13.15
Oranges	(\$/carton)	9.38	9.25	7.84
Cabbage	(\$/carton)	6.00	5.88	5.50
Futures Markets				
Feeder Cattle	(\$/cwt)	93.65	95.00	98.60
Finished Cattle	(\$/cwt)	82.67	84.52	91.40
Cotton	(¢/lb)	50.64	49.00	67.89
Wheat	(\$/bu)	6.11	6.09	9.70
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.91	3.91	4.98
Lumber	(\$1000bd.ft)	151.00	170.00	222.40

Keep Your Brain In Shape As You Age

It's easy to forget that your brain, like the rest of your body, needs to be exercised to stay in shape.

It is precisely this forgetfulness that medical researchers are trying to curb, by encouraging a three-pronged system for strengthening memory and keeping a sharp mental edge.

"We're seeing baby boomers and even people in their thirties worrying about brain fitness," says Asenath LaRue, a senior scientist at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. "It's not a stretch to think we may begin hiring brain coaches in addition to physical fitness trainers."

Observational studies have led LaRue and colleagues to agree on three main brain workouts that are especially helpful as we age:

* Be Physically Active:

This does not necessarily mean the exercise has to be planned. But basic day-to-day activity seems to relate to brain fitness, says LaRue. Activities like gardening, dancing and even cleaning - basically anything keeping you up and moving - could help maintain brain health.

* Challenge Your Brain: Word search games and crossword puzzles are more than just games to fill-up the morning hours. As lifting weights strengthens muscles, thinking intently for a chunk of time each day can help strengthen brain activity. Lectures, concerts and museums are other fun and healthy activities people could explore.

* Stay Socially Active: Activity in broad social networks helps keep the brain chimed in with the rest of the world and actually helps maintain brain health, more so than for those who participate less socially.

"While we don't know at what point in an individual's life the three factors have maximum impact, the theory is that the better developed your coping resources, the more likely you are to withstand brain changes affecting memory and thinking," says LaRue.

While these methods are helpful for maintaining a healthy brain, LaRue and colleagues do not think brain workouts could reverse Alzheimer's or dementia. Nonetheless, they do help to hinder memory loss and confusion, and should be used by anyone looking to keep his or her mental edge sharpened.

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