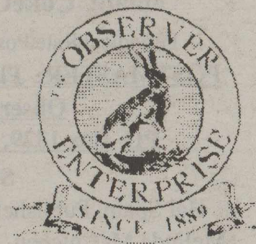


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## Pecan Baptist Church rebuilds

In 1897, a small number of Baptist met under an arbor on Pecan Creek and organized Pecan Missionary Baptist Church. John Reed, a minister since 1895, gave land for the church. Members worshipped there until 1903, then built a site at the foot of Green Mountain. Nearby Pecan Creek and Dripping Springs served as a baptistery.

In 1934, they built again, adding a fellowship hall and classrooms. On October 9, 2006, in the early morning, the sanctuary was destroyed by fire. By the grace of God, they have built a new and beautiful sanctuary and are going forward doing God's work.

On Saturday, September 12, at 2 pm, the church members, led by Brother Jim Dominey, will host an open house so the public may have an opportunity to view the church. With its 16 stained glass windows, everything is new and welcoming.

Beginning Sunday morning, September 13, through Wednesday night, September 16, a revival will be held. Brother Bill Rogers will be the visiting preacher and Daryl Copeland will be the song leader.

The church is located 12 miles west of Robert Lee on Highway 158 at the foot of Green Mountain. Pecan Baptist Church invites you to join with us in worshipping God and seeing the beauty of God's work.

### "Oldies But Goodies" Car Show slated for Aug. 15

An "Oldies But Goodies" Car Show will be held Saturday, August 15, in downtown Bronte. Cars will be on display until 2 pm. The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will also have a fundraiser lunch at the Depot. They will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers.

For more information, call Bronte City Hall at (325) 473-3501 or visit online at [www.brontetexas.org](http://www.brontetexas.org). Come out and celebrate the "good old days" when people and cars were classics!

### RL Hispanic Cemetery meeting slated for Monday

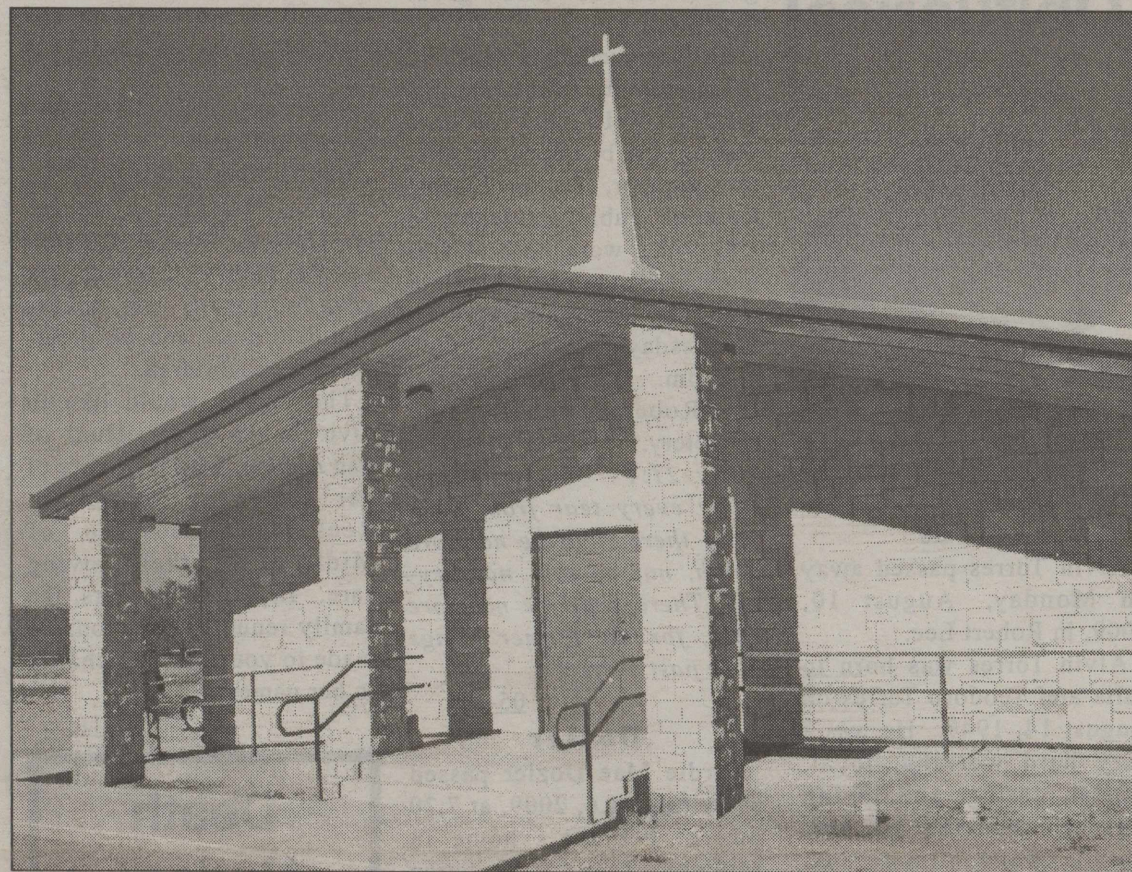
The Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery committee will hold a meeting on Monday, August 17, at 6 pm at the Catholic Church Parish Hall in Robert Lee.

### Street Affair Planning Meeting set for Tuesday

A Robert Lee Street Affair Planning meeting is set for Tuesday, August 18, at 6 pm, at the Victory Assembly of God in Robert Lee.

### Answers on Aging coming to Coke County

On Monday, August 17, Rosie Quintela with the Concho Valley Area on Aging will be available to discuss the many services offered by



**New Look!** Pecan Baptist Church will host an open house to give the public an opportunity to view the remodeled building on Saturday, September 12.

the Area Agency on Aging for seniors through its various programs including Care Coordination, Benefits Counseling, Caregiver Support, Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion Services, nursing facility Ombudsman, and The Community Outreach Program for all ages.

"Answers on Aging and Community Outreach" will be offered at the following locations:

#### Answers on Aging

Bronte Senior Center, 613 East Oliver, Bronte, 10:45 am;

Robert Lee Senior Center, 1402 County Park Road,

Robert Lee, 11:30 am.

#### Community Outreach

Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, 1 pm.

### Big Country Beef Conference set for August 27 in Abilene

Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Big Country Beef Conference has been set for Thursday, August 27. The biennial conference starts with registration at 8 a.m. in the Big Country Hall adjacent to the Extension offices at the Taylor County Expo Center grounds. This year's event will cover everything from the current status of the national animal identification system to maintaining herd performance during droughts.

The conference is the largest and most comprehensive educational beef program in the Big Country. We typically draw speakers and participants from across Texas.

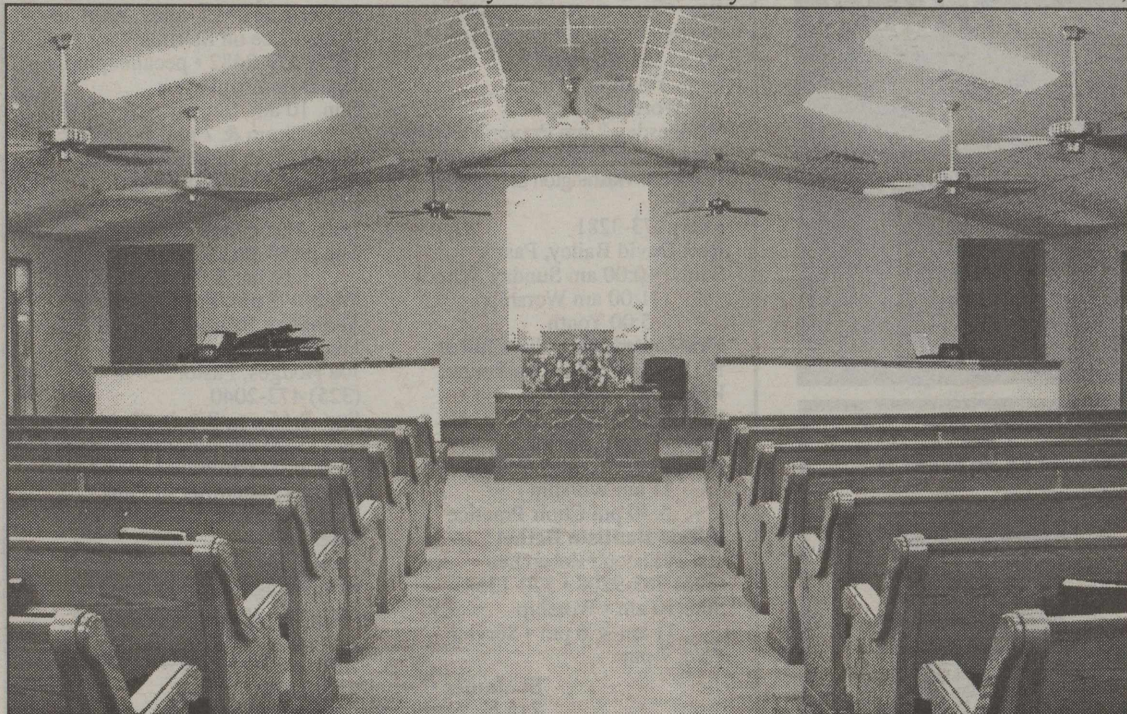
Session 1 of the program will begin with a beef industry outlook given by Mr. Tim Niedecken, Executive Director of Assn. Services of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Dr. David Anderson, Extension Economist from College Station, will then discuss current market trends in the cattle markets.

Session 2 will begin with

Bruce Voyles with Global Animal Management, Inc. discussing age and source verification program and the technology available to producers. Mike McCravery, industry relations manager for the Texas Beef Council will then highlight activities of the beef checkoff, a producer-funded marketing and research program designed to increase domestic and/or international demand for beef.

Session 3 will begin after lunch with Dr. Ron Gill, Livestock Specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service from College Station will be covering how to maintain herd performance during drought. John Regmund with the ADM Alliance Nutrition, Inc will then discuss mineral programs and how they help pay for themselves. In our fourth and final session, Mac Devin DVM with Fort Dodge Animal Health will discuss understanding and managing bovine trichomoniasis. The primary production and economic impact of trich is that it causes infertility and abortions and often extends the breeding and calving season. Mike Edington D.V.M., with the Coleman Vet Clinic will conclude our conference with a special look at stocker health management.

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**Sanctuary!** Pecan Baptist Church unveils the new sanctuary, which was damaged by a fire on October 9, 2006.



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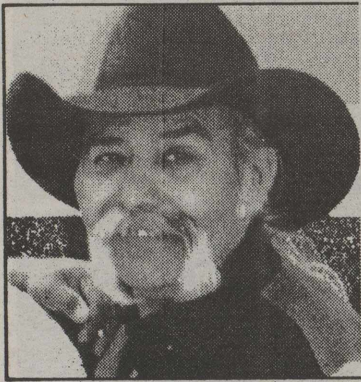
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## Obituaries



### Torres

Alvin Torres passed away on Monday, August 10, 2009, in Robert Lee.

Alvin Torres was born to Julia and Teodoro Torres on August 14, 1949. He was a very hard working, loyal, honest, caring, and loving man. He married his best friend, Ofelia Minjarez, on November 10, 1973.

Alvin raised two boys, Billy Wayne Torres, and Ruben Casey Torres, who have grown into fine men with their father's qualities instilled in them. He felt very blessed that he had three beautiful granddaughters that were his angels, Elexis Marie, A'Chyanna Lynea, and Brylee Michelle.

If you met Alvin as a stranger, you left him knowing you had made a new friend. He loved spending time with his horses, and he also loved to tinker outside.

He is survived by his wife, Ofelia; sons and daughter-in-law, Bill and Stephanie, and Ruben; granddaughters, Elexis, Chyann, and Brylee; sister, Estolia Barron, two brothers, Sebastian Torres and Julian Torres; and

numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Delphene; his parents, Julia and Teodoro Torres; his brothers and sister, Nicanor, Teodoso Jesus, Rosendo, Pablo, and Isabel.

Services were held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Robert Lee, Texas, on Wednesday August 12, 2009, at 2 pm. Burial followed at the Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery.

*Rev. 21:4 - "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have past away."*

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### Dozier

Birdie Mae Dozier passed away August 6, 2009, at 7:20 pm, at her son's home in Midland, Texas. Visitation was all day Sunday, August 9, 2009, at the funeral home. Funeral services were at 2 pm, on Monday, August 10, 2009, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, with burial following at Paint Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Birdie Mae was born in Randolph, Louisiana, on December 6, 1912. She married Felix Dozier on March 5, 1930. To this union were born two children; a son, Felix N. Dozier of Midland, and a daughter, Dorothy J. Dozier (Walker) Conrad of San Angelo. She maintained a home while her husband

worked several occupations in the oil fields off and on for many years. This involved moving to various places in Texas, Louisiana, and New Mexico. At one point, they bought a farm and worked that for many more years.

Birdie Mae was a devoted, faithful wife and a hard worker all their married life. She was an astonishing woman who made friends wherever she lived and tried to help anyone in need. Being a descendent of the Cherokee Indians (both of her grandmothers were Cherokee), Birdie Mae had the gift of story telling and everyone loved to hear those stories.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Birdie Mae is survived by her son, Felix Dozier; daughter, Dorothy Conrad and son-in-law Henry Conrad; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give thanks to Dr. Hunt of San Angelo, who took care of her for many years, Dr. Reese and Hospice of Midland for their loving care. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity in her name.

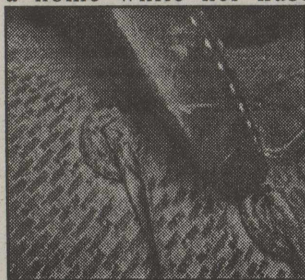
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## Death Notices

### Littlefield

A. M. (Jr.) Littlefield, 65, died on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at a San Angelo hospital. The family has requested there be no viewing. Graveside services were at 2 pm on Sunday, August 9, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Sue Littlefield; his daughters, Sharon Zertuche, Connie McCoullough, Teresa Burney, Dorothy Reed; and his sisters, Zoe Marshall, Jeannie Littlefield, and Dee Ferguson.



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## ...Beef Conference

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The conference will be conducted by all the Extension offices in the Big Country.

Individual registration is \$5 if you pre-register by August 21, and \$15 thereafter. Registration includes entire program and noon meal. To pre-register contact the Taylor County Extension office at (325) 672-6048 and send a check, made payable to Extension Council, to the Taylor county Extension office at 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, Texas 79602. For more information contact your local County Extension office.

### Mtn. Creek to host Casey Eubanks

### Memorial Tourney

Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee will host the Casey Eubanks 3-Person Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 22, beginning at 9 am. For more information, call 453-2317.

### Lamb and Goat Tag Validation Orders due by August 28

All lambs and goats to be exhibited in any major shows, including the county show must be validated. Lamb and goat tag validation orders must be turned in to the county office by Friday, August 28, before noon.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office at 453-2461 for more information.

## Football Pages beginning August 28

Football season in Coke County officially begins August 28 when the Bronte Longhorns take on the Junction Eagles in Junction at 7:30 pm and the Robert Lee Steers fight the Highland Hornets in Robert Lee at 7:30 pm.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the August 28 issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

All 2008 sponsors will be included on the 2009 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call the office at (325) 453-2433 by 2 pm, Tuesday, August 25.

A complete list of 2008 sponsors is included below.

### Bronte

Shaffer Monument Company; Texas Best De-Flooding and Carpet Cleaning - Bob & Patti Frazee; Jesse & Doris Sims; Glenn-Bivins Insurance Co. - Marilyn, Mary, Lucretia, & Lanette; First National Bank in Bronte - Member FDIC; B&K Deer Processing and Taxidermy; Hall's Super Save Foods; Bronte Health & Rehab Center; Town & Country - "Backing The Horns All The Way"; Tom's Tire, Lube & Detail - 473-2400, Cell - 473-8534; Ivey Motor Company, Inc.; Larry's Automotive Repair; Sharon's Floral Boutique; Massey Auto & Hardware & Parts Plus - 453-2911; Paul's Body Shop, 123 N. State, Bronte - 473-2425;

## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

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

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

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

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

Wed. 6 pm  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2360  
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

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

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship,  
6 pm Youth

and Worship  
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte

(325) 473-3281  
Rev. David Bailey, Pastor  
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship

5:00 Youth  
**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2417  
Steve Peyton, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday 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

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

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

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

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

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
Portis Ribble, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
(325) 453-2482 • pecanbaptist.org

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 & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Tennysen Baptist Church**  
Hwy 277 • Tennysen  
Joe Hodges, Pastor  
(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
Robert Lee

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

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

## MOUNTAIN CREEK MERCANTILE

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### Menu

**Monday, August 17**

Hamburger Steak

**Tuesday, August 18**

Chicken Parmesan

**Wednesday, August 19**

Grilled Catfish

**Thursday, August 20**

Chicken Fried Steak

**Friday, August 14**

Taco Bar

**Friday Nights**

All You Can Eat Catfish



Hometown Hardware Feed Supply - ACCO & Alderman Cave Feeds; Key Feed Store; Rock Solid Communications; Concho Realty.

#### Robert Lee

Daryl's Body Shop; Shaffer Monument Company; Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club; West Coke County Community Development; Mountain Creek Mercantile; Ivey Motor Company, Inc.; Glenn - Bivins Insurance - Marilyn, Mary, Lucretia, & Lanette; Massey Auto & Hardware & Parts Plus - 453-2911; Robert Lee State Bank - Member FDIC; Joan Davis; The Best Connection - The Wayland Drennan Family; Super "H" Grocery; D.J.'s Merle Norman Studio - Debbie McCabe; Concho Realty; Gaylon & Kaye Pitcock - Coke Co. Commissioner Prec. #3; Cindy's - Ronny & Cindy Brown; Key Feed Store; Robert Lee Baptist Church - "Let God Be Your Head Coach!"; Rangel's Restaurant - 500 Commerce - Robert Lee - 453-9010; W.E.B. Construction - Edwin, Wyndell & Family; Robert Lee Care Center; Rock Solid Communications - Roy & Judy Blair.

#### Coke County 4-H Shooting Sports practice slated

Coke County 4-H will have shooting practice Monday, August 17, at 6 pm at the Red Canyon Shooting Range in Robert Lee.

If you have any questions or need directions, please call the extension office at 453-2461.

#### Dollar General to host grand opening

Shoppers in Bronte have a new place to shop for everyday essentials at low prices. Dollar General recently opened a new store at 220 North State and is hosting a grand opening celebration Saturday, August 15 at 8 am.

At the grand opening event, customers will enjoy special deals and free prizes. The first 50 shoppers at the store will receive a \$10 Dollar General gift card and the first 200 shoppers will receive a Dollar General tote bag, among other giveaways.

#### Workshop Features New Economic Development Tools for Rural Communities

Two new economic development tools are available for rural communities. Enhancing downtown development or becoming a Certified Retirement Community can make a difference in retaining and attracting residents and employers.

Texas Midwest Community Network and the Texas Forts Trail will host three workshops in the region for the GO TEXAN Certified

Retirement Community and Texas Capital Fund/Main Street Programs conducted by Texas Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide communities with information about the programs, application preparation and scoring insight. The all-day workshop (9 am to 4 pm) will be presented at the following three locations.

Monday, September 21 - Brady, FBC Family Life Center, 1103 W. 17th

Tuesday, September 22 - Sweetwater, TSTC Center, on campus

Wednesday, September 23 - Eastland, Connellee Hotel, 209 West Main

Registration for the workshop includes lunch and must be received prior to September 16. Workshop details and online registration can be found at [www.texasmidwest.org/retirement-registration.html](http://www.texasmidwest.org/retirement-registration.html) or call the TMCN office at 325-795-8626.

#### Davis Reunion held August 1

The family of Granville and Martha Ellen (Lewis) Davis met at the Robert Lee Recreation Center on August 1st. Gran and Mattie had ten children, 5 boys and 5 girls. Dean Kinsey is the last surviving child and she was present. This is a family that loves nicknames and most were known only by that nickname so that is the way they will be listed in the report of a fabulous day.

To start the day, everyone brought one or more of their favorite foods to share and the tables were loaded. Many pictures were brought and set up for display and spurred good conversations and recalled many fun memories. Getting to see our ancestors as they were as children and young adults helped us to learn more about the life they struggled through to make them the best parents, aunts,



**Reunion!** The family of Granville and Martha Ellen (Lewis) Davis met at the Robert Lee Recreation Center on Saturday, August 1. Pictured above are the children of the couple, along with their father. Descendants of all but three of these children attended the reunion.

uncles, cousins, and grandparents anyone could ask for.

After lunch as we sat back and relaxed, there were many games being played and lots of laughter and "hoorahing" going on. The younger generation watched the clock closely to be sure and not miss a minute of being in the swimming pool. New parents and grandparents shared the new additions (and pictures) with the family. Cameras were being used to record the day and help save our memories until we meet again.

Families represented were:

#### Mike:

Jack and Ione Raymond, Joe and Linda Pierce, Doug and Gale Pierce, Fronia Scharck and son, Joseph Eastep; Javan and Marsha Vosburg, Luke and Merrit Vosburg with Elijah and Kennedy, Jade and Liz Hughes with son, Will; Steve and Debra Rives, Chris and Javana Seden with Steven, Briana, Mia, Madison; Stephanie Koenig with Mikayla, Jakob; Add and Barbara Davis, Nadine Davis.

#### Do-Dad

Ava Lou Davis, Peggy

Davis, Sherrill Davis, Waid and Susan Davis.

#### Pete

Daisy Black, Patty Joslin, Windy Herrera with Isaac, Mekaela, Gabba; Sylena Pergeson, Bethany Sparks, Sheridan Cook, Dondee Blair, David Myers, James Myers, Betsy Mitchel with Jewel.

#### Jake

Trey Davis

#### Bun or Pattie

Gina Bell, Tony Bell, Ricky Bell, Scott and Dona McClousky with Alexis, Avery, and Alan; Wayne and Nettie Bob Roberts, Paula Mailloux with Zack, Doug and Kim Harrison, Scott and Joni Harrison with Evan, Austin; Clint Harrison, Jim and Beverly Bell, Tancie Bell, Tamber Eurell, Doug

and Laura Bell with Faylin, Shaylee, Keagan; Debra Brasher with Everett, Ethan, Jacey.

Dean: Vallery Johnson, Casey and Melanie Kohutek with Khadi, Kallie; Kindra Thomas with Layla; John Kinsey, Michelle Presley with Ashley, Lacey; Martha Selzer, Terri Blair with Son, Garrett; Mandy Blair.

Billie: Beverly Stripling, Paula Brown

Guests: Sue (Lindsey) Franklin, Josh Barnes

There was no one from the families of Sis, Bob, and Tuckie able to attend the reunion this year. The total attending were 101 family members and 2 guests. They arrived from all parts of Texas, Eastern New Mexico, and Rhode Island.

#### OPENING

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Robert Lee, Texas

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



## School Supply Lists!

### RL Elementary School Supply List Kindergarten

Crayola crayons (no more than 24)  
1 bottle - school glue (white)  
4 - glue sticks  
6 - regular yellow #2 pencils  
1 - spiral notebook-wide ruled  
1 - small plastic school box  
3 - large boxes Kleenex  
2 - sturdy, slick pocket folders (no brads)  
Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)  
Backpack  
1 change of clothes for accidents  
Bottle drinking water (if desired)  
1 - large pink eraser  
1 - pkg. index cards 3x5  
1 - small box ziplock baggies (quart size)  
*Please label everything Initial each crayon*

#### 1st grade

*(Please label everything)*  
6 - #2 pencils  
4 - large erasers or 2 pkgs. of pencil top erasers  
1 - pair of good scissors  
2 - large zipper pencil bags  
1 - box of 24 crayons  
1 - box of map colors  
1 - medium Elmer's glue  
6 - sturdy pocket folders  
1 - ruler with centimeters and inches  
1 - small pencil sharpener with shavings holder  
1 addition and 1 subtraction box of flashcards (to 20). These can be bought at the \$ stores  
1 - box of ziplock bags (girls-gallon, boys-quart)  
1 box - Kleenex

#### 2nd grade

7" pair of pointed scissors  
4 oz. bottle of Elmer's glue  
1 box - 24 count #2 pencils  
2 - red folders with pockets and brads (sturdy ones as they will be homework folders)  
3 - folders with pockets and brads (yellow, green and purple)  
2 boxes - Kleenex  
2 - red pens  
2 - large pink erasers  
1 box - map colors  
1 box - crayons (no more than 48 count)  
2 - pencil pouches (no boxes)  
1 - backpack (no wheels)  
*Folders need to be solid colored and the color asked for! These supplies may need*

*to be replenished during the year! Please label all supplies.*

#### 3rd grade

1 pkg. - (24 count) #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)  
2 - pink erasers  
6 - red grading pens or pencils  
2 - spiral notebooks-wide ruled with 70 pages  
1 box - crayons (no more than 48)  
2 - large zipper pencil pouches (no boxes)  
1 - pair 7" Fiskar scissors  
2 boxes - Kleenex  
2 boxes - 12 count map pencils  
1 ruler with metric and standard measurement  
3 pocket folders with brads-blue, green, yellow  
2 pocket folders with brads-red  
1 - pencil sharpener with shaving holder  
1 - 4 ounce bottle of glue  
1 - backpack (NO wheels)  
*NO trappers or notebooks! Folders need to be a solid color and the color that is asked for. These supplies may need to be replenished during the year. Please label all supplies.*

#### 4th, 5th, 6th grades

2 pkgs. - wide-ruled notebook paper  
12 - #2 pencils  
Glue stick  
Markers  
1 - spiral notebook  
Map colors  
2 - containers of disinfectant wipes

#### 4th, 5th, & 6th art supplies

Scissors  
Glue sticks  
Ruler  
Large spiral notebook  
Pencils  
Watercolors (Prang if possible)  
Shoe box

## Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library is holding a coupon for a free shaved ice or ice cream cone for the following readers: Omar, Oscar, Hanna, Hunter, Jade, Braylee, Shaylon, Tristan, and Katrina.

Around 40 Coke County students kept their reading skills up during the summer Read and Relax - summer reading event.

Be the first students to return all Coke County Library books and receive one extra coupon for a free shaved ice. Hurry before school starts to take advantage of this offer.

The Library maintains a full selection of recreational reading for students and adults as well as a reference and non-fiction collection for information gathering.

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

### Skin cancer and the eyelids

Skin cancers of the eyelid, including basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), and melanoma, account for five to 10 percent of all skin cancers. While only a small number are lethal, eyelid skin cancers can cause significant tissue damage, blindness and can spread into the nasal and orbital cavities (the area behind the eye).

"Eyelid skin cancer is not something most people think about," said C. William Hanke, MD, senior vice president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "With their thin, delicate structures, the eyes and surrounding areas are particularly prone to cancers. And, it's an area people often forget to protect from the sun."

Most eyelid skin cancers

occur on the lower lid, which receives the most sun exposure. Approximately 90 percent of all eyelid cancers are BCCs, five percent or more are SCCs and 1-2 percent are melanomas.

Detection and Treatment  
Early detection is essential, but is often difficult to achieve because eyelid tumors often grow under the skin for years before presenting on the surface. Early warning signs include:

- o a lump or bump that frequently bleeds or does not disappear
- o persistent red eye or inflammation of the eyelids that does not respond to medication
- o newly acquired flat or elevated pigmented lesions that have irregular borders and growth
- o unexplained loss of eyelashes

Treating skin cancers of the eyelids poses special challenges. Eyelids are composed of extremely specialized mobile skin. To remove BCCs and SCCs, Mohs micrographic surgery is highly effective. The affected tissue is removed layer by layer, with each thin layer studied under the microscope until a cancer-free layer is reached.

#### Prevention

Fortunately, preventing eyelid skin cancer can be easy and fashionable. Today there are sunscreens and moisturizers specially formulated for the eye area, which makes wearing an SPF 15 or higher sunscreen daily around the eyes much easier. In addition, sunglasses have become the ultimate fashion accessory. They not only make a chic fashion statement, but protect your eyes from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. When it comes to selecting the most flattering style, face shape is probably the most important feature to keep in mind. Eyewear experts suggest following these simple guidelines:

- Oval face: square or cat's eye frames
- Round face: rectangular frames
- Square face: rounder oval

cat's-eye frames

- Triangular, or heart-shaped face: frames with a straight, flat top

After the face shape has been determined, there are five important steps to finding a great protective pair of sunglasses:

1. Select sunglasses with adequate UV protection. Sunglasses should block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB radiation. UV-blocking lenses will also reduce eye strain due to squinting on bright, sunny days.
2. Pick the best lens color for your purposes: Gray reduces brightness without distorting color, brown creates greater color contrast, providing better visibility on solid-color surfaces. Yellow is good for both contrast and depth perception.
3. Choose a polarized lens to reduce the glare of light reflected on the water or the light you face while driving.
4. Make sure sunglasses fit comfortably over your ears and do not slip down the bridge of your nose, which would allow more UV rays in. In terms of materials, plastic frames can come in rich, complex colors and typically are easy to adjust for a custom fit. Metal frames give a thinner profile, a lighter look and are usually very durable.
5. Select a sufficient lens size to shield the eyes, eyelids and surrounding areas. The more skin you cover, the better. Wraparound styles with a comfortable, close fit and UV protective side shields are ideal.

Lenses that absorb and block UV are one of the strongest defenses against eye and eyelid damage, so it's best to wear sunglasses year-round whenever you are out in the sun. And remember, fashion and high price do not guarantee safety. A recent review of 32 pairs of inexpensive sunglasses showed that they were all effective in filtering out UVR.

Finally, hats are also an important sun-protective strategy. Wearing a hat with at least a 3-inch brim all around can block as much as half of all UVB rays from your eyes and shield your eyelids.

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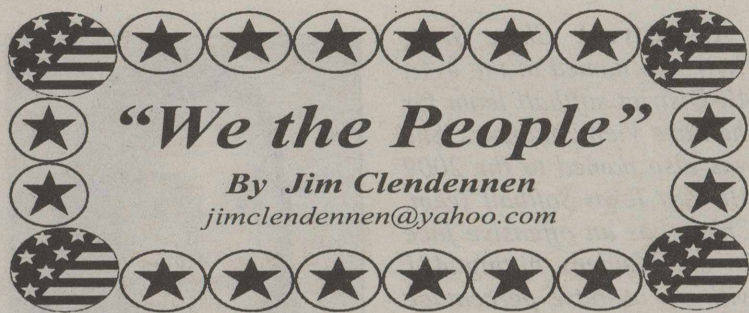
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We probably have reached the most important crossroad in the history of the United States. The arrows on the road signs read "Socialism" and "Liberty".

The road of Socialism is downhill and will be easy to roll down. The road of Liberty is uphill and will take effort to travel. We the People will travel down one road or the other depending on our strength of character. If we are weak, we will choose the path of least resistance and choose for the government to make our lives secure according to the governments' standards. If we get sick, a government regulation will mandate our care. If we need shelter, a government regulation will mandate our accommodations according to government standards. If we need work, a government regulation will guide us toward employment or welfare dependency. When we retire, Social Security will provide for our sunset years. Karl Marx said "To each according to his need and from each according to his ability".

A major milestone on the "Socialism" road is Government Health Care. Before we go down this road, we need to look at how other government programs are handled. During a recent Town Hall meeting at the Coke County Courthouse, Representative Mike Conaway was asked about the solvency of the Social Security System. He seemed to be rather unconcerned about the short term. According to Conaway, the Social Security System payments will exceed the receipts in the year 2017. That year,

the Social Security System will have to begin calling due the IOU loans it has made to the U.S. Treasury. The Social Security System will use this money to make good the payments to Social Security beneficiaries. Conaway said the real problem will occur in the year 2042 when the money loaned to the Treasury will run out and the system will be bankrupt. It would seem to me that the Social Security System is already bankrupt. Every week, the receipts of the Social Security System are remitted to the Treasury. The Treasury issues an IOU to Social Security. The U.S. Government spends the money in the Treasury plus more. Since the Treasury operates at a deficit and borrows money from China, the Social Security System, and other sources every month to remain solvent, the odds on the Treasury being able to pay back Social Security in the year 2017 without additional borrowing will be remote. But don't worry, 2017 is eight years from now and the cash to repay the IOUs will show up. I have no doubt that it will. It will appear in the form of higher and higher taxes and inflation. But again, there is nothing to worry about. In eight years, Government health care program will be full blown and this will take the financial burden off the taxpayer for their health concerns.

I can understand why Conaway and the other 534 members of the House and Senate are not putting total effort into stopping our trip down the Socialist Road. They have their own retirement plan, not Social Security. They will have

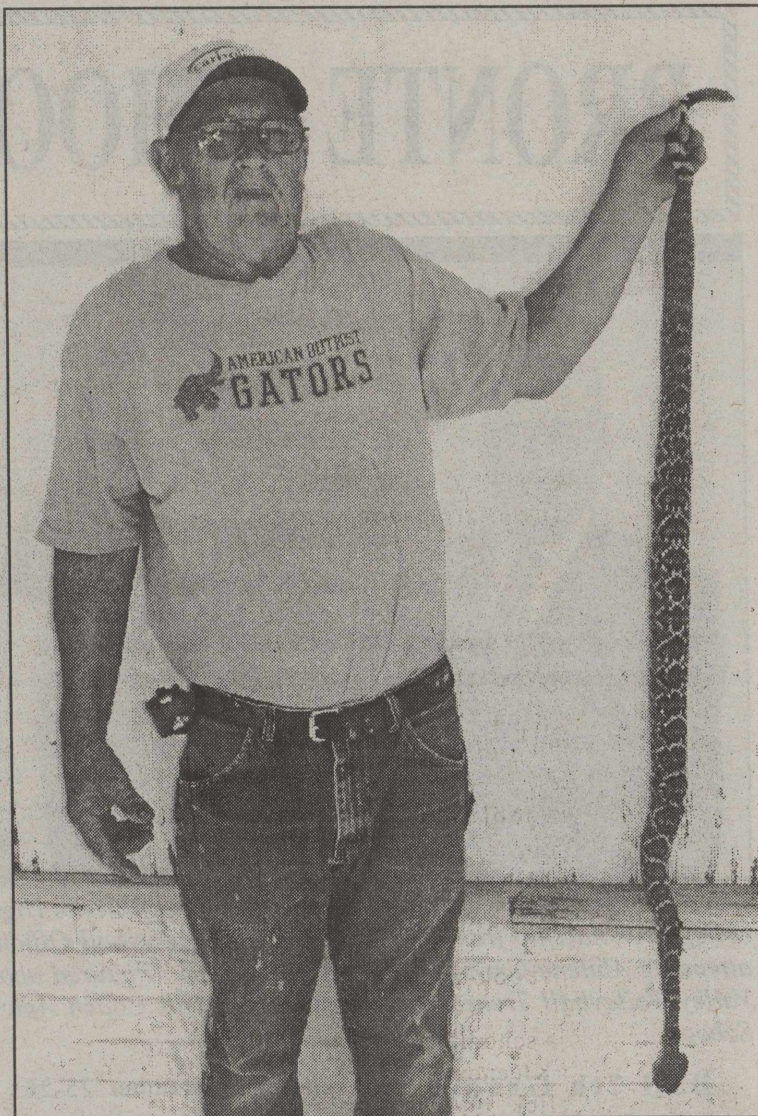
their own medical plan, not the one due for a vote in Washington. Let's stop dead in our tracks right now and choose the Road marked "Liberty".

Call your congressman now and demand that bills be introduced and passed that will force Congressmen, Senators, and all Federal employees to share in the same systems that the citizens will endure.

### Local Christian Rock Band wins audition

Local Christian rock band, "Reverence", recently auditioned for an opportunity to open for several top Christian rock bands, who will be performing at the United and Conquer tour, September 5, beginning at 11 am. The event will be held at the West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo. Reverence, along with many other bands from Texas, auditioned Saturday, August 1, at Paul Ann Baptist Church in San Angelo. Members of the band, which include Jason Wilson - vocals, Zack Speary - guitar, Mario Minjarez - bass and Zeb Speary - drums, were elated when their band's name was mentioned as one of three bands to open up for well-known Christian rock bands, "Skillet", "Pillar" and "Third Day".

Tickets for the event are available online at itickets.com or at Family Christian Stores in San



**Rattle Bug!** Gary Ferry killed this rattlesnake Tuesday, August 4, while mowing his yard in Edith. The snake was 55 inches long and had 10 rattles.

Angelo. Tickets will also be available the day of the event, Saturday, September 5, at the gate.

Send your news in through the internet.

Email: CokeCoObserver@aol.com

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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The ROBERT LEE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 27, 2009 in ROBERT LEE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, 1323 HAMILTON ST., ROBERT LEE, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.440000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)				
Approved by Local Voters					
<b><u>Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget</u></b>					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:					
Maintenance and operations	42.00 % increase				
Debt service	\$1.00 % increase				
Total expenditures	50.00 % increase				
<b><u>Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value</u></b> (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 356,483,450	\$ 515,928,710			
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 0	\$ 0			
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 196,045,392	\$ 351,211,219			
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 22,831,479	\$ 546,150			
* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.					
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.					
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
<b><u>Bonded Indebtedness</u></b>					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$9,280,000					
* Outstanding principal.					
<b><u>Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates</u></b>					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.440000	\$ 1.480000	\$ 12.048	\$ 3.075
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.028250	\$ 0.440380	\$ 1.468630	\$ 22,639	\$ 1,134
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.440000	\$ 1.480000	\$ 22,828	\$ 1,346
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					
<b><u>Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence</u></b>					
	Last Year	This Year			
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 49,238	\$ 51,644			
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 25,583	\$ 26,066			
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.480000	\$ 1.480000			
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 378.63	\$ 385.78			
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 7.15			
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.480069. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.480069.					
<b><u>Fund Balances</u></b>					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.					
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)		\$ 315,047			
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)		\$ 2,600			

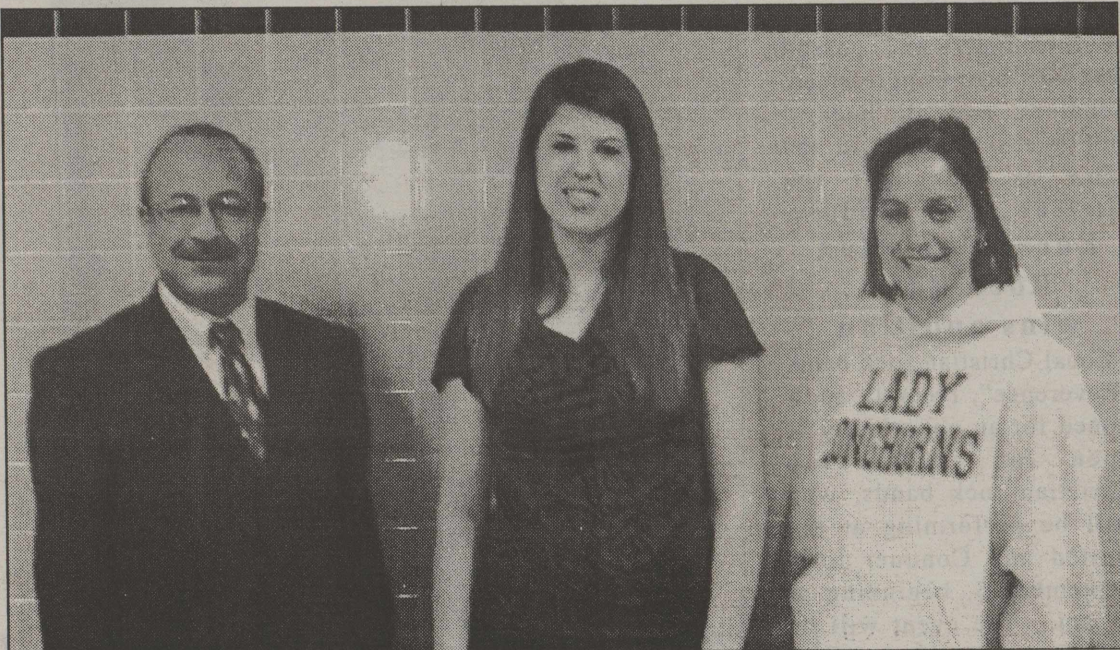
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Scholarship!** Ariel Coalson, a 2009 graduate of Bronte High School, was awarded a \$500 college scholarship from the Concho Valley Volleyball Officials Association. Ariel will be attending Abilene Christian University this fall. Pictured above are Johnny Garza, Concho Valley Volleyball Treasurer, Ariel Coalson and Coach Amy Bohensky from Bronte High School.

## BJH 7th Grade Orientation

Bronte Junior High will be hosting a 7th grade orientation the first day of school after the general student assembly for incoming 7th graders and their parents, if they wish to attend. They will discuss procedures, class schedules, lockers, supplies, and athletics, as well as give a tour of the secondary campus and an opportunity for the students to meet their teachers. They will also be answering any questions that students or parents may have. On the first day of school, August 24, everyone will meet in the auditorium at 8 am, when the bell rings. If you have any questions, please call the Bronte secondary school campus at 473-2521.

## School hours change for

### Bronte Elementary

Bronte Elementary would like to remind parents that the schedule has changed slightly for some grade levels. The morning PK program will be from 8 am until 11 am. The afternoon program will begin at 11:45 am and run through 2:45 pm. Grades Kindergarten thru 2nd grade will attend school from 8 am until 3 pm. Grades 3rd through 6th will attend from 8 am until 3:30 pm.

Bronte Elementary will hold a "Meet the Teachers" night on Wednesday, August 19, from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm. If you have not registered for school, please come by the Elementary Office between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm.

## BHS 20-ish Year Reunion slated

The Bronte High School Class of 1989 and anyone else who attended Bronte High School or graduated around that time is invited to

a reunion September 25-26. The festivities will begin with the pep rally and game on Friday, September 25. On Saturday, September 26, there will be a picnic lunch with BBQ brisket and all the trimmings and some socializing in the Bronte Park from 11 am - 3 pm. Saturday evening will conclude with a get-together at Perini Ranch in Buffalo Gap.

If you plan on eating, please RSVP by Tuesday, September 1, to Michele Bearden at michelebearden@gmail.com (no dashes). Pass the word!

## Free Immunization Clinic scheduled

There will be a free immunization clinic Friday, August 14, from 4 pm - 7 pm at the Bronte Elementary School for children ages 0-18. A parent or guardian must accompany children under age 18. Parents only need to bring their child's immunization record with them. No appointment is necessary. The clinic is sponsored by the Care Van which is provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Big Country

Immunization Clinic. Contact Misty McGlothlin, RN at 473-2069 for more information or questions.

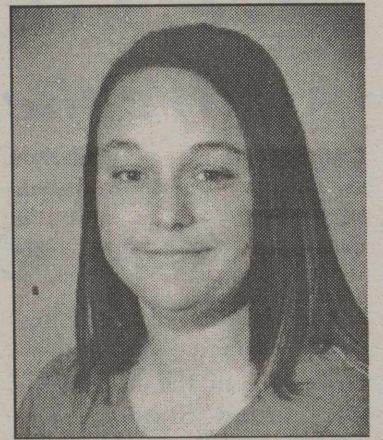


## Bronte Elementary School Supply List

### Pre-school program for children with disabilities and Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 - Blunt 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 3 - 1.25 oz. Elmer's glue
- 3 boxes - Kleenex facial tissue
- 1 bottle - Purell hand sanitizer (8 oz.)
- 1 box - Ziplock bags, quart size
- 1 set - Washable Crayola thick markers
- 2 rolls - Scotch transparent tape
- 1 set - Dry erase markers (set of 4)
- 5 - Glue sticks

**All-District!** Chloe Grigg (left) was named to the 4-4A All-District softball team for the Lake View Maidens. She was also named to the 2009 All-West Texas Softball Team. Chloe was an offensive face for the Maidens, hitting .481 with an on-base percentage of .556. She had 10 doubles, two triples and drove in 13 runs. She had a .919 fielding percentage. Chloe is the daughter of DeAnn Grigg and the granddaughter of Jerry and Pam Parker of Bronte.



- \*1 - Spiral notebook (100 count wide rule)
- \*1 - folder with 3 brads
- \*1 - large zippered top backpack
- \*1 set of extra clothing
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt - \$7
- \*Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class' glue box.
- Please consider clothing that will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.
- Kindergarten**
- 6 boxes - Crayola crayons (8 count only-NO jumbo)
- 3 boxes - Facial tissue (100 count)
- 6 - No. 2 pencils
- 1 box - Crayola thick markers (10 count)
- 4 - 1.25 oz. Elmer's glue (No Rose Art)
- 1 set - Dry erase markers (set of 4)
- 8 - folders with only bottom pockets
- 1 - Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 40 count - gallon size "Ziplock" bags (these need to have a "zipper")
- 1 canister - pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
- 2 - Pink Bevel erasers
- 1 - small plastic school box (no zipper bags please)
- 1 - school bag or backpack (large enough to hold folders)
- 1 roll - 1/2" Transparent tape
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt - \$7
- PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD BRINGS TO SCHOOL
- 1st grade**
- 2 boxes - Crayola crayons (16 count)
- 2 boxes - facial tissues (100 count)
- 12 - #2 pencils
- 3 - Elmer's 4 oz. glue
- 8 - assorted folders (pockets only)
- 1 - Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 5 - Pink Bevel erasers
- 1 canister - pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
- 1 - plastic school box
- 1 - school bag or backpack
- 1 box - gallon size "Ziplock" bags
- 1 box - sandwich size "Ziplock" bags
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt - \$7
- 2nd grade**
- 1 box - crayons (24 count)
- 1 box - facial tissues (100 count)
- 12 or more - No. 2 pencils
- 1 - Elmer's 4 oz. glue
- 1 - scissors
- 1 - pink eraser
- 1 - school box
- 1 - school bag or backpack
- 8 - folders with pockets
- 1 - ruler
- 1 - Spiral notebook (70 count wide rule)
- 6 - glue sticks
- 2 - large cloth book covers
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt - \$7
- 3rd grade**
- 1 box - Crayola (24 count)



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## Bronte Junior High Football Schedule

September 10	Rotan	Here	5:30
September 17	Irion County	There	5:30
September 24	Hamlin	There	5:30
October 1	OPEN		
October 8	Baird	Home	5:30
October 15	Winters	There	5:30
October 22	Cross Plains	Here	5:30
October 29	Miles	Here	5:30
November 5	Albany	There	5:30

2 boxes - facial tissues (100 count)  
 24 - No. 2 pencils  
 1 box - Crayola markers (thick 10 count-assorted colors)  
 1 - Elmer's 8 oz. glue  
 6 - folders (pockets only/assorted colors)  
 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors  
 1 - plastic school box  
 8 - Elmer's glue sticks  
 1 - school bag or backpack  
 2 - filler paper (200 count wide rule)  
 1 box - map pencils (7", 12 count, sharpened)  
 1 box - quart size "Ziplock" bags  
 1 box - gallon size "Ziplock" bags  
 1 - pkg. eraser tips  
 1 - pencil sharpener  
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt - \$7

### 4th grade

1 box - facial tissues (100 count)  
 24 - No. 2 pencils  
 1 - school bag or backpack  
 1 - set dry erase markers (set of 4)  
 8 - colored ink pens for journals  
 6 - pocket folders  
 6 - cloth book covers  
 1 pkg. - notebook paper (wide rule)  
 2 - Spiral notebooks  
 1 - composition notebook (wide rule 9-3/4" x 7-1/2")  
 1 pkg. - index cards (3x5)  
 4 - glue sticks  
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt - \$7

### 5th & 6th grades

12 - No. 2 pencils (wood)  
 2 pkgs. - filler notebook paper (200 wide rule)  
 1 box - facial tissues  
 6 - cloth book covers  
 6 - pocket folders  
 3 - Spiral notebooks (70 pages, wide-ruled)  
 1 box - gallon size "Ziplock" bags (5th grade only)  
 4 - glue sticks (white or clear only, not blue)  
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt - \$7

## East Coke County EMS Memorials

Debbie Ball

Joan Davis

Coke Co.

Newspaper

### Project Update

The dedicated volunteers who are organizing the local newspapers for transfer to microfilm are well into the project. Several hundred hours of work have gone into preparing the papers. The newspapers have been separated into four categories and arranged

chronologically for the West Texas Collection at ASU to transfer onto microfilm.

One lesson learned about handling old newspapers that have stuck together is to freeze the papers for a while and then carefully separate them with a ruler. Volunteers consulted with the West Texas Collection Director, Suzanne Campbell, to learn this method of preservation.

Volunteers will still be welcomed into this project. Check at the Library for times - the place is the Wojtek Building across from the Courthouse compliments of the Wojtek family.

One additional project that has come up during the project is a collection of pictures showing the progression of the Coke County Courthouse. Copies of the courthouse pictures are being made and framed for a display at the Old Jail during the Street Affair. Anyone with a newspaper picture of the courthouse who would be willing to share can contact the Library. The picture of the June 8, 1956, Observer is on hand.

An invaluable service to the preservation of the history of Coke County is being carried out by a group of volunteers. Descendants of Coke County residents will appreciate these efforts.

## New Season Hunting, Fishing Licenses Go On Sale Aug. 15

Texas hunting and fishing licenses for 2009-2010 will go on sale Saturday, Aug. 15. Sportsmen are reminded all current Texas annual hunting and fishing licenses (except for the year-to-date fishing license) expire Aug. 31.

Most fees for recreational hunting and fishing licenses have increased by five percent; resident hunting licenses now cost \$25, while the Super Combo all-inclusive license costs \$68. There is no increase in price for any of the required stamp endorsements or the \$48 Annual Public Hunting permit.

Non-resident hunting licenses increase by \$15 from \$300 to \$315, which also reflects a five percent hike.

The resident freshwater fishing package costs \$30 and the saltwater fishing package is \$35.

Effective Sept. 1, the resident lifetime fishing and

## Bronte High School Football Schedule

August 15	Scrimmage - Menard	Here	11:00
August 21	TBA		
August 28	Junction	There	7:30
September 4	Roby	Here	7:30
September 11	Rotan	There	7:30
September 18	Irion County	Here	7:30
**September 25	Hamlin	Here	7:30
October 2	OPEN		
*October 9	Baird	There	7:30
*October 16	Winters	Here	7:30
*October 23	Cross Plains	There	7:30
*October 30	Miles	There	7:30
*November 6	Albany	Here	7:30

\* District Games \*\*Homecoming

hunting licenses will increase to \$1,000 and the lifetime combination license increases to \$1,800.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issues 2.1 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 65 state parks and at over 1,500 retailers across Texas.

Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD Web site or by phone (800-895-4248). Call center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday — Friday. The online transaction system is available 24/7. A \$5 convenience fee will be

charged for online and phone orders.

A license confirmation number is issued at the time of purchase for online and phone orders, and the physical license is mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased, which is sufficient for dove hunting, but will not allow hunters to take fish or

In addition to a hunting license, all wing shooters will need to purchase a game bird stamp. To hunt doves or teal in September,

a Migratory Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required. Duck hunters also need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp and receive HIP (Harvest Information Program) certification. HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of sale only after the purchaser answers a few brief migratory bird questions. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified and purchase the Federal Duck Stamp to

hunt migratory birds. All other state stamp endorsements are included with a lifetime license.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 28, 2008 in BRONTE ISD BOARD ROOM, 210 S JEFFERSON, BRONTE, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)				
Approved by Local Voters					
<b><u>Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget</u></b>					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease(or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories					
Maintenance and operations	(42.58)% (decrease)				
Debt service	0.00 % increase				
Total expenditures	(42.58)% (decrease)				
<b><u>Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value</u></b> (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 203,991,309	\$ 182,401,460			
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,098,144	\$ 3,968,442			
Total taxable value** of all property	\$ 75,802,196	\$ 77,319,028			
Total taxable value** of new property**	\$ 1,098,144	\$ 3,968,442			
* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.					
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.					
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
<b><u>Bonded Indebtedness</u></b>					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0					
* Outstanding principal.					
<b><u>Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates</u></b>					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.040000	\$ 1.628	\$ 9.107
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.073680	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.073680	\$ 2.487	\$ 8.330
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.040000	\$ 2.489	\$ 8.479
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction equipment, or both.					
The bonds and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds were approved by the voters of this district					
<b><u>Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence</u></b>					
	Last Year	This Year			
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 51,872	\$ 54,152			
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 26,497	\$ 28,322			
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.040000	\$ 1.040000			
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 275.57	\$ 294.55			
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 18.98			
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.040050. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.040050.					
<b><u>Fund Balances</u></b>					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation/less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment					
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)		\$ 1,100,000			
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)		\$ 0			



**Robert Lee Junior High/JV Football Schedule**

August 21	Scrim-Water Valley	There	6:00 JV
August 27	Highland	There	6:30 JV
September 3	Panther Creek	Here	6:00 JV
September 10	Garden City	There	5:30 JV/JH
September 17	Rankin	Here	5:30 JV/JH
September 24	Sterling City	Here	5:30 JV/JH
October 1	TBA		
October 8	Rochelle	There	5:30 JV/JH
October 15	Richland Springs	There	5:30 JV/JH
October 22	Santa Anna	Here	5:30 JV/JH
October 29	Veribest	There	5:30 JV/JH
November 5	Eden	Here	5:30 JV/JH

**...Hunting Licenses***(Continued from Page 7)*

New this year, purchase of the Federal Duck Stamp will cost \$15-\$17 depending on where you buy. If purchased through the TPWD license system there is a \$2 administrative fee. Your license will indicate Federal Duck Stamp purchase and the physical stamp will be mailed. There are other options for purchasing the stamp, either at some major post offices or online.

"Remember, it's your responsibility to make sure you are properly licensed, so be sure to check your license before you leave the sales counter," said Tom Newton with TPWD's license program. "We do get a fair number of requests for re-issuance of licenses because the hunter forgot to get HIP certified."

There are other mandatory endorsements to consider at the time of purchase, too. An Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant, chachalaca and lesser prairie chicken.

Of course, anyone who purchases the Super Combo license package, the best bang for the buck, automatically gets these needed stamps.

Also new this year, sandhill crane permits may be obtained in person at no cost only through TPWD Law Enforcement offices and TPWD headquarters in Austin. Permits are also available anytime online through TPWD's online license sales and by calling

800-792-1112 (option 5, menu 2) or 512-389-4820 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For online and phone orders, a confirmation number will be issued in lieu of a permit and a \$5 transaction fee will be charged.

Hunter Education Certification is also required of any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 and who is at least 17 years old. For hunters who are unable to work in a hunter education class before hunting season for whatever reason, TPWD does offer a deferral option.

The deferral option allows people 17 years of age or older a one-time only extension to complete the state's hunter education requirements. The individual must first purchase a hunting license and then may purchase the deferral option.

Hunters using the deferral must be accompanied by someone 17 years old or older who is also licensed to hunt in Texas. The accompanying individual must have completed hunter education or be exempt from the requirements (born before Sept. 2, 1971). The extension is good for one license year, by which time the person with the deferred option needs to complete a hunter education course.

This option is not available to those who have ever received a conviction or deferred adjudication for lack of hunter education certification. They still must take the course before going afield.

Also available through

**Robert Lee High School Football Schedule**

August 15	Scrimmage - Loraine	There	10:00
August 21	Scrimmage - Water Valley	There	6:00
August 28	Highland	Here	7:30
September 4	Panther Creek	There	7:30
September 11	Garden City	Here	7:30
September 18	Rankin	There	7:30
September 25	Sterling City	There	7:30
October 2	OPEN		
**October 9	Rochelle	Here	7:30
*October 16	Richland Springs	Here	7:30
*October 23	Santa Anna	There	7:30
*October 30	Veribest	Here	7:30
*November 6	Eden	There	7:30

\* District Games \*\*Homecoming

license agents and online are chances for TPWD's Big Time Texas Hunts. The Big Time Texas Hunts program offers the opportunity to win one or more top guided hunts with food and lodging provided, as well as taxidermy in some cases. The crown jewel of the program is the Texas Grand Slam hunt package, which includes four separate hunts for Texas' most prized big game animals — the desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, mule deer and pronghorn antelope.

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Entries for the Big Time Texas Hunt drawings are \$10 each and are available wherever hunting licenses are sold. They may also be purchased online at a discounted price of \$9 each. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may purchase, and

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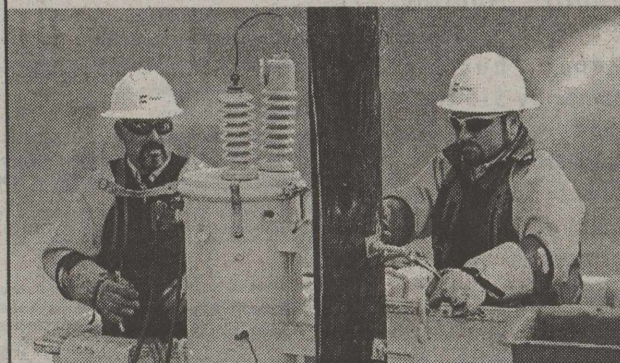
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**Top Ropers!** Wayne McCutchen (left) of Bronte won the buckle for the Top Heeler at the Coke County Roping Club's second series buckle roping on Sunday, August 9. Winning the Top Header buckle was Rolando Lopez of San Angelo.

### Cell Phones in Prisons Mean Business as Usual for Convicted Criminals

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey

Hutchison  
Our nation faces a growing threat from crime syndicates and other dangerous felons that operate inside the very facilities meant to keep them and their illicit activities off our streets and out of our communities. Imprisoned convicts coordinate murders, plot extortion schemes, and run drug trafficking, credit card fraud, and identity theft enterprises. These dangerous operations are increasingly facilitated by contraband cell phones smuggled to inmates. This problem is growing at such an alarming rate that it threatens not only the lives of the security professionals who work in these American prisons, but the general public as well.

In 2008, correctional facilities across the nation reported startling numbers of confiscated phones. For example, the federal prison system located more than 1,600 contraband communications devices, and in Texas alone, there were 1,162 cases. This year, there are already nearly 700 illicit cell phone cases in

Texas. These numbers are even more disturbing because they represent only the phones that were actually found.

Prisoners are using increasingly sophisticated methods to smuggle phones into correctional facilities and then conceal them from authorities. A single phone is often shared among many inmates, and just a few phones inside a prison can lead to coordinated attacks both inside and outside prison walls. And we have seen how effective these tools are for spreading violence. Escape attempts coordinated by contraband cell phones have resulted in the deaths of corrections officers. Prisoners have also used them to intimidate witnesses and local officials and to carry out assassination attempts. In Maryland, a witness for an upcoming trial was gunned down in his front yard after a prisoner gave the murderer his address from a cell phone. At a recent Senate hearing, Texas state senator John Whitmire shared an account of how he was contacted by an inmate with an illicit phone, and how he and his family were subsequently subjected to harassment and death threats.

While the danger of inmates armed with cell phones is apparent, prisons are struggling to keep pace

with the problem by using traditional security measures, such as trained dogs, handheld scanners, and metal detectors. We must provide corrections officers with a comprehensive solution that includes the tools necessary to prevent the use of phones when they evade detection and discovery. To that end, law enforcement officers, corrections professionals, governors, and others working to address this problem have asked Congress and the Federal Communications Commission for authority to use cell phone signal jamming equipment.

Federal law prohibits the use of jamming devices in all but a few cases. Prohibiting intentional interference serves an important purpose because unregulated jamming technology could hamper commercial wireless operations and public safety communications. That is why we must have a sensible process to review devices

and provide protections designed to minimize the chance of interference before permitting the use of jamming equipment.

In January, I introduced bipartisan legislation which allows correctional facilities to seek a conditional waiver from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate a wireless jamming device. The Safe Prisons Communications Act creates a framework for the FCC to test and approve jamming equipment and to review applications from corrections facilities seeking to install cell phone jammers. Most importantly, to ensure the

integrity of wireless networks for public safety and commercial wireless providers, and minimize any chance of interference, the legislation outlines the coordinated efforts from all stakeholders, including prisons and the telecommunication providers.

Some have suggested that there are alternatives to jamming technology. But many of these technologies present problems for corrections departments because of their high cost, or because they may be useful at detecting phones, but not preventing their use.

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## Bronte High School Volleyball Schedule

Date	Junior Varsity	Varsity	Site	Time
August 14-15	Albany Tourney	Sterling City Tourney	Albany/Sterling City	TBA
August 18	ACHS/Newcastle	ACHS/Newcastle	ACHS	TBA
August 20		Andrews	Bronte	5:00
August 21-22		San Angelo Tourney	San Angelo	TBA
August 22	Snyder/Abilene ISD Tourney		Abilene Cooper/Snyder	TBA
August 25	Snyder/Shallowater	Snyder/Shallowater	Snyder	5:30
August 28-29		"A" Showdown	Bronte	TBA
September 5	Lake View/Alpine	Lake View/Alpine	SA Lake View	10:00
September 8	Grape Creek/Junction	Grape Creek/Junction	Bronte	4:30
September 12	Bronte JV Tourney		Bronte	TBA
September 15	Bangs	Bangs	Bangs	4:30
September 22	Colorado City	Colorado City	Colorado City	5:00
September 26		Veribest	Bronte	TBA
September 29		Loraine	Bronte	TBA
* October 3	Water Valley	Water Valley	Water Valley	12:00
* October 6	Miles	Miles	Bronte	5:30
* October 10	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City	3:00
* October 13		Veribest	Veribest	TBA
* October 17		Loraine	Loraine	3:00
* October 20	Water Valley	Water Valley	Bronte	5:30
* October 24	Miles	Miles	Miles	3:00
* October 27	Sterling City	Sterling City	Bronte	5:30

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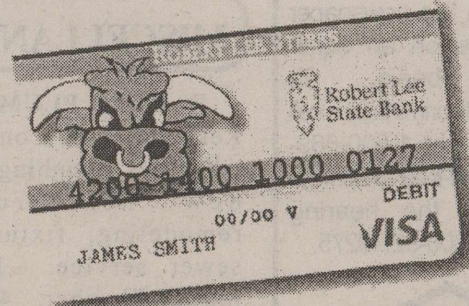
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## ...Cell Phones & Prison

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With lives on the line, Congress has a responsibility to ensure that all available technologies that can prevent the actual use of cell phones in prisons are available to the hard-working men and women on the front lines.

Prisons are meant to stop the commission of crimes, but cell phones inside prisons mean business as usual for dangerous felons. America's dedicated law enforcement and corrections professionals need this important capability, and they are counting on Congress to help them meet this challenge. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in this important fight to protect the innocent from the convicted when this legislation comes to the Senate floor for a vote this fall.

### Beware the Skunks! - Keep your Pet Safe and Odor-Free in the Great Outdoors

With the fall season in sight, many of us will venture to the great outdoors and go camping. All kinds of fascinating creatures can be found in the great outdoors, but when your puppy is roaming around, beware the skunks! Puppies especially can become curious when they come across these foreign creatures, but skunks are startled easily and have no mercy. The skunk odor, which is actually a poison, can sometimes take years to remove from a dog's fur.

Skunks have an incredible talent for spraying with accuracy. They also have the ability to spray multiple times in a row, reaching up to ten feet away. The spray that a skunk emits is a type of oil, accompanied by a horrific odor that will seep deeply into a dog's fur. Thankfully, there are multiple options for getting rid of the odor.

Most people believe that tomato juice is the best remedy for getting rid of a skunk's odor, but this is in fact, false. Tomato juice is not very effective on animals and will sometimes stain a light-haired animal's fur. Tomato juice is also very acidic and is thought to be harmful to cats, but it is not known for certain just how harmful. Better options include hydrogen peroxide, lemon juice, dishwasher detergent, or a variety of commercial products that are available at local pet stores or from your veterinarian. While commercial products are more costly than home remedies, they are often more successful at removing the odor on the first try.

Dr. Alice Blue-McLendon, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at

Texas A&M University cautions pet owners to always wash their pet outside if it has been sprayed by a skunk. She also warned pet owners to be sure pets do not get loose on the way to the bath tub, because the odor-causing oil will stick to anything it touches.

There are no toxins in skunk spray, so it will not harm your pet. However, it could become uncomfortable for them.

"If your pet was sprayed in the face, make sure to clean it properly," said Dr. Blue-McLendon. "Wash the eyes out with a saline solution and clean out the nostrils with a damp paper towel or cotton balls."

The smelly skunk spray should not be the only concern to pet owners. Skunks carry rabies without showing signs of the symptoms. One bite from a skunk and your pet could become infected with the rabies disease; his life in danger. If there is a chance your pet has been bitten by a skunk, Dr. Blue-McLendon stressed that you should take your pet to see a veterinarian immediately, if there is even a chance it has been bitten by a skunk.

Skunks like to hide in dark places, so it is a good idea to train your pet not to go under houses or decks, and always have them updated on their rabies vaccinations.

"If you own fruit bearing plants, remove the fallen fruit quickly to reduce food sources that may keep skunks coming back to your property" said Blue-McLendon. "There is no way to train your pet to stay away from skunks," noted Blue-McLendon. Most pets will keep their distance after being sprayed once, but some pets never learn their lesson, and continue to be sprayed by the paranoid skunks.

### Give yourself a financial tune-up

By Jason Alderman  
As we move through one of the most financially tumultuous years in many decades, some economists feel the worst may be over.

But today's continuing high unemployment rates, troubled housing market and tight credit conditions leave many people feeling anxious about the future.

Against that backdrop, this is a good time to examine your current financial state. Ask yourself where you want to be by year's end and how you may need to change course now in order to reach those goals. Here are a few action steps:

Reexamine your budget. A lot could have changed since you last examined your household budget. You may need to tweak your spending and saving habits to get back

on track:

\* **Income:** Has your pay increased or decreased significantly? Has overtime income diminished? Has interest income you count on from savings and investments dropped appreciably?

\* **Basic expenses:** Examine how much you pay each month for rent/mortgage, food, insurance, utilities, gas, clothing and other basics compared to six months ago. Have you offset any increases by boosting your income, or do you need to trim a few expenses?

\* **Debt:** Have you taken out new loans or amassed new credit card balances? If you carry forward balances, are

you paying more in interest due to rising rates?

If you need a budget refresher course, Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life, features a step-by-step guide to building a budget, including several interactive calculators ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting).)

Taxes. Nobody likes overpaying their taxes or underpaying and getting penalized the following April. Ask yourself:

\* Did you receive an overly large tax refund or have to pay significantly more than was deducted from your paycheck?

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 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 73.32 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 August 21, 2009 at 9:30 AM at ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER, 307 W. 8TH, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

The second public hearing will be held on August 24, 2009 at 9:30 AM at ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER, 307 W. 8TH, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

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

**FOR:** MARY BESSENT PATRICIA STEPHENS  
MARILYN WHITE DESSIE KENDALL

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:** MIKE LOMAS

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year was \$49,849. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.231490 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$115.40.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year is \$52,248. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.134340 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$70.19.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.231490 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$120.95.

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

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		Week Ending		
Cash Markets		08/09/2009	Previous Week	Previous Year
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	100.75	100.75	111.35
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	80.96	81.94	99.98
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	97.00	92.50	92.00
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	111.50	104.67	95.00
Cotton	(¢/lb)	55.38	54.38	64.24
Wheat	(\$/bu)	4.58	4.92	7.22
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.24	3.32	4.87
Grain Sorghum	(\$/bu)	4.58	4.91	7.65
Watermelons	(\$/lb)	0.14	0.14	0.17
Futures Markets				
Feeder Cattle	(\$/cwt)	101.35	102.35	114.63
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	83.85	84.70	100.48
Cotton	(¢/lb)	60.53	57.93	67.25
Wheat	(\$/bu)	5.25	5.59	8.04
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.22	3.40	4.99
Lumber	(\$1000bdft)	197.10	196.10	259.00

### ...Financial Tuneup

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If so, you may want to fill out a new W-4 form with your employer and recalculate your withholding allowances.

\* Do you expect significantly higher (or lower) deductions this year? (For example, deductible mortgage costs or medical expenses.)

\* If you make quarterly tax filings, have you allocated enough to ensure you won't pay a penalty next year?

\* Has your home property value dropped significantly in recent years? If so, you may be able to request that your property taxes be reevaluated.

\* If you plan to buy a home or new car this year, have you investigated tax credits for which you may be eligible? Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and search for "Recovery Act."

Charitable contributions. If you don't have charitable contributions automatically deducted, tally up what you've contributed so far and decide if it's in line with your goal for the year. Don't wait until the expensive month of December to make last-minute contributions.

Reimbursement accounts. If you participate in employer-sponsored health care or dependent care reimbursement accounts, determine whether you're on track to exhaust your account balances. Again, don't wait until year's end to scramble for qualified expenses that will allow you to fully benefit from their tax advantages.

Regardless of whether the worst is behind us or not, it makes sense to get your own financial house in order to weather this economic storm and any future ones.

### TDA Market Recap

Aug. 10, 2009

For the week ending Aug. 8, 2009, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were mixed, from \$4 lower per hundredweight to \$4 higher compared to a week

earlier. Fed cattle prices were \$1 lower on a decline in beef prices and a growing backlog of available cattle in feedlots. Cotton prices were higher amid prospects for improved global demand. Grain prices ended the week lower due to a stronger dollar, lower crude oil prices and favorable growing weather in the Midwest. As for futures markets, cotton and lumber were higher, while feeder cattle, finished cattle, wheat and corn were lower. Central and South Texas received little or no rainfall again last week, while other areas of the state recorded up to three inches of rain. Cotton progressed well in areas that have received rain, but some hail damage was noted on the High Plains. Bolls are opening on 13 percent of the acreage with the crop reported in mostly fair to good condition. Corn is 48 percent harvested, well ahead of the normal 30 percent by this date. Grain sorghum harvest is also ahead of normal at 53 percent complete. Wheat field preparations are underway in many areas. Rice is in mostly fair to good condition with 28 percent of the acreage harvested. Pasture conditions are highly variable depending on rainfall received with ratings from very poor to good. Topsoil moisture was rated short to adequate in many areas, but was mostly very short in the Upper Coast, South-Central and South Texas regions.

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week. For additional information, contact TDA Market News at (800) 252-3407 or visit our Web site, [www.tdamarketnews.com](http://www.tdamarketnews.com).

### 2009 Property Tax Rates in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

#### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 499,976
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 499,976
Last year's tax base	\$ 215,981,684
Last year's total tax rate	0.231490 /\$100

#### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 497,866
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 370,599,039
= This year's effective tax rate	0.134340 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

#### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 497,866
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 370,599,039
= This year's effective operating rate	0.134340 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.145087 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.145087 /\$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.134340 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2008 taxes by \$1,384.

#### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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#### Schedule B - 2009 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Enter Text Here	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Required for 2009 Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2009				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 13 E 7TH, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

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