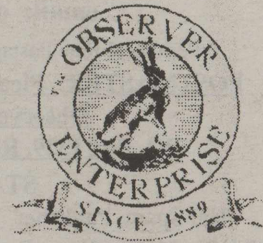


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## Coaches discuss upcoming season

by Hal Spain, Publisher

It still seems a little too hot for football, but be that as it may, this year's season begins tonight, with Bronte traveling to Junction for their opener, and Robert Lee hosts Highland. Both games begin at 7:30 pm.

Each year prior to the first game, we try to interview both head coaches to get their thoughts on the upcoming season. Both county teams made the playoffs last year, and both teams lost their first playoff game. Robert Lee is sporting a new head coach, as Shay Avants steps in to fill the shoes of Kerry Gartman, who stepped down from head coach to be RLISD's athletic director. This is Kevin Burns' third year at Bronte, coming to Bronte from a very successful stint at Wall.

We start each interview with a discussion of how both teams fared in their scrimmages. Robert Lee scrimmaged Loraine and Water Valley, while Bronte scrimmaged Menard and Christoval/Iraan.

Concerning the Horn scrimmages, Coach Burns thought his players did really well during the Menard scrimmage, considering the short number of plays. "We did have some problems on offense with Iraan, as they blitzed nearly every play." He also indicated that the defense looked pretty good, especially considering the change in defensive fronts the Horns have made this year. Coach Avants thought the outcome was better than expected when they scrimmaged Loraine, especially considering his young guys in key positions. During the Water Valley scrimmage, he thought the team made too many mental mistakes, starting fast and sputtering in the second half.

As to injuries, Coach Avants stated that "right now, knock on wood, we don't have any major injuries, just some bumps and bruises." For Coach Burns, it's a little different story, as he indicated he got a couple of kids hurt at Menard.

Louie Martinez has a hip flexor problem, but may play Friday night (tonight). Also, K. C. Barber broke his hand, but they will bandage it up, and he will also play during the opener.

When asked about the major strengths and weaknesses of this year's teams, Coach Avants replied that his Steers had good size and they are hard workers. They should be able to throw the ball and run it a little bit this year. As to weaknesses, Coach Avants indicated the major weaknesses for the Steers this year are their depth and team speed. Coach Burns stated that the best thing about the Horns is that they have nine seniors and 5 juniors who had some playing time last year. Their major weakness is their lack of depth in the offensive line. He also indicated that the Horns were short on "blazing speed", but were going to be "sneaky quick" on offense.

As to major contenders in their respective districts, Coach Burns said that Albany is the preseason favorite, having played in fifteen ball-games last year. Coach Avants thinks that Richland Springs will be a top contender in their district, along with maybe Eden.

Asked about a general outlook for the upcoming season, Coach Avants stated that the keys to success for this season start with staying healthy and avoiding major injuries. He also indicated that the younger guys are going to have to come along and fill some shoes in the Steer lineup. Coach Burns stated that he'd be disappointed if we're not in the playoffs again, as long as we maintain our health and improve each week. He concluded by stating that the Horns will have to improve on the mental part of the game each week, learn quickly, and have a more balanced attack.

One interesting note concerning this season is the non-district schedule, especially for the Steers. They start with Highland, then

## Coke County Football

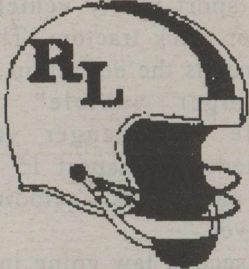
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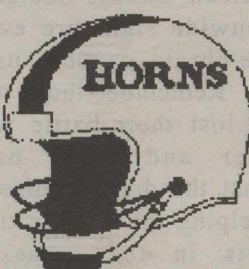
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Panther Creek, Garden City, Rankin, and Sterling City. Some of us would call that non-district schedule brutal. Coach Avants is calling it a challenging start to the new season. Bronte's non-district schedule is no cupcake either, as they start with Junction, who played 15 games last season, and then play Roby, Rotan, and Irion County.

As you can tell, even the non-district schedule for the Steers and the Horns should be an exciting run, as both county teams try to get back to the playoffs again this year. Make plans to get out and support your county teams as they play their first games of the new season.

### Street Affair meeting set for Tuesday

A meeting of the Robert Lee Street Affair planning committee will be held on Tuesday, September 1, at 6 pm at the Victory Assembly of God Church in Robert Lee. This meeting will be concentrating on the BBQ and dance.

### Coke County dance slated

The dance next month will be on Tuesday, September 1, from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm. The dance will take place at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Bring your snacks and dancing shoes as this will be a great way to have a lot of fun and meet new friends, eat, dance and just visit with all.

There is a donation for the payment of the rec hall and to the band. It is worth it. For more information call 453-2678. Come and enjoy. You

won't be sorry you got out and had fun.

### Red Hat meeting set for Sept. 3

The Coke County ladies who wear the Red Hats, Are getting as antsy as a room full of cats.

We haven't been together for at least 30 days,

And now it's time to change our ways.

Put on your shirt and grab your hat.

That's all we do - it's as simple as that.

The Coke County Red Hat Club will meet in downtown San Angelo Thursday, September 3 at Shana's Café for breakfast at 10 am.

If you want to carpool or need a ride, call Janet at 473-5388 or Betty at 473-8953.

### Wildcat RV Park Grand Opening set for Sept. 5

Jim and Angela Brewer, the new owners of Wildcat RV and Paint Creek MH Parks would like to extend an invitation to the park residents, customers and the community, to attend their grand opening on Saturday, September 5, from 4 pm until 8 pm. Cindy's BBQ is catering the event and live entertainment will be provided by "The Divots" for the evening. Jim and Angela are excited to call Robert Lee their new home and are looking forward to being a part of the community.

### Donate a Texas Sage

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association is

working to beautify the Robert Lee Cemetery with Texas sages. Approximately 80 additional Texas sages are needed to finish this project.

If you are interested in donating to buy a sage, please contact Jeffie Roberts at 453-2957; 130 Buffalo Creek Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

If your donation is in memory of someone, please include the person's name. The sages will be planted in the spring of 2010. The Cemetery Association runs only on donations and memorials.

### O/E has new e-mail address

As a service to you, our readers, customers, and contributors, we are changing our email address for the Observer/Enterprise. The new email address is: o-e@wcc.net.

This will replace our old email address: cokecoobserver@aol.com. As you can tell, the new email address is much simpler to spell over the phone, and we expect to get better results with our West Central Net connection than we have been receiving with AOL.

Please change your records to the new email address as soon as possible. We will begin using the new address immediately; however, the old address will still be available for a few weeks until we make the gradual conversion.

Thank you for your patience in this matter and your continued support.



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### Relay for Life planning meeting set for Sept. 9

There will be a planning/organizational meeting for the 2010 Coke County Relay For Life on Wednesday, September 9, at 5:30 pm at the West Central Wireless office at 803 Austin Street in Robert Lee.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide signature event to celebrate cancer survivors. Remember those who have lost their battle with cancer and fight back against the dreaded disease by helping the ACS in their efforts in the areas of research, patient services, and education. The 2009 Coke County Relay had net dollars raised of \$34,622.61 with 13 teams. Representatives from the American Cancer Society will be on hand to conduct the meeting.

If you're interested in being a part of the 2010 CC Relay For Life, please come join us!

### Nutrition and Aging presentation slated for Sept. 3

It is a well-known fact that good nutrition can help keep a person healthy. But as a person ages there are some factors that can hinder the ability to eat nutritionally.

There are physical, social, emotional, medical and financial factors that can play a role in an older adult's ability to eat a healthy meal.

Many older adults notice a decrease in the amount of saliva they produce. Saliva is important because it moistens food and makes swallowing easier. With decreased saliva, food may seem dry and more difficult to swallow.

Changes in an older adult's teeth also may pose a problem when it comes to eating. Tooth loss makes eating and chewing foods difficult. Dentures that do not fit well can cause problems as well.

In addition, poor chewing can increase the risk of choking. Individuals with tooth loss, gum disease or poor fitting dentures tend to eat softer foods or limit food intake, which can in turn lead to a poor diet.

Taste and smell tend to decline with age and foods

that an older person used to enjoy may not taste the same.

Some medications can decrease a person's appetite, while other medications may cause nausea. These all are factors that can lead to lower food consumption and poor nutrition.

Whether you are 50 or 85, active or homebound, your food choices will affect your overall health in the years ahead. The risk for certain diseases associated with aging such as heart disease, osteoporosis and diabetes can be reduced with a lifestyle that includes healthy eating. Good nutrition also helps in the treatment and recovery from illness.

Area Agency on Aging Caregiver Program Presents Nutrition & Aging with Cathy Winkley, R.D.

Learn the importance of good nutrition for yourself and your loved one on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 2801 West Loop 306 Ste. A, San Angelo, from 9 am

until 11 am.

Contact Mary E. Palos - Caregiver Program Coordinator for Reservations at 325-223-5704.

### New safety belt laws take effect September 1

There are two new seatbelt laws going into effect on September 1. The first one, House Bill 537, will require safety belts for all children under the age of 17 in passenger vans. Current law already requires children under the age of 17 to wear safety belts in passenger vehicles, no matter where they are seated. "Passenger vehicle" is currently defined as a passenger car, light truck, sport utility vehicle, truck or truck tractor. This bill amends the definition of "passenger vehicle" to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver.

The second law going into effect will require all children ages 8 or younger or shorter than 4 feet 9 inches to ride in a booster seat.

### Miles Cotton Festival set

The 31st Annual Miles Cotton Festival will be held on Saturday, September 12th with all day and night activities in downtown Miles, Texas.

The day begins at 6:00 am with a pancake breakfast followed by arts and craft booths, parade, cook-off, horseshoe and washer pitching, entertainment in the

park, kids area (both wet and dry), kids fun run, noon meal at the Historic Miles Opera House, helicopter rides, Queen's contest and to wrap it all up a Concert/Street dance beginning at 6 pm and ending at 1 am with Cory Morrow, Zach Edwards Band, Granger Smith, and Buckshot Bradley.

For more information contact the Miles Messenger at 325-468-3611 or see our website at [milestexas.com](http://milestexas.com).

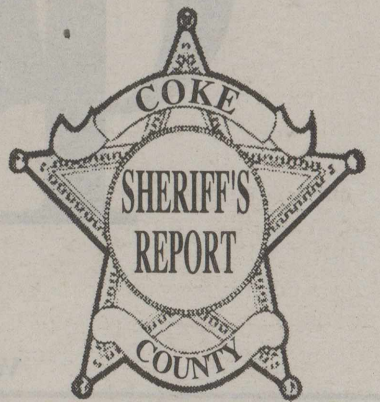
### Dog House is open for business

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 18, for The Dog House, a newly opened animal grooming and boarding business, located at 119 N. State in Bronte. Trista Owen, owner and groomer, is ready to meet all of your grooming and boarding needs.

The first customer and dog to be groomed was Oleander, a dog owned by Ericka and Paul Knight of Bronte. Wade Cates of Bronte, seen in the photo ran in last week's issue of the Observer/Enterprise, with his dog, Odee, was there

to welcome Trista and to book Odee for boarding.

For appointments and questions, call Trista at 234-1599. Business hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 7 am until 6 pm.



### Sheriff's Dept. recovers narcotics

On Friday, August 21, at approximately 2:15 am, the Coke County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant for narcotics at a local residence. An amount of marijuana and dangerous drugs were found. Also several pieces of narcotic paraphernalia were discovered. One subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Runnels County Jail.

## 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](http://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

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### Bronte Senior Citizens Center

613 E. Oliver • Bronte, Texas

would like to invite all seniors (60+)  
to join us for lunch!

**Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays**

**11:30 am • Bronte Senior Center**

**Cost is a suggested donation of \$1.50**

We would like for you to come, enjoy the food and  
visit with other citizens of Bronte.

Any questions can be answered by calling (325) 473-6471.

**Hope to see you there!!!**

*Also we offer home delivery. If anyone is interested or knows of  
someone that would like to have meals home delivered, call 473-6471.*



# Dove season opens on Tuesday, September 1

by Hal Spain, Publisher

Once again it is that time of year to go to the crystal ball and try to predict the upcoming dove season for Coke County. Locals have been seeing quite a few white wings and collared dove during the summer. As to the mourning dove population, your guess is as good as mine.

Most of our success with mourning doves is going to depend on whether they have any cooler weather north of us to bring them into our area, and whether or not we have anything for them to eat, such as laid out wheat fields, sunflower patches, and other fields which have feed grains and weedy spots in our area. Hunting around a tank or a windmill late in the afternoon as dove go to water should be a good place to try your luck, depending on how much rain we get prior to the beginning of the new season.

In addition to purchasing your hunting license, you will need to add a migratory game bird stamp, which costs an extra \$7.00, and is required to hunt any migratory bird, including mourning dove. While you're at it, you'll probably want to purchase an upland game bird endorsement for another \$7.00, which is required to hunt turkey, pheasant, and quail. If you plan on hunting turkey or deer with a bow, you will need an archery stamp endorsement (\$7.00), and a duck stamp (\$17.00) if you plan on doing any duck or goose hunting.

All migratory game bird hunters will need to be certified in the HIP Program, which is available at the time you purchase your new license. Just indicate to the clerk where you buy your new license that you will be hunting migratory birds, and you can answer a few questions and receive your

certification.

In addition, every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting. Minimum age of certification is 9 years and cost is \$15.

Dove season will open in our area (the Central Zone, basically the area between Interstates 10 and 20), and in the North Zone (north of Interstate 20), on Tuesday, September 1 and run through October 25. The late dove season will be from December 26, 2009 through January 9, 2010. Daily bag limit in the North, Central, and South Zones this year is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped (white-fronted) doves in the aggregate, to include not more than two white-tips. Please note that this is a change from previous seasons, as our limit in the Central Zone in previous years has been 12. As in the past, possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, or 30 in each zone.

Legal shooting hours for dove are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. Don't forget to plug those auto loaders and pump shotguns; so that they are incapable of holding more than three shells for migratory bird hunting. Hunting over baited areas such as deer feeders is prohibited, as is hunting from a vehicle.

Local businesses which are handling licenses this year are Cindy's Grocery in Robert Lee and Bronte Hometown Hardware and Town and Country Convenience Store in Bronte.

Good luck, and as always, be safe this hunting season. Don't forget to pick up a free copy of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual



**90th Birthday!** Effie Corley (center) celebrated her 90th birthday recently, with the help of friends and family. They got together for a Sunday morning service at the First Baptist Church of Bronte. Afterward a catered lunch was served by Rick and Kay Styles. That was followed by about 85 citizens of Bronte and Robert Lee joining in the celebration. Effie was born in Sanco and has lived in Bronte or Tennyson all of her life and is loved by all of her family and friends. She is pictured above with her children and their spouses, (from left to right) Scotty and Peggy (Corley) Belew and Benny and Jackie Corley.

when you purchase your license. Any further questions that you have may be directed to local game warden Jim Allen.

## Attention Landowners

Local game warden Jim Allen reminds all landowners and operators to purchase a hunting lease license if you have paying hunters.

## Lamb and Goat Tag Validation Orders due today

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 today, Friday, August 28, before noon.

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

## BHS Senior Parent meeting slated

Parents of Bronte High School seniors are invited to attend a meeting on Monday, September 14, at 7 pm, in the school library regarding issues that affect seniors, such as the college admission process, ACT and SAT testing, the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), scholarship information, the financial aid process, and Selective

Service registration, among other topics. A special senior handbook and other literature will also be handed out to parents and students that attend.

If a parent is unable to attend, please call Mrs. Timmerman BHS counselor, at 473-2521 to schedule an individual meeting time.

In addition, a Project Graduation meeting will occur after the senior meeting.

## Bronte VFD Memorials and Donations

**Bruce Sonnenberg**

Roy and Judy Blair

Louise Johnson

Bud and Laila Johnson

**Roland Sowell**

Courthouse Employees

George and Joyce Snapp

Wayne and Shaye Coalson

Jimmy and Carolyn Lee

Dee Dee Peterson

**Jerry M. Parker**

Wayne and Shaye Coalson

Roy and Judy Blair

**Debbie Ball**

Pat Moore and family

**M.E. and Mary Lasswell**

Robert and Mary Linda

**Simpson**

**Donations**

Kerry Hall

Taylor Grimes

Henry and Beverly Kitzman

First National Bank of

Sterling City

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Bronte Hometown Hardware

Paul's Body Shop

Sandy McIntyre Ranch, LLC

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**Email:**

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

## Krispy Kreme Donuts

will be for sale at the following locations in Robert Lee

Friday, August 28

from 9 am until 12 noon

Super H • Robert Lee State Bank

Mountain Creek Mercantile

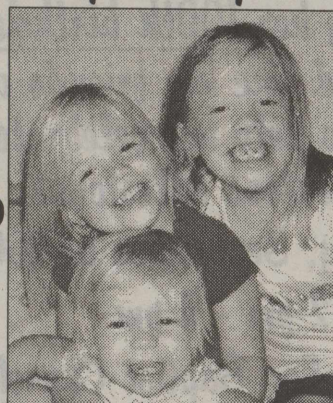
Massey Auto & Hardware

• They will also be available at the RL football game that night •

All proceeds benefit the Robert Lee Street Affair

## Surprise Mawmaw and Pawpaw (Tommy & Judy Shook)!

You're going to be a



Mawmaw and Pawpaw

**AGAIN!!! We love y'all!!!**

## MOUNTAIN CREEK MERCANTILE

1/4 mile east of Robert Lee 453-2731

## Menu

Monday, August 31

Meatloaf

Tuesday, September 1

Chicken Pot Pie

Wednesday, September 2

Pork Chops

Thursday, September 3

Chicken Fried Steak

Friday, August 28

Taco Bar &

King Ranch Chicken

Friday Nights

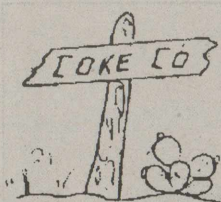
All You Can Eat Catfish

Don't forget

the Fuel Raffle!

All proceeds benefit the Robert Lee Street Affair!





## COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Garrett Gilliam  
Agrilife Extension Agent

### Common Brush and Weed Management Mistakes

Texas rangelands support many species of brush and weeds. The plant species that occur on rangeland changes over time with natural plant succession. On land that is over-grazed, the amount of brush and weeds will increase. To effectively manage brush and weeds, managers must select appropriate treatments and determine the best timing for them. They must know how to manage the land before and after treatment, and plan for monitoring the land's response to the treatment and carrying out a maintenance control program. They must also know how to gauge the effects of brush and weed management on other uses of the land (such as wildlife habitat) and on its real estate value. Finally, they must be able to analyze the financial risks associated with any brush management investment.

The following list of common myths and mistakes associated with brush and weed management can help you determine how to approach this management activity.

**1) All Brush and Weeds are bad.** Attempting to control undesirable weeds and brush for livestock production can cause significant damage to desirable plants that wildlife need. Wildlife depend on woody and broadleaf plants for food and cover. The importance of wildlife to the ranch business must be considered before weed or brush management practices are implemented. You will want to protect key plant species and habitat "honey holes" that wildlife depend on. Learn to identify your desirable plants and their values to livestock and wildlife. Select the management approach that allows you to achieve your combination of goals, understanding that it is impossible to maximize production for all enterprises, but it is possible to optimize benefits.

**2) Weed and Brush control always produces more grass.** Weeds and brush compete with other vegetation for soil moisture, nutrients and space. However, controlling weeds and/or brush does not guarantee increased production of more desirable plants. There must be at least a remnant seed bank of desirable plants remaining before the treatment. Also, post treatment management

(grazing, maintenance treatments, etc.) must allow desirable plants to recover and sustain production over time. If the area has had a history of abuse and overgrazing, this seed bank will not be present and undesirable plants may flourish following treatment.

**3) Weed and brush control increases ranch profit.** Weed and brush control treatments are expensive and their costs and benefits must be evaluated ahead of time. Consider not only the cost of the initial treatment, but also the life of the treatment, the costs and frequency of maintenance treatments, the projected forage response, the effect on other ranch enterprises (wildlife, recreation, etc.), and the risk involved.

**4) One treatment will do it.** Weed and brush control treatments are not permanent; in fact, many are very short-lived. To recover the cost of the initial treatment and prolong its effect, it is usually necessary to make periodic, low-cost maintenance treatments as part of a comprehensive, long-term weed and/or brush management plan.

**5) A little more will do it!** Using more herbicide than the recommended rate will not kill more brush and weeds. In fact, increasing the rate may rapidly defoliate plants but kill significantly fewer roots, and at a higher cost. Recommended rates are based on research that determines the rates that will

achieve the best results, at the least cost, while protecting the environment. Read herbicide labels carefully and follow the directions explicitly. Contact your county Extension agent or Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) personnel for specific information on the use of herbicides in your area.

**6) My neighbor told me...!** Many home-concocted weed and brush control treatments are passed through the grapevine. BEWARE!!!! Most are not as effective as recommendations you will receive from the Extension Service, NRCS, or the herbicide label. In fact, some untreated recommendations may be dangerous to you, to livestock and wildlife, and to the environment. Many may be illegal. When a neighbor or salesperson at the local feed store suggests a specific treatment, check the label and ask the experts to make sure it is accurate, safe and legal.

**7) Wait until the brush gets big and thick and then kill it.** It is much easier and less expensive to kill seedlings and saplings than to kill mature brush. Small brush plants that don't grow too densely can be treated with individual plant treatment techniques, which usually kill more plants than broadcast applications. However, the cost of using individual plant treatments increases as the number and size of the plants increase, which is not true of most broadcast treatments. Thus, it is important to treat brush problems early. The determination of desirable vegetation can be prevented if brush is controlled before it becomes large.



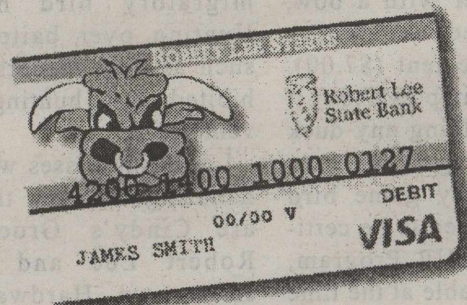
**Outstanding Agent!** Jan Yanez, FCS agent in Coke and Sterling Counties, was recently awarded the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser outstanding County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences award. In appreciation for her outstanding contributions to the sheep, goat, wool and mohair industry.

Jan has actively promoted the sheep and goat industry throughout her career. She provides her clientele with the most current nutritional information available for cooking lamb and cabrito, teaches 4-H'ers to sew with wool and spreads the word to many ladies organizations on the benefits of promoting and using wool and mohair products. She has been a county extension agent for 23 years.

**8) Treat from fenceline to fenceline.** Some range sites do not have the potential to produce enough more forage to justify the expense of a weed or brush control treatment. Weed and brush control efforts are best targeted to sites with deep soils that receive runoff from adjacent upland areas. Shallow ridges, slopes and hilltops are usually best left as wildlife habitat, or given a much lower priority for treatment than more productive areas.

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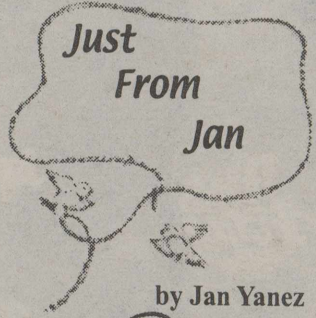


9) After I get that bulldozer or airplane in here, this place will turn into a sea of grass. Weed and brush management is not a miracle cure for rangelands. Treatments do not have the same results every time. Most herbicide treatments are greatly affected by climate and plant characteristics, which are not very predictable. To achieve the best results and really accomplish your goals, the overall management of the range land must also improve. The treated area must be given time to establish a desirable cover of vegetation before it is put to "normal" use. Proper livestock stocking rates are critical to both the success and longevity of the treatment. Desired results will not occur overnight. Long-range planning, careful monitoring and sound management are required.

10) **Herbicides are unhealthy for the environment and humans.** Herbicides can harm organisms directly exposed to them. They can also alter the habitat in ways that may be harmful to some species. However, herbicides are invaluable for controlling undesirable plant species. Their toxicity to humans and wildlife has been evaluated and is detailed on product labels. Labels identify the proper rates and timing of herbicide applications; following these directions minimizes risk to wildlife, humans and the environment.

11) **Fire destroys the pasture!** Rangeland vegetation is adapted to periodic burning and properly planned prescribed fires are very beneficial in many situations. Some fires can be very destructive if proper management is not carried out before and after the fire. Livestock and wildlife are attracted to recently burned areas and can over-graze them if allowed. Burned areas must

be given time to recover before they are grazed.



### Back to School Food Safety Tips for Parents and Students

It's time to pull out the backpacks and clean the lunch boxes as children head back-to-school this month. Packing safe lunches for school and for work is critically important. Since September is also National Food Safety Education Month®, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the non-profit Partnership for Food Safety Education are providing tips to help parents keep their children and themselves healthy.

Parents are reminded to follow the Be Food Safe basic practices of Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill to help reduce their family's risk of foodborne illness.

When packing lunches to take to school or the office, keep the following food safety tips in mind:

\*Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least twenty seconds before you prepare food or after playing outside, touching pets and using the bathroom. Sing "Happy Birthday" twice while washing hands to make sure you are washing long enough to send germs down the drain!

\*Work on a clean surface. To prevent cross-contamination, always use a clean cutting board. Use one cutting board for fresh produce or bread and a separate one for meat, poultry and seafood.

\*Rinse fruits and vegetables under running tap

water, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Dry with a paper towel.

\* If lunches are made at home the night before, keep them in the refrigerator until it's time to go. Make sure the refrigerator is 40 degrees F or below at all times and use an appliance thermometer to check the temperature.

\* Use an insulated lunch box, with an insulated bottle for hot foods or a frozen gel pack or a frozen juice box to keep perishable foods cold.

\* Wash insulated lunch totes or boxes with hot soapy water after each use. Smart students and parents never leave perishable foods out at room temperature for more than two hours. Toss any perishable food not eaten at lunchtime.

### RLISD Board of Trustees meeting held

On Monday, July 17, 2009, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Roe.

Members Present: K. Roe, J. Roberts, W. Washam, B. Brosh, I. Torres, T. Reed

Members Absent: T. Sawyer  
At 6 pm, the meeting called to order by President Kevin Roe, a quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Tod Reed.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2009, meetings seconded by Tod Reed. All voted for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the financial report given by Robin Allen, to pay the bills

as presented seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Construction update from W.B. Kibler Construction was given by Jeff, Rusty and Tyler. All construction is going as planned.

The Board recessed at 6:15 pm to take a tour of the construction and reconvened into open session at 7:40 pm.

Principal's report was given by Roger Henderson.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the 2009-2011 Depository Contract with Robert Lee State Bank. Motion seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Superintendent Hood recommended that we continue with State Farm Insurance for our vehicles and busses for the 2009-2010 school year. Brandi Brosh made the motion to accept recommendation seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Wes Washam made the motion to change Board Policy EIE (Local) to reflect grades 1-8 shall have number grades on a 70-100 scale. Motion seconded by Tod Reed. All voted for.

Superintendent Hood made the recommendation to negotiate with San Angelo Area Foundation for Management of Limitation Agreement Payments. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve recommendation seconded by Tod Reed. All voted for.

Superintendent Hood conducted a Budget Workshop for 2009-2010.

Superintendent Hood went over his superintendent's report of summer maintenance, elementary numbers, School Board Convention, District Rating, Building Committee

Meeting and Bond Sale.

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, August 27, 2009, at 6 pm to set Tax Rate and Adopt Budget for 2009-2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

### Know your rights with debt collectors

By Jason Alderman

Like many folks, I recently had an awkward encounter with a debt collector.

Someone had stolen my credit card number and used it to charge a hotel stay. Thanks to my card's zero liability policy the charges were quickly reversed and I didn't have to pay anything. But unbeknownst to me, the thief had booked an additional reservation, so my cancelled card was later charged a no-show fee.

Long story short: After trying to collect the \$350 bill from the thief's non-existent address, the hotel turned the claim over to a collection agency. Fortunately, I was able to unravel the mess and got the unpaid collection removed from my credit report.

Not everyone is so lucky, however. Although the vast majority of debt collectors operate reputably, the Federal Trade Commission receives tens of thousands of complaints each year about overzealous collectors overstepping their legal bounds.

Here are a few precautions you can take:

First, recognize that you are responsible to pay off legitimately incurred debt. If you realize you may have difficulty paying a bill, however, proactively contact the lender to work out a payment plan. Don't wait for them to contact you and certainly don't ignore their calls or correspondence; that could harm your credit rating.

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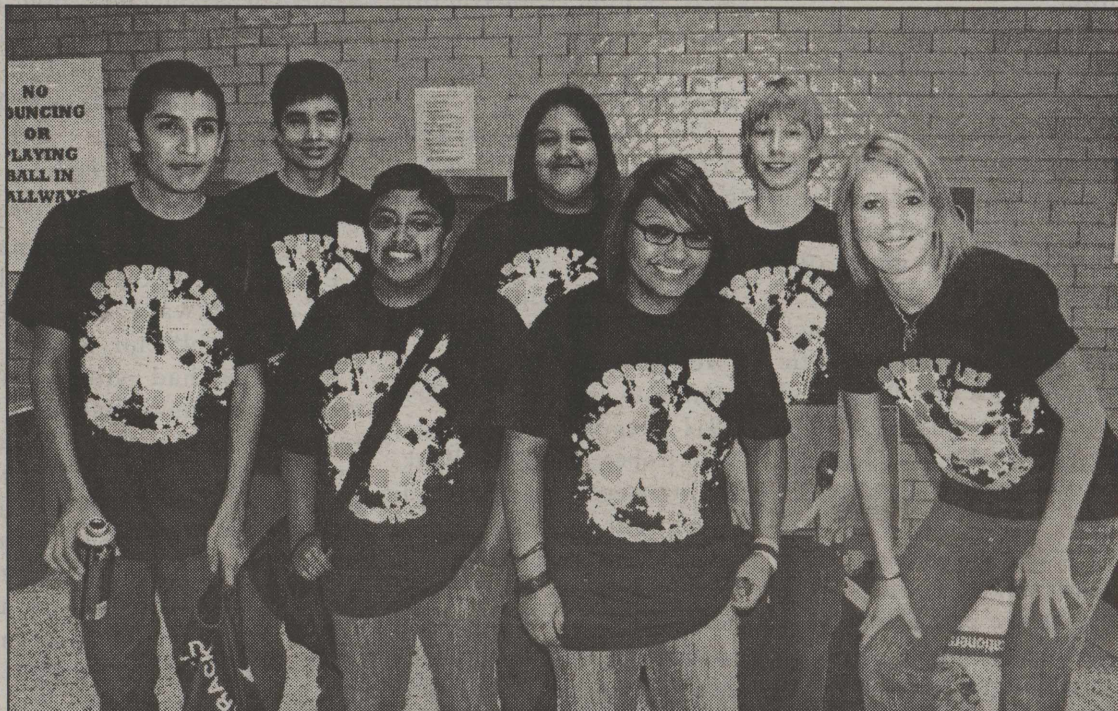
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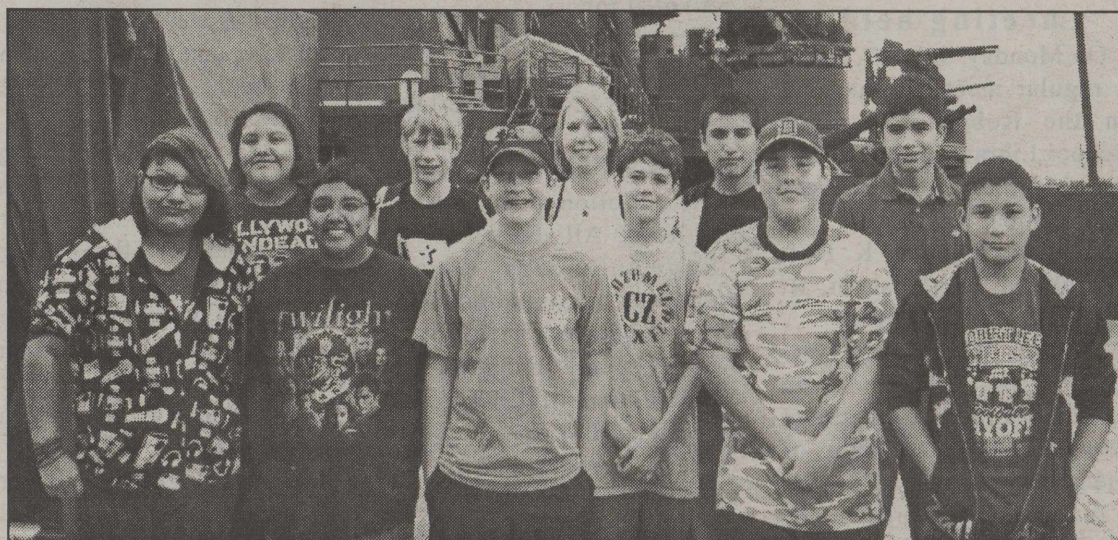
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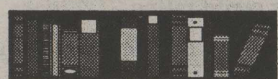


**Robotics!** Robert Lee ISD students, Emily Arellano, Cori Torres, Jodi Sheldon, Linsey Arellano, James Roberts, Tristen Hildebrand, Jerry Wofford, Mychael Tyerina, Luke Sheldon, Jorge Rostro, Zachary Sanchez, competed May 16 in the 2009 Texas Computer Education Association Robotic Contest in Houston, Texas.



**Robotics!** Robert Lee ISD Robotics students also were treated to a side trip while in Houston. The students were able to spend a morning on the Battleship Texas, learning a variety of information about the ship, such as layout, conditions aboard during wartime, and proud history.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, August 31**

Burritos, cereal, juice, milk

**Tuesday, September 1**

Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk

**Wednesday, September 2**

Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk

**Thursday, September 3**

Pancake and sausage on stick, cereal, juice, milk

**Friday, September 4**

Donut, cereal, juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, August 31**

Corn dog, French fries, celery stick with peanut butter, peaches, milk

**Tuesday, September 1**

Frito pie, salad, corn, raisins, milk

**Wednesday, September 2**

Baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk

**Thursday, September 3**

Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, carrots, roll, orange, milk

**Friday, September 4**

Barbecue on bun, pickles, tator tots, chili beans, fruit, milk

## Meet the Steers set for tonight

"Meet the Steers" will be held tonight, Friday, August 28 at 7 pm before the Robert Lee vs. Highland game. Robert Lee Project Graduation will have the concession stand and the Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club will be selling Booster Club Memberships and Steer buttons. Everyone is invited to meet the Steer football team, as well as the junior high and high school cheerleaders.

## RLISD to host Open House

Robert Lee ISD wants to encourage parents and guardians to come and take part in Open House, Tuesday, September 1, from 6 pm until 7 pm. It will be a great opportunity to meet the teachers and see what is in store for your student this new school year. The

exemplary school and staff is expecting another outstanding year, and look forward to the challenges ahead.

## RL All Sports Booster Club meeting slated

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 1, at 7 pm in the cafeteria. They encourage everyone to please become a member and help support RLISD students and athletic programs. Support is important to the students, coaches, sponsors and school administration.

## RLISD Robotics competes in Houston

Robert Lee ISD students, Emily Arellano, Cori Torres, Jodi Sheldon, Linsey Arellano, James Roberts, Tristen Hildebrand, Jerry



**FCCLA!** Robert Lee High School FCCLA sponsor, Sheri Millican, and members Kacee Roberts (center) and Meagan Ross stayed busy this summer attending a variety of FCCLA sponsored events

Wofford, Mychael Tyerina, Luke Sheldon, Jorge Rostro, Zachary Sanchez, competed May 16 in the 2009 Texas Computer Education Association Robotic Contest in Houston, Texas. The group of students worked hard throughout the year to qualify for the trip and did a great job at State. The Elementary team of James, Tristen, Jerry, and Mychael placed 14th in a field of 45 teams. The two high school teams of Luke, Emily, Jorge, Zachary, Linsey, Cori, and Jodi placed 11th and 29th out of 42 teams. The scenario for this contest was to gather unexploded mines and store them in a safe place. The robots were built out of Lego blocks and a computer block the students programmed to perform the task. A new twist this year was the ability to make midtask corrections and changes to the robot and program adding a whole new dimension to the competition. Each year the students receive a new task to perform with new problems to solve, and TCEA continues to add new situations that increase the students skills in a multitude of areas.

As an extra perk, the students were all fitted out in team shirts created by Emily Arellano. The student received many compliments on the designs. Also, as a side trip, the students spent a morning on the Battleship Texas learning its layout, conditions aboard during wartime, and proud history.

This year, sponsors Celeste Service, Denise Roberts, and Sandy Sawyer look forward to returning team members, new members, and new challenges.

## RL FCCLA has successful summer

Kacee Roberts began her duties as Region II President of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America this summer. She attended a week of leadership training in June. There she participated in many activities, helped plan the region and state meetings for 2010, and as president conducted parts of the meeting. She is ready to lead the region for this school year.

The highlight of the summer was Kacee and Meagan Ross attending the national leadership meeting in Nashville, Tennessee in July. Kacee was a member of the nominating committee to help select the FCCLA National Officers for the coming year. Her responsibilities included meetings and discussions with the committee, listening to officer candidate speeches, interviewing the candidates, reporting back to the Texas delegation (300 strong) and casting a vote for Texas.

Meagan competed in STAR events. After doing research, assessments, a job shadow, and writing about her experience she developed a portfolio about a teaching career. She had placed first at regional and 1st at state and therefore qualified for national competition. She presented her Career Investigation project to the judges and during the STAR events recognition session she was awarded a gold medal!

While at Nashville, Kacee, Meagan and their sponsor, Mrs. Millican, toured the city and the Grand Ole Opry, and went to several attractions in the area. They all attended sessions held, heard motivational speakers and learned of new projects for the local FCCLA.

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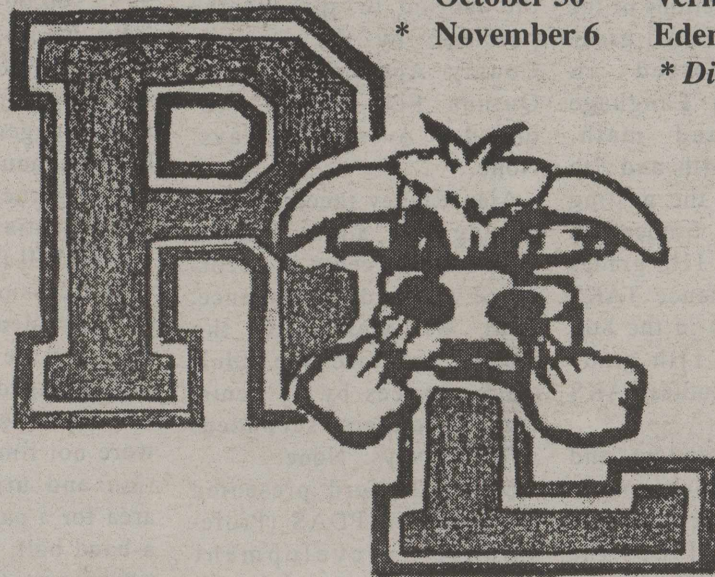
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September 4	Panther Creek	There	7:30
September 11	Garden City	Here	7:30
September 18	Rankin	There	7:30
September 25	Sterling City	There	7:30
October 2	OPEN		
** October 9	Rochelle	Here	7:30
* October 16	Richland Springs	Here	7:30
* October 23	Santa Anna	There	7:30
* October 30	Veribest	Here	7:30
* November 6	Eden	There	7:30

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Mike #4  
Bailer Smith #16



# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## 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, with plans to be determined.

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

## Bronte ISD TAKS Scores for 2008-2009

On August 1, the Texas Education Agency released TAKS results for the state of Texas and Bronte ISD, and both the elementary and high school scored significantly higher than the previous year. Bronte Elementary was rated exemplary; Bronte High School earned the rec-

ognized rating, and as a whole, Bronte ISD achieved the recognized status for the 2008-2009 school year.

All 3rd through 11th grade students in Texas are required to take various sections of the TAKS each year. All grade levels are tested in Reading/English Language Arts (ELA) and math. Students in the 4th and 7th grades also take the writing portion of TAKS. Students in the 5th, 8th, and 11th grades also take the science TAKS test, and students in the 8th, 10th grade and 11th grade also take social studies TAKS tests.

Every teacher, student, and parent should be extremely proud of the success we are seeing at Bronte ISD. The results are a true reflection of the dedication and determination of the campus staff as well as the hard work of each Bronte ISD student.

## BISD Board of Trustees meeting held recently

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 7:05 pm in the Board room. Those present at the meeting were David McWright, President; Quinda Feil-Duncan, Paul Williams, Doug Tounget, Ericka Knight, and Shane Kelton. Also present: Alan Richey Superintendent, David Bedford, Donna Poehls, and Patsy Dunn of the Runnels County Appraisal District. Wayne Coalson arrived at 7:35pm.

Quinda Feil-Duncan made the motion to approve the previous minutes, Shane Kelton seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: None.

There were no audience items.

David Bedford and Donna Poehls gave their respective principals reports.

Patsy Dunn of the Runnels County Appraisal District requested from the Bronte Board of Trustees approval for the appraisal district to purchase a building in Ballinger at 503 Hutchings Avenue. The appraisal district

cited a need for additional space as the underlying reason for the transaction. The Cities of Ballinger and Miles had already approved the purchase. Shane Kelton made the motion to approve the purchase by the Runnels County Appraisal District, Quinda Feil-Duncan seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: None.

Alan Richey recommended raising the adult teacher prices by 25 cents in accordance with audit compliance. Paul Williams made the motion to raise the adult teacher prices by 25 cents, Doug Tounget seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: None.

David Bedford presented the proposed PDAS (Professional Development Appraisal System) calendar as per the TEA to the Board for approval. Doug Tounget made the motion to approve, David McWright seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: None.

Alan Richey made a 'no change' recommendation to the current tax rate of 1.04. The new proposed rate will be 1.04. Shane Kelton made the motion to leave the tax rate at 1.04, Paul Williams seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: None.

Alan Richey proposed August 27, 2009, at 6 pm for the Budget and Tax Rate Hearing during a special board meeting. He also proposed August 13 for a budget workshop at 6 pm followed by the regularly scheduled board meeting. Ericka Knight made the motion to approve the dates and times, Quinda Feil-Duncan seconded.

Ayes: 7, Nays: None.

Alan Richey presented proposals to modify the library door and walls. No action was taken by the Board. Mr. Richey presented proposals to add new bleachers at the current football field at a cost of \$185,000.00 for the home field side and \$22,000.00 for visitor side supplemental bleachers, or \$75,000.00 for new visitor side bleachers. As part of the proposal, if the bleachers were installed at the track field the same cost of

\$185,000.00 (home field side) plus \$75,000.00 (visitor side) would apply along with a charge of \$18,000.00 for moving the current press box to the track field. Mr. Richey also presented proposals for installing artificial turf at either the track field or the current football field. Should the turf be installed at the current football field the cost estimate would be \$793,100.00, or at the track field the cost estimate would be \$823,390.00. No action was taken by the Board. The Board suggested that a public hearing should be held in the fall to garner input concerning potential renovations at the football field.

A discussion of a variety of options dealing with the status of the old ag building was engaged by the Board. The options included (but were not limited to) demolition and utilization of the area for a parking lot; use as a band hall; use as a recreational area for the students; or use as a weight and exercise facility. The final resolution by the Board was to renovate the building and utilize the space for the Art Program. Mr. Richey was authorized by the Board to utilize Budget Line item 51 for the complete renovation of the building to suit the purposes of the Art Program. Ayes: 7, Nays: None.

Alan Richey reported the forward progress on the following items: installation of a new Duke oven in the lunchroom at a cost of \$6,500; progression of West Texas Sealcoat on the parking lot; installation of 3 air conditioning units at a total of \$13,706 by Gideon Sheet Metal; and burying the gas line in the kitchen for safety purposes, which would cost +/- \$900.

Alan Richey reported that certified classroom teachers

and counselors will receive a salary increase for the 2009-2010 school year as per Texas and Federal statute. Year to date expenditures are currently at 65.78% of the budget or \$2,678,162.18.

Motion was made by Quinda Feil-Duncan and seconded by Shane Kelton to enter into closed session at 9:21 pm. Ayes: 7, Nays: None.

The Board came out of closed session with no resolutions or recommendations at 9:42 pm.

Notice was given of the Fall TASB convention to be held in Houston on October 2-4, 2009. Board members voiced consensus opinion that anyone traveling to the convention would be driving.

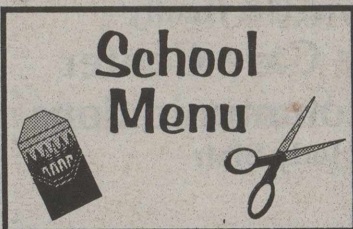
Paul Williams made the motion to pay the July 2009 bills; David McWright seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: None, Abstain: Wayne Coalson.

Motion to adjourn was made by Quinda Feil-Duncan and seconded by Ericka Knight. Ayes: 7, Nays: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.

## Shooting Sports meeting slated

The Coke County Shooting Sports will meet on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm at the Red Canyon Shooting Range. If you have any questions, please call the extension office at (325) 453-2461.



### Breakfast

#### Monday, August 31

Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk

#### Tuesday, September 1

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

#### Wednesday, September 2

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

#### Thursday, September 3

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

#### Friday, September 4

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, August 31

Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, cookies, milk

#### Tuesday, September 1

Baked potato, chili and cheese, baby carrots with ranch, fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

#### Wednesday, September 2

Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello, milk

#### Thursday, September 3

Nachos grande, lettuce and tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, nacho chips, milk

#### Friday, September 4

Corndog, oven fried potatoes, pork and beans, apple crisp, milk

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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

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**Friday  
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Junction**



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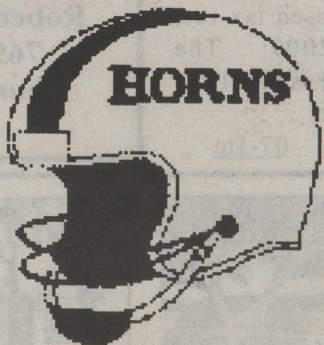
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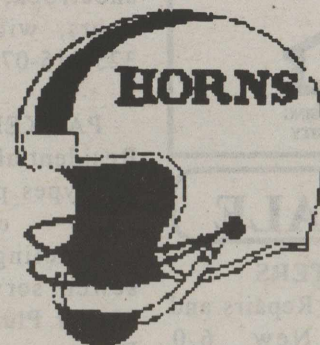
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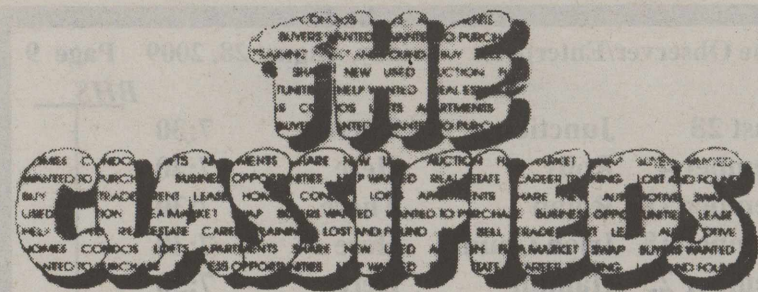


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### GENERAL CONTRACTING

handyman for roofing, plumbing, water heater installment, drain cleaning, house painting, concrete, masonry, fencing, welding, lawnmowing, tree trimming & removal. 453-2339.

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## NOTICES

### SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Blackwell will hold a meeting at City Hall, 121 E. Main, Blackwell, Texas on September 9, 2009 at 7:30 pm to consider adopting a proposed Tax Rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is .19191 per \$100 of value.

07-1tc

### PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRONTE AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

### SECTION 1.

This ordinance shall govern the parking of vehicles on public streets, alleys or public places in the City of Bronte (hereinafter the "City").

### SECTION 2.

It shall be unlawful for any person or any owner to leave, park or stand any truck tractor, road tractor, truck trailer, semi-trailer, farm tractor, and any other motor vehicle with a rated capacity in excess of one ton according to the manufacturer's classification, or any vehicles exceeding twenty five (25') in length, upon any public street or public right of way within any part of the city.

### SECTION 3.

It shall be unlawful for any person or any owner to leave, park, or stand any mobile home, motor home, travel trailer, boat trailer, stock trailer, or any other type of trailer upon any public street or public right of way in the city within any area where the primary use is residential, except a recreational vehicle owned by an out-of-town guest of a residential property owner may be parked on the street in front of the property owned by such person for a period not to exceed five (5) days providing such parking does not impair the regular flow of traffic. A property owner may park a trailer (not a semi-trailer) in front of property owned by such person for a period not to exceed twenty four (24) hours, for a maximum of seventy two (72) hours in a year, providing that such parking does not impair the regular flow of traffic.

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### We have Buyers, We need Land Listings.

3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath brick home on large lot.  
Lake Spence, mobile home on large lot with huge storage/shop.  
Nice Mobile Home. 2 BR, 2 Bath, fully furnished.

### SECTION 5.

Upon conviction for violating such rule or regulation such person shall pay a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00.

This ordinance shall become effective September 15, 2009. ADOPTED THIS 13TH day of AUGUST, 2009.

Gerald Sandusky  
Mayor, City of Bronte

ATTEST:

Pat Martindale  
City Secretary

A complete copy of the ordinance is available at the City Hall.

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### SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Bronte will hold a meeting on September 10, 2009, at the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas at 6:30 pm, to consider a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is 0.398316 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Bronte by 1%.

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### SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 2:00 pm on September 7, 2009, at Conference room at Bronte Health and Rehab Center, Bronte, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is 0.421351 per \$100 of value.

07-1tc

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a budget hearing will be held at 6:15 pm on September 10, 2009, in the City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas.

The budget for the City of Bronte for the fiscal year October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010, will be adopted.

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

Pat Martindale,  
City Secretary

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## ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER

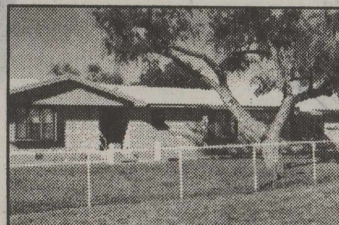
A 24-hour nursing and rehabilitation center with a 20-bed Alzheimer unit is currently accepting applications for the following position:

### CNA - Full Time

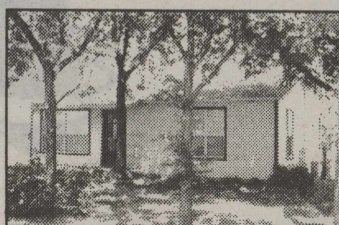
Benefits include paid vacation, holidays, sick days, and personal day, with 4 and 2 rotation, 8 hour shift, with pleasant work environment.

Interested applicants may apply in person M-F, 8am-5pm at 307 W. 8th St., PO Box 1209, Robert Lee, Texas 76945-1209.

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## ...More Classifieds

## NOTICES

**NOTICE TO  
CONTRACTORS OF  
PROPOSED TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
(TXDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING  
FACILITIES  
CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: San Angelo  
Contract 0264-04-046 for CONCRETE PAVEMENT AT INTERSECTION in COKE County will be opened on September 10, 2009, at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 30432  
State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas, 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)  
San Angelo District  
District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
Phone: 325-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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

**NOTICE TO ABATE**

TO: Steve Barefoot  
PROPERTY: 124 South Woods, Bronte, Texas  
All of Lots 16 & 17, Block 55, OT, Bronte  
VIOLATIONS: Failure to keep weeds and grasses at a height of less than twelve (12) inches over all the property. Allowing an accumulation of rubbish, trash and discarded items. Allowing an accumulation of abandoned metal and lumber.  
ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ABATE NUISANCE: Mow

weeds and grasses over entire property. Removal of rubbish, trash, discarded items, abandoned metal and lumber.

**DEADLINE FOR  
ABATING NUISANCES:  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

REQUEST FOR HEARING: Request must be made in writing in 10 days from date of publication and addressed to Municipal Court Judge, PO Box K, Bronte, TX 76933.

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

BY: CITY OF BRONTE  
07-1tc

**SMALL TAXING  
UNIT NOTICE**

The Coke County Underground Water District will hold a meeting at 7:30 pm on September 8, 2009, in the district office, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, to consider adopting tax rate for 2009. The proposed tax rate is 0.008051 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Coke County Underground Water District by 7.98 percent. The proposed tax rate is a decrease of last year's rate.

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**...Debt Collectors**

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You have certain rights whenever dealing with debt collectors. For example, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, they cannot harass you by:

- \* Using abusive language or threatening arrest.
- \* Calling before 8 am or after 9 pm.
- \* Contacting you at work if you tell them your employer disapproves.
- \* Contacting others, except to verify where you live and work.
- \* Revealing to others that you owe money.

Once a debt collector contacts you:

- \* Get the names of the person calling and his/her agency, its address and phone number.

\* Take detailed notes of all conversations, correspondence and pre-recorded calls, noting names, dates and times.

\* You may request that all subsequent contact be handled by mail. Send this request – and all further correspondence – by certified mail, return receipt requested.

\* Request that all conversations be followed-up in writing.

\* Document any false, misleading or harassing statements and include them in your correspondence.

\* Ask for full details about any debts the collector claims you owe, including dates, amounts, lender's name, etc.

\* Instruct that you be the only person contacted, unless you wish an attorney to be involved.

\* Retain all records indefinitely in case of future disputes.

\* Have all agreed-to repayment plan terms verified in writing, including promises to remove or adjust reports to your credit history.

If you feel you've been targeted in error, tell the collection agency, in writing, that it has the wrong party and to stop contacting you. If they can't provide proof, by law they must cease collection efforts.

And finally, don't pay bills you don't owe just to make

the collector go away; that's considered acknowledgement that you are responsible.

The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse's "Debt Collection Practices: When Hardball Tactics Go Too Far," offers great tips on navigating the debt-collection process, including your privacy rights, sample letters and where to turn for help ([www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs27-debtcoll.htm](http://www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs27-debtcoll.htm)).

**Editorial &  
Advertising  
Deadline is  
Tuesday, 2 pm**

## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT conducted public hearings on August 21, 2009, and August 24, 2009, on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 72.32 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year by last year's tax rate of \$0.231490 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$499,976.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.231490 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$857,900.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.231490 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$859,156.

The WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT of WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 31, 2009, at ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER, 307 W. 8TH, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS, at 9:30 am.

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**2007 Ford Taurus SE \$11,295**  
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**2006 Ford F-150 SuperCrew XLT \$15,495**  
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**2005 Ford Freestyle SE \$ 8,995**  
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**2004 GMC Yukon XL SLT \$14,595**  
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**2003 Volkswagen New Beetle GLS Turbo \$10,995**  
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**1999 Mercury Sable GS \$ 4,495**  
Silver • Gray Cloth • Nice Car! #4986B



## TDA Market Recap Aug. 24, 2009

For the week ending Aug. 22, 2009, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were mostly steady to 5.00 higher with a few drought areas being steady to 3.00 lower, fed cattle traded 1.50 higher than last week. Corn ended the week lower on good growing weather in the Midwest and a mid-week decline in crude oil. Wheat markets continue to be pressured by large global supplies and weak exports. Cotton prices were also lower. As for futures markets, fed cattle and corn were higher while feeder cattle, cotton, wheat and lumber were lower. Topsoil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state. The Texas plains received 6 inches of rain this week while the Tran-Pecos and upper coastal regions received 3 inches and the Southern areas of the state received only traces to 2 inches. Producers in the Northern parts of the state are preparing to plant wheat and oats. In the plains area cotton was blooming and setting bolls. Sorghum in the Southern plains is suffering due to the excessive heat and dry conditions. In the Texas Blacklands corn harvesting is active while grain sorghum and soybeans are near harvested. For the state corn is 97% dough, and 81% dented with a majority of the crops in good condition. Sorghum is 60% harvested, and Texas peanuts are 99% pegging. Recent rainfall has increased pasture conditions in the northern and central parts of the state.

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).

### Tips to Save at the Gas Pump

As the temperature rises, so do gas prices. While motorists can't change the cost of gas, they can save money by following a few simple auto care steps.

Here's how to get maximum fuel economy according to the experts at the Car Care Council:

- \* Under-inflated tires can impact fuel economy. When tires aren't inflated properly, it's similar to driving with the parking brake on and can cost a mile or two per gallon.

- \* Dirty air filters can waste gas and cause the engine to lose power. An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture, which is too much gas being burned for the amount of air. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 15 cents per gallon.

- \* Worn or dirty spark plugs can cause misfiring, wasting fuel. Vehicles can have four, six or eight spark plugs that fire as many as three million times every 1,000 miles, resulting in a lot of heat and electrical and chemical erosion. Spark plugs that are replaced per the owner's manual will lead to a better performing vehicle.

- \* Vehicle gas caps that are damaged, loose or missing waste gas. According to the council, about 17 percent of the vehicles on the road have gas cap problems, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize yearly.

For more tips, visit [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

### Avoiding Check Scams

Nearly one-third of adults have been approached by scammers trying to pass fake checks and at least 1.3 million people have fallen victim, with an average loss of \$3,000 to \$4,000,

		Week Ending	Previous Week	Previous Year
Cash Markets		08/22/2009		
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	103.18	104.78	110.90
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	83.43	81.95	98.91
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	102.30	97.88	111.00
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	113.17	111.00	120.00
Cotton	(¢/lb)	53.38	55.13	63.75
Wheat	(\$/bu)	4.26	4.51	8.24
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.16	3.18	5.68
Grain Sorghum	(\$/bu)	4.61	4.56	9.16
Watermelons	(\$/lb)	0.13	0.15	0.14
Futures Markets				
Feeder Cattle	(\$/cwt)	100.15	100.70	112.85
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	85.00	84.65	101.85
Cotton	(¢/lb)	56.45	59.21	67.42
Wheat	(\$/bu)	4.94	5.09	9.00
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.22	3.19	5.87
Lumber	(\$1000bd.f)	180.60	189.50	255.50

according to research from the Consumer Federation of America.

Scams involving fake checks come in different forms and can be hard to identify as printing technology used by scammers improves.

Fake check scams typically require victims to deposit checks into their bank accounts then wire money back to the scammers. While the fake check initially may be deposited into the victim's

bank account, it usually is discovered within weeks and the bank takes the funds out of the account.

Some of the top scams involve fake lotteries, phony government grants, and mystery or secret shopping schemes.

The Better Business Bureau advises consumers to beware of these red flags:

- You're told you won a lottery or grant for which you didn't apply.

The name on a check

doesn't match the name of the company or individual with whom you're dealing.

You're given instructions to deposit a check into your account and promptly wire part of those funds back to sender or to another specified company or contact.

Don't be fooled by phone calls. Just because you've spoken to scammers, doesn't mean they're not trying to rip you off.

For more advice on scams, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 14, 2009, at 5:30 pm at the Coke County Courthouse, second floor jury room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$148,835.00
The total amount of increase over the Current year's budget	\$ 2,825.00
The number of employees compensated under The proposed budget	3
The number of employees compensated under The current budget	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Coke County Appraisal District  
PO Box 2  
Robert Lee, Texas 76945  
325-453-4528

## The Hypocrites Hope

For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? Will he delight himself in the almighty? Will he always call upon God? • *Job 27:8-10*

When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: And the hope of unjust men perisheth. • *Proverbs 11:7*

Can the rush (papyrus) grow up without mire? Can the flag grow without water?

While it is yet in His greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.

So are the paths of all that forget God: And the hypocrite's hope shall perish. • *Job 8:11-13*

Victory Assembly of God  
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Wednesday nights at 7 pm we are studying the Book of Revelation, taught by renowned teacher, Hilton Sutton.