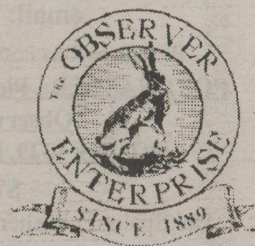


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## American Flags to fly on September 11

by Hal Spain, Publisher

Next week we shall have the honor of flying our American flags, not just on Labor Day (Monday, September 7), but also on Friday, September 11, which will commemorate the eighth anniversary of one of the greatest tragedies in the history of our republic.

This effort to fly our flags on 9/11 began (locally) when we received an email from DeeAnna Harmon concerning a grassroots push to honor those who were taken on 9/11 and their families. For me, this is personal. My daughter and son-in-law were living about three city blocks from ground zero in New York City, and just happened to be on their way out of town to visit relatives when the planes crashed into the twin towers. When they were finally allowed to come back home, there were ash and debris all over everything in their apartment. Not being able to contact them directly, they finally were able to call and let us know they were all right.

To advance this effort, I contacted both Lions Clubs, the RL-Silver Lions and the Bronte Evening Lions Club, and they both indicated they would fly flags throughout both Robert Lee and Bronte on Friday, September 11. We are asking that you join this effort and fly your American flag on that day to help show your support for those who

perished and their remaining family members.

In addition to flying your flags, it seems most everyone has their own method of honoring those who perished that day. I got my daughter to send me an NYPD cap that I wear to work on that day each year, to honor the policemen and firefighters who lost their lives trying to evacuate those in the twin towers.

We hope you'll join with us in honoring those who made the supreme sacrifice on this day and their families. It is also our hope that we can make this a national commemoration day, and follow this tradition each and every year on the anniversary of 9/11.

### Lost Dogs!

We don't usually publish this type of information concerning stray dogs, because we get so many strays turned loose in Coke County by misguided owners from Tom Green County who think their unwanted pets will have a better home in our county. The truth is that most of these pets get run over by traffic, or starve to death trying to find something to eat or drink. The remainder are euthanized humanely with a loud noise and a speeding bullet by our area sheep and goat raisers. The bottom line is that there is no good ending for a dog that is turned loose in Coke County.

One of our area residents



**Coke County Paper Project!** Two volunteers, Donna Ash and Pat Carwile, are shown working on the Coke County Historical Commission's Newspaper Project. They are working to separate, chronologicalize, and pack more than 40 years of Observer/Enterprise copies. The West Texas Collection at Angelo State University will microfilm the papers to protect the history of Coke County as well as to provide researchers of the future documentation of the area's unique way of life.

recently found a couple of grown dogs just north of the divide in Coke County on Hwy 208. One is a purebred Bassett hound, and the other is a mixed black and brown hound. Both are males, well mannered, respond to commands, and both were wearing collars with no identification.

If you have lost these dogs, they are being housed at the San Angelo Pound, with a very short time left to adopt or pick them up. For more information, you may contact Pamela Underwood at 277-4531. She is a local resident who found the two in the

middle of 208, and she is really wanting to reunite them with their owner, or find somebody to adopt them.

### Holiday Closings

The Coke County Courthouse, and the city halls in both Bronte and Robert Lee will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The Robert Lee City Landfill will also be closed Saturday, September 5.

### Coke County Commissioners set Public Hearing

The Coke County Commissioners Court will hold a Public Hearing on September 14th, 2009 at 8:30 am to discuss the 2009-2010 budget. The Public Hearing will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas.

### 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.

### 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!

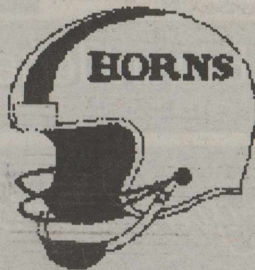
## Coke County Football

BRONTE LONGHORNS

vs.

Roby Lions

7:30 pm • Friday  
September 4 • Bronte

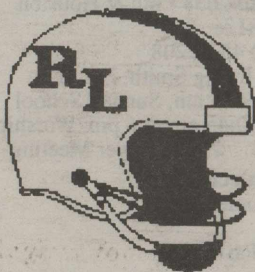


ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Panther Creek Panthers

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## New law prohibits cell phone use in school zone

New state laws that went into effect on September 1, 2009, include one or more that will affect local driving. Probably the most important is House Bill 55, which makes it illegal to text or talk on a cell phone while driving through a school zone, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. The only exception is for making an emergency call.

Other bills which went into effect on September 1 include: requiring all driver's license applicants under 18 to take the driving skills exam; a mandatory six-hour driver education course for driver's license applicants 18 years or older; a bill which allows minors to be charged with public intoxication; House Bill 176, which makes a drive-by shooting a first degree felony if it causes serious injury; and another bill which basically doubles the fines for unlawfully parking in a handicapped parking space. In addition, there are new seat belt and child safety (booster seat) laws which are in effect to further protect children riding in vehicles.

## Miles Cotton Festival set

The 32nd 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).

## New safety belt laws effective September 1

There are two new seatbelt laws that went 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 that went into effect requires all children ages 8 or younger or shorter than 4 feet 9 inches to ride in a booster seat.

## 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: cokecoob-server@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



**UMC Youth Attend Rally!** On Sunday, August 30, 2009, the Youth of The United Methodist Church of Robert Lee attended a Youth Rally hosted by St. Lukes UMC in San Angelo. The ten from Robert Lee added to the 120 other Youth from this District. Brady UMC and Ozona UMC drove the most miles to attend the event.

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.

## 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.

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(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  
5:00 pm Choir Practice

**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
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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  
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(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  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
Joe Hodges, Pastor

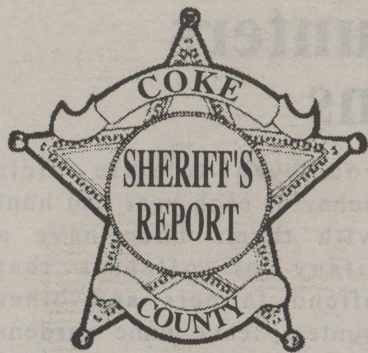
(325) 473-2040  
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
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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





## August 2009

### Coke County Arrests

Stephanie Fajardo, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 8-3-09

Joseph Munoz, Out of County Warrant, 8-3-09

Bannon Roe, DUI-Minor, 8-8-09

Wade Cates, Public Intoxication, 8-11-09

Nicholas Flores, Assault Family Violence, 8-18-09

Ricky Wells, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 8-21-09

### Annual Health Fair slated for

#### September 12th

The Texas AgriLife Extension service in Coke County, along with the Coke County Wesley Nurse Misty McGlothlin RN, will host a Heath Fair Saturday, September 12, from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm in the Robert Lee Community Center.

The general public is invited to attend this health fair for both information on various topics and also to be tested free of charge for several important health areas.

The various booths with free testing will include: Vision: Glaucoma: Bone Density: Diabetes: Spine: and Blood Pressure. Other Attractions will be: Air Med Helicopter Tour: American Cancer Society: Safe Kids: CV Food Bank: Angelo Spine: Prevent Blindness: County Extension Agent on effects of smoking and Walk Across Texas Health and Wellness information : Angels HH: La Esperanza: County Judge's office on 911: San Angelo AIDS foundation: EMS-Rollover convincer: Games and door prizes. Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Anyone seeking auxiliary aid, should contact the Texas AgriLife Extension office for this service at 453-2461.

### West Coke County Hospital District Board Meeting

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met August 31, 2009, in special session in the conference room of the Robert Lee Care Center to set the tax rate. Members present were Mary Bessent, Dessie

Kendall, Marilyn White, and Pat Stephens. Roger Alexander, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present. President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:37 am, and declared there was a quorum. Dessie Kendall gave the invocation. There were no visitors.

The tax rate was set at 0.00231496. The special session adjourned at 9:41 am, and the Board moved into regular session at 9:45 am. The meeting was called to order by President Bessent.

Absent Board member, Mike Lomas, was excused from the July 27 meeting, and the minutes from that meeting were approved.

In the staffing update, Roger reported there is a need for a prn (as needed) LVN. There will also be a prn kitchen helper hired. One resident was moved into the Alzheimer's Unit, and is reported to be much more content in the quieter atmosphere. There are now five residents in the Unit.

The Board discussed accounts receivable, but no action was required at this time. Janie Munoz continues to work diligently at collecting what is owed, and keeping the accounts clean.

In public relations, Roger reported the radio advertisement for the Care Center is currently running on the air. Although he has not gotten to hear it yet, some of the staff have heard it. (I've not gotten to hear it on the radio yet, but I'm waiting patiently.) Roger and some members of the staff are working on the design for the Care Center's website.

The financial report was discussed and approved.

Under capital projects, Roger reported he is currently taking bids for new windows in the facility which will be much more efficient for heating and cooling. A new dishwasher and serving tables have been installed in the



**Engagement Announced!** David and Sherry Wilson of Big Lake, Texas, and James Tinney of Carlsbad, New Mexico, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandy Tinney, to Justin Moore, son of Matt and Melanie Moore of Bronte, Texas.

Brandy is the granddaughter of Evelyn Ammons of Big Lake, Texas, Eddie Hamrick of San Angelo, Texas, Leroy and Mary Tinney of Grape Creek, Texas, and Kenneth and Barbara Epperson of San Angelo, Texas.

Justin is the grandson of Pat Moore and the late Johnny Moore Sr. of Bronte, Texas, John and Diana Todd of The Colony, Texas, and the late Frances Todd.

Brandy is a 2005 graduate of Reagan County High School. She is currently attending Howard College in San Angelo, Texas, working toward a degree in Business Applications. Brandy is currently employed by Big Lake Country Club.

Justin is a 2004 graduate of Bronte High School. He is currently employed by Lonestar Anchor of Big Lake, Tx.

Brandy and Justin will be joined in marriage on October 3, 2009, at 2:00 pm at The First Baptist Church of Big Lake. Pastor Gerald Baston will officiate, with a reception to follow.

kitchen. Roger shared information with the Board concerning the future installation of an internal computer system, which will chart data electronically.

In his administrator's report, Roger stated that as of August 24, the Robert Lee Care Center has a 5-Star rating in the national and statewide comparison survey. The Board is very gratified and excited about this report. Roger and the staff at the facility are to be highly commended for the excellent service they provide in caring for the residents of the Care Center. Great job, Roger and

staff!! Keep up the good work!

One of the residents of the Care Center will be celebrating her 100th birthday Saturday, September 5. The celebration will be held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, from 2:00 -4:00 pm. Zera Fields would love for her friends

and neighbors to come help her celebrate her special day.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next Board meeting will be September 28, 2009. As always, the public is invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am, and the Board members enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

**Zera Fields**  
is nearing her 100th birthday!  
She would like her friends and neighbors to help her celebrate this momentous milestone!  
**Saturday, September 5, 2009**  
2 pm - 4 pm  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
No gifts, but cards would be appreciated.

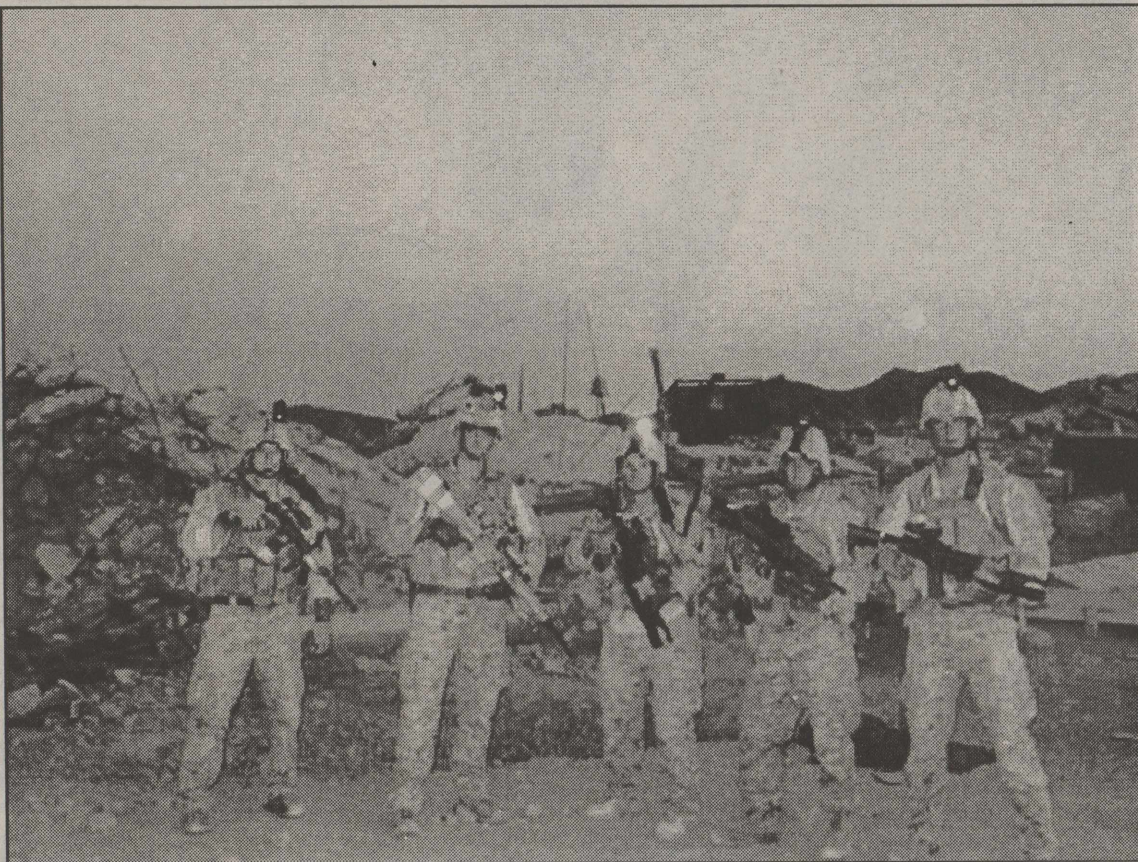
**MAIN STREET MARKET**

**Bronte, Texas**

**15th Anniversary CELEBRATION!**

**Saturday • September 5**  
Maverick River Bend will host a wine tasting.





**Supporting Our Troops!** Sixteen boxes of goodies were recently sent to this group of Marines in Afghanistan. All of those who helped mail boxes, organize the garage sale, and all those who bought from the garage sale are greatly appreciated. Pat Gunnells and Southside Church of Christ urge everyone to continue their efforts in support of our troops.

## Slob dove hunters need citations

Dove hunting season has opened as of Tuesday, September 1, and each year there are fewer and fewer places to hunt.

The reason is simple. Dove season seems to attract the lowest element of the hunting community, and private farm and ranchlands where hunters were welcome in the past are now closed because of these few well, I'll just say it morons. They're inconsiderate idiots who apparently have no idea what's at stake here.

They are the guys who arrive at a popular and crowded field five minutes before shooting time, and walk out in front of or set up too close to guys who've been in the spot for an hour, and then they give anyone a fit who tries to mention to them their transgression.

They are ones who shoot too many birds and don't bother to retrieve the ones that sail out too far or crash into the brush behind them.

They are the guys who think it's OK to shoot a limit in the morning and another in the evening, and they apparently don't understand a possession limit either.

They leave their shotgun empties and trash strewn around where they shoot.

They shoot at low birds, peppering other hunters; and then have the audacity to yell at someone else who might do the same thing.

Are you any of those guys?

You certainly know one or two of them. Perhaps

you even tolerate their behavior each year and hunt with them. They have a litany of offenses that offend farmers and other hunters, leave game wardens shaking their heads, and give this noble family tradition of hunting a black eye in the non-hunting community.

Robert Pierce, who manages Walter's Camp on the Colorado River south of Palo Verde in California, said he "hates to hunt opening day any more because of the people I have to share it with."

Pierce winces when he tells the story of how dove hunters lost the right to hunt a big chunk (over 10,000 acres of farmland) in the lower Palo Verde Valley about a dozen years ago. A local landowner was driving down a dirt road opening morning, actually enjoying all the sportsmen around his fields, when shot peppered his truck and he was struck by sizzling pellets coming in the open truck window. The shooter was just 100 yards away and had shot at a low bird. The landowner drove over to the hunter and offered the advice that he probably shouldn't shoot low birds, the blood running down his cheek graphically explaining why.

"Do you know what the stupid hunter said? He told my friend that he shouldn't be riding around with his window down on opening day of dove season," said Pierce. "That was the last year any of his lands were open to hunting, and they are still posted."

## HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

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TURKEYS AND OTHER CAMPERS



It just takes one jackass to ruin it for everyone else. The solution, like with so many problems, are best solved when you can address the offender's pocketbook.

Ray Aspa, Sr., acting chief of the fish and game department for the Colorado River Indian Tribes huge reservation on the river between Blythe and Havasu, said when the tribal council agreed to increase the price of the CRIT hunting license from \$45 to \$75 there was an unexpected benefit.

"It got rid of the riff-raff. We have far fewer problems than we had in the past," said Aspa. There were fewer hunters driving in farm fields, less trash, and fewer other violations.

Are you getting where I'm going with this?

Rarely do the offending slob get caught by law enforcement and have to pay for their violations, and they seem to shun friendly advice and education from other hunters.

Like a lot of my hunting friends, I frequently ask other hunters not to forget to pick up their empties and trash, and frequently have expletives hurled my way. Where do these people come from?

One buddy, after getting peppered three times by the same hunter shooting at low doves streaking into a field, yelled again at the guy to "knock off shooting at the low birds." He may have added a legitimate, descriptive, but not family newspaper-approved name for the shooter at the end of that sentence the third time. Proving that my friend's description was correct, the low-bird shooter threw up his gun and deliberately shot at my buddy, peppering him with shot and expletives. That was before we all carried cell phones and could dial 911. My buddy simply chose to leave.

To protect our hunting heritage, we all need to help enforcement officers: Give the hunters breaking the rules (including your hunting acquaintances) a chance to do the right thing. But if they don't respond to our verbal coaching, it's time to take photographs of the slob, record their car license plates, perhaps even collect a couple of water bottles they leave that will carry fingerprints, and photograph all the trash they leave behind. Keep count on how many birds they're shooting. Don't put yourself in

jeopardy or be confrontational, but get the evidence. Then find a game warden or sheriff and tell them you want the offenders cited.

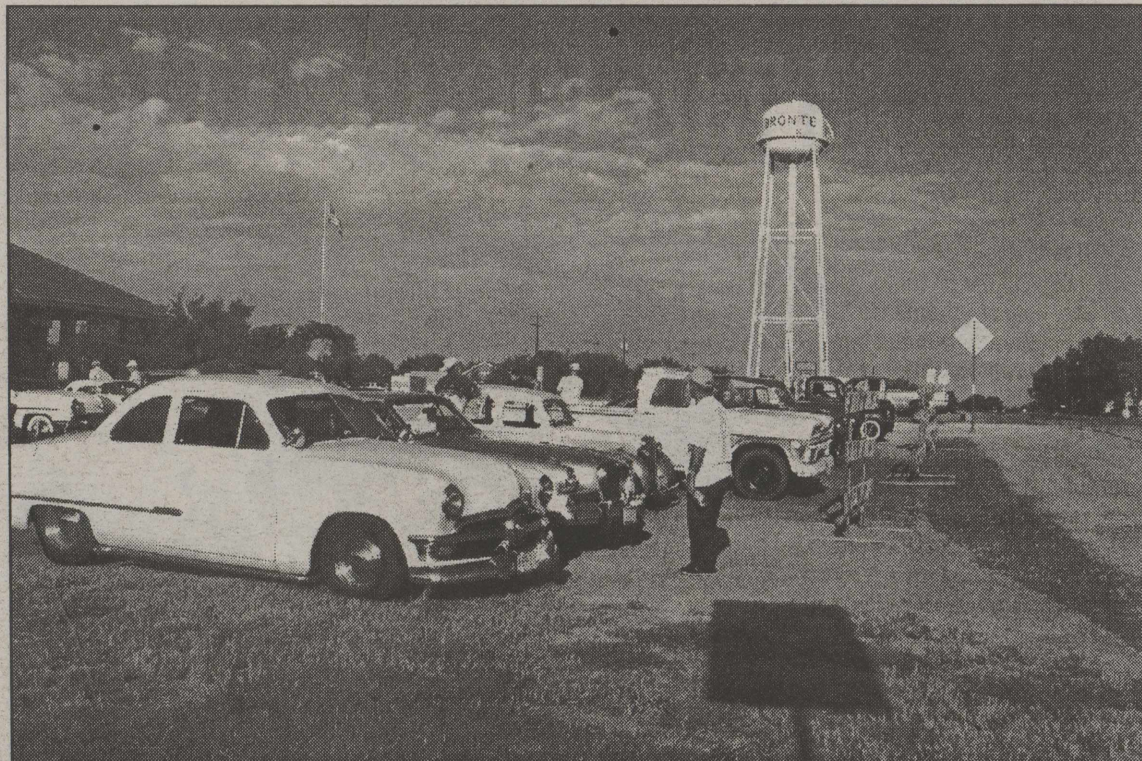
Pierce likes to tell this story. He and an off-duty sheriff were working on a satellite dish during the dove season a couple of seasons ago. There were hunters nearby on private land, and Pierce and his friend were peppered when the hunters shot at a low bird. The sheriff walked over and asked the guys to be more careful and reminded they were on private land. Pierce said he could hear them tell the sheriff to "get lost", with the kicker, "You're not a cop."

The sheriff didn't say another word, walked back to the satellite dish, told Pierce he had to go to work, and went inside his house. He came out dressed in his uniform and with his K-9 unit dog. On his drive around the field, he called the landowner and made sure the owner didn't mind him citing some jackass hunters for trespass. They were cited for a litany of violations and had their guns confiscated. The cost of those citations was substantial.

Rather than raising the cost of hunting for all of us (like the CRIT did), those are the kind of targeted "fee increases" that might help rid our ranks of the riff-raff. You and I can help.

**JIM MATTHEWS**  
www.OutdoorNewsService.com

Matthews is a syndicated outdoor columnist in Southern California, shockingly still writing for 11 daily newspapers in this gun-hating, liberal region. His column/news archives provide a wealth of insightful reading on the outdoor scene in



**Car Show Draws Large Numbers!** The First Annual "Oldies But Goodies" Car Show was a great success. Over 40 vehicles were on display, lining the south side of West Main Street, the Highway Garage parking lot and the historic Santa Fe Depot parking lot. All types of vehicles were represented. Winners of the show were Winton Milliff with the City's Choice, Brian Hare with the Chamber of Commerce Choice, and Merritt Scott with the Fire Department Choice. The Fire Department fundraiser kept everyone fed with hamburgers. The stores stayed busy with people enjoying the Sidewalk Surfing game. If you weren't able to attend this year's car show, start making plans to join in the fun next year the 3rd weekend of August.

California, including issues the rest of the nation will be facing in the coming years. As Matthews likes to say, "The poo rolls downhill from here."

#### RLISD elects 2009-2010 class officers

**7th grade**  
President-James Roberts  
Vice-President-Lane Richards  
Secretary/Treasurer-Tristen Hildebrand  
Reporter-Mason Hill  
Favorites: James Roberts & Daria Tinkler

**8th grade**  
President-Alexis Mendoza  
Vice-President-Jeslyn Digby  
Secretary-Hannah Hamrick  
Treasurer-Chad Wyatt  
Reporter-Michael Curry  
Student Council Representatives: Shelby Davis & Jesse Sheets  
Favorites: Taylor Benton & Everett Wilson

**9th grade**

President-Jordan Gartman  
Vice-President-Justin Gartman  
Secretary -Ashlie Wheat  
Treasurer-Zachary Sanchez  
Favorites-Jordan Gartman & Justin Gartman

**10th grade**  
President-Tyler Henderson  
Vice-President-Linsey Arellano  
Secretary/Treasurer-Luisa Carrera  
Reporter-Diana Vera  
Favorites-Meagan Ross & Garrett Rogers

**11th grade**  
President-Haden Dillard  
Vice-President-Logan Philley  
Secretary - Amanda Mendoza  
Treasurer-Kacee Roberts  
Reporter-Heidi Austin  
Favorites-Skyler Rainwater & Foster Allen

**12th grade**  
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Lady Horns Congratulated by Horns!** Members of the Bronte Longhorn football team congratulate members of the Bronte Lady Longhorns volleyball team who had just won an upset victory over the state champions from Windthorst. The football team went on to beat Junction 23-13 that evening. Longhorn fans were impressed with the two impressive victories of their teams last Friday.

## Horns victorious over Eagles

The Bronte Longhorns went to Junction last Friday and came away with a 23-13 victory over the Eagles. The game was close in almost all aspects, except for turnovers. The Longhorns had none, com-

pared to Junction's four.

The Longhorn defense forced Junction into 3 interceptions. The defense was led by Trent DeRonde's 5 tackles and Dakota Rawls' 2 interceptions.

The Longhorn offense was led by Rob Rosson with 77 yards rushing, Dakota Rawls 126 yards passing with 2 TD's, and Kerwin Rawls catching 2 TD's.

This was a huge opening

game win for the Longhorns as they avenged last season's season open loss to the Eagles. Come out and watch the Longhorns tonight as they play their home opener against Roby.

## Bronte FFA members exhibit in Snyder

Bronte FFA members Cambri and Carson Kelso exhibited steers at the Cottonfield Classic August 15, 2009. They exhibited the Champion Santa Gertrudis steer, second place Maine steer, third place Simmental steer, and a third place ABC steer.

## 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 who attend.

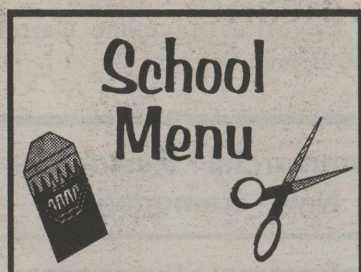
If a parent is unable to attend, please call Mrs. Timmerman BHS counselor, at 473-2521 to schedule an individual meeting time.

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

## 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@gmail.com (no dashes). Pass the word!



### Breakfast

Monday, September 7  
Holiday

Tuesday, September 8  
Cereal, Fruit, Toast, Jelly, Milk

Wednesday, September 9  
Blueberry Muffins, Assorted Juice, Toast, Jelly, Milk

Thursday, September 10  
Sausage Roll, Assorted Juice, Milk

Friday, September 11  
Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice, Milk

### Lunch

Monday, September 7  
Holiday

Tuesday, September 8  
BBQ, Tater Tots, Pickle Spears, Corn on the Cob, Fruit, Buns, Milk

Wednesday, September 9  
Golden Fish Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Milk

Thursday, September 10  
Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans, Jello, Texas Toast, Milk, Cookies

Friday, September 11  
Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Bun, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Baked Chips, Milk, Chocolate Pudding

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**Informational Meeting for Parents (Moms) Only:**

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Where: Bronte Church of Christ, 118 S. Jefferson

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# BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL

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				BHS	
August 28	Junction	There	7:30	23	13
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		

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Friday  
September 4  
7:30 pm  
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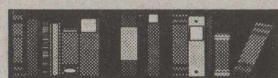
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, September 7**  
Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 8**

Muffins, cereal, juice, milk

**Wednesday, September 9**

Sausage & Biscuit, cereal, juice, milk

**Thursday, September 10**

Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

**Friday, September 11**

Pancakes & sausage, cereal, juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, September 7**

Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 8**

Pizza, corn on cob, breadstick w/sauce, fruit cocktail, milk

**Wednesday, September 9**

Tuna fish or peanut butter, cheese stick, baked chips, pork & beans, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

**Thursday, September 10**

Chicken fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, orange, milk

**Friday, September 11**

Chicken patty on bun, pickles, tator tots, salad, peaches, milk

**RLHS Cheerleaders Win!** The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders (top photo) are shown with their awards from cheer camp at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine, Texas, this summer. The cheerleaders received a Superior Trophy for the week and Stomper also received a Superior Trophy along with the Leadership Award. This is the most coveted award of the mascots at camp.

**Cheer Crazy!** The campers at the RLHS Mini-Cheer Camp on Crazy Day (bottom photo) were being silly. Pre-K through Junior High Cheerleaders participated.

### Steers fall to Hornets

by Tom Sawyer

Robert Lee opened the regular season with a tough opener against the Highland Hornets. The Hornets started the season ranked #2 in the state in small schools and the Steers were ranked #16 in large schools. Things didn't go the way the Steers or their fans would have liked, but there were some bright spots in the game.

Let's all remember that this team, like all the rest, needs our support. So everyone get in those carpools and get out to the games. We will be traveling to Panther Creek Friday for a tough game. Let's get out and cheer on our Steers!

### SCORING SUMMARY

#### 1st Quarter

Highland - 24 yard pass play with 8:50 left, PAT kick good

Highland - safety with 8:01 left

Highland - 6 yard run with 6:07 left, PAT kick good

Highland - 17 yard run with 3:34 left, PAT kick good

Highland - 26 Robert Lee - 0

**2nd Quarter**

Highland - 1 yard run with 6:16 left, PAT kick good

Robert Lee - 13 yard run by Blake Millican, 2:58 left, Haden Dillard with PAT kick

Highland - 11 yard pass play with :68 left, PAT kick good

Highland - 23 yard pass play with :08 left, PAT kick good

Highland - 50 Robert Lee - 8

**3rd Quarter**

Highland - 60 yard run with 4:43 left, game called

STEER STATS

Stetson Nesbit - 1 reception for 7 yards and 1 tackle

Blake Hewitt - 4 receptions and 1 tackle

Cooper Hinderliter - 2 carries for 4 yards, 1 reception for 8 yards, and 6 tackles

Haden Dillard - 1 carry for 4 yards, 1 reception for 31 yards,

and 2 tackles

Blake Millican - 10 carries for 25 yards, 2 receptions for 5 yards, 3 tackles and 1 int.

Cody Brosh - 7 carries, 9 of 14 passing for 46 yards and 1 int., 5 tackles and 1 int., 4 punts for an average of 34 yards per punt.

**GO GET EM STEERS!**

**STEER PRIDE!!!!**

**RLISD Board**

**Meeting held**

On Thursday, August 27, 2009, a special meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members present were Todd Reed, Kevin Roe, Jeffie Roberts, Tom Sawyer, Wes Washam, Brandi Brosh, and Irma Torres.

The invocation and pledge were led by Jeffie Roberts.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17th, 2009, seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Sheri Millican introduced two students who went to Nashville, Tennessee, to the National FCCLA Convention. Kacey Roberts, FCCLA Region II President, shared her experience of going to Nashville over the summer. Meagan Ross also attended the convention and won a gold medal with her presentation.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the financial report given by Robin Allen, to pay the bills as presented and to approve the budget amendments as presented. This motion was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Superintendent Aaron Hood gave a report on the Construction Project.

Nick Bulaish with First Southwest presented the issuance and sale of bonds for Robert Lee ISD. Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve the issuance and sale of bonds, seconded by Todd Reed. All voted for.

The board recessed at 6:25 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Superintendent Hood made a recommendation to accept the proposal from Project Graduation for the 2009-2010 school year. Tom Sawyer made the motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to increase substitute teacher pay to \$60 per day effective in

the 2009-2010 school year. Brandi Brosh seconded the motion. All voted for.

Public Hearing was held for the 2009-2010 Budget for RLISD.

Wes Washam made the motion to approve the 2009-2010 Official Estimated Budget by Fund and Function as presented by Superintendent Hood and to designate \$900,000 of Fund Balance for capital projects. The motion was seconded by Todd Reed. All voted for.

The Board held a public hearing on the 2009-2010 Tax Rate.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to approve Superintendent Hood's recommendation to adopt \$1.04 for M&O Tax Rate and to adopt .44 for I&S Tax Rate by Ordinance for a total Tax Rate of \$1.48. The motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Superintendent Hood gave a report on enrollment numbers and calendar items.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be held Monday, September 21, 2009, at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

### RLISD Art Project set to begin

If you are a past or present student and/or staff member of Robert Lee ISD, the art department would like for you to bring a picture of yourself as a student and/or staff member. These will be scanned, printed, and used to create a "Wall of Memory" on the white walls erected by the auditorium when the front portion of the school was removed. In addition, we would like a small memory you have about being a student here, or something you would like to say about the old school and the soon to be new school. Please make sure to put the year attended on the items. All original pictures will be returned to the owner and only scanned images will be used.

Art students will decoupage or glue the images and memories to the walls creating a mural to memorialize the 80 plus years of Robert Lee ISD.

Please bring images and memories to Mrs. Service in the band hall or leave them in the Elementary and High School offices. If an image needs to be scanned, please leave something such as a phone number or stamped envelope to return items. Otherwise, come after school to have the items scanned.

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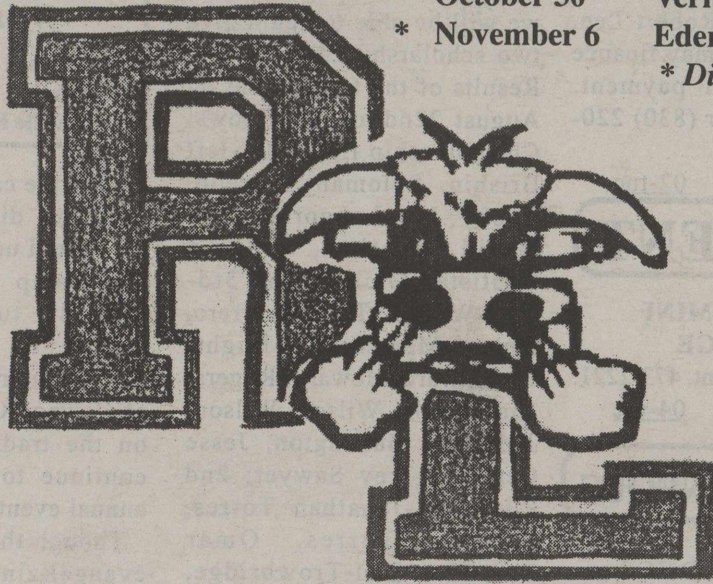
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# ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

Friday  
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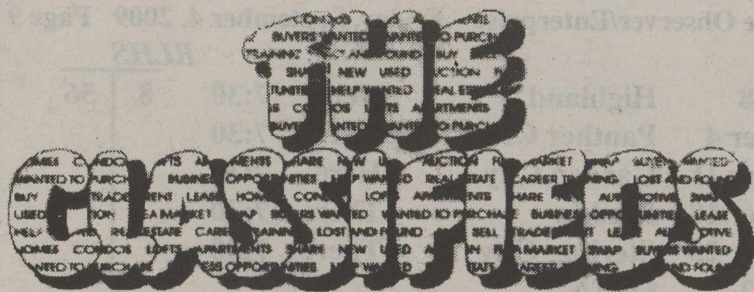
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The camp meeting has been held at the campgrounds between Coleman and Santa Anna on Highway 84 since 1966. It was begun by Little George Havens, a native of the area who won fame as a movie actor and stunt man in Hollywood. After becoming a Christian and an evangelist, he began the camp meeting to continue the tradition of cowboys sharing their faith

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around the campfire.

Havens died in 1988, but his wife, Lucy, has continued the camp meetings and recently turned over the property to the Texas/American Fellowship of Cowboy Churches to carry on the tradition. She will continue to co-sponsor the annual event.

Though the emphasis is on evangelizing cowboys, the camp meeting this year will be a family event with daily activities for adults, children and youth, including prayer and Bible study, trail rides and various games.

Highlighting each day's program will be worship under the tent at 7 pm. Evangelists Jay Breland and Rick Ingle will kick off the preaching services on Friday and Saturday evenings, respectively, followed by pastors from TFCC churches, including Todd King of High Mesa Cowboy Church, Brownwood, and Sam Stone of Brush Creek Cowboy Church, Putnam on Sunday; Greg Clemmer of Cowboy Heritage Church, Clyde on Monday; Jimmy Holleman of Double N Cowboy Church, Dublin, on Tuesday; Gary Morgan of Cowboy Church of Ellis County on Wednesday; Jack Blease of Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church, Sanger, on Thursday; Mike Morrow of Cross Brand Cowboy Church, Tyler, on Friday; Jeromy Connell of Heart of Texas Cowboy Church, Waco, on Saturday; and

David Wilkerson of Ranchhouse Cowboy Church, Maypearl, and Ron Nolen, executive director of the TFCC, on Sunday.

A new feature this year, Tuesday through Friday, will be lighted events, including mutton bustin' for the children, playday events, team roping, buckout and a full rodeo.

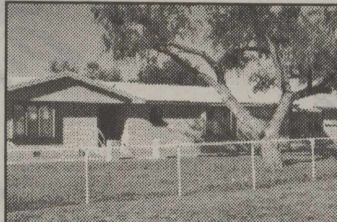
To encourage family attendance, 32 new RV hookups have been completed and will be available on a first come, first served basis and each has space for horse corral panels. A septic system dump station is also being installed.

Special events this year will include two trail rides originating in Goldthwaite and Abilene the week before the camp meeting and arriving at the camp on Friday afternoon. Kent Battenfield, pastor of Mills County Cowboy Church, will lead the ride from Goldthwaite. He can be contacted at 325-648-2813. Sam Stone, pastor of Brushy Creek Cowboy Church, Putnam, will lead the wagons from Abilene. His phone is 325-662-3562.

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# Common sense safety tips discussed

Because of recent abductions in daylight hours, refresh yourself of these things to do in an emergency situation. This is for you, and for you to share with your wife, your children, and everyone you know. It never hurts to be careful in this crazy world we live in.

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

2. Tip from a tourist guide: If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM. Toss it away from you. Chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet/purse. RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!

3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc. DON'T DO THIS!) The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE. If someone is in the car with a gun to your head, DO NOT DRIVE OFF, Repeat: DO NOT DRIVE OFF! Instead gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your air bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat, they will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes, bail out and run. It is better than having them find your body in a remote location.

5. A few notes about getting into your car in a

parking lot or parking garage: A.) Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat. B.) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars. C.) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out. IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY. (And better paranoid than dead.) 6. ALWAYS take the elevator instead of the stairs. Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot. This is especially true at NIGHT!) 7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN! The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; and even then, it most likely WILL NOT be a vital organ. RUN, preferably in a zig-zag pattern! 8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP. It may get you raped, or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well-educated man, who ALWAYS played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked 'for help' into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim. 9. Another Safety Point: Someone just told me that her friend heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last, and she called the police because it was late and she thought it was weird. The police told her 'Whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.' The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window, and she was worried that it would

crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, "We already have a unit on the way." Whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.' He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it, but have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night. 10. Water scam! If you wake up in the middle of the night to hear all your taps outside running or what you think is a burst pipe, DO NOT GO OUT TO INVESTIGATE! These people turn on all your outside taps full ball so that you will go out to investigate and then attack. Stay alert, keep safe, and look out for your neighbors!

## What to know when traveling with your pet

Vacation season is officially upon us. With the kids out of school and the temperature rising, it's time to get in your car or to the airport and go to that tropical (or historic) destination. While you may opt to board your pets during your trip, if you decide that you want to include them in your vacation, there are some things to consider.

"If you are driving with your pets it is great to know ahead of time if they get car sick," notes Dr. Mark Stickney, Director of General Surgery Services at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "Before your trip, take short drives around town to see how your pet reacts." If your pet does get car sick or is very anxious on car rides, your veterinarian can prescribe a sedative or an anti-nausea medication such as Dramamine. "Although Dramamine is an over-the-counter medication it is still important to check with your veterinarian on dosage," states Stickney. "I would also take a couple of short rides after giving them the

medication to make sure that it is working." Once you've established that your pet can comfortably ride in the car, you will have to start packing up their stuff to take with you. Leashes, collars, bowls, food, and identification tags should all be a part of any pet's traveling bag. "It's important to make sure that your pet is on a leash when you stop at a gas station or rest stop. These are high traffic areas and there are a lot of new smells that can distract them," remarks Stickney. "Even if your pet is on a leash, make sure that their identification tags are on their collar just in case. Microchips are even better because a collar or ID tag can get lost." If your pet is on any kind of medication make sure you stock up before your trip in case you cannot get it where you are going. While you may be able to buy your pet's food at your destination, it is a good idea to make sure so you don't have to feed them an unfamiliar diet. "While you can test your pet on new foods at home, you really don't want to change their food on a trip," warns Stickney. "This could upset their stomach and cause diarrhea- something you really wouldn't want to happen on the road or in a plane." Proof of vaccinations and medical records are good things to have on any trip with your pet in case of an emergency, but might be necessary if you are flying with them. "Most, if not all, airlines will require proof of vaccination and a health certificate in order to put them on the airplane," explains Stickney. "You have to get the health certificate from your veterinarian 10-15 days prior to a trip so make sure you leave yourself enough time to do this." Checking with an airline on their rules and procedures can help make sure that all the paperwork is in order and can also give you a chance to ask any questions you may need to in order to make sure you have peace of mind. "I would ask them what arrangements they make for

the animals aboard in case of a layover. You want to make sure they don't leave them waiting out on a hot tarmac," advises Stickney. As much as you wouldn't want your pet sitting on a sweltering runway, it would be even worse to leave your pet in the car on a hot summer day. "NEVER leave your pet in the car for any length of time," urges Stickney. "You might think that a couple of minutes are ok because you could stand it, but pets don't sweat, they pant. Because of this they need cool air to regulate their temperature and if they can't get it they get into trouble quickly."

Another safety note that Stickney adds is that because your pet might not be in a temperature controlled environment on an airplane, you don't want to give it sedatives or anything that might hinder their internal temperature regulation. Once you have made all the arrangements and precautions for your pets and your family you are set and ready go. "If staying at hotels, make sure ahead of time that they are pet friendly," advises Stickney. "Before you leave, make sure everyone has had a chance to use the bathroom and if you have any cats bring a litter box and fresh litter. If you do all these things you should be set for a great vacation with your family and your pets."

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## "We the People"

By Jim Clendennen

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Last week on Glenn Beck's television program, he had a segment on which he made 5 points. He believes that if a Politician will not work to enact these 5 points, they should be turned out of office and replaced with someone who will. I agree wholeheartedly with the 5 points, but I think that a sixth point should be added. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives. There are 100 members of the U.S. Senate. There is one President. There is one Vice-president. There are 9 Supreme Court Justices. This is a total of 546 people. These 546 people make, determine, and enforce the laws of the United States. These 546 people should be subject to the same laws that the 300 million inhabitants of the United States are. Read through these 6 points and see if you agree. If you do agree, call and email Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and Congressman Conaway and demand that they support these points. Did I say demand? Yes, I did. Demand that they start action on these 6 ideas now or face removal at the next election cycle.

1. I believe in a balanced budget and, therefore, will vote for a freeze in government spending until that goal is realized.

2. I believe government should not increase the financial burden on its citizenry during difficult economic times and, therefore, will oppose all tax increases until our economy has rebounded.

3. I believe more than four decades of U.S. dependence on foreign oil is a travesty and, therefore, will support an energy plan that calls for immediately increasing usage of all domestic resources including nuclear energy, natural gas, and coal as necessary.

4. I believe in the sovereignty and security of our country and, therefore, will support measures to close our borders except for designated immigration points so that we will know who is entering and why and I will vehemently oppose any measure giving another country, the United Nations, or any other entity, power over U.S. citizens.

5. I believe the United States of America is the greatest country on earth and, therefore, will not apologize for policies or

actions which have served to free more and feed more people around the world than any other nation on the planet.

6. I believe that the laws of the United States should apply to all citizens equally. Therefore I will vote to eliminate the special retirement programs of elected representatives to the Congress, the Executive, and Supreme Court of the United States and vote to enforce mandatory participation of members of the three branches of the government in the Social Security System without any other special government retirement income. I will vote to eliminate the special health benefits afforded members of Congress, the Executive, and Supreme Court of the United States and vote to enforce mandatory participation of members of the three branches of the government in any federal health programs mandated to the citizens of the United States.

### Shooting Sports meeting slated

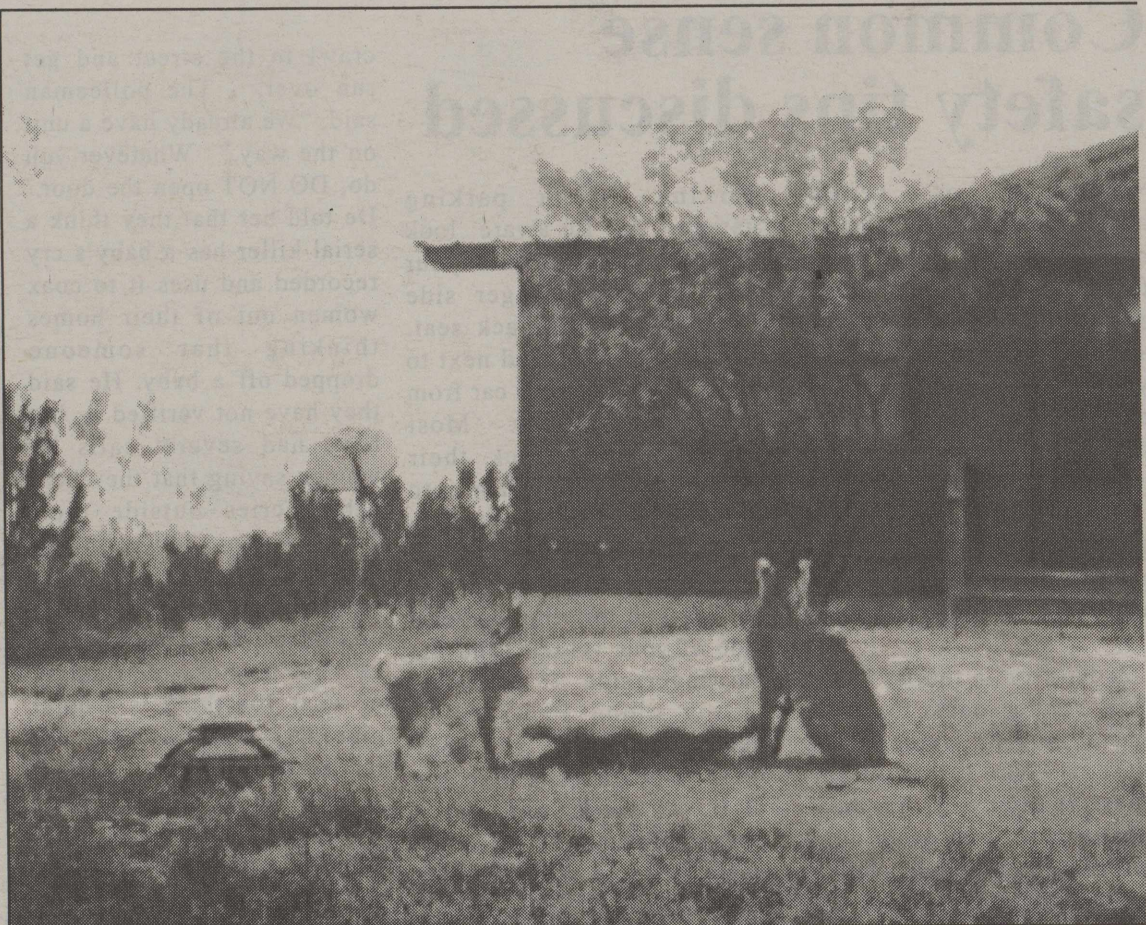
The Coke County Shooting Sports will meet on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm at the Red Canyon Shooting Range. If you have any questions, please call the extension office at (325) 453-2461.

### Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library is sending out an invitation to return over-due Library books. Before the school year gets underway and RLISD books and Coke County books get mixed together under the couch, students are asked to drop off Coke County books at the Library or in the drop-box on the porch. Any other search-and-return efforts will be appreciated as well.

The Library continues to stock popular reading books - mysteries, romance, detective, action, inspirational, westerns, are all available for the fall season. The Library maintains two computers with Internet connection and an Inter-library loan capability.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned



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