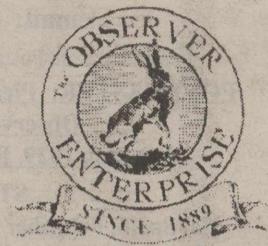


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American Flags to fly on September 11

By Hal Spain, Publisher
Today is the eighth anniversary of one of the greatest tragedies in the history of our republic. To commemorate this day, the RL-Silver Lions and the Bronte Evening Lions Club are flying American flags throughout both Robert Lee and Bronte

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.

We are asking that you join this effort and fly your American flag today to help show your support for those who perished and their remaining family members.

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.

Annual Health Fair slated for September 12

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 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.

BHRC Auxiliary to meet

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will meet at 1 pm on Thursday, September 17, in the dining room at BHRC. Lunch will be provided for a nominal fee.

This is the first meeting of the new year and we will have lots of activities going on in the coming year - resident trips, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here soon. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in residents at BHRC and they would love to have you join them.

For more information, call Janet Wommack at 473-5388 or Lanette Fletcher at 473-6791.

Coke County monthly dance cancelled

Due to lack of attendance, the Coke County monthly dance is having to cancel future dances.

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

Coke County Football

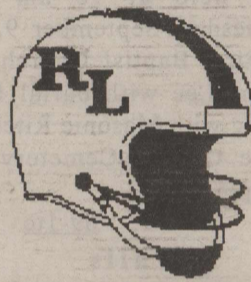
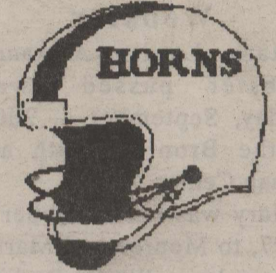
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Garden City Bearkats

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Messenger at 325-468-3611 or see our website at milestexas.com.

Explore Peru at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts

On Saturday, September 12, come explore Peru! From 10 am to 3 pm, families can sample Peruvian cuisine, make their own Incan symbols, listen to traditional Peruvian music and pet a llama! You can also learn about the incredible architecture of Macchu Picchu - the "Lost City of the Inca" and be inspired to paint like Fernando de Szyzio-a famous Peuvian artis.

The museum's regular operating hours are 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 pm Sunday. For admission costs and other information, contact (325) 653-3333.

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.

New safety belt laws now in effect

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.

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.

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 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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Obituaries

Webster

Mary Louise Alexander Webster passed away, Friday, September 4, 2009, at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

Mary was born October 1, 1927, to Monroe and Martha Alexander. While working as a telephone operator for GTE in San Angelo, Texas, Mary met and married Richard Webster, who was stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

Mary and Dick moved to Ozona, Texas, in 1956, where they were managers of the Flying W Motel for 30 years.

Mary was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was a strong Christian and her faith meant a lot to her, but her health kept her from attendance in recent years.

There were many things that gave Mary pleasure during her life. She was an avid golfer and spent many hours on the golf course with Dick and other family members. Family was very important to her, and she loved to travel with her brothers and sisters. Mary had a bubbly and vibrant personality, and she always had a smile on her face. One thing guaranteed to bring that smile out would be her grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

After Dick's death in 1989, Mary remained active by managing the Country Club apartments and C&J Storage Units, along with her part-time job at Small Fashions children's clothing store. She continued these jobs until her health began to fail.

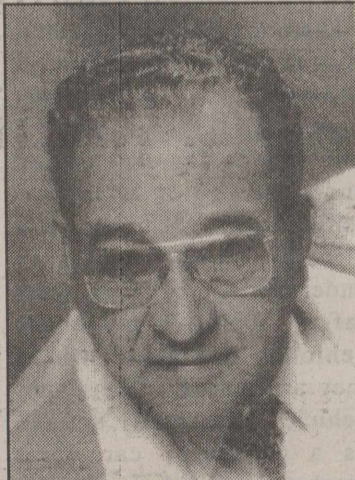
Mary is pre-deceased by her parents, her husband, one brother, and two sisters. Her survivors include her brothers, Eddie Alexander of Robert Lee, J.L. Alexander of Bronte, and Billy Alexander and his wife, Rena of Collinsville; her son, Ricky Webster and his wife Darolynn of Ozona, and her daughter, Sheri Hill and her husband Ray of Ozona. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Seth Webster of Abilene, Jordan Webster of Ozona, Jonathan Hill of Stephenville, Steven Hill,

who is proudly serving his country in Iraq, and his wife Anna of Killeen, and Michael Ray Hill of Ozona, and one great-grandchild, Ashlynn Hill of Killeen.

Services for Mary were held Thursday, September 8, 2009, at 10 am in the First Baptist Church in Ozona, with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona. Pallbearers were the deacons of the First Baptist Church.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the staff of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center for the loving care they showed Mary during her brief stay there. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials are made to the charity of your choice.

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Leverington

Leonard Burdette Leverington, age 80, of Loyd Lane, Blackwell, Texas, was born on October 18, 1928, in Liberal, Kansas, and went to be with Jesus on September 6, 2009, in San Angelo, Texas.

Leonard was a veteran of World War II, serving in the US Navy. He was past Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge in Crane, Texas, and 11 times past Worthy Patron of Eastern Star Chapters in Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Robert Lee, Texas. He was a retired long-haul truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, son Pat and Katrella Leverington of Titusville, Florida, son Mike and Mary Lou Leverington of Odessa, Texas, daughter Patricia and Jeff Leek of Hawk Point, Missouri, step-daughter Sherry and Dean Miller of Abilene, Texas, and step-daughter Brenda Buckley of Abilene, Texas. He has 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was Tuesday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. Services with Pat Leverington and Johnny Walker officiating were held at 10 am on Wednesday, September 9, at the First Baptist Church of Robert Lee with burial following with Masonic Rites at Crane County Cemetery at 3:30 pm.

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Walls

Mr. Wilson Troy Walls, age 70, died on September 2, 2009, in Colorado City. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 5, 2009, at 10 am at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Colorado City.

Troy was born on August 26, 1939, in Silver, Texas, to Thad and Artie Walls. He was a longtime resident of Mitchell County. He worked on the Spade Ranch for ten years, was a deputy sheriff in Mitchell County under Bill McGuire and in road maintenance for Mitchell County.

Troy was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his daughter, Katie Kinder and husband, W.A., of Greenbrier, Arkansas; grandsons Nolan and Kaden Kinder of Greenbrier, Arkansas. He is also sur-



Grand Opening! Clark and Noel Tinkler hosted a grand opening of Noel and Company. The event was held Sunday, September 6, from 2 pm until 5 pm. Noel and Company's building is available for private parties of all kinds. They also provide a schedule and menu for their take-out dinners.

vived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Robert and Mona Mathers of San Angelo, Mike and Jerri McCutchen of Sterling City, Ron and Fayne Thorn of Bronte and Wayne and Melinda McCutchen, also of Bronte.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thad and Artie Walls; four brothers and four sisters.

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Farm Safety and Health Week set

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau joins our County Judge, The Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies and the National Safety Council in promoting accident prevention during Farm Safety and Health Week, September 20-26. According to the National Safety Council Injury Facts, Agriculture is the most dan-

gerus industry in the United States.

The theme of this year's national event is "Rural Roadway Safety: Alert, Aware & Alive". The focus is on the importance of protecting the lives and livelihood of farmers and ranchers while sharing public roads.

An important safety issue for motorists and agricultural producers is travel over the road with tractors, self propelled equipment and towed equipment. Agricultural equipment is becoming bigger. As farms become larger in size and spread out over more area, farmers are spending a lot more time traveling with their tractors and equipment on public roads. Agricultural equipment on the road can be hazardous to both farmers and motorists. When the farm tractor is traveling at a much less rate of speed than the motorists, there is not much time for the motorist to react and avoid an accident.

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
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354
 Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm

St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2482 • pecanbaptist.org
 Jim Dominey, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Jason Martin, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 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
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 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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How can the motorists help avoid accidents with farm equipment?

*Avoid a collision by slowing down immediately when you see agricultural equipment on the road.

*Be alert for agricultural equipment with SMV emblems, reflectors or flashing lights.

*Expect to see more agricultural equipment on roadways during the busy agricultural seasons, such as planting and harvest time, but be alert for farm equipment on the road at any time of year.

*Be careful when trying to pass equipment, as the operator may not see or hear you. Be patient; do not pass the slow moving equipment unless it is absolutely safe to do so.

*Pass with caution, as the equipment may be longer and wider than you think.

*Be aware of possible left hand turns into fields.

How can the farmer avoid accidents with motorists?

*Use SMV emblems to show that your equipment is traveling 25 mph or less.

*Keep SMV emblems clean and un-faded. Replace when necessary.

*Being in compliance with the SMV regulations can protect your liability.

*If your towed equipment obscures the SMV emblem or lights on your tractor, place SMV emblems and lights on your towed equipment.

*Check your SMV emblem, marking tape and lights before road travel. Make sure everything is in place and functioning properly.

*SMV emblems are placed with the triangle pointing up, in the center of the vehicle, two to six feet above the road.

*Use flashers and turn signals to indicate your location and intentions.

*Use reflective extremity marking tape to show the size of farm equipment.

*Pull over and allow traffic to pass, when it is safe to do so and you can pull off the road entirely. Do not wave the other driver on, you might be held liable if they have a motor vehicle crash.

*Try to avoid or minimize road travel when it is dark or during times of bad weather or poor visibility.

*Use an escort vehicle if moving large equipment on the road.

*Consider installing service roads in your fields along busy highways to eliminate travel on the highway wherever it might be feasible to do so.

Tomes graduates from combat training

Army National Guard Spec. Jonathan A. Tomes has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson,

Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Jonathan is the son of Cynthia Tomes of Bronte and George Tomes.

He graduated in 2003 from Bronte High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2007 from Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

ASU announces summer graduates

At the end of the 2009 summer term, 164 students completed requirements at Angelo State University and received their diplomas.

The 2009 summer graduates include the following from the Bronte area: Julie A. Springer, B.S.N. and from Robert Lee Stephanie E. Brady, M.Ed. and Alexandria D. Welch, B.A., summa cum laude.

Sanchez - Holik united in marriage

Michele Garcia Sanchez and Adam David Holik were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at Saint Ambrose Catholic

Church in Wall, Texas, with Father, Hubert Wade officiating.

Michele is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Sanchez, Jr. of Robert Lee, Texas. She is a 2005 graduate of Robert Lee High School and a 2008 graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Business. Michele is employed by Martin & Herring Insurance Associates, L.L.P. Trimble-Batjer Health Affiliates.

Adam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Holik of Wall, Texas. Adam is a 2002 graduate of Wall High School. He is self-employed as a farmer and rancher in Wall.

The bride's attendants were Nicole Sanchez of San Angelo, sister of the bride, who served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Kari Hudspeth of College Station, Jennifer Garcia of Lubbock, Katie Lee of San Angelo, Jennie Canon of San Angelo, Lindsey Roe of Lubbock, Jessica Garcia of Wink and Elizabeth Holik of Dallas. The flower girl was Abigail Garcia, cousin of the bride, of Tyler.

The groom's attendants were best men Simon Holik and Erik Holik of Wall, brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were Jason Holik of Wall, Trey Holik of College Station, Curtis Wilde of Wall, Josh Holik of Wall, Michael Holik of Laredo and Zachary Sanchez of Robert Lee. The Ring bearer was Lex Dusek, cousin



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Holik

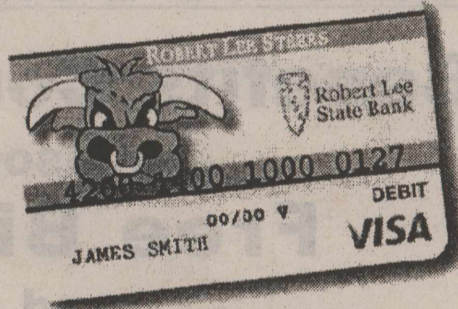
of the groom, of Wall. Brandon Halfmann of San Ushers were Chase Plagens of San Angelo, Joseph Michele and Adam spent their Thomas of San Angelo, Clint honeymoon in Montego Bay, Halfmann of Nebraska and Jamaica. Michele and Adam

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Coke - Sterling Farm Bureau Convention held

Coke - Sterling County Farm Bureau Annual Convention was held Saturday, August 15, at the Robert Lee Recreation Center. Approximately 66 members and visitors were treated to a barbecue dinner catered by Cindy's in Robert Lee.

The convention and dinner was hosted by the directors and wives present. Those present were President Bobby Roberts and wife Jeffie, Vice-President John Stephens and wife Pat, Secretary Alonzo Robbins and wife Kay, John Jacobs and wife Jeanette, and Joe Sefcik. Kacee Roberts assisted with registration.

President Roberts called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. The prayer was given by Vice-President John Stephens.

President Roberts introduced special member guests and current board members and wives present. Member guests present were former Texas Farm Bureau District 6 State Director Gary McGehee and wife Carolyn of Mertzon, former Fieldman Ed Cumbie and wife Jane of Bronte, current Fieldman Sutton Page of San Angelo, and Agency Manager Richard Atkins of Big Spring. Five of the eight directors were present and introduced.

President Roberts introduced Kacee Roberts, daughter of Douglas and Denise Roberts and brother James Roberts and granddaughter of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, all of Robert Lee. Kacee Roberts is a junior at Robert Lee High School this year. She attended the Texas Farm Bureau Leadership

Conference June 22-26, 2009 at Angelo State University. Kacee thanked Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau for allowing her to attend this informative conference and gave an interesting report to members and visitors present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were discussed by President Roberts and approved by the members present. Secretary Robbins presented the Financial Report. The report was approved. He also gave the Membership Report stating there have been 484 memberships sent to the state office by July 31, 2009. There should be 600 members by the end of this year, which is October 31, 2009.

Vice-President Stephens gave the Annual Activity Report reflecting that the directors of Coke-Sterling were very active in many activities. He also asked for resolutions to be submitted to the State Farm Bureau from the members. There were none.

John Jacobs presided over the Election of County Directors. Those re-elected were Bobby Roberts, Jeff Eubanks, Roger Graves and Gaylon Pitcock. A new Director was elected, Ross Copeland of Sterling City.

John Jacobs asked for nomination for voting delegates to the State Farm Bureau Convention to be held in Fort Worth, December 5-7. Those elected as voting delegates were John and Pat Stephens, Alonzo and Kay Robbins, and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts.

President Roberts introduced the speaker for the evening, Gary McGehee. Mr. McGehee made a good speech. He talked about the counties



Luau Party! A luau party was held at Robert Lee Care Center on August 26. Residents enjoyed eating lots of exotic fruits and dancing. Pictured left to right are MayBelle Stewart, Augusta Higginbotham, Donna Green (who won best outfit), Nickie Becerra (staff), Martha Trejo (rehab aide), Mary Rodriguez (activity director), Margaret Jones, Dot Brown, Willie Forman, Betty Slaughter and Billie Dunn.

he visited when he was a state director and some highlights of each county.

Door prizes were given to 33 members present. These gifts were donated by Robert Lee State Bank, First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte, David Stubblefield, Russell Davis, Richard Atkins, Cindy's and Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau. Kacee Roberts and Darby Lewis drew the names as Bobby Roberts called the names of the lucky winners and the directors delivered the prizes.

Keep Reading, Texas!

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In a rite of passage hundreds of years old, Texas families from Harlingen to Amarillo are hugging their children as they head back to school. This past summer, many parents nostalgically helped their kids complete their required summer reading. Many of us fondly remember discovering Huckleberry Finn and The Hardy Boys while sprawled on the grass on a hot August day.

Research shows that children who read at home with their families often perform better in school. For that reason, I take time out of my busy schedule to read with my own children. I have also enjoyed working with "Reach Out and Read," a non-profit organization that promotes children's literacy in doctors' rooms. While youngsters wait for doctors' appointments with their parents, "Reach Out and Read" gives them new books, along with advice to their parents about the importance of reading aloud.

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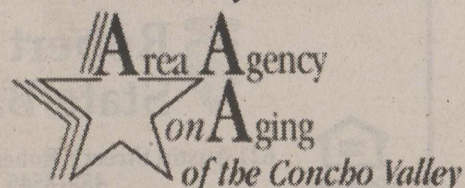
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This 13-week class is scheduled to start on
Monday, September 28, at 7 pm.

If you would like to participate, we need you to
sign up by Tuesday, September 15.

For cost and other information, call (325) 473-2331.

Each year, the organization distributes over 250,000 books and helps more than 200,000 Texas children enter school prepared for success.

In today's competitive economy, the skills of the next generation will be the foundation for our state's economic growth. We must work together to encourage students to stay in school and make learning a life-long endeavor.

Unfortunately, each year, a third of Texas high school students quit before graduation. Studies show that Texas has one of the highest dropout rates in the nation. Our dropout rate particularly affects lower-income families, including the 2.2 million Texas children whose parents lacked steady employment in 2007. This figure represents a three percent increase since 2000 and accounts for one third of our state's youth.

Quitting school compounds their challenges. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2005 those who left school earned \$7,200 less than high school graduates and \$28,000 less than college graduates. The Alliance for Excellent Education reports that in July 2009 the unemployment rate was an astronomical 15.4 percent for Texas high school dropouts, compared to 4.7 percent for people with bachelor's degrees or higher. The Alliance estimates that students who dropped out of Texas' Class of 2009 will forfeit more than \$34.6 billion they could have earned over their lifetimes if they had stayed in school.

For the U.S. to remain the leader of the global economy, we must bolster our national education system. For Texas to thrive and nurture the best and the brightest, that process must start at the local level.

Just as families can encourage reading among children, communities can work to revitalize their own neighborhoods if provided more local control and flexibility. In the Senate, I

have supported efforts to help communities offer services like literacy and job training.

These programs help adults as well as youths. The National Adult Literacy Survey estimates that 90 million American adults lack basic literacy skills. Adult education programs provide the skills Americans need to obtain good jobs.

Our state shines as the home of the Texas Book Festival, founded in 1995 by our most beloved librarian, former First Lady Laura Bush. Held annually each autumn in Austin, it has evolved into one of the nation's foremost literary gatherings. It also spawned the National Book Festival, which will celebrate its ninth annual installment on September 26. Founded in partnership with our nation's Library of Congress, the National Book Festival promotes literacy for fans of all genres. As an avid reader who has loved history books and biographies since I was a young girl, I was delighted to participate as an author in the National Book Festival in 2006 and 2008, and in the Texas Book Festivals as well.

School children often ask me for my own favorite book and poem. It's hard to pinpoint just one of each, but I do admire T.R. Fehrenbach's Lone Star: a History of Texas and the Texans, as well as a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, called "A Nation's Strength."

"What makes a nation's pillars high

And its foundations strong?

What makes it mighty to defy

The foes that round it throng?...

Brave men who work while others sleep,

Who dare while others fly...

They build a nation's pillars deep

And lift them to the sky."

What stirring words!

Nowadays, one of my favorite reading materials is mail from my constituents throughout our state. I receive more than 20,000 letters and emails from



Grand Opening! Jim and Angela Brewer hosted a big crowd at their grand opening this past weekend. The Brewers are the new owners of Wildcat and Paint Creek Marinas at Lake Spence.

Texans each week – over one million per year! Your feedback helps me better represent Texas, and I am grateful for your suggestions. Please keep it coming -- and keep reading!

'Saving' is the new 'spending'

By Jason Alderman

One small silver lining from the recent economic downturn is that people have begun saving again. For decades personal savings rates hovered around 10 percent of after-tax income, but beginning in the late 1980s, rates steadily declined.

As the stock market soared, so did home values and 401(k) balances. Many people felt richer – at least on paper – and the lessons learned during the Great Depression about saving for hard times faded into distant memory.

But today, as usually happens during severe recessions, the average savings rate has begun rising again. Why this turnaround? Financial experts cite many reasons:

* People fear losing their jobs and want a financial

safety net.

* Those approaching retirement need to boost their net worth slashed by plummeting home values and retirement accounts.

* Costs for high-ticket items like medical expenses, college and retirement have far outpaced the rate of inflation.

* Many fear future funding for government-provided benefits like Social Security and Medicare is at risk.

* Lending standards have become much more stringent, so qualifying for loans and credit is more difficult.

Although increasing savings during tough times would seem to be much more difficult than during prosperous times, clearly many people have figured out how. Here are a few strategies for building your savings:

* Track spending. Write down every cent you spend for a month on food, gas, clothes, entertainment – everything. Review the list and see what you could live without or at least reduce. For example, brown-bagging once a week would

save 20 percent on your lunch budget – hundreds of dollars a year.

* Shop for better rates. Compare checking and savings account interest rates at www.bankrate.com/checking.aspx. Also, the Credit Union National Association can help you find credit unions you may be eligible to join (www.creditunion.coop/cu_locator).

* Reduce fees. Banking and credit card fees for things like overdrafts and late payments can quickly erode interest earnings, so carefully monitor your balances and account activity. Bouncing one less check a month could save hundreds of dollars a year.

* Pay down debt. Earning 2 percent on savings is quickly offset by interest paid on credit card balances carried forward, so always try to pay more than the minimum amount due.

* Review insurance policies. Shop around for better car and homeowner's insurance rates; you can always ask your current carrier to match better rates found elsewhere. And consider raising deductibles, which can save hundreds of dollars.

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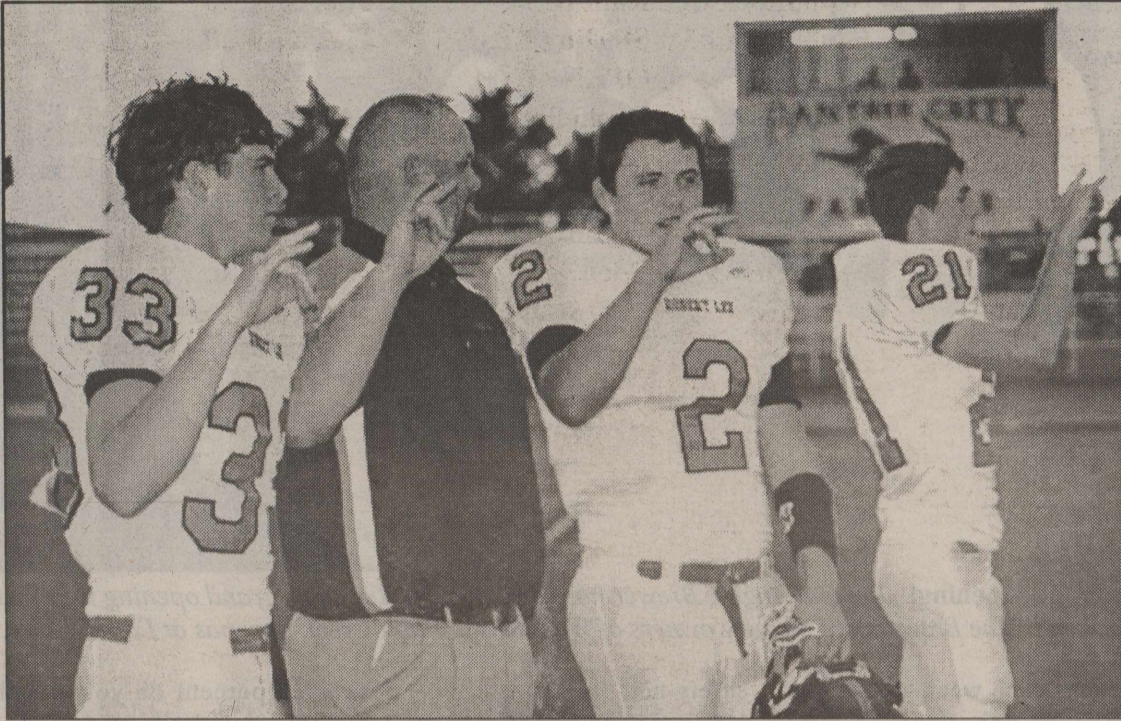
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Football! Robert Lee High School football players (from left to right) Cody Brosh, Stetson Nesbit, Blake Millican and Coach Avants stand for the RLHS school song at the Robert Lee vs. Panther Creek football game this past Friday, September 4.

RL Steers drowned by Panther Creek Panthers

By Tom Sawyer

Friday night lights were accompanied by lightning and rain, fans were headed for cover, school officials were putting up gear, cheerleaders were grabbing pom pom's, and the players headed for the locker rooms. After a lightning delay of about an hour, the game resumed with rain showers most of the rest of the game. Trust me fans when I say

football becomes a different game in these conditions. The game finally ended late when most of the other games in the area were called off or rescheduled for the next day.

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

Panthers - 8 yard run with 8:07 left, PAT kick good;
 Steers - Cody Brosh 70 yard kickoff return with 7:54 left, PAT kick failed;
 Panthers - 60 yard run with 4:28 left, PAT kick good;
 Steers - Cody Brosh 59 yard run with 3:12 left, Dillard PAT kick

Panthers - 16, Steers - 14

2nd Quarter

Panthers - 21 yard run with 9:49 left, PAT kick failed;
 Steers - 55 yard pass from Brosh to Stetson Nesbit with 9:27 left, PAT kick failed;
 Panthers - 38 yard run with 7:34 left, PAT pass good;
 Panthers - 20 yard run with 3:12 left, PAT kick good

Panthers - 37, Steers - 20

3rd Quarter

Panthers - 1 yard run with :36 left, Pat kick good.

Panthers - 45, Steers - 20

4th Quarter

Steers - 3 yard pass from Nesbit to Haden Dillard with 5:59 left, PAT kick failed;

Panthers - 9 yard run with 5:04 left, PAT kick good.

Panthers - 53, Steers - 26

Steer Stats

Stetson Nesbit - 2 carries, 6 of 14 passing for 62 yds., and 1 TD, 3 receptions for 109 yards and 1 TD, and 6 tackles and 1 fumble recovery;

Blake Hewitt - 3 receptions for 10 yds., and 7 tackles and 1 hurry;

Cooper Hinderliter - 4 carries for 1 yard, 11 tackles and 2 interceptions;

Justin Gartman - 1 for 1 passing for 4 yards and 1 reception, and 2 tackles;

Haden Dillard - 1 carry, 1 reception for 9 yards and 1 TD, 2 tackles and 2 hurries;

Blake Millican - 2 carries, 3 receptions for 51 yds., 9 tackles and 1 fumble recovery;

Cody Brosh - 10 carries for 115 yards and 1 TD, 5 of 17 passing for 114 yards and 1 TD, and 5 tackles.

Home game Friday night against Garden City.

GO GET EM STEERS!

STEER PRIDE!!!!

RL Class of 2012 to sell Pizza Kits

The Robert Lee High School Class of 2012 will be

conducting a Little Caesar Pizza Kit Fundraiser through Friday, September 18. For more information, call 453-4671.

RLISD set to hold substitute teacher training

There will be a substitute teacher training on Tuesday, September 15, at 6 pm in the high school library. The Sub Handbook will be updated with copies for each person in attendance. Please plan to attend to learn what is expected of the substitute teachers this school year.

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.

RLISD elects 2009-2010 Student Council Officers

President - Cody Brosh;
 Vice President - Haden Dillard;

Treasurer - Briana Brisbin;
 Secretary - Libby Trejo;
 Reporter - Emilee Yanez
 Senior Student Council representatives - Molli Hinderliter and Cayetano Carrera;

Junior Student Council representatives - Kacee Roberts and Blake Hewitt;

Sophomore Student Council representatives - Meagan Ross and Garrett Robers;

Freshman Student Council representatives - Jordan Gartman and Justin Gartman;

8th Grade Student Council representatives - Shelby Davis and Jesse Sheets

RL All Sports Booster Club meeting held

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club met on Tuesday, September 1, in the school cafeteria. The new officers elected for 2009-2010 are President - Brenda Skinner, Vice President- Frankie Gartman, Secretary/Reporter - Cynthia Dillard, and Treasurer - Valerie Howard.

The booster club will be selling memberships again at the next home game along with Steer-Dogie buttons, Steer flags, and some old football and basketball jerseys. If you would like to become a member, please contact one of the officers.

They encourage everyone to please become a member of the Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club and help support the students and athletic programs.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, September 14

Burrito, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 15

Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 16

Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, September 17

Pancake and sausage/stick, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, September 18

French toast/sausage, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 14

Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, wheat bread, apple slices, milk

Tuesday, September 15

Bean chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, banana, pudding with cookie, milk

Wednesday, September 16

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, peas, wheat bread, gravy, apricots, milk

Thursday, September 17

Chicken salad or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, baked chips, carrot sticks, applesauce, milk

Friday, September 18

Chili cheese dog, French fries, pears, ice cream, milk

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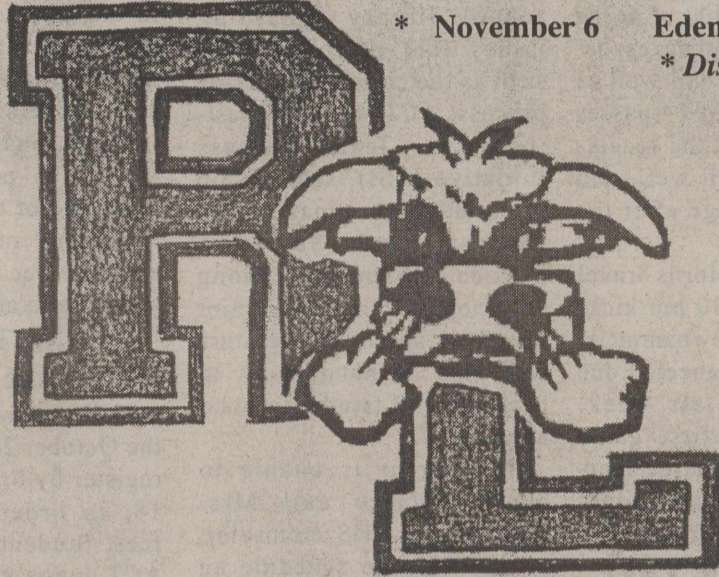
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Longhorns win home opener

By Coach Kevin Burns

The Bronte Longhorns won their home opener this past Saturday over the Roby Lions by a score of 28-8. Lightning postponed the game until Saturday afternoon. Bronte scored all 28 points in the second quarter, and Roby scored with 36 seconds left to go in the fourth quarter.

Ernesto Casillas caught a 15 yard Dakota Rawls pass for the first touchdown. Rob Rosson ran the ball in from 2 yards out for the second touchdown. Casillas ran the ball from 9 yards out for the third touchdown and Rawls ran in the fourth touchdown from 17 yards out. Casillas made all four PAT kicks and the Longhorns led 28-0 at the half.

In the second half, penalties and turnovers halted all of the Longhorn drives. The afternoon heat and humidity also hampered both teams, but it was good conditioning for the guys and the mistakes that were made are all correctable. The fast start in the second quarter looked really

good on both sides of the ball, and we are excited about what we are capable of doing as the season progresses. Dakota threw the ball well as he completed 10 of 14 passes for 170 yards and the receivers caught the ball well, and gained nice yardage after the catch.

This week the Horns travel to Rotan for a 7:30 pm kickoff with the Yellowhammers. Their game was canceled due to the weather last week. They won their first game over Ranger by a large margin, and are 1-0 on the season. See you in Rotan.

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!

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.

ACT Workshop slated for Sept. 22

Ballinger High School will be hosting an ACT workshop for high school students on Tuesday, September 22, from 5 pm until 8 pm in the Ballinger High School cafeteria. This workshop is being made available to area high school students as a service to provide students with relevant, practical information on how to increase ACT scores. The workshop covers what will be on the test and how to master the techniques. The workshop will be facilitated by Chad Cargill. More information about his workshop is available on his web site at www.chadcargill.com. Students may sign up by Friday, September 18, in the counselor's office at Bronte High School. For more

information, students or parents may call Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor or Mrs. Arrott, Ballinger counselor at 365-3547.

Concho Valley College Night slated

Angelo State University will be hosting a college night for high school students on Tuesday, September 29, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in the Houston Harte Center on the ASU campus. Approximately 50 colleges and universities will have informational booths set up to talk to prospective students and/or their parents and hand out materials. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

ACT/SAT Test Dates

Students wanting to take the October 24 ACT test must register by Friday, September 18, in order to avoid late fees. Students may take the ACT twice for free if they qualify for free or reduced lunches. Please see Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor, for a fee waiver form and verification number. Students may register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet in the counselor's office. Please note that the ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on October 24.

Students wanting to take the November 7 SAT test must register on or before Wednesday, September 16, in order to avoid late fees. Fee waivers are available for students who are on free or reduced lunches. Please see BHS counselor, Mrs. Timmerman for a waiver.

Free study guides are also available in the counselor's office for both the ACT and SAT tests.

Scholarship info for seniors

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund has released its online

application. Students must be a graduating senior, a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen and have plans to enroll full-time in a degree seeking program at a two or four year U.S. accredited institution. For more information and an application, please visit www.hsf.net. The deadline to apply is December 15, 2009.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding \$3 million a year in scholarships to 250 deserving students. Seniors may apply online at www.coca-colascholars.org. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2009.

Any senior who has participated in at least one sport during their high school career may apply for the Wendy's Heisman Award online at www.wendysheisman.com.

One female and one male athlete from each participating high school will be selected to receive the award. The first 41,100 applicants will receive a FREE Wendy's gift card. The amounts of the cards are randomly assigned and range from \$5 to \$50 and will be sent out in November. Applications must be received by October 1, 2009.

Bronte High School has subscribed to www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com as a resource for seniors and their parents to access a list of national scholarships available. The list is updated monthly and is very user friendly. BHS students have been provided with the user name and password to access the site. Parents may call the counselor's office at 473-2521 for the user name and password.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, September 14

Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, September 15

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Wednesday, September 16

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Thursday, September 17

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Friday, September 18

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 14

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fruit, rolls, milk

Tuesday, September 15

Crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, taco shells, Spanish rice, milk

Wednesday, September 16

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef vegetable soup, baby carrots with ranch, crackers, cookies, milk

Thursday, September 17

Spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, Texas toast, milk

Friday, September 18

B-B-Q, tator tots, baked beans, orange smiles, buns, milk

The Eye of God is on Those Who Hope in Him

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in His mercy. • *Psalms 33:18*

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. • *Psalms 31:24*

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God. • *Psalms 146:5*

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy. • *Psalms 147:11*

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green: and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit • *Jeremiah 17:7-8*

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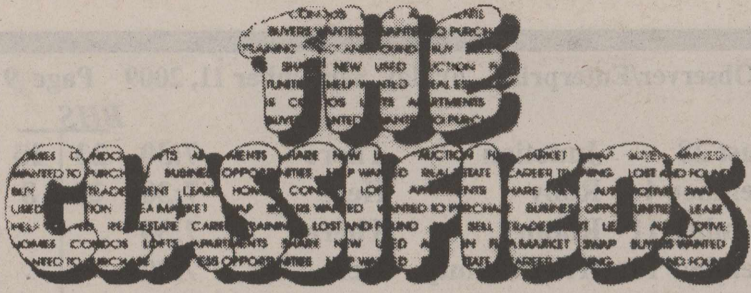
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NOTICES
BRONTE ISD
 will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 6:30 pm in the board room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Bronte Independent School District's First rating on the State's financial accountability system in which Bronte ISD received "Superior Achievement."
 09-2tc

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COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SET PUBLIC HEARING
 The Coke County Commissioners' Court will hold a Public Hearing on September 28, 2009, at 8:45 am to discuss the SB 1685-District Court Records and Technology Fund. The Public Hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom in Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas.
 09-1tc

THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE
 will hold a public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010. The hearing will be held at the Robert Lee City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 7:00 pm.
 09-1tc

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE
 The City of Robert Lee will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm on September 14, 2009, at Robert Lee City Hall, 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is 0.380406 per \$100 of value. The proposed rate would increase total taxes in the City of Robert Lee by 0%.
 09-1tc

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE
 The KICKAPOO WATER DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 5:00 pm on September 18, 2009, at Bronte City Hall, 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is 0.009700 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in KICKAPOO WATER DISTRICT by 28.32 percent.
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...New Saving

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**TDA Market Recap
Sep. 8, 2009**

For the week ending Sept. 5, 2009, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were mostly \$2 to \$4 lower per hundredweight compared to a week earlier. The fall run of feeder cattle coming off pastures is beginning. Producers in drought areas have been forced to sell cattle earlier than normal and at lighter weights, while ranchers in other locations are following more usual marketing patterns. Cotton and grain prices ended the week lower. Good growing weather in the Midwest and prospects for a large crop pushed corn and grain sorghum lower, while weak export demand pressured wheat markets. As for futures markets, feeder cattle, fed cattle, cotton and lumber were higher, while wheat and corn were lower. Many areas of the state received rainfall ranging from a trace to 3 inches. Topsoil moisture remains in mostly very short to short supply, with only the Northern High Plains and Northeast Texas reporting mostly adequate supplies. Cotton harvest continued in southern areas with the crop reported in mostly fair to good condition. Bolls were opening on 22 percent of the acreage. Corn and grain sorghum harvest were slightly ahead of the normal pace with corn 67 percent harvested and grain sorghum 63 percent. Winter wheat planting is underway in many areas, but some growers are waiting on moisture before beginning. Pastures were reported in very poor to good condition, depending on rainfall received.

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.

**Adding a
(Four-legged)
Member to
the Family**

Babies are wonderful additions to a family that can bring great happiness, but also require special attention. This, of course, applies to puppies and kittens as well. Before bringing these furry bundles of joy home, there are a few things you should know and preparations you need to make for them.

"The first thing to consider is if there is already another pet in the house," explains Dr. Mark Stickney, Director of General Surgery Services at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "If there is a pet there already you will need to be prepared for dominance issues as the old pet will think it is the king of the house."

Because of these dominance issues, it is best to introduce your new puppy to your current dog on equal ground outside the home if possible.

"This way the dogs can sniff each other out and get to know each other in an area where neither dog feels ownership," notes Stickney.

When you initially bring the puppy home, try to do so when the older dog is out of the house and let the puppy explore for a while. Then you should confine the puppy to one room and let the old dog back in to sniff around and figure out that the puppy is there.

"This process should really help get the dogs used to each other and in most cases is really fairly quick and easy," states Stickney. "However, the process for acclimating cats to new kittens is slightly different as

		Week Ending	Previous Week	Previous Year
Cash Markets				
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	100.24	101.36	111.30
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	84.65	84.95	98.96
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	105.00	107.00	109.50
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	112.50	116.00	122.50
Cotton	(¢/lb)	52.38	53.38	61.75
Wheat	(\$/bu)	4.11	4.33	7.02
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.04	3.15	5.43
Grain Sorghum	(\$/bu)	4.30	4.61	8.22
Watermelons	(\$/lb)	0.13	0.12	0.12
Futures Markets				
Feeder Cattle	(\$/cwt)	98.95	98.15	111.13
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	86.85	86.70	102.95
Cotton	(¢/lb)	57.53	56.30	63.26
Wheat	(\$/bu)	4.77	5.00	7.73
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.01	3.21	5.32
Lumber	(\$/1000bd ft)	174.10	172.10	251.20

cats tend to have more problems adjusting to a new roommate."

With kittens you want to put them into their own room

with food, water and a litter box. Let the old cat and the kitten sniff each other through the door and over a couple of days to a week let

them into more and more areas of the house, making sure to supervise their first face-to-face visit.

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West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors
congratulates the Administration and Staff of Robert Lee Care Center for achieving the highest overall rating of 5 out of 5 stars. This rating is awarded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and compares Nursing Homes for across the state of Texas and across the United States on several areas of measurement. The specific data may be viewed at www.medicare.gov/NHCompare.asp



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...New Pets

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"Unfortunately cats can be mean to a new cat for up to a year so you will need to be prepared for a long duration of family strife," warns Stickney. "If you are having a lot of trouble with your kitties getting along, you can pick up a cat pheromone such as Feliway at the pet store. It resembles the pheromone they secrete when they are happy and should help to calm them."

Weather you have another pet or not there are some things you will need to prepare for any new pet coming into the house. Water and food bowls, food, a collar, and a bed would be a good start.

"If you already have a pet it is important for your new pet to have its own separate food bowl and bed," states Stickney. "You should also feed them in separate areas so they don't compete for food."

One additional thing you should have if you are getting a puppy is a kennel. It can aide in potty training and also give them a safe place to go.

"Just make sure you do not use the kennel for punishment reasons or they will no longer feel safe in it," explains Stickney.

Cats like to climb and scratch so if you are bringing home a kitty it would be a good idea for your sanity and the fate of your furniture to have a scratching post and/or a cat tower. You will also need a litter box and litter.

Once you bring your new puppy home the first thing you should do is schedule an appointment with your veterinarian.

"The most important thing you can do for your new friend is to make sure they are healthy," notes Stickney. "As soon as possible take them to get a check-up, any vaccinations they need and have them put on a

heartworm preventative and flea control."

Even once you have taken care of all their needs there is probably still going to be a period of adjustment. New puppies and kittens are

babies and can get scared and cry during the night or when you are not with them.

"If your new pet is crying at night I would suggest giving them something that smells like you, such as the

shirt you wore that day," suggest Stickney. "Ticking clocks and the stuffed bears that are made for infants that stimulate a heartbeat are also very effective in calming dogs and cats."

Although it might be a process getting ready for a new pet, the rewards almost always outweigh the negatives. If you start out right by making sure they are healthy and happy they very well might do the same for you.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 3, 2009

PROPOSITION 1

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

PROPOSITION 2

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

PROPOSITION 3

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

PROPOSITION 4

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

PROPOSITION 5

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

PROPOSITION 6

HJR 116 would amend the constitu-

tion to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

PROPOSITION 7

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

PROPOSITION 8

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

PROPOSITION 9

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use

the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

PROPOSITION 10

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

PROPOSITION 11

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

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