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Officials lay out Robert Lee's water situation to large concerned crowd

By Melinda McCutchen, Publisher
Several hundred people, representing the vast majority of Robert Lee's adult citizens, filled the Robert Lee ISD cafetorium Tuesday evening, August 9, 2011, for a town meeting about Robert Lee's critical water supply situation.

Addressing the crowd were Robert Lee Mayor John Jacobs; Valree Thompson, a consultant from Municipal Consulting Agency; Tammy Fulton representing Texas Small Towns Environment Program (S.T.E.P.); and Steve Dennis and James Busby, engineers with Burgess and Niple Engineering.

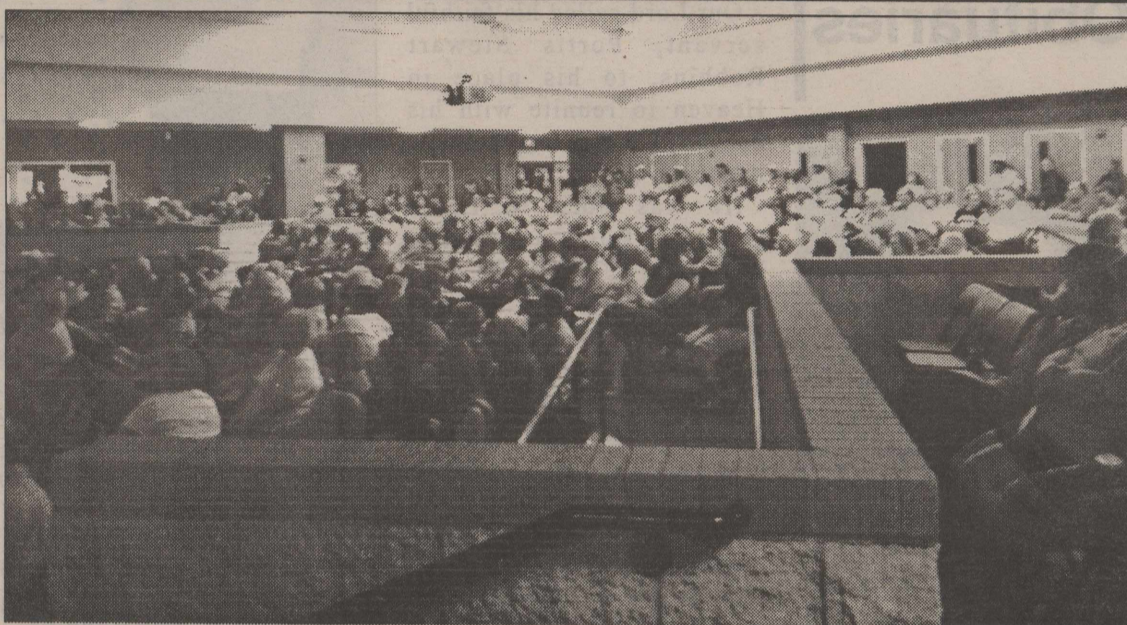
The engineers project Robert Lee's current water supply to last until January 1, 2012, and possibly through March of that year. Water is being pumped around the clock from Lake Spence into Mountain Creek Lake. The reason for this transference is two-fold. One reason is that Mountain Creek is smaller and therefore, will not allow as much evaporation. The other reason is that no other entities can pump water from Mountain Creek Lake. Mr. Dennis advised that it would take 60 days to finish filling Mountain Creek Lake and at current consumption and evaporation rates, that water would sustain Robert Lee for eight months. The 35% reduction in consumption has

been reached by the citizens of Robert Lee and no further restrictions are planned at this time.

It became clear through the question and answer session that Colorado River Municipal Water District was the main culprit in Robert Lee's short-term water deficit. Three times in the last couple of years, CRMWD has promised to quit pumping water to other municipalities once a certain level was reached at Lake Spence, and three times, they continued to pump water out of Lake Spence. Member cities of CRMWD include Odessa, Big Spring, Snyder, and Robert Lee. A few of the customer cities are Midland, San Angelo, Abilene, and Stanton.

The City of Robert Lee is taking the steps to provide for the current emergency water situation with a pipeline from Bronte. The pipeline project should run \$1.55 million. The goal is to begin construction of the pipeline in mid-November. If contractors working around the clock were used to build the pipeline, it would take approximately 60 days to complete. The City of Bronte has agreed to sell Robert Lee 200,000 gallons of water each day during this emergency. This water will come from Oak Creek Lake and several water wells that Bronte has drilled in recent years. With the 35% reduction of Robert Lee's

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Huge Crowd! A huge crowd filled the RLISD cafetorium for the town water meeting Tuesday evening, August 9, 2011.

Observer/Enterprise to begin including Blackwell CISD news and information

Beginning with this issue, the *Observer/Enterprise* will begin reporting Blackwell school news. This will include honor rolls, sporting articles, pictures, school menus, senior edition, etc.

The Blackwell Hornets will also have a signature page for the football team like the Bronte Longhorns and the Robert Lee Steers. This page will have the football schedule, scores of all games, date and location of games, homecoming, and boys' names.

The page will begin running the week of the first football game and will run weekly throughout football season. Like the other signature pages, it will need sponsors.

Please call the *Observer/Enterprise* office at (325) 453-2433 if you would like to help sponsor the Blackwell Hornet signature page.

Rep. Blake Farenthold Names New Chief of Staff

Rep. Blake Farenthold (TX 27) named Scott Graves as his Chief of Staff. Graves is from Bronte, Texas, his parents are Jerry and Susan Graves. Graves is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a B.S. in Agriculture and Applied Economics; he also earned his M.A. from the National Defense University in Strategic Security Studies.

"I am proud to have a fellow Texan join my team to serve South Texas. Scott's background in agriculture, institutional knowledge, and grasp of issues that are important to Texas will be an immense asset to my office," said Farenthold.

Prior to joining Rep. Farenthold's office, Graves worked on the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, and for Rep. Mike Conaway from 2005 through July, 2011.

"Although I am saddened to leave Congressman Conaway's office after over six years of service to my friends and neighbors in District 11, I am excited about the opportunity to work for Congressman Farenthold. As a native Texan I look forward to working with a talented Member who proudly represents the people of Texas' 27th Congressional District," said Graves.

The Texas 27th Congressional District is located on the Gulf Coast between Corpus Christi and the Mexican border.

Casey Eubanks Golf Tourney set for Saturday

The Casey Eubanks Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The 3 person tourney will begin at 9 am.

For more information, call 453-2317.

Football Scrimmages



ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Westbrook Wildcats

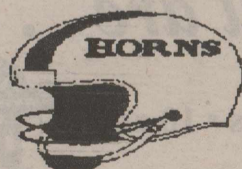
9 am • Saturday, August 13 • Westbrook

BRONTE LONGHORNS

vs.

Rotan Yellowhammers

9:00 am • Saturday, August 13 • Bronte



BLACKWELL HORNETS

vs.

Jayton Jaybirds

6 pm • Friday, August 12 • Blackwell



SCHOOL BEGINS

Blackwell,
Bronte & Robert Lee

August 22

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Obituaries



Watkins

Johnibeth Watkins, 76, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2011, at an Abilene nursing home. Visitation was held all day Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at the funeral home. Graveside service was held at 10 am Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Johnibeth was born at home on November 23, 1934, to J. C. and Winnie Mae Snead in Robert Lee, Texas. She attended school and graduated as valedictorian of Robert Lee High School in 1953. In her spare time, Johnibeth loved to read, enjoyed playing card games with her friends, and working puzzles.

Johnibeth was a wonderful christian woman. She was raised in church as a child and brought her family up in a good Christian home. She was a member of the Broadview Baptist Church where she was very involved. Her church and her church family meant a lot to her. Her christian values were passed along to her grandchildren whom she took to vacation bible school. She was a wonderful, loving mother who was always strict, but fair, and taught her sons the true lessons of life.

Johnibeth is survived by her sons, Johnny Watkins and wife Imogene of Abilene, Clyde Watkins and wife Kerri of Mineral Wells; her brother, Jack Snead of Ft. Washington, Maryland; her sister, Doris McCabe of Robert Lee; and seven grandchildren.

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Robbins

Our Lord called his faithful servant, Portis Stewart Robbins, to his place in Heaven to reunite with his beautiful wife on Monday, August 8, 2011.

He was born to Louis Carroll "Bus" and Jettie Kirkland Robbins on September 20, 1928, at home in Hayrick, Texas. He graduated from Bronte High School in 1947. He then married the most beautiful woman he had ever met and the love of his life, Mary Lee Davis, on January 1, 1949.

After they began their life together, he started his career in the plumbing world. Portis eventually opened Robbins Plumbing shop in San Angelo in 1976 with his sons. Over the span of his plumbing career he had a passion for teaching others the trade. After he retired from plumbing, he found another passion in farming and loved being out on the land that the Lord had provided. He spent hours with his grandchildren on the tractor, in the barn and tending to animals. He truly found peace out on Smokey Valley Ranch and loved that it brought him back to his youth.

In the later years of his life, he enjoyed getting up early and making breakfast for his beautiful bride of almost 60 years. Mary had become his world and with her sudden passing in 2008, Portis was ready to go home then. Our great heavenly father allowed us a few more precious years with him before calling him home. Portis was that gentle soul that hardly said a word but, when he did, it always spoke volumes. He will forever be loved and missed by all who knew him.

Portis is survived by his five children; one daughter, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Davis and husband George of San Antonio, Texas; four sons, Portis Samuel "Sam" Robbins and wife Dianne of



4-H Round-up! 4-H members recently competed at district 4-H roundup. This contest provides an opportunity for 4-H youth to develop a spirit of cooperation through working together to develop self confidence through public appearance and provide an interest and encourage a broad base recreation program in Texas 4-H. Those participating in the Junior Share the Fun: Poetry category were :Whitney Boyd-2nd, Kaci Queen, Katlyn Reeves, Cassidy McWright-7th place, and Senior Troy Wade - 2nd place. Congratulations to all members.

Richardson, Texas, Preston Carol Robbins and wife Maureen of San Antonio, Texas, Rupert Ray Robbins and wife Becky of DeSoto, Texas, Clifford Edward Robbins and wife Renee of San Angelo, Texas; eleven grandchildren, George "G.W", Tony, Marianne, Lindsey, Cindy, Charlie, Sarah, Kaity, Drew, Delaney, and Stone; eleven great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and beloved friends.

Visitation was held all day Thursday, August 11, 2011, with family present from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Friday, August 12, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Burial will follow in the Hayrick Cemetery in rural Coke County. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

The family would like for memorial to be made to the church home of their choice.

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Wink-Tinkler-Eckert families enjoy reunion

Forty-Seven attended the Wink-Tinkler-Eckert family reunion on Saturday, July 30 in the large rec center at the Robert Lee Park. Those attending were:

Ashland, VA-Leslie Hamby Austin-Dianna and Karel

Tinkler
 Bronte-Charles & Doris
 Sonnenberg
 Early-Otto and Georganna
 Sonnenberg , Amanda
 Sonnenberg
 Brady-Ella Mae Dumas,
 David & Laurie Dumas
 Midland-Randy & Jeannia
 Lewis, Randy & Samantha
 Lewis, Cassidy Wink
 Leander-Matt & Lori
 McDonald, Ryan McDonald,
 Karson McDonald
 Robert Lee-Milburn Wink,

Roy & Jennie Tinkler, Clark
 & Noel Tinkler, Polly Large,
 Harvey & Shari Wink, Robert
 & Marsha Wink
 San Angelo-Regina
 Dewoolf, Brenda Beggarman,
 Charles & Alisha Rivers,
 Makinna Rivers, Faigan
 Rivers, Anthony & Misty
 Wink, Michael Wink,
 Alexander Wink, Victor
 Eckert, Vickie Eckert, Becky
 Eckert, Damon West, Pam
 Whitlock

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte

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

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. Matt Pennington, Pastor
 Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am

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

Coke County

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

Robert Lee

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 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

Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston

Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2176

Jordan Arnold, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508

9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685

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

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724

Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

PO Box 638

6th & Houston, Robert Lee

(325) 453-2208

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Come as you are . . .



Sunday Mornings • 10 am



FORGIVEN MINISTRIES

Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store

Russ Frasier, Preacher

Ladies' Craft Class set for August 13

There will be a Ladies' Craft Class Saturday, August 13, from 5 pm to 8 pm at Victory Assembly of God in Robert Lee.

Everyone should bring a pot luck dish to share. The class fee will include all materials.

To RSVP and for more information, call (325) 763-7525.

All ladies are welcome to attend. Come enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

RL Elementary pre-registration set

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold Elementary pre-registration on Monday, August 15, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Elementary School office.

All new students to the Robert Lee ISD, Pre-Kindergarten - 6th grade are encouraged to attend.

Required documentation for enrollment will include Birth Certificate, Social Security Card and current Immunization Records. For additional information, please feel free to call the elementary school office at 453-4555.

Coke County Genealogy Society to meet August 15

The Coke County Genealogy Society will meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of August at 6 pm at the Coke County Library in Robert Lee.

The next meeting will be August 15. Hope to see you there!

Blackwell playday set for Saturday

A playday will be held at the Blackwell Roping Arena Saturday, August 13, beginning at 7:30 pm. The playday is hosted by the Blackwell Riding Club.

Events will include Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Straight-Away Barrel Racing, Flag Racing, and an 8 and under Ribbon Race. Ribbons will awarded and concessions will be available.

For more information, contact Diane McGlothlin at (325) 450-5149.

3rd Annual Car Show, VFD

Fundraiser set for August 20 in Bronte

The 3rd annual "Oldies, But Goodies" Car Show and Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser has been set for Saturday, August 20, in Bronte. All the fun takes place from 10 -2.

Come out and enjoy a day of fun in downtown Bronte with the Car Show, food booths and Arts & Crafts vendors.

Registration for the car show starts at 9 am. There is no entry fee. The arts and crafts booths open at 10 am. The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will start serving lunch around 11 am.

All of the fun will take

place at the Bronte Depot.

For more information, visit www.brontetexas.org or contact Bronte City Hall at (325) 473-3501.

Texas Sheep & Goat Validation Tag Order Deadline

It is once again time to plan for the 2011- 2012 Texas Sheep and Goat Validation. If you are planning on exhibiting sheep and/or goat at next year's major shows, you need to have your sheep and goat projects validated with the state.

Please contact Garrett at the extension office 453- 2461 to place an order for tags. TAG ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2011, by 12:00 pm.

BCISD hosting canine and feline vaccine clinic

The Blackwell CISD will be hosting a canine and feline vaccine clinic on September 7 from 4-6 pm at the BCISD Ag Science Building. The available vaccines include Rabies, Parvo-Virus, Puppy parvovirus, Rattlesnake vaccine, Feline Rabies, and Feline Leukemia.

The shots will be given by Pioneer Vet Clinic of Winters. Don't miss this opportunity to have your pets vaccinated.

"Meet the Longhorns" set for August 23

Meet the Longhorns is set for Tuesday evening, August 23, at the Bronte Park. At 6 pm, 2012 Bronte Project Graduation will be serving a Pena's Red Barn Hamburger Meal. During the meal, BHS cheerleaders will be offering football and volleyball t-shirts for sale. These proceeds will go toward pep rally activities and supplies.

At 7 pm, the band, cheerleaders, volleyball players, and football players will be introduced.

Following the introductions, homemade ice cream and desserts will be served.

Bring your lawn chairs and come support the Longhorns and Lady Longhorns.

Siren System detailed

One Long Ring - Wind Advisory over 60 miles per hour

Two Rings - Fire or VFD meeting

Another Two Rings - Call for additional firefighters

Three Rings - Tornado Warning

One Long Continuous Ring - All Clear for tornado

Four Rings - Alarm Test

Head Start accepting applications

The Concho Valley Council of Governments Rural Head Start program offers quality Early Childhood Education at NO COST. The program will be accepting applications beginning Monday, August 8, 2011, and continuing through Thursday, August 11, 2011, from 8 am to 2 pm or by appointment. Head Start provides individualized care and



4-H District Junior Show! 4-H members from Coke County recently participated in the District 7 4-H Fashion Show held at Grape Creek. 4-H members were able to show off their construction and clothing buying skills to complete the fashion show competition. Those participating in the Construction -Dressy division were: Junior-Darby Duncan-5th place; Construction -Casual-Juniors receiving participant ribbons were Jaycee Johnson, Autumn Ramon; Construction- Dressy -Intermediate - Sarah Wade-1st place; Non-Apparel Pillow Division-Autumn Ramon-5th place. Congratulations to all 4-H members.

guidance to all eligible children, including those with disabilities. Each child in Head Start is considered a unique person with previous experiences, current needs, and potential for future growth. The Head Start approach is well suited to helping children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities as well as children with severe disabilities.

What We Offer:

- Individualized Early Childhood Education in a structured environment
- Highly qualified and dedicated teachers
- Specialized services for children with a disability
- Personalized family support services
- Nutritious meals/ snacks
- What to Bring:
- Proof of all income (1040/W2, TANF, SSI, child support, check stubs, or let-

- ter from employer)
- Child's birth certificate
- Child's shot record
- Food stamp case number (if applicable)
- Proof of Medicaid, CHIP or Private Health Insurance (if applicable)
- Robert Lee Head Start is located at 820 Commerce St.
- For more information, please contact Joy Malone at 325-453-2536 or Ofelia Barron at 325-944-9666.

Cruzin Now Open 7 Days A Week!

 August Specials

Lunch Specials

Monday - Chicken Fried Steak	Thursday - Pulled Pork
Tuesday - Hamburger Steak	Sandwich or Smoked Sausage
Wednesday - Meat Loaf	Friday - Fried Chicken

Includes Drink & Dessert • \$7.99

Supper Specials

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - K.C. for 2 • \$19.99

Tuesday & Thursday • Rib eye • 12 oz. \$11.99, 16 oz. \$14.99

Sunday Lunch Special

Turkey & Dressing or Pot Roast

'50s Diner • Steak House • Soda Fountain

Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 am to 9 pm; Sunday 11 am to 2 pm

At the Stoplight in Downtown Bronte • (325) 473-4000

Kerry & Sharon Hall & Donna Roach

Blackwell Elementary School Supplies

The Blackwell elementary school purchases school supplies for all the students. The cost of these supplies will be reimbursed by parents after the school year starts. Your child's teacher will notify you of the cost.

Bronte's elementary school supply list 2011-2012

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

- *1-Blunt 5" Fiskar Scissors
 - 3-1.25 oz. Elmer's glue
 - 3- boxes Kleenex facial tissue
 - 1- bottle-Purell hand sanitizer (8 oz.)
 - 1-box Ziplock bags, quart size
 - 1-box Crayola crayons (8 count only-NO JUMBO)
 - 1-set Dry erase markers (set of 4)
 - 5-Glue sticks
 - *1-Spiral notebook (100 count wide rule)
 - *1-folder with 3 brads
 - *1-large zippered top backpack
 - *1-set of extra clothing
 - Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$10.00
- *Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class' glue box.

Please consider clothing that will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.

Kindergarten

- 6-boxes Crayola crayons (8 count only-NO jumbo)
- 3-boxes Facial tissue (100 count)
- 12-No. 2 pencils
- 1-box Crayola thick markers (10 count)
- 4-1.25 oz. Elmer's glue (No Rose Art)
- 1- set-Dry erase markers (set of 4)
- 8-folders with only bottom pockets
- 1-Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1-canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
- 2-Pink Bevel erasers
- 1-small plastic school box (no zipper bags please)
- 1-school bag or backpack (large enough to hold folders)
- 1-roll 1/2 " Transparent tape
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$10.00

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD BRINGS TO SCHOOL

1st grade

- 2-boxes Crayola crayons (16 count)
- 2-boxes facial tissues (100 count)
- 10-#2 pencils
- 2-Elmer's 4 oz. glue
- 9-assorted folders (pockets only)
- 1-Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 4-Pink Bevel erasers
- 1-canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
- 1-plastic school box

- 1-school bag or backpack
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$10.00

2nd grade

- 1-box crayons (24 count)
- 2-boxes facial tissues
- 12 or more-No. 2 pencils
- 1-Elmer's 4 oz. glue

- 1-scissors
- 2-pink erasers
- 1-school box
- 1-school bag or backpack

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM ON AUGUST 29, 2011 in BIRD BOARD ROOM

BRONTE, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.00 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	25.9 % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	0 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	25.9 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 198977280	\$ 244462908
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2049930	\$ 1086452
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 93995561	\$ 102899088
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2049930	\$ 1086452

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.04	\$ 3426	\$ 7462
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.13610	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.13610	\$ 2981	\$ 7683
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.04	\$ 3326	\$ 6990

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 58535	\$ 44958
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 32710	\$ 31014
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04000	\$ 1.04000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 340.18	\$ 322.54
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (17.64)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04005.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 534465
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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DO YOU REALLY LOVE GOD?

He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: And he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. • John 14:21

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: And My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: And the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me. • John 14:23-24

If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. • John 15:10

Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. • John 15:14

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: And His commandments are not grievous. • 1 John 5:2-3

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. • John 14:15

Victory Assembly of God
Corner of 6th & Houston • Robert Lee
Pastor Irving Smith

Service Schedule:

- Sunday morning
- Sunday School 9:45 • Worship & Childrens Church 10:45
- Sunday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm
- Wednesday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm

6-folders with pockets
 1-ruler
 1-Spiral notebook (70 count wide rule)
 4-gluе sticks
 2-large cloth book covers
 1-box gallon-size baggies
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$10.00

3rd grade

1-box Crayola crayons
 2-boxes facial tissues
 12-No. 2 pencils
 2-Elmer's 8 oz. glue
 2-permanent markers
 16-folders (pockets only)
 4 red/ 4 blue/4 yellow/ 4 green
 1-scissors
 4-gluе sticks
 2-notebook paper (wide rule)
 1-box quart size "Ziplock" bags
 1-gallon size "Ziplock" bags
 1-pencil sharpener
 1-box multiplication flashcards
 3- red pens
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$10.00

4th grade

2-boxes facial tissues (100 count)
 24-No. 2 pencils
 1-school bag or backpack
 1-set dry erase markers (set of 4)
 6-pocket folders
 6-cloth book covers
 1-pkg. notebook paper (wide rule)
 1-spiral notebook (wide rule)
 2-pkgs. lined index cards 3x5
 2-gluе sticks
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$10.00

5th & 6th grades

12-No. 2 pencils (wood)
 1-pkg notebook paper (200 wide rule)
 2-boxes facial tissues
 5-cloth book covers (jumbo size)
 6-pocket folders
 1"-3-Ring binder
 1-hand-held pencil sharpener
 4-gluе sticks
 1 color pencils (12 ct.)
 1-box quart size "Ziplock" bags (5th grade only)
 1-composition notebook
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$10.00

RL elementary school supply list

Pre K

2-boxes of 8 or 16 count Crayola Brand crayons (no 24 count)
 1-pair scissors
 2-pkgs. of glue sticks
 1-pkg. of assorted construction paper
 4-pencils
 1 box quart size Ziplock bags
 4-boxes of Kleenex
 1-set of water colors

Kindergarten

2-boxes Crayola brand crayons (no more than 24)
 1-bottle school glue (white)

8-gluе sticks
 6-regular yellow #2 pencils
 1-spiral notebook-wide ruled
 1-small plastic school box
 3-large boxes Kleenex
 2-sturdy, slick plastic pocket folders (no brads)
 1-large pink eraser
 3-pkg. index cards 3x5
 Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
 Backpack
 Label everything and initial each crayon and leave in the original box

1st grade

2-pkg (24 count) #2 plain pencils -no mechanical pencils
 2-Pink Erasers or 2 pkgs of pencil top erasers
 2-yellow highlighters
 2 composition notebooks-(100 sheets-wide ruled)
 *2-large zipper pencil pouch (no boxes)
 1-pair 7" Fiskar scissors
 3-boxes kleenex
 *2-boxes of 24 count crayons
 1-ruler with inches and centimeters (not bendable)
 2- 4 ounce bottles of glue
 2-gluе sticks
 1-box of ziplock bags (girls-gallon, boys-quart)
 1-backpack - no wheels
 2 - addition and 2 subtraction of flashcards (to 20)
 Label everything

2nd grade

4-compostion notebooks (100 sheets-wide ruled)
 1-green folder with pockets & brads
 2-red folders with pockets & brads
 1-folder of your choice with pockets & brads
 1-pair of fiskar 7 in scissors
 1-ruler with metric and standard measurement
 1-box of crayons (doesn't matter how many)
 1-box of map colors
 6-red pens
 24-#2 good quality yellow pencils
 1-4 oz. bottle of glue
 1-pencil sharpener with shaving holder
 1-large zipper pencil pouch (no boxes)
 2-pink erasers
 1-backpach (no wheels)
 Girls-1 box of kleenex
 Boys-1 box qt size baggies
 Label all supplies!

3rd grade

1-pkg. (24 count) #2 plain pencils
 2-pink erasers
 6-red grading pens
 2-composition notebooks -wide ruled w/ 100 sheets
 2-large zipper pencil pouches (no boxes)
 1-pair 7" Fiskar sissors
 3-boxes of Kleenex
 2-boxes of 12 count map pencils
 1-ruler with metric and standard measurement
 1-pencil sharpener with shaving holder
 1-4 ounce bottle of glue

1-backpack-NO Wheels
4th - 6th
 12-#2 pencils
 Glue stick
 Scissors
 Markers
 Map colors
 2-containers of disinfectant wipes
 2-boxes of kleenex
 2-pkgs of college ruled notebook paper
 1-solid blue spiral notebook for 5th math
 1-solid blue spiral notebook for 4th math
 1-solid blue spiral notebook for 6th math
 1-green spiral notebook for 4th & 5th science
 1-any color notebook for

4th, 5th, 6th ELA/reading
6th grade art supply list
(These will be kept separate from classroom supplies)
 Scissors
 Glue sticks & Elmer's glue
 Ruler
 Ream of white copy paper (pkg of 500 sheets)
 Pencils
 Shoe box
 2-box of kleenex
Scholarship Search Site available
 Students in grades 9-12 at Bronte High School have access to a free online scholarship search site at

www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com. This site constantly updates scholarships throughout the year and no registration on the part of the student is required. This site is easy to use and search. A password and user name is required.
 BHS students and parents may call the BHS counselor's office or high school office to obtain the password and user name.
 For more information on scholarships, please contact BHS counselor, Mrs. Timmerman, or visit the Counselor's Corner web page at www.bronteisd.net and click on "Scholarship Information".

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Robert Lee Water Meeting! James Busby, an engineer with Burgess and Niple Engineering, addressed the huge crowd in attendance at the town water meeting held in Robert Lee Tuesday evening, August 9, 2011.

... Robert Lee Water Meeting

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water consumption already in effect, the 200,000 gallons should sustain Robert Lee with the current restrictions. The pipeline will be set-up as a one-way pipeline to start. Once the immediate danger has passed, there are plans to make it a two-way pipeline. All future water sales will be applied to the debt incurred from the pipeline's construction until that debt is satisfied.

Construction of the pipeline is the first priority for city officials. Once it is in operation, other funds received may be used to research potential water well fields and correct any problems with the city's water treatment facility.

The City of Robert Lee has applied for grant funds from several different agencies. Although most sound like they are Texas organizations, the funding is all federal. With federal funding, come federal regulations, restrictions and delays.

Robert Lee was ranked as the #1 critical city for assistance from the Texas Water Development Board State Drinking Water Program. This organization has made available to the City of Robert Lee funds totaling \$9.8 million dollars in a 70% grant/30% loan distribution. If Robert Lee accepted the entire amount, a debt would be incurred of \$2.94 million. City officials are aware that is an impossible amount to repay for the citizens of Robert Lee. Therefore, they are currently accepting only the money necessary for the pipeline that other programs will not cover.

The Texas Small Towns Environment Program (S.T.E.P.) is the same program that Bronte used in the past to lay the pipeline

to the wells they drilled when Oak Creek Lake was at critical levels. It requires communities who receive the grant to demonstrate a 40% savings off the retail price of the project by using local effort. Local effort means volunteer labor. One requirement of the Texas Department of Rural Affairs is that there be more volunteers on site than paid professionals. Citizens can volunteer with the skills they already have - equipment operators, general laborers, materials handlers, record keepers, scheduling and telephone committees, and food committee. This application for \$350,000 has to be in by October 14, 2011, and notification of funding should be received by the end of that month.

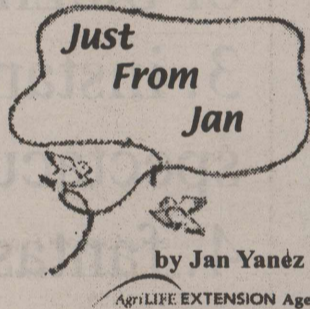
Robert Lee has also applied for a \$500K USDA grant. The application is pending and is now at the federal level. The city should be notified by September 1, 2011, of the obligation and funding of this grant.

The tone of last night's meeting was mostly positive. Following comments from three members of the audience, longtime City Secretary Kay Torres spoke with eloquent passion about the situation. She explained that she has been with the City for eighteen years and that during this time, they never quit searching for solutions to Robert Lee's water problems. They looked at drilling wells locally and also as far away as Maryneal. These solutions were not viable due to either poor quality, low quantity or impossibly high cost levels.

Many members of the audience expressed appreciation to Robert Lee city officials and personnel for all of their efforts to keep water flowing to Robert Lee's citizens. William "Pistol" Hood recognized the opportunity of the majority

of Robert Lee's citizens to come together in prayer for Robert Lee. Pastor Irving Smith delivered a beautiful heart-felt cry to God asking Him to relieve our situation.

The people of Robert Lee have come together in the past when faced with enormous problems, most recently the fires that have scorched our county. Their presence and attitudes last night proved they were ready and able to face this problem and resolve Robert Lee's water shortage.



Conserving Tips for the Kitchen and Bathroom

- Kitchen:**
- If you wash dishes by hand, fill one half of the sink with soapy water and the other with clean water instead of letting the water run.
 - Place a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of letting the tap run to get a cool drink.
 - Water your houseplants with water saved from washing your fruits and vegetables, waiting for the water to warm up, or even when you clean your fish tank!
 - Select one glass to use for drinking each day. If you do this, your dishwasher will take longer to fill up and it will not need to be run as frequently.
 - Thaw foods in the refrigerator or in a bowl of hot water instead of using running water.
 - Let your pots and pans soak instead of letting the water run while you clean them.

- Purchase an instant water heater for your kitchen sink so you don't waste water while it heats up.

- Scrape the food on your dishes into the garbage instead of using water to rinse it down the disposal.

Bathroom:

- Switch to an ultra low-flow showerhead. This could save you as much as 2.5 gallons every minute you shower.

- Take shorter showers—try to keep it under 5 minutes.

- Put dye tablets or food coloring in your toilet tank and wait to see if the color appears in the bowl (without flushing). If it does, you have a leak!

- Check to assure that your toilet's flapper valve doesn't stay open after flushing.

- When taking a bath, start filling the tub with the drain already plugged instead of waiting first for the water to get warm. Adjust the temperature as the tubs begins to fill.

- Turn the faucet off while you shave, brush your teeth and lather up your hands.

- Buy an electric razor or fill the sink with a little water to rinse your razor, instead of rinsing in running water.

- Take a short shower instead of a bath. While a five minute shower uses a 12 to 25 gallons, a full tub requires about 70 gallons.

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Water Conservation: How Does Your Home Check Out?

The availability of water, now and in the future, should be a concern for everyone. In most areas of the country and most of the time, water has been readily available. The situation is changing. There are constantly new demands on our water supply. Sometimes that supply may be less than at other times because of climatic conditions such as a drought, a disaster, or just a breakdown in the water system. Conserving water also conserves other resources-energy and money. It costs money to pump water and make it available in our homes, for irrigation, and for business and industrial uses. Energy is required to pump, move and to purify water. Both energy and money are required to heat water-whether it is the water we heat and use, or the water we heat and waster through poor management practices.

Becoming more aware of your water use habits-both old and new-you can reduce water use (consumption), eliminate water, and save energy and money in your home.

Plumbing:

Inspect the plumbing system to see that there are no leaks. Turn off all water if you are going to be away from home on a vacation or trip. Check all faucets, inside and out, for drips. Make repairs promptly. These

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problems get worse never better. Teach children to turn water faucets off quickly and tightly after each use. A toilet leak can waster lots of water. Put a small amount of food coloring into the tank. If the color trickles into the bowl, there is a leak and repairs are needed.

Laundry:

Wait until you have a full load before washing items, or use a lower water level setting. Check garments to make sure they need washing. Don't wash clothes more often than necessary. Encourage children to change into play-clothes after school so that school-and-play-clothes can be worn several times. Siphon gray water from your washing machine into your yard.

Personal Care:

Urge family members to take 4 minute showers instead of tub baths. Turn off shower water while you apply soap to body, or lather hair and massage scalp. Turn water off while you shave and brush your teeth.

Dishwashing:

Wash only a full load of dishes in the dishwasher. A dishwasher uses about 9 to 13 gallons of water per cycle. Avoid unnecessary rinsing of dishes that go into the dishwasher for immediate washing. Scrape if necessary. When washing dishes by hand, use one pan of soapy water for washing and a second pan of hot water for rinsing. Rinsing in a pan requires less water than rinsing under a running faucet.

House Plants:

Use rinse water, gray water saved from bathing or clothes washing to water indoor plants. Do not use soapy water on indoor plants. It could damage them. Water indoor plants only when needed. Too much water can damage plants. Use water from dehumidifier to water plants.

Agriculture

Secretary Vilsack Announces Changes to CRP to Assist Producers Impacted by Severe Drought Conditions

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is modifying its Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) policies to help those affected by sustained drought conditions. Throughout this year of extreme weather, USDA has supported and delivered assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country.

"We continue to do all we can to help thousands of farmers and ranchers in the southwestern United States who are struggling from drought," said Vilsack. "Many ranchers have been or will be forced to sell

livestock due to drought and USDA will do what we can to help our farmers and ranchers during these challenging times."

The policy changes influence FSA rules governing emergency grazing. The period normally allowed for emergency grazing lasts through Sept. 30, 2011. FSA is permitting farmers and ranchers in drought stricken states who have been approved for emergency grazing, including those in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, to extend the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction.

Producers wishing to participate in emergency grazing must first request permission from the FSA county office by indicating the acreage to be grazed.

As a second condition designed to help livestock producers, FSA will allow producers nationwide to utilize harvested hay from expiring CRP acres when those acres are being prepared for fall seeded crops. Prior to this modification, all mechanically harvested hay was required to be destroyed. This change enables livestock producers to feed the hay that is mechanically harvested to their own livestock or to sell or donate hay. Consistent with existing policy for managed or emergency haying and grazing of eligible CRP acres, rental payments will be reduced by 25 percent for those utilizing this option.

"We are eager to do all we can in the face of this drought crisis across the southern plains," said FSA Administrator Bruce Nelson. "This has been one of the worst dry and hot spells since the Dust Bowl era of the '30s."

For further information about the Conservation Reserve Program and Emergency Haying and Grazing, producers are encouraged to visit their USDA Service Centers or go online to www.fsa.usda.gov. Search under Conservation Programs and Disaster Assistance.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, AUGUST 31, 2011 in CONFERENCE ROOM 119, ROBERT LEE SCHOOL, 1323 HAMILTON STREET ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax		
Approved by Local Voters	\$.44	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase or	6	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase or	6	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase or	6	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 616998120	\$ 59704800
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 663065	\$ 1044013
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 421687168	\$ 230858799
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 663065	\$ 1044013

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 12704982
* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.44000	\$ 1.48000	\$ 14670	\$ 5417
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04817	\$.74039	\$ 1.78856	\$ 16.070	\$ 3288
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.44000	\$ 1.48000	\$ 16.908	\$ 3153

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 51435	\$ 34871
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 27626	\$ 23365
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ (125)	\$ 242.99
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 117.99

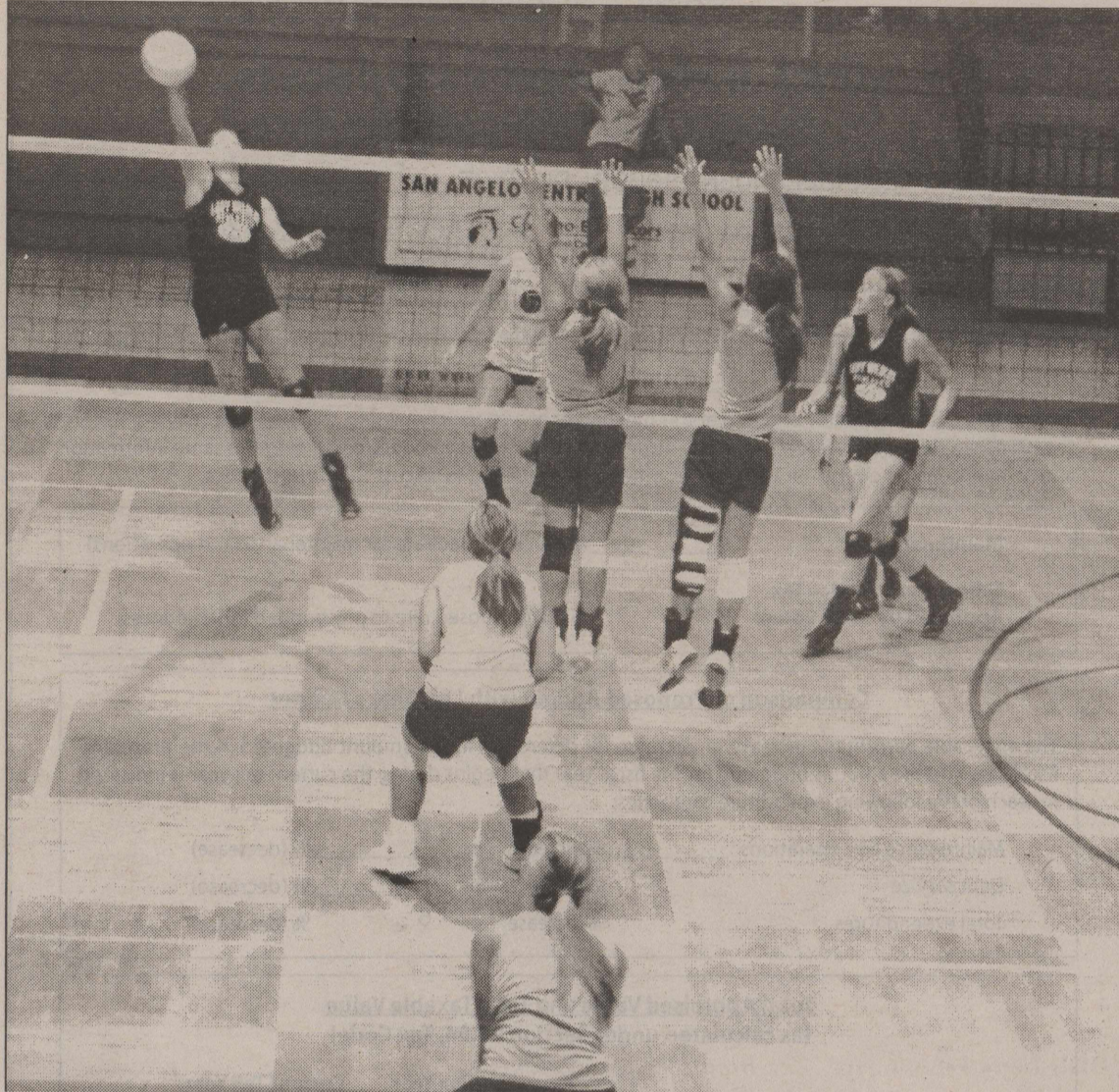
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.54. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.54

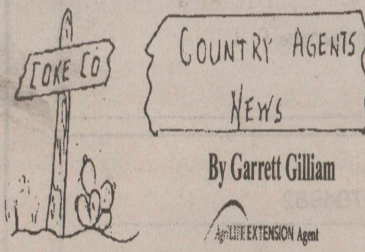
Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1886662
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5000



BHS Lady Longhorns! The Bronte Volleyball team began their season with scrimmages this past weekend against Water Valley, Sterling City, Grape Creek, and Central at San Angelo Central. Jill Scott and Kaitlyn Braswell up for the block, while Mackenzie Gibbs and Kimber Lee are ready for the digs.



By Garrett Gilliam

AgriLife Extension Agent

Wildfires leave more than ashes behind

When the fences are gone, as well as the grass, cattle raisers are going to have to make some tough decisions on whether to try to feed or go to market with their cattle, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Across the state of Texas, it's the same story over and over - the grass is gone, destroyed by fire, hay is short and soil moisture is almost nonexistent. Some tough decisions lie ahead for ranchers caught in the wake of the recent fast-moving wildfires, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said. "Something that is important, after they get

through the emotional part of this, is looking at the long-term," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist. "With current conditions, if we don't get significant rain in the next several weeks, those rangelands that burned aren't going to be able to carry many cattle, if any, until next fall. And then, grazing will be limited."

Ranchers planning to feed cattle after the fires need to consider that, because of the drought in other parts of the state, hay supplies are going to be short, McCollum said. Hay will probably have to come from some other region. Ranchers opting to continue feeding their animals have several options, he said. Low-

quality hay, or another rough-age source such as cotton burrs, can be supplemented with concentrated nutrients to balance out what the cattle need, McCollum said.

The other option may be to get away from the traditional thinking of feeding hay and feed a more concentrated diet, he said. Less total pounds of feed would be required, but this option may present some problems with handling and delivering of feed.

The other option that some might have to look at is selling the cattle, he said. "Look at de-stocking partially or fully," McCollum said. "The net loss or net gain of selling out now and buying back later may be relatively the same as trying to figure out how to feed those

cows for several months. "Immediate selling may be a necessary move for cattle that have been injured by the fire. Any cattle that have suffered heating of the feet, blistering of the udder, excessive smoke inhalation and other insults should be marketed before the injuries progress to the point that the cattle are unmerchantable."

The potential for pasture recovery is another factor to consider when keeping cattle.

The timing and the rate at which the fires moved may mean the damage to the plant community might not be as bad as some think it is, he said, but the problem is soil moisture. The recovery of those areas is going to be slow. "If we get any rainfall in the next month or so, the recovery may be better than people think it is," McCollum said. "The key factor - can we get any timely rainfall?"

But regardless of whether the rain comes, the carrying capacity is going to be lower than normal. Ranchers may face stocking at less than half of the normal rates, he said. The primary grasses need to accumulate some forage and have adequate soil moisture to continue growth before any grazing should be considered, McCollum said. Without moisture, it may be next fall, after forage goes dormant, before any animals can be put on the pasture. Buying hay or finding pasture now is a temporary stop-gap management measure, he said. Without rain, purchasing hay and feed is simply delaying some decisions. "I know it is hard to do, but they need to be thinking about contingencies one, three and six months down the road," McCollum said.

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting minutes

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session, Tuesday July 26, 2011, in the office of the Administrator at the Robert Lee Care Center. Members present included President Mary Bessent, Dessie Kendall, Sarah Green and Pat Stephens. Roger Alexander, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, Business Office Mgr. were also in attendance. President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:43 AM, and declared there was a quorum. Dessie Kendall gave the invocation. The minutes from the previous meetings were approved.

In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board of some staffing changes which had been made, and also, the need of a Janitor. He reported there are currently 11 residents in the Alzheimer's Unit, and 50 residents total in the Care Center as of the meeting date.

The Board then discussed capital projects. The renovation of the dining room is complete, and the public is encouraged to drop by and see the beautiful changes which have been made to the dining room and the front lobbies. The residents and staff alike are enjoying the area, as it is a lot more functional, as well as beautiful.

Accounts receivable were reviewed and discussed in depth.

In Public Relations, Roger informed the Board he is in the process of implementing a website for the facility, under the direction of Patty Cisco. The talents of

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Meagan Ross have been acquired to take photographs of the facility which will appear in the website.

The water situation in Robert Lee was discussed at length, and the Board wishes to convey appreciation to Mayor John Jacobs, the members of the city council, and the city employees who have been working so diligently and tirelessly to alleviate our critical situation.

The monthly birthday party was held in the new dining room, and a great time was enjoyed by all, particularly those celebrating birthdays in July. The monthly party for August will be August 16 at 3:30. Those celebrating birthdays this month are Kay Walker, Mary Reyes, and Peggy Floyd. There will be a gospel singing presented by the Assembly of God Church at 3:30, Aug. 13, and Jim Gross will be providing entertainment Aug. 12, at 3:30. The monthly Sing-a-Long is scheduled for Aug. 19, and everyone is invited to come and enjoy! Rumor has it that Elvis will be at the facility for a '50's party Aug. 26, at 3:30. We all may need to check that out..... The residents continue to enjoy Brother Steve Peyton, as he comes on Mondays at 3:30 to begin their week with some good music and visitation. Thanks, Bro. Steve!!!

The financial statements were discussed and approved.

The meeting was adjourned, and a delicious lunch was enjoyed at the facility. It was the monthly menu chosen by the residents of chicken fried steak and all the trimmings. Yum!

The Board met for a budget workshop Aug. 8, and there will be a budget hearing Aug. 29, at 9:30, immediately before the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

USDA reminds producers of closing date

Tom Green-Coke/Sterling County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director CED Michael Sturm, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Non insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of September 1, 2011.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of

non insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory of prevented planing occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management," said CED Sturm. "This year alone has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations," he said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 1, 2011: All Small Grains (Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye & Triticale), Beets, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Ganola, Cauliflower, Garlic, Sod Grass, Greens, Herbs, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Radishes, Strawberries, Turnips, and Value Loss Crops (Christmas Trees, Crustaceans, Fin Fish & flowers).

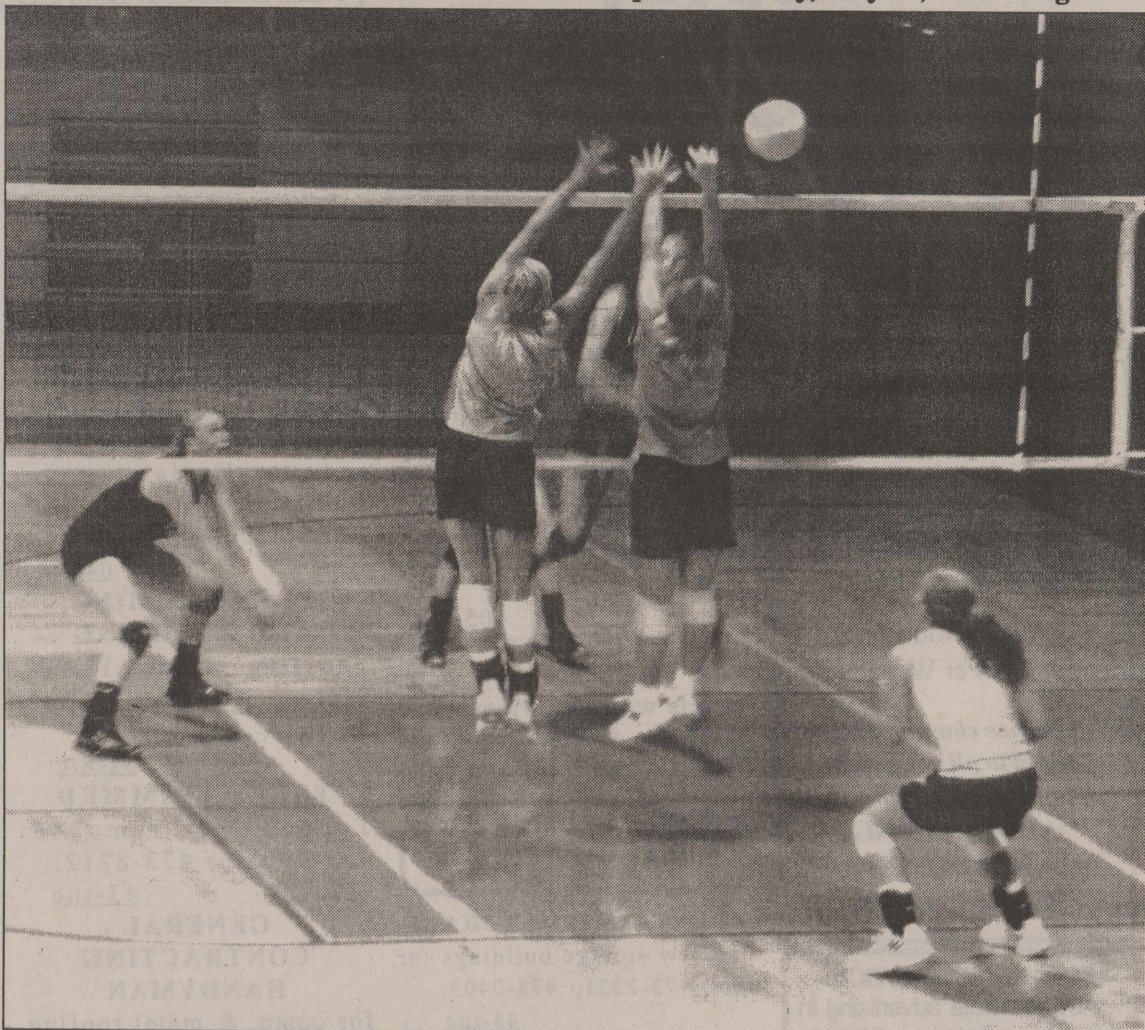
In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be non insurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with fanning interests in multiple counties.

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For more information on sales closing dates and NAP,



BHS Lady Longhorns! The Bronte Volleyball team began their season with scrimmages this past weekend against Water Valley, Sterling City, Grape Creek, and Central at San Angelo Central. Kimber Lee and Brooke Bedford go up with blocks and Jill Scott ready for the dig.

contact the Tom Green County FSA office at 325-653-1246 or the Coke/Sterling Office at 325-453-2751.

Texas Hunters for the Hungry Nears Nine Million Servings

This year, the Texas Hunters for the Hungry program provided 178,662 pounds of venison to more than 100 organizations that serve low income people across Texas. The program, administered by the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc. (TACAA), has exceeded two million pounds of venison donated over the last two decades.

According to the USDA, Texas has the second highest rate of food insecurity in the nation, with one in six households struggling to afford food. In a survey of its food bank members, Feeding America stated that over half

of the clients served reported having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel. In a time when food banks and pantries are seeing an increase in the demand for emergency food assistance, deer donations through Hunters for the Hungry are proving invaluable in adding meat to food insecure households while stretching agency and household budgets.

Hunters for the Hungry thanks the hunters and participating meat processors for helping alleviate hunger in their local communities and dishing up almost nine million servings since the program's inception. Hunters take their legally harvested deer to a participating meat processor, pay a nominal fee to cover basic processing costs, and the meat processor does the rest.

Donations are ground into burger, packaged, and stored for local food assistance providers to pick up. All meat donated to the program is distributed to families and individuals in need through local food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens.

Qualified meat processors are needed to process deer donations for the 2011-2012 season. Hunters for the Hungry provides everything needed to package donations, including a list of agencies to call when donations are available. Interested processors and hunters may call 1-800-992-9767, ext. 506, or visit <http://www.tacaa.org/hunters-for-the-hungry> to find out more.

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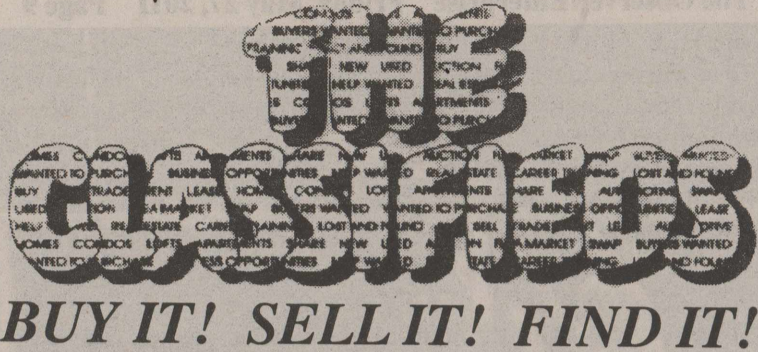
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- 2) Homeownership: Warranty deed or other proof. Statement of Location for Manufactured House - NO CONTRACT FOR DEED.
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We wish to thank all of the fire departments, emergency personnel, and other supporting organizations who assisted us during the fire which destroyed our home.

David, Marilyn & Emily Dunlap
05-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

The entire Arledge Family would like to extend our heart felt gratitude to each and every person who responded in our time of need during the White Hat Fire. Each of us feels great inadequacy in attempting to express our appreciation for the countless selfless hours of work, prayers, and concern upon our behalf. You averted our undergoing a great tragedy.

We could never name each person who came to our aid, but we want to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the Volunteer Fire Departments of Robert Lee, Bronte and surrounding areas. We also applaud Mr. Edwin Brosh and his great crew, the US Forest Service, the entire Coke County Sheriff's Department, Coke County personnel, neighbors, friends, and anyone whom we have neglected to mention by name.

Thank you and may God bless you for your devotion and service to others.

The Arledges
05-1twp

NOTICES

**CITY OF ROBERT LEE
PUBLIC NOTICE TO
BOIL WATER
AUGUST 8, 2011**

Due to reduced pressure resulting from a water main break, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has required the City of Robert Lee's Water Treatment Plant to notify all customers to boil their water prior to consumption.

To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and for making ice should be boiled and cooled prior to consumption. The water should be brought to a vigorous rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes. In lieu of boiling, you may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other suitable source.

When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, the water system officials will notify you in the same manner as this notice.

AUGUST 9, 2011

Water samples were received resulting in negative coliform bacteria and the boil notice was rescinded.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact City Hall at 325-453-2831.

**05-1tc
SMALL TAXING
UNIT NOTICE**

The Kickapoo Water District will hold a meeting at 8:30 am on August 24, 2011, at the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011. The proposed tax rate .013000 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Kickapoo Water District by 12.89%.

**05-1tc
NOTICE OF PROPOSED
SALARY INCREASES
FOR COKE COUNTY
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to 152.013(b) Local Government Code, the Coke County Commissioners' Court announces a proposed increase in County funded salary, expenses and other allowances for elected officials for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year. On this day, August 8, 2011, the Commissioners' Court proposed cost of living salary increases in the amount of 3% per year for the offices of County Judge, County/District Clerk, County Treasurer, County Tax Assessor/Collector, County Attorney, Justice of the Peace (Pct. 1 and 2), County Sheriff, and County Precinct Commissioners (Pct. 1-4).

**05-1tc
TIME NEARS FOR RE-
REGISTRATION OF
MARKS AND BRANDS**

Every ten years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins August 31, 2011, and concludes February 29, 2012.

After the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. The cost of registering brands in Coke County is \$16.00. Each additional location is \$5.00 if registered at the same time.

For additional information, contact the Coke County and District Clerk's Office, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas 76945 or call 325-453-2631. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 8 am to 1 pm.

**05-1tc
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FUNDRAISER SALE**

Now through August 31st. Benefitting Robert Lee Project Graduation 2012. Contact Lorrie Martin 453-4500 for list of seniors to contact.

**05-1tc
ACT and SAT Test
Deadlines noted**

Students interested in taking the September 10, 2011, ACT test must register by August 12, in order to avoid late fees. Students may register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up an application in the high school counselor's office. If someone is unsure which test to sign up for, please consult the high school counselor.

Students interested in taking the October 1, 2011, SAT Reasoning Test must register before September 9 in order to avoid late fees. Registration may be done online at www.collegeboard.com or you may pick up a registration packet in the counselor's

office.

Fee waivers are available to junior and senior students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. Call or see Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor for more information.

Please keep in mind that the ACT and SAT tests will be offered several times throughout the fall and spring semesters. The ACT test is offered at Bronte High School in October, April and June. Free study guides are available in the counselor's office. The high school library has practice test preparation books available to students. In addition, the ACT and SAT websites have free practice items available online.

For more information, please call the BHS counselor's office at 473-2521.

**\$10,000 College
Natural Resource
Scholarships
Available: Deadline
September 14th**

The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAFF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer five \$10,000 Natural Resource-Excellence in Education Scholarships in the fall of 2011. The scholarships will be awarded to five fresh-

men at Texas universities who are majoring in natural resource related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, or similar majors.

Completed applications must be postmarked by September 14th, 2011, and are available at <http://www.texas-wildlife.org>

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be:

- o A Texas resident;
- o A graduate of a Texas high school;
- o Enrolled in a Texas accredited college or university with a natural resource/agricultural degree program;
- o Classified as a "Freshman" or in first year after high school in the accredited program;
- o Majoring in a natural resource related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, etc.;
- o A citizen of the United States and provide a valid social security number if chosen

Students must also maintain 12 hours per semester and a minimum 2.0 GPA per semester and 2.5 cumulative GPA.

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Beef Conference set for August 20

The West Texas Beef Conference is slated for Saturday, August 20, in San Angelo at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Fairgrounds.

The trade show opens at 8 am. The program begins at 9 am with Long-term Implications of the Ongoing Drought, Dr. Derrell Peel, Ag Economist, Oklahoma State University. His presentation will be followed by Cattle Marketing: Lessons Learned from Eastern Livestock, Paul Colman, Frontera Feedyard and Feeder Calves: Improving Health = Added Value, Dr. Ted McCollum, Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

After lunch, the program continues at 1:30 with Low Stress Cattle Handling: It's a Win Win (live animal demonstration), Dr. Ron Gill, Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Agriculture in the US is undergoing a change of face in 2011. Record commodity prices, rising inputs costs and an ever expanding global appetite are major sculptors. Despite the ever changing production environment, beef is still big business in West Texas. Cattlemen are encouraged to take a look at this one day conference constructed especially for them. Some of the industry's sharpest and best will share their insight.

Bring your neighbor and spend a Saturday in town.

To register go to <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>

Keyword: Beef

For more information, call (830) 278-9151.

Oncology patients in Concho Valley could receive gas cards

A \$2,100 grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas allows Shannon Medical

Center to provide assistance in the form of gas cards to uninsured and underinsured cancer patients in the Concho Valley. The grant is funded by the Texans Conquer Cancer Patient Support Services Program.

The program is open to patients residing in Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, San Saba, Sterling, Sutton and Val Verde counties who must travel to San Angelo or another city to receive cancer care. Patients must first meet with the Patient Navigator in order to determine need before they receive assistance. Additionally, patients must provide receipts showing the gas card was used to purchase fuel.

Funds are raised through the sale of "Texans Conquer Cancer" specialty license plates designed to help non-profit organizations provide support services and assistance to cancer patients and their families. More than 400 newly diagnosed cancer patients are treated each year and the Shannon Oncology Center sees an average of 71 out-of-town patients a month. Approximately five percent of those patients are uninsured and require some additional support.

For more information, please contact the Patient Navigator at the Shannon Oncology Center at (325) 481-2025.

Blackwell Ranch Rodeo set for September 24

The Blackwell Ranch Rodeo will be held Saturday, September 24, 2011. The rodeo kicks off at 10 am. A trade show is scheduled and concessions will be available.

Events will include Calf Branding, Doctoring, Penning, and Wild Cow Milking. The top three teams

in the average will receive cash and prizes. Buckles will be awarded to the Top Horse and the Top Hand. The first place team in each event will receive ropes. The jackpot Panty Race is a new fun event which has been slated.

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Ambassadors will perform at 1 pm and then again after the last event.

A dance featuring Tommy Alverson will begin at "dark thirty".

Check Out Coke County Library

Supreme Pizza winners will be announced Friday, August 12, in a drawing of the names of all readers who have turned in their Coke County Library books by then. Students have entered their names for each book they have returned this summer...all names will be entered in the final drawing. Don't forget to turn in those summer library books.

Some Texas history reading is on the shelf: Hotter 'n Pecos and Other West Texas Lies by Bobby Weaver is a short story book of West Texans and their encounters with each other; Get Along, Little Dogies: The Chisholm Trail Diary of Hallie Lou Wells begins in 1878; The Accidental Historian: Tales of Trash and Treasure by Monte Akers recounts the authors close encounters with historical events; As a Farm Woman Thinks: Life and Land on the Texas High Plains, 1890-1960 by Nellie Spikes who tells of one grandchild who learned to wade in rain puddles.

Also, Exploring the Edges of Texas by Walt and Isabel Davis listed as the ultimate road trip; and The Woman in the Oil Field is a book of funny and off-beat stories by Tracy Daugherty.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4;

Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to personally thank the Robert Lee City water department workers for the hard work that they do. Yes, it has been inconvenient for the water to be shut off recently. We have all felt the problems when there is a water line leak that needs to be fixed. I watched some of the work that was done on the leak in front of Best Connection last week. The hole was so deep the guys were over their head. It was like a muddy swimming hole. They had to get the water out before they could repair the hole in the pipe. They worked steady from about 3 PM until 3 AM the next morning so that the city could have water. That's after starting work that morning on other projects. We all need to thank these workers for their efforts when ever we see them.

Wonder why we are having these problems? Some reasons are: hot temperatures, no rain, shifting ground, state and federal regulations, old pipes, and old equipment. The reason for the last two items is the low water rates we have had for many years. I'm guessing that some of the pipes have been in the

ground for 30 to 50 years. Yes, we all want affordable rates and steady clean water, but sometimes you get what you pay for.

All that being said we really need to thank our city workers for the work that they do. We also need to thank our Mayor and City Council for fighting the battles with other government entities to get us a source of water other than Lake Spence. Thanks to all of you from me.

Roger Alexander Robert Lee Resident Bronte Meet the Teacher set for August 17

All Bronte Elementary students and their parents are invited to come to school and meet the teachers on Wednesday, August 17.

The event will begin with a general welcome and orientation in the auditorium at 5:30 pm and then parents and students will have an opportunity to visit classrooms and teachers until 6:30 pm.

Students are welcome to bring their backpacks and school supplies to leave in their classrooms for the first day of school.

We hope to see everyone at Bronte Elementary School on Wednesday, August 17, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

New Steer Football t-shirts available

The new Steer Football t-shirts are for sale in August.

For more information, contact Maranda Hood at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

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