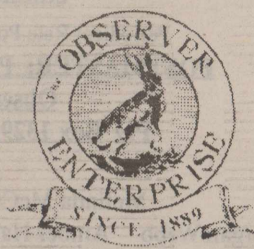


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Filing opens in May's local government entity elections

Monday, February 6, 2012, was the first day to file for places on the ballot in the upcoming local entities elections. Filing will be allowed until March 5, 2012. The election will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Along with the mayor, there are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Gerald Sandusky, mayor, and council members, Jennifer Stango, Paul (Buzz) Gohmann, and Jimmie Guthrie.

There are two council member terms and the mayoral position on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held by Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. The office of mayor is held by John Jacobs.

There are three two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Pat Stephens, Sarah Green, and Farrell Jean Washam.

There are two two-year terms and one unexpired term on the ballot for the

East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Beverly Sims, Nancy Cooper, and Howard Baker.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Ericka Knight, Wayne Coalson, and Doug Tounget.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Brandi Brosh, Wes Washam, and Tom Sawyer, Jr.

UIL announces district realignments

Texas UIL announced this week new districts for all three of our local teams.

Blackwell, Bronte and Robert Lee are included in the same district for basketball. The 2012-2013 1A Division 2 District 14 includes Blackwell, Bronte, Garden City, Paint Rock, Robert Lee, Sterling City, Veribest and Water Valley. This only applies



Watch Out! Main Street in Bronte Monday morning was a little more exciting than usual. Wendell Lee, Coke County Commissioner Precinct 2, was driving the county pickup when he apparently lost control and veered into a parked pickup, spinning it around and pushing it up on to the sidewalk. Lee was transported by medical helicopter to San Angelo and was admitted to the hospital. The driver and passenger of the other pickup had just gotten out of the vehicle and stepped onto the sidewalk at the time of the accident.

to basketball.

Blackwell and Robert Lee will compete in the same district during the football season. The 2012-14 1A 6-Man Division 2 District 8 includes Blackwell, Lohn, Robert Lee, and Panther Creek.

Bronte will be joined by

Christoval, Eldorado, Menard, Irion County, Miles and TLCA in the 1A 11-Man Division 2 District 6.

ECA classes to begin this month

East Coke County EMS classes for Emergency Medical Responders will begin February 13, 2012, at 6 pm. The classes will meet at the community room of the Bronte Housing complex, 116 NE Railroad.

If you have not signed up and would like to attend the classes, join us that evening! For more information, you may call the city hall in Bronte, 473-3501.

1st Annual Lion's Club Chili Supper set for February 18

Robert Lee Lion's Club is sponsoring a chili supper fund-raiser in the big Recreation Hall on February 18th at 6:00 pm.

In addition to the best chili you ever wrapped a lip around; the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will have a scrumptious deserts auction at 7:00. All deserts donations will be most welcome. Contact any member of your local Fire Department to make a donation.

There will also be a raffle

for a bar-b-q pit, with tickets selling for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See any of your local Lions to purchase a raffle ticket.

Reception to honor Wanda Barbee slated for February 19

A reception honoring Wanda Barbee will be held Sunday, February 19, 2012, from 3 to 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church in Bronte.

All friends and former students are encouraged to attend. Cards and letters would be a great addition, but organizers are requesting no gifts.

Daddy-Daughter Date Night slated

The 3rd annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night "Snowflake Ball" will be held Saturday, February 11, from 5 to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

This event offers dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are. This evening is for girls in Kindergarten through 6th grade. There will be light appetizers, music, door prizes and a complimentary

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Robert Lee Pipeline! This group of volunteers worked late on Thursday, February 2, 2012, to complete the 4.5 mile portion of the waterline to Bronte. The pipeline contractor will be responsible for the remaining 7.5 miles to the treatment facility at Bronte. The volunteers will finish up the project this week by tying the pipeline in to Robert Lee's treatment plant.

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Obituaries



Timmons

Margaret Ann Anderson Timmons was born in Newton, Kansas, on September 21, 1931, and fell into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on February 4, 2012, following a long battle with COPD.

Margaret accepted Christ as an adult and followed as a believer to her last breath. She was the daughter of George Anderson and Sarah Rhodes Anderson.

Visitation was all day Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm until 7 pm. Graveside services were held at 3 pm Wednesday, February 8, 2012, with burial following in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Margaret spent her life as a homemaker, residing mostly in Bronte, Texas. She owned and operated a daycare for several families, and assisted in a grocery store that she and Charles owned in Bronte. She enjoyed watching television, was a fantastic cook, loved to go to garage sales, and loved family gatherings, especially at Christmas.

She has resided in several communities in her life, including Lake Jackson, Bronte, and finally in San Angelo. Since the passing of Charles in 2009, she has lived with her daughter, La Queta and son-in-law, Harold and was warmly accepted by their church, and friends in Beta Sigma Phi, and Friendship Sunday School Class at First

Methodist Church. She was a vital part of all celebrations in their home and will be dearly missed.

Margaret was preceded in death, by her husbands, Bill Duncan, and Charles Timmons; her son, Billy Duncan; son-in-law, David Matthews; granddaughter, Morgan Matthews; and both parents.

She is survived by daughters, La Queta Shelburne, and husband, Harold, La Rita Wilder and husband, Fred of San Angelo, Tina Matthews Brownfield and husband Dan of Vernon, Texas; son, Dennis Duncan of Abilene; sister, Mary Gourley of Clute, Texas; and sister-in-Law, Jean Mc Swain and husband Ross of San Angelo. Others left to mourn her passing are grandchildren, Mercyla and Brad Fly of San Angelo, Mesha and Allen Millsap of San Antonio, Meagan and Tim Hunnicutt of San Angelo, Amy and Chris Turner of Corpus Christi, Stephanie and Drew Williams of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Jody and Tanya Wilder of San Saba, Heather Duncan and Jonathan Burton of Abilene, Trisha and Brad Dodson of Sugarland, Bradley Matthews of San Angelo, Brandon Matthews and Wyatt Duncan of Abilene; and a special family friend Brittany Rodriguez, of San Angelo. Great Grandchildren include: Abigayle Shelburne, Amory and Kemper Fly, Mackenzie Millsap, Kaitlyn and Zachery

Turner, Christin and Alexandra Williams, Ashlyn and Braden Dodson, Chris and Kayla Wilder, Tristen and Jayton Galvan, and Vandon Burton. In addition, she is survived by several nieces and nephews, and friends in various communities across Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo, Bethel Baptist Church, First Methodist Church, or Faith in Action of San Angelo. A special thanks to pastors: Charles Beal, Lester Swan, Nathaniel Hankins, and Mike Andress. A special thank you to the Mature Adult Ministry and Kay Peek from First Methodist Church.

The family would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following special caregivers during this difficult time: Floy Lumbley, Maggie Zapata, Dr. Viki Forlano, Angie Wilke, Dr. Peter Chang, and Dr. Walter Rustman, and HOSA nursing staff, Rene Renden, Debbie Bishop, Charlene Perry, Shirley Jones, and Tiffany Clark.

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Brown

Dorothy Yvonne Brown, 79, passed away Friday, February 3, 2012, in the Robert Lee Care Center, Robert Lee, Texas. Visitation was held all day Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at the funeral home. A funeral service was held at 10 am Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by her sister Jo Dell of Orange County, California; her daughter Frances O'Reilly of Royse City, Texas; three grandchildren, Erin O'Reilly of Robert Lee, Texas; Brian and Austin O'Reilly of Royse City, Texas; and six great-grandchildren.

Dot was the first child born to Ronald and Una Walton on February 11, 1932, in Bronte, Texas. On September 16, 1949, she married Frank P. (Pritch) Brown. He preceded her in death in June of 2006. They lived in Silver, Texas, for a brief period then moved close to McAllen, Texas, when Pritch was transferred by Sun Oil Co. In 1959, Pritch was transferred to Oklahoma. In 1981, when Dot's parents

had to be put into the nursing home, they moved back to Robert Lee.

While they were in Oklahoma, Dot was a volunteer Sunday school teacher, an avid couples bridge player, and a district manager for Braum's Ice Cream Stores. When she and Pritch moved back to Robert Lee, she volunteered at the nursing home. Pritch and Dot loved to go camping. They had been to every state in the union except Hawaii. They also traveled to Canada, Mexico, and even a few European destinations while their daughter was in the Army stationed in Germany.

Dot was a wonderful person with a lot to give to those around her. A loving wife, mother, and grandmother she will be truly missed.

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Obituaries



Gooch

Earlene (Midge) Gooch, 79 of Robert Lee, Texas, died at her home early Saturday morning. She was born in Marathon, Texas, to Pat Clayton and Vera Gulihur McKinney. Midge married Ted Henderson in 1947 and had four sons: Ted Clayton, Tommy James, Pat Lester, and Ronnie Wayne Henderson.

Midge became a Licensed Vocational Nurse in 1966. She was a School Nurse for Alpine ISD and Marathon ISD for many years. She also worked in Fort Stockton, Odessa, Snyder and Big Spring, Texas, as a nurse for Home Health Agencies and in Alpine, Del Rio, and Carrizo, Texas Nursing Homes. Later she joined the Foster Grand Parents Program in Robert Lee, reading to the children in Katie Drennen's class. Midge spent her entire life caring for and helping others.

Midge dearly loved her family, her friends, and her pets. She had a great sense of humor and great outlook on life. She always made time for others and offered a shoulder to lean on whenever needed. She also enjoyed dancing and finding a good bargain at the garage sales.

She was preceded in death by her sons: Ted Clayton, Tommy James, Pat Lester and Ronnie Wayne Henderson, also by her twin sister, Paulene Stuart, and younger brother, Clayton McKinney.

She is survived by a brother, Billy Pat McKinney, her daughter-in-law, Cano Henderson, five grandchildren: Curtis, Michael, Tracy, Rhonda and Renee, six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be at Robert Lee Baptist Church Saturday February 11, 2012, at 11 am.

Memorial Services are under the direction of Heritage Family Funeral Home, Ballinger, Texas.

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Ivey Motor Company Commits to FFA Scholarships

Billy Wayne Roe announced that Ivey Motor Company will join Ford Motor Company in its ongoing commitment to the National FFA.

Ford had committed to a fifteenth year of the Built Ford Tough-FFA collegiate scholarship, which will award \$1,000 scholarships to hundreds of FFA members, each co-sponsored by Ford Dealers like Ivey Motor Company Inc.

Ford has supported the National FFA since the first F-series truck was introduced in 1948 and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. The program, equally funded by Ford Motor Company and by Ford dealers, has awarded almost \$6.5 million in scholarships to FFA members.

Ivey Motor Company is sponsoring the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program for Bronte High School, Robert Lee High School, and Sterling City High School. For the 2011-2012 school years, they are helping 3 local students attend the college of their choice.

To be eligible, FFA members must submit an online 2012 Scholarship Application at www.ffa.org and take the required Signature Page to Ivey Motor Company for the dealer endorsement and official dealer code. The signature page may also be faxed



Where there's smoke this time there's training...

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department conducted Structural Fire Fighting Training on January 28, 2012.

to Ivey Motor Company. The deadline for submitting the online application is February 15, 2012, and the signature pages must be post-marked by February 22, 2012.

"We are pleased to be able to support the local chapters", says Mr. Roe. "Our previous scholarship recipients tell us how grateful they are for the financial support and how the FFA experience has changed their lives."

Midessa Show set for next weekend

The 30th annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex, in Odessa February 9-12. Those attending can see the new 2012 model RVs, Motor Homes and Boats, receive the best buys of the season and check the many booth spaces for free prizes.

Visit the gun show, and a variety of booths including resort areas, RV parks, portable buildings, spas, jewelry,



motorcycles, other ATVs and used boats and RVs.

See the Bass Tub, which is a 4000 gallon 40 foot long mobile aquarium. There are fishing seminars and demonstrations, pony rides and camel rides. Don't forget to visit the Bird Encounter - A giant aviary with 200+ multi-colored birds that you can enter to feed and touch the birds.

A free tram will be provided to transport people from building to building.

All exhibits are inside.

... Date Night

(Continued from page 1) photo. A group photo will be available for purchase. The girls may bring their own camera to capture special moments of the evening.

You may purchase tickets at DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee or in Bronte at Bronte Hometown Hardware.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Basketball! The Bronte Lady Longhorns (above) are in the second round of district basketball. They are sitting in second place for district play and will advance in the playoffs. The Bronte Longhorns (next page) are in the second round of district basketball. They are tied for second place in district play and plan to advance in the playoffs.

Longhorns split games

The Bronte Longhorns rolled over the Veribest Falcons 75-32.

Scoring for the Horns were Creed Coalson 25 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals; Jordan Baumann 5 points; John

Deller 12 points; Beau Grigg 8 points, 5 rebounds; Cody Martin 3 steals; Newt McGinnis 5 points, 3 steals, 7 assists; Ty Lee 6 points, 3 steals; Jared Scott 3 points, 3 steals; Josh Puentez 8 points; and Lance Burns 3 points.

The Longhorns fell to the Garden City Bearkats 26-40.

Scoring for the Horns were Creed Coalson 2 points, 6 rebounds; Jordan Baumann 4 points; John Deller 3 points; Beau Grigg 2 points; Newt McGinnis 4 points; Ty Lee 8 points, 7 rebounds; and Josh Puentez 3 points.

Bronte ISD

STAAR Testing Parent Meeting

The new State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) will be administered to students in third through ninth grade across the state of Texas beginning in March.

Bronte ISD will have a STAAR Testing Parent Meeting on February 27, 2011 at 6:00 in the school library. Parents of students in grades 3-9 are invited to come and hear about STAAR. Parents will be given general information about the changes from TAKS, what tests will be given at each grade level, and some sample test questions will be shown.

Bronte High School Scholarship Check List

Due February 15

Ford Ivey Motor Company in Robert Lee Scholarship (FFA)

Best Buy Scholarship
Texas Lyceum Scholarship

Due February 29

Texas Elks State Association Scholarship

Due March 1

San Angelo Area Foundation (high school seniors and college students)

First National Bank of Sterling City Scholarship (application should open about March 1)

Due March 12

Te x a s Telephone Scholarship

Due April 1

Slough Scholarship (Texas)

Due April 10

Bronte Community Scholarship

C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship (Bronte HS and alumni)

Due April 20

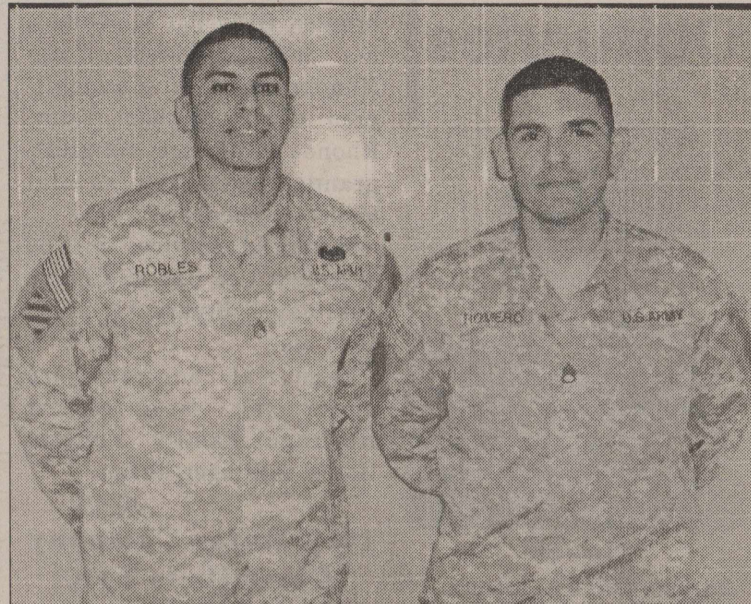
Concho Valley Electric Scholarship

Due May 1

San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship

Due May 31

Marie Hall Scholarship (ASU, Texas Tech, Howard College, Midland College)



Recruiters Visit Bronte High School! Staff Sergeant Robles and Staff Sergeant Romero (pictured left to right) of the United States Army recently visited BHS. The recruiters had an informational table set up during the lunch period for interested students to stop by and find out U.S. Army opportunities. For more information about the Army, please go online to www.goarmy.com or call the Army Recruitment station at Sunset Mall in San Angelo at (325) 949-0750.

Financial Aid for College

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for students planning on applying for financial aid to attend college after graduation.

Students and one of their dependent parents must apply for a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov in order to sign off on the online application.

Parents may go online and begin filling out the application but the information from the 2011 tax return will be needed to complete the application.

Please be aware that certain universities and colleges may have priority deadlines for submitting the FAFSA. Typically, the earlier you are able to submit the FAFSA the better because schools tend to award grants on a first come first serve basis.

Grants are those moneys that students do not have to pay back.

If you have any questions about filling out the FAFSA, please call the financial aid office of the college your child is planning on attending, or the counselor's office at Bronte HS at 473-2521.

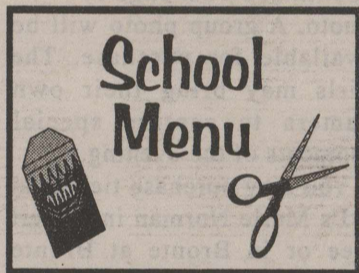
Scholarship Opportunities

Bronte High School seniors may now apply for the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community

Scholarship. The applications are available on the counselor's page on the BHS web site at www.bronteisd.net. Please note that Bronte HS Alumni may apply for a C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship. Applications must be turned into the counselor's office on or by April 10, 2012.

If your family is a member of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative and you are a senior, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Applications are available in the counselor's office at Bronte HS or you may call the cooperative office at (325) 846-4111 to ask for an application to be mailed to you. Applications must be in to the Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. business office by April 1, 2012.

The San Angelo Area Foundation (SAAF) has also posted their scholarship online at www.saafoand.org. The application deadline is March 1, 2012. Many area scholarships may be applied for through the use of this one application being submitted. Students who are currently enrolled in college may also apply for this scholarship. For more information and a list of the scholarships offered, please visit the website.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 13

Sausage rolls or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Pancake on a stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 16

Breakfast wraps or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 17

Sausage biscuit or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 13

Hot dogs, oven fries, garden salad, fruit, brownie, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Frito pie, pinto beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, gravy, milk

Thursday, February 16

Taco salad, fruit, cookies, milk

Friday, February 17

Cheeseburger, salad cup, western beans, fruit, chips, rice crispy treat, milk

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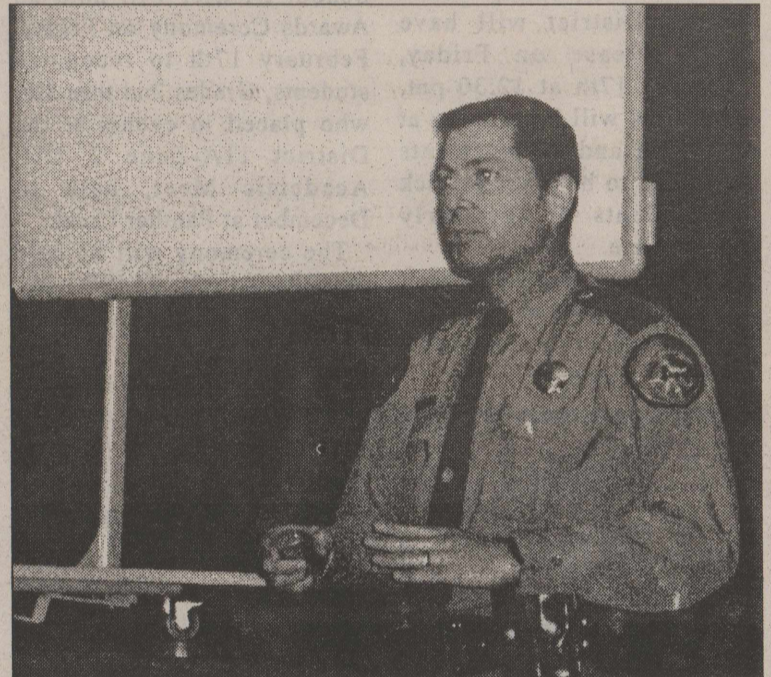



Financial Aid Night at Bronte High School! Keith Hoelscher (above) from the financial aid office at Angelo State University recently spoke to seniors and their parents at a financial aid workshop at BHS. Mr. Hoelscher's presentation covered the steps in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, otherwise known as the FAFSA. He also explained the college loan application process, grants and scholarships. Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor, also discussed some of the local scholarships that were available.

Students at Bronte High School attended an informational session on Teen Dating Violence and Healthy Relationships. The information was presented by DPS Trooper Shawn Baxter (below) and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of the Concho Valley representative Chelsea Doherty. For more information, please visit www.loveisrespect.org.



Reader's Theater! One of Bronte Elementary School's fourth grade reading classes recently performed a reader's theater play at the school pond area. The class finds the goldfish in the pond to be a quiet, captive audience. The class is taught by Mrs. Shaye Coalson.



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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Will Howard

RLISD announces early release

Due to Staff Development, Robert Lee Independent School District will have early release on Friday, February 17th at 12:30 pm. The buses will be running at that time and arrangements will need to be made to pick up students at the early release time.

Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 for any questions concerning the early release.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, February 13

Pigs in blanket or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Burrito or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, February 16

Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, February 17

Muffin or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 13

Burrito, salad, corn, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, roll, apple, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Fish sticks, mac and cheese, green beans, bread, pears, milk

Thursday, February 16

Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, grapes, graham crackers, milk

Friday, February 17

Cheeseburger, salad, pickles, French fries, yogurt, milk

RLISD slates UIL Awards Ceremony

Robert Lee Independent School District will hold an Awards Ceremony on Friday, February 17th to recognize students, Grades 2nd thru 8th, who placed in events at the District 11A-Zone 2 UIL Academic Meet, held in December at Panther Creek.

The ceremony will be held at 9:30 am in the RLISD cafeteria. All parents and family members are encouraged to attend. Please call the Elementary Office at 453-4555 if you have any questions.

Eagles sneak past Steers

The Sterling City Eagles narrowly defeated the Robert Lee Steers 33-39 on Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman 11, Will Howard 5, Zach Skinner 13, James Roberts 2, and Dawson Brisbin 2.

The JV Steers also were defeated 14-22.

Scoring for the JV Steers were Michael Curry 4, Shelby Davis 2, Eric Wells 4, and Blake Smith 4.

Steers shoot down Falcons

The Steers rolled over Veribest 59-46.

Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman 18, Shelby Davis 2, Zachary Sanchez 2, Will Howard 9, Mason Hill 2, Blake Smith 2, Zach Skinner 20, James Roberts 2, and Dawson Brisbin 2.

Lady "B" Steers defeat Bronte

The Lady "B" Steers defeated the Lady "B" Longhorns 21-12.

Scoring for the Lady Steers were Anna Huapilla 2, Chesney Minjarez 3, Haley Grantham 4, Hunter Hamrick 3, and Kandace Skipworth 9. Senicio Newell provided excellent defense in the win. The B team finished with a 3-

2 record.

Lady Dogies fall to Bronte

The Robert Lee Lady Dogies were defeated by the Bronte Lady Shorthorns 13-24.

Scoring for the Lady Dogies were Justice Saucedo 2, Brady Clawson 5, and Pammy Meeks 6. Other 8th graders, playing their final junior high game, included Karlee Roach, Kodi Drennan, Rani Coppedge, and Yulissa Peraza. The "A" Girls finished with a 9-5 record for the season.

RLISD posts minutes

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, January 19, 2012, in the Robert Lee ISD Conference Room 119 at 7 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Washam.

Members present included Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Tracy Allen, Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres, and Brandi Brosh.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Beverly Sinclair.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Irma Torres made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills. It was seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Jerry Tinkler from Eckert & Company presented the 2010-2011 Audit. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 Audit as presented, seconded by Tracy Allen. All voted for.

Supt. Hood presented Board Members with Certificates for School Board Appreciation.

Elementary enrollment for December was 136 students and 97.6% ADA. Austin Crawley, High School

Principal, gave his report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 94 and ADA was 96.7% for the month of December.

Austin Crawley and Wayne Simpson presented the 2010-2011 School Report Card and reported that RLISD meets AYP for the year.

Supt. Hood recommends that we enter into a Shared Service Agreement with Fairview Alternative

Education Co-op for the 2012-2013 school year. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve superintendent's recommendation, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommends applying for a Waiver be signed for the missed instructional day. Tracy Allen made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

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Supt. Hood recommends that the Statement of Impact for TLC Academy be signed and state that it would affect the district in a negative way. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve recommendation. It was seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Supt. Hood held a discussion on the STAAR Policy.

Supt. Hood held discussion on possible May 12, 2012, Bond Election. Estimated amount of bond would be \$1.3 million but overall tax rate would decrease by two cents.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve Order of Election for Board of Trustees, May 12, 2012. Motion seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers, budget update, administration salaries and football field water.

The Board entered into closed session at 9:35 pm and reconvened into open session at 10:18 pm.

Tom Sawyer made a motion, seconded by Tracy Allen, to extend Supt. Hood's contract one year making a five year contract with 3% salary increase. All benefits will remain the same. All voted for.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 6 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

Area Foundation Scholarship application available

The San Angelo Area Foundation's 2012 scholarship application is now available through March 1, 2012, for students attending college in the fall of 2012.

Interested students can apply at www.saafound.org, by clicking on the "Scholarships" tab. The San Angelo Area Foundation manages over 80 scholarship funds, created by generous donors for the benefit of students. The student need only complete one online application and each scholarship is awarded based on a vari-

ety of qualifications unique to each scholarship fund. Scholarship awards are announced in early May.

If you have any questions during the application process, please contact our office either by email, scholarship@saafound.org or by calling (325) 947-7071.

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The Library has received notice of the 11th Annual Genealogical Workshop sponsored by the Friends of the ASU Library. The date is Saturday, March 3, at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more information call 325-942-2164 or come by the Library to get a copy of the registration form.

The local genealogy group met Monday evening in the Library for a discussion on the settling of Virginia and Maryland. Today's political arena is a mere shadow of the politics of Colonial America. The membership of this group is open to anyone with an interest in history and family connections to it.

They meet each first and third Monday evening at the Library.

Need some surprises? Come browse at the Library. Follow an author's thought

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



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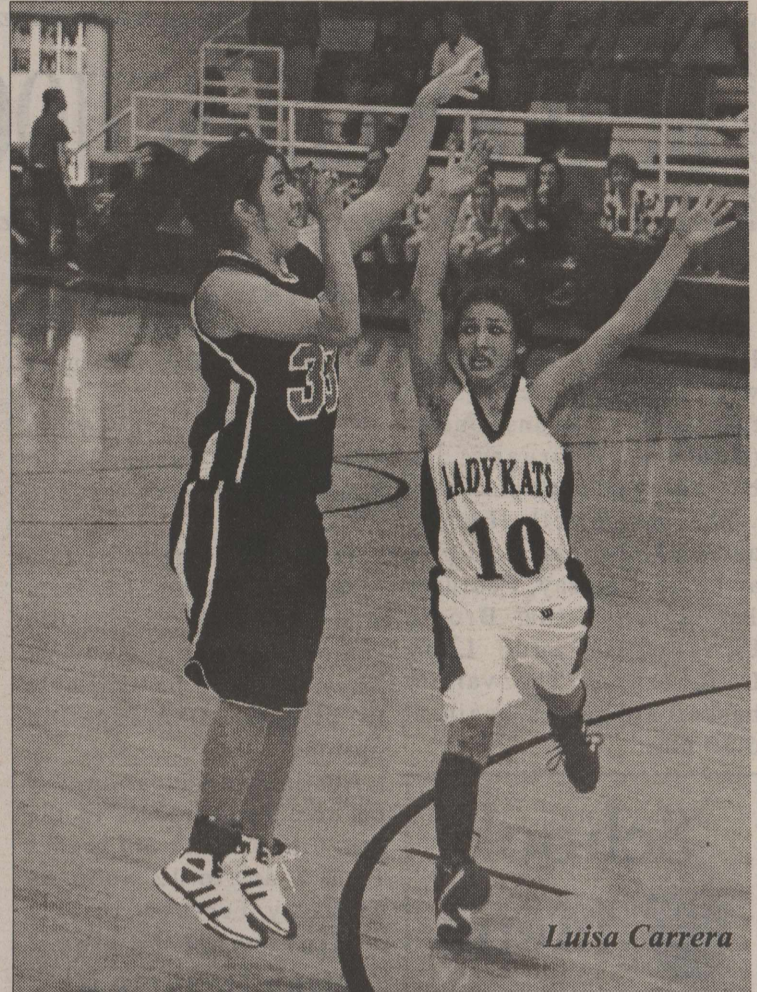
Tension-Type Headache

What's a TTH?

Tension-type headaches (TTH) are the most common primary headache (accounting for 90 percent of all headaches), followed by migraine, and cluster headaches. Though tension type headaches are the type most experienced, doctors see more patients for migraine and cluster headaches. A tension-type headache may appear periodically (episodic, less than 15 days per month) or daily (chronic, more than 15 days per month). An episodic tension headache may be described as a mild-to-moderate, constant band-like pain or pressure. These headaches may last from 30 minutes to several days. Episodic tension headaches usually begin gradually and often occur in the middle of the day.

The 'severity' of a tension

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headache increases significantly with its frequency. For chronic TTH sufferers, this daily or almost daily pain is usually throbbing and affects the front, top, or sides of the head. Although the pain may vary in intensity throughout the day, the pain is almost always present. Chronic tension headaches come and go over a prolonged period of time, but it is important to realize that they do not cause neurological symptoms or affect vision, balance, or strength.

About 30-80 percent of the adult U.S. population suffers from occasional tension-type headaches, with the chronic form affecting about 3 percent of the population. Women are twice as likely to suffer from TTH as men. Many patients with chronic TTH have usually had the headache for more than 60 to 90 days (while episodic TTH usually only occurs once or twice a month, though they can be more frequent). For

many chronic TTH sufferers, these headaches impair their daily activities.

The exact cause or causes of tension headache are unknown. Experts used to think that the pain of tension headache stemmed from muscle contraction in the face, neck and scalp, perhaps as a result of heightened emotions, tension, or stress. But research suggests that there doesn't appear to be a significant increase in muscle tension in people diagnosed with tension headache.

Researchers now suspect that tension headache may result from changes among certain brain chemicals - serotonin, endorphins, and numerous other chemicals - that help nerves communicate. Although it's not clear why the chemical levels fluctuate, the process is thought to activate pain pathways to the brain and to interfere with the brain's ability to suppress the pain. It's likely

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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Basketball

The Blackwell varsity Hornets and Lady Hornets will travel to Veribest to take on the Falcons tonight (Friday), February 10, beginning at 6:30 pm.

The Blackwell Hornets and Lady Hornets will play at home Tuesday, February 14, against the Bronte Longhorns and Lady Longhorns. The varsity basketball games begin at 6:30 pm.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 13

Poptart or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Pancake on a stick or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, February 16

Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, February 17

Assorted muffins and yogurt or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 13

Grilled chicken patty, chicken flavored rice, broccoli Normandy, fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Hot dog, chili, cheese, fresh veggies, ranch dressing, baked chips, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk

Thursday, February 16

Bean and cheese burrito, chili, cheese, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk

Friday, February 17

Hamburgers with or without cheese, baked chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk

Upcoming BCISD activities

One Act Play will compete Saturday, February 11.

State TAFE convention will be held Monday and Tuesday, February 13 and 14.

Balfour will be at BCISD Monday, February 13, from 8 am to 10 am to measure seniors for caps and gowns. They will also be available to discuss all graduation options.

Abstinence education will be held for students in the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades from 8 am to 12 noon on Thursday, February 16.

Blackwell Junior High Basketball

Blackwell Junior High Hornets basketball team had a successful year finishing out their season with a 10-3 record. They took home the title of Zone 1 Champions and finished 2nd runners-up in their district.

The Hornets took home 2nd place in the Blackwell Junior High Tournament. They defeated Westbrook and Olfen and lost to Bronte during the tournament.

During their impressive season the Hornets defeated Paint Rock 35-21, Bronte 33-20, Robert Lee 35-10, Veribest 42-18, Bronte 27-13, Paint Rock 37-17, Sterling City 40-37, and Veribest 33-6. The Hornets fell to Water Valley 22-46 and Garden City 42-44.

Is your community worth saving?

On January 18, 2012, in *Rural Development, Rural Politics*, by Trent McKnight

What is the future of rural America? Can it move from surviving to thriving? Is it even worth saving? Why? At what

cost?

Should the government invest in rural infrastructure - roads, schools, postal service, historic buildings, main streets, sidewalks, telecommunications, broadband, utilities - even as the exodus continues?

Should the government stimulate rural economies by investing in small,

rural businesses? If rural communities disappeared into ghost towns, what would be lost? How would society as a whole be affected without a vibrant rural landscape? Would they even miss us? Do we really matter?

These are all questions that rural Americans should begin to ask. They are tough questions without easy answers. But in these austere times of program cuts and budget slashes, we need to examine who we are, what we want to be, and why we matter. If we don't define

ourselves, someone else will.

In *The End of Nowhere - What Ghost Towns can teach us about saving small communities*, Karl Rhodes explores these tough questions. He looks at Thurmond, West Virginia, a virtual ghost town with a population of 7. Is Thurmond worth saving? Was it worth a \$3 million investment from the US Park Service?

There are good arguments on both sides of the debate.

How would you answer an outsider when asked, "Is your community worth saving?"

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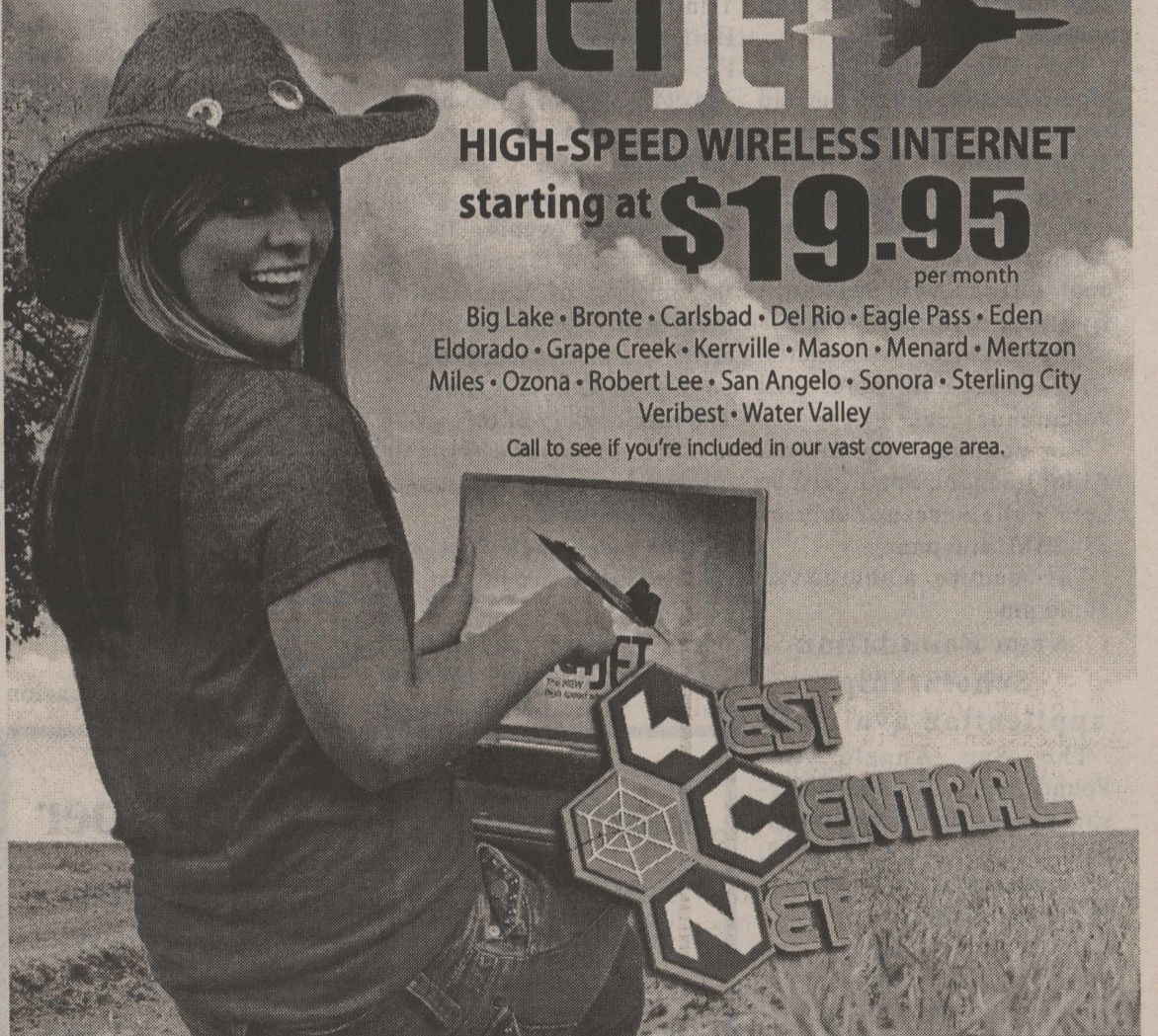
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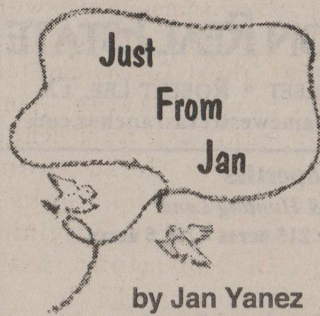
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**Underlying
Problems?
Primary and
Secondary
Headaches**

Headaches fall into two main categories:

- Primary headaches "occur on their own and not as the result of some other health problem." Primary headaches include tension-type headache, migraine, and cluster headaches.

- Secondary headaches "result from some cause or condition, such as a head injury or concussion, blood vessel problems, medication side effects, infections in the head or elsewhere in the body, sinus disease, or tumors." There are many different causes for secondary headaches, ranging from rare, serious diseases to easily treated conditions.

The key to distinguishing a secondary headache from a primary headache lies in the features of the headache, other symptoms occurring at the same time, and the physical examination.

Your doctor often looks for warning signs that would point to a secondary headache over a primary headache.

These include:

- first or worst headache of your life;
- abrupt onset of headache without any warning or build-up;
- fundamental change in the pattern of recurrent headaches;
- headache beginning at unusual ages (5 years old or younger, 50 years old or older);
- the presence of cancer, HIV, pregnancy;
- abnormal physical exam
- headache onset with A seizure or syncope (temporary loss of consciousness and posture, usually described as "fainting" or "passing out").

Some symptoms are also warning signs that immediate care is needed. See your doctor or go to the emergency room immediately if you have any of the following signs or symptoms:

- abrupt, severe headache, which may be like a thunderclap;
- headache with a fever, stiff neck, mental confusion, seizures, double vision, weakness, numbness, or speaking

difficulties;

- headache after a head injury, especially if it gets worse; or
- chronic, progressive headache that is precipitated by coughing, exertion, straining, or a sudden movement.

There are also features that your doctor will look for that will be reassuring that a primary headache disorder exists:

- stable pattern of headache over many months or years;
- long-standing history;
- family history of similar headaches;
- normal physical exam; or headaches consistently triggered by hormonal cycle, specific foods, specific sensory input, light, odors, or weather changes.

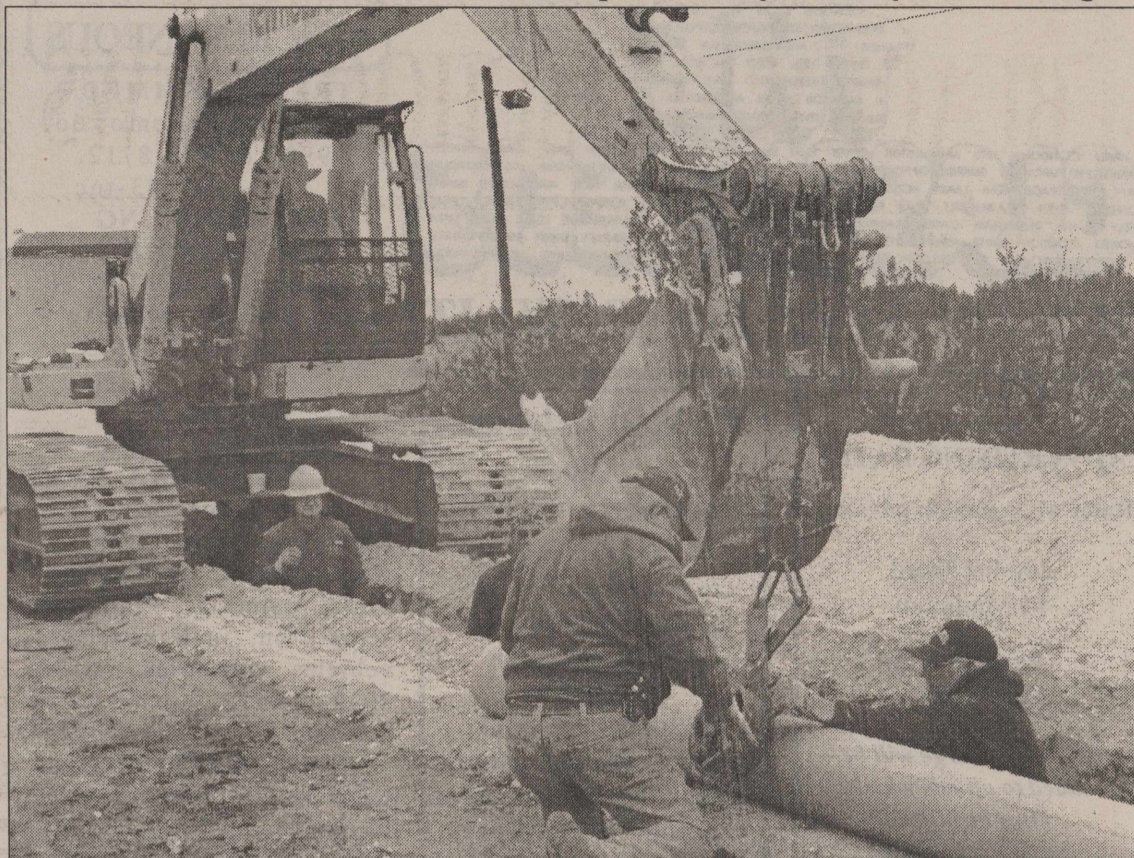
Talk to your doctor if you have concerns that your headache may be due to some other medical condition. Being confident that there is no secondary cause for headache is an important first step to developing an effective treatment plan for headache.

Once you and your doctor have ruled out any secondary cause, you can begin to work on getting help for your primary headache.

FSA accepting Loan applications

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by wildfires occurring from August 30, 2011, and continuing.

Nolan County has been named as primary a county where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Fisher, Scurry, Coke, Mitchell & Taylor Counties have been named as contiguous counties where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emer-



Robert Lee Pipeline! Tommy Shook operates the excavator while (from left) Marshall Millican, Charles York, Joe David Key, and Jerry Horn work to make the connection for the water pipeline from Robert Lee to Bronte.

gency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is July 3, 2012, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater, Texas.

IRS offers

farmers and ranchers extension

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently announced an extension of replacement period for livestock producers who have been forced to sell animals due to the drought.

"The livestock industry has suffered \$2.06 billion in losses, as ranchers have sold off cattle due to lack of forage and escalating supplemental feed expenses," said Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. "This tax extension will help ranchers rebuild their herds."

If livestock (other than

poultry) held for any length of time for draft, breeding or dairy purposes is sold because of weather-related conditions, the capital gain on the sale does not have to be recognized if the proceeds are used to purchase replacement livestock. "This year's drought has forced a lot of cattle out

of Texas," John Ross Copeland said. "Every little bit will help when it rains again and ranchers begin to restock."

Please consult a tax specialist for more information or full details can be found at the IRS website, http://www.irs.gov/irb/2010-41_IRB/ar08.html.

Where is Your Heart?

Blessed are the pure heart: For they shall see God. • *Matthew 5:8*

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. • *Matthew 6:21*

Hell and destruction are before the Lord: How much more then the hearts of the children of men?

A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: Neither will he go unto the wise.

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: But the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

All the days of the afflicted are evil: But he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast. • *Proverbs 15:11-15*

But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. • *1 Samuel 16:7*

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

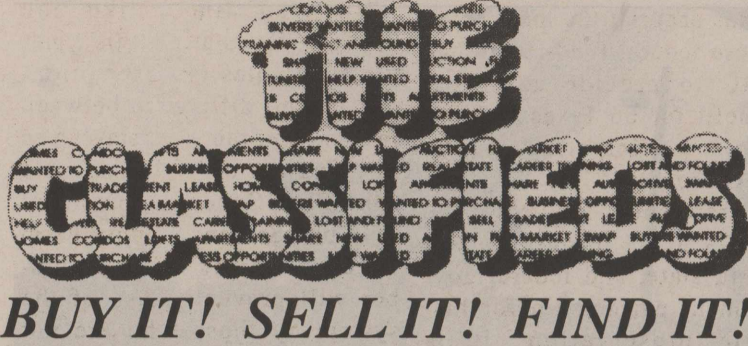
Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. • *Proverbs 4:20-23*

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AVISO DE FECHA LIMITE
 El Consejo Administrativo de West Coke County Hospital District da aviso a su eleccion que da principio el 12 de mayo, 2012, con el proposito de elegir tres (3) directores por plazo de dos (2) años cada uno. Los candidatos pueden obtener las aplicaciones para la

inclusion en la votacion entre el 4 de febrero 2012 y el 5 de marzo de 2012. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en las oficinas de Robert Lee Care Center durante el horario normal, 9 am - 5 pm, de lunes a viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigida a Roger Alexander, Administrator.
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Bid packets may be picked up at 114 South Washington, Bronte or calling 325/473-3501.

Sealed bids must be submitted to the attention of Pat Martindale, City of Bronte, 114 South Washington, P.O. Box 370, Bronte, Texas 76933, on or before 4:00 p.m. March 8, 2012. Bids will be opened 6:30 p.m. at the Council meeting to be held that same day. The City will furnish purchaser with a Warranty Deed and Owners Title Policy. Successful bidder will be expected to deposit a 10% earnest money payment upon acceptance of their bid on bid date with closing of the sale to be no later than 30 days thereafter.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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CITY OF ROBERT LEE

February 6, 2012, was the first day a candidate could file an application for a place on the ballot for the local entity elections to be held May 12, 2012.

Applications may be picked up at the City Secretaries office at the Robert Lee City Hall beginning on February 6, 2012 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2012. An Election will be held for the office of Mayor and Two (2) Council Members. City Officials terms that are expiring are: Mayor, John Jacobs and Council Members, Sid Burns, and Richard Johnson.

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City of Blackwell is accepting bids for:

Removal and disposal of (8) eight existing 20 year old double paned windows. Installation of (8) eight energy efficient windows.

Windows furnished must conform to actual window openings with dimensions verified on job site. All new windows shall have Low E insulated glass with U Factor maximum of .50 and SHGC maximum of .36.

Winning bid must be able to comply with ARRA and the Davis/Bacon prevailing wage ACT. Please contact us by phone at (325) 282-2082, or in person at City Hall, 121 E. Main, Blackwell, Texas for more information. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon Friday, February 24, 2012.

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... Headache

(Continued from page 7) other factors also contribute to the development of tension headaches.

Potential triggers may include:

- stress, including depression and/or anxiety;
- poor posture; or working or sleeping in an awkward position or hold in gone position for a long time;
- inadequate rest, fatigue, sleep deprivation;
- irregular mealtime, hunger;
- jaw clenching or teeth grinding.

Tension-type headache can cause complications beyond the pain. When your head is 'gripped in a vise,' as the pain is often described, you may feel unable to attend family and social activities. Fatigue is also a common factor in TTH. You might need to stay home from work, or if you do go to your job, you work at only a fraction of your normal efficiency.

Because tension headaches are so common, their effect on job productivity and over all quality of life is considerable.

Texas Historical Commission Awards Certified Local Government Grants

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently announced 2012 Certified Local Government (CLG) grants totaling \$133,000 will be awarded to 10 Texas communities to develop products for local preservation programs.

Communities receiving grants in fiscal year 2012 are: Austin, Comal County, Denton, Galveston, Killeen, Kingsville, Round Rock, San Antonio, Seguin and Travis County. The funding will assist the selected cities and counties with preservation projects, including historic resources surveys, National Register of Historic Places nominations, heritage tourism publications, and historic site interpretation. Among the projects are the continued investigation and interpretation of the Ransom and Sarah Williams farmstead in Travis County, originally established by freed slave Ransom Williams; a countywide comprehensive historic resources survey designed to identify historic assets threatened by growing metropolitan areas; and two projects assisting preservation efforts in historic cemeteries. A total of 19 grant applications requesting more than \$221,000 were submitted for the 2012 grants.

"The CLG Program is designed to leverage grant funds to create the preservation tools for effective local preservation programs," said THC Community Heritage Development Director Brad Patterson. "Much of the historic preservation efforts in

Texas occur at the local level. These federal funds allow the THC to provide a critical benefit for 66 Texas communities participating in the CLG Program."

Established in 1986, the THC's CLG Program is a local, state, and federal government partnership for historic preservation. It is designed to help cities and counties develop high standards of preservation to protect a wide range of important historic properties—from ornate courthouses to working-class neighborhoods. Local governments that participate in the CLG Program act independently to develop and maintain a successful preservation program. The THC administers the program at the state level and the National Park Service is the responsible federal agency. To learn more about the THC's Certified Local Government Program contact the Community Heritage Development Division at 512.463.6092 or visit <http://www.thc.state.tx.us>.

Texas Comptroller requires registration for ag sales tax exemption

Farmers and ranchers in Coke County will need to register for a sales tax exemption number in order to receive tax savings on agricultural inputs after the first of the year.

"In lean times like the drought devastation this year, the state sales tax exemption can be the difference between farmers and ranchers staying in or going out of business," said John Ross Copeland, president of Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "A registration number will prevent abuse of the system by those who are not qualified to receive the exemption."

Registration can be completed online at www.getreadytexas.org or mailed to the Texas Comptroller's Office. After completing the online application, a tax exemption number will be provided immediately, followed by a confirmation letter by mail.

For mailed applications, a registration form is available through the website and at select retailers across the state. Mailed applications will take three to four weeks to process.

"This new registration process doesn't change what items Coke County farmers and ranchers can purchase tax-free. In about 10 minutes, you can receive a registration number online and continue to save money on materials used for your operation," John Ross Copeland said.

The agriculture sales tax registration number is the result of HB 268, passed during the 82nd Texas Legislature, to ensure proper use of the tax savings program.

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Robert Lee Vision With a Purpose! Among those attending the Robert Lee Vision With a Purpose meeting Thursday evening, February 2, were the group's officers. They include (from left) Leta Caston, Grace Todacheeny, Sheri Millican, Janie Munoz, Marshall Millican, Noel Tinkler, Joan Davis and Debbie Childers.

Red Canyon Gun Club Shooting Competition

Enduring cold 20mph north winds the smallest group of shooters in years; only 10 hung on to finish 4 matches Saturday, February 4 at Red Canyon Gun Club monthly NRA silhouette matches.

The Taylor family of Coleman took the three top spots in small Bore lever action rifle. 13 year old Meagan Taylor took 1st with 29; 14 year old Nathan Taylor took 2nd with 28; and their mom Merideth Taylor took 3rd with 23.

Junior class shooter Jonathan Skipworth took the high overall metal with his highest score to date in small bore scoped rifle with a 24. Casey Skipworth was 2nd with 15, and Gabriel Abalos was 3rd with 13.

Charlie Hensley of Ballinger took the high overall score in the big bore lever action rifle. John Porman of San Angelo took 2nd and Terry Ashton of San Angelo took 3rd.

In the big bore pistol competition Richard Johnson took the overall high score with Terry Ashton taking 2nd and Ben Taylor of Coleman taking 3rd.

2012 Cattle Raiser Convention to Feature Beef Industry Expert Panel

A world class panel of beef industry experts will provide a futuristic look into how the cattle industry will transform over the next 15 years at the Opening General Session of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) convention in Fort Worth. The session begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31 at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

"The cattle industry has changed dramatically since TSCRA was founded in

1877," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president. "Ranchers are facing challenges such as smaller margins, overreaching government regulations, severe weather patterns and the impact of a fragile global economy. This panel of experts will help give Texas ranchers the insight they need to make future decisions regarding their operations."

Top executives include Rob Aukerman, president of U.S. Operations at Elanco Animal Health; Kevin Good, CattleFax senior market analyst and manager of corporate accounts; Bill Rupp, JBS Inc., president of beef division; and John Ryan, president and CEO for Rabo AgriFinance. These experts will look 15 years into the future and predict the transformation the beef industry will undergo between now and 2027.

Registration for the 2012 TSCRA Convention Weekend is open. For more information including a complete schedule of events visit www.tscra.org.

"Wildlife for Lunch" webinar addressing feral hogs in Texas airing February 16

Texas Wildlife Association has teamed with Texas AgriLife Extension to host a series of webinars covering a wide array of wildlife and land management topics. These FREE online webinars are held during the lunch hour (noon - 1 p.m., CST) so that anyone interested may tune in during the work day. The webinar series provides sound, science-based wildlife management information delivered by experts to you in the comfort of your own home or office.

The next webinar, "Wild Pigs in Texas: Control Options for Landowners", will be held on Thursday, February 16th, 2012. The webinar will be presented by Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Texas AgriLife Extension

Fisheries and Wildlife Specialist. This webinar will concentrate on the control methods available to Texas landowners to efficiently reduce damage caused by wild pigs. Special emphasis will be placed on best management practices of trapping—considered to be the removal method that is the first line of defense for most Texas landowners. Current research efforts will also be discussed.

How to sign on:

Simply point your browser to <https://texas-wildlife.webex.com> on the day of the webinar and click to join the Wildlife for Lunch webinar. Each web based seminar is fully interactive and allows you to engage the

experts, make comments, and ask questions during the course of the presentation.

If you cannot make the live webinar:

Each webinar is archived and available for viewing following the initial air date at the Texas Wildlife Association website: <http://www.texas-wildlife.org>

For more information: contact Texas Wildlife Association's Courtney Brittain at cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org or 1-800-839-9453.

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**CUSTOMER NOTICE
INCORPORATED AREAS OF
THE MID-TEX DIVISION**

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.5750 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMbtu for industrial and transportation customers.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.