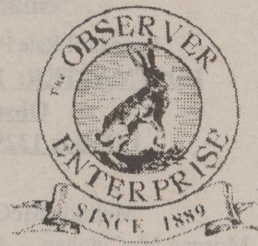


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Observer/Enterprise begins new forum for readers' issues

By Melinda McCutchen
Publisher

For the better part of twenty-three years, I've served this newspaper in some capacity. Often, I've wanted to comment on things happening in our county or even on a larger scale. With a few exceptions, I've been able to resist this temptation. (It also might be due to the former publisher's red pen.) However, I'm not going to resist it any longer. I'm going to dive right in and invite all of the *Observer/Enterprise* readers to join me!

Beginning with this issue, we will revive the old Coke County Comment. It will have one notable difference - it will not just be a comment from the publisher. All readers of the *Observer/Enterprise* are invited to comment.

I will lay some ground rules.

- There will be no anonymous comments. A name, mailing address, and phone number (or email address) must accompany all submissions. Only the name will be printed. The other information is to enable the staff here to contact the person for clarification if needed.

- No rumors or any com-

ments will be included that could be considered libelous or slanderous.

- No negative comments naming local officials or local (city, county, school boards, etc.) candidates by name.

- The publisher will have discretion on when there is room to print comment.

- No profanity will be allowed unless in a quote and then it will be "cleaned up".

- The publisher may edit any comment to remove any breaches of the above rules.

You may mail your comment to the *Observer/Enterprise* at PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, fax it to (325) 453-4643, or email it to oe@wcc.net.

I'm going to start the ball rolling with this week's Comment. I'll also suggest a few topics for you to comment on. What do you think about:

- supporting our county businesses by shopping locally?

- the role social media is taking in our culture?

- the good old days?

- what is in the United States Constitution and its role in today's governing?

If you care to comment on one of these topics or one I've not mentioned, please send it in!

COKE COUNTY COMMENT

If you watch any national news, you'll see how violence in our country has escalated at an alarming rate over the last ten to twenty years. Even if you watch the news for San Angelo or Abilene, the violence has increased. But for those of us living in small town Texas, our lives aren't normally affected.

Last week was a not a normal week. On Wednesday evening, August 1, 2012, Deputy Josh Mitchell was shot and killed in Big Lake in what sounds to me as almost an ambush situation. He went to a home in town to talk to a man - not to arrest anyone - and was shot as he approached the house. He was wearing a protective vest. He died at the hospital a short time later.

The shooter, or I guess I have to say the alleged shooter, then barricaded himself in the home

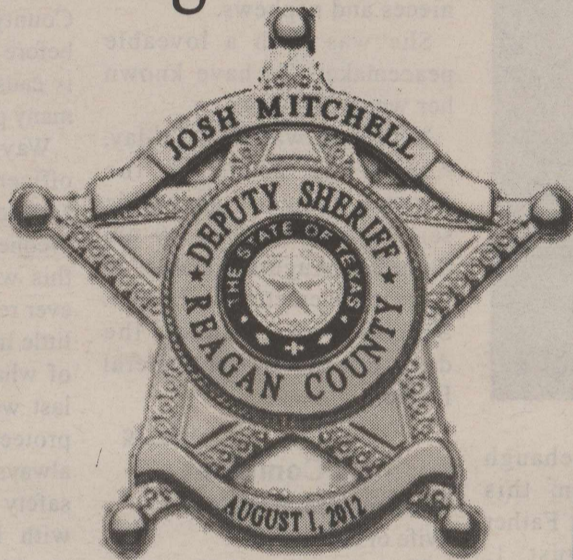
after firing at two responding deputies. By the next morning following the all-night standoff, it looked like something deserving of the national news as a special DPS team entered the home and the man was taken into custody.

Sometime during the night, he had tried to commit suicide and was airlifted to the hospital in San Angelo. As we learned the following Tuesday afternoon, he succeeded and was pronounced dead.

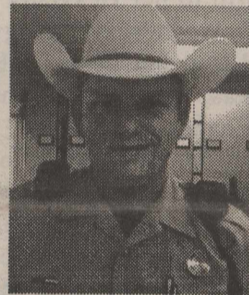
This kind of thing is not supposed to happen in rural west Texas. We see violence on the national news, not in our backyards! I know that this tragedy has added another layer of concern to all those who serve in law enforcement in our area and I realize this situation hits closer to home for me as the

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Honoring a Fallen Hero



Reagan County Deputy Josh Mitchell was killed in the line of duty Wednesday evening, August 1, 2012. His services were held in Big Lake Wednesday, August 8, 2012.



CCRC Playday set for August 12 in Bronte

The Coke County Roping Club's next playday is set for Sunday, August 12, at 5 pm and will be held at the arena in Bronte. Playdays are held the second Sunday of each month through September 9.

Events include barrel racing, pole bending, straight-away barrel racing, flag racing, and more.

Children who don't ride are welcome to participate in the boot scramble and the stick horse race.

Age divisions include lead line, 5 & under, 8 & under, 9-12, 13-15, 16-19, and open.

For more information, call Jennifer at (325) 234-6250 or Morgan at (325) 277-9210.

RLISD to hold pre-registration

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold Pre-K-Kindergarten pre-registration on Monday, August 20, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Elementary School Office. Prospective Pre-K students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2012, to be eligible for the 2012-2013 school year.

All new students of 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.

4-H to hold party

Coke County 4-H will host a Swim and Enrollment Party on Thursday, August 16, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Swimming Pool. Dinner will be provided. Students are encouraged to bring their parents.

Please RSVP by calling the extension office 325-453-2461 or email coke-tx@tamu.edu.

Bronte Elementary Meet the Teacher set

Bronte Elementary School is inviting all parents and students to come meet their teachers on Wednesday, August 22, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Everyone will first

meet in the auditorium for a brief update about the upcoming school year and then visit the teachers and classrooms.

All students are welcome to bring their backpacks and school supplies at this time.

Sheriff McCutchen urges vigilance following recent thefts

Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen is urging residents in Bronte to be especially alert in the wake of a rash of vehicle burglaries.

In the past couple of weeks, items left in unlocked vehicles have been stolen in the Bronte area.

"Please call the Coke County Sheriff's Office at (325) 453-2717 anytime you see any suspicious activities. Our investigation into these burglaries is ongoing, but we do have some promising leads at this time," stated Sheriff McCutchen.

School Supplies!

School Supply Lists for Blackwell, Bronte & Robert Lee Elementary Schools begin on page 4!

School Starts

Blackwell, Bronte & Robert Lee August 27

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Obituaries



McGuire

Mary Mildred Stinebaugh McGuire passed from this world to her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at her home in Bronte, Texas, with family holding her hands.

Mildred was born to Olvia and Tyra (Doc) Stinebaugh in Coke County on April 13, 1922. She met the love of her life, Charles Eldred McGuire on the Colorado River at a 4th of July picnic, and two years later they were married on May 11, 1940. Mildred was a lifetime resident of Coke County.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Eldred; brother, Sam Stinebaugh; grandsons, David and Dale Fountain; and great-grandchild, Devin Paul Morrison.

Mildred is survived by her children, Modene Yocham and husband Jim of Rankin, Laura Fountain and husband Jerry of Bronte, Charles McGuire and wife Carolyn of Junction, and Mary Brazeal and husband Kerry of Wimberly; sister-in-law, Jo Stinebaugh of San Angelo; and brother-in-law, Edwin McGuire and wife Jean of Santa Fe, Texas.

"Granny" has 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was truly a "Special Granny" to other family members, including her nieces and nephews.

She was such a loveable peacemaker. To have known her was to love her.

Visitation was held Friday, August 3, 2012, at the funeral home. A graveside service was held at 10 am Saturday, August 4, 2012, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

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... Comment

(Continued from page 1) wife of our sheriff.

How many times in the course of a career will a deputy walk up to a home or to a car window? Depending on the length of the career, it could be hundreds of thousands. Usually, nothing

violent will happen. But every time, there is the possibility that what happened to Deputy Mitchell could happen to that officer.

I've talked to several other law enforcement wives since this happened. One said "I will no longer take it for granted that when my husband leaves, he'll come home. This was a reality check."

My heart breaks for Deputy Mitchell's wife and family. Not just for them, but I hurt for the whole department. Since Wayne was elected, we've become friends with Reagan County Sheriff Jeff Garner and his wife, Molly, Chief Deputy Jeff Weatherby and his wife, Cindy, and their son, Reagan County Deputy Rusty Weatherby. Our own Coke County Deputy Billy Williams served in Reagan County with Deputy Mitchell before he came home. This loss is causing tremendous pain for many people.

Wayne, like many other officers, is gone to Deputy Mitchell's funeral this Wednesday morning. Because this will be printed before he ever reads it, I'm able to speak a little more freely. I know some of what he's been thinking the last week. "How can I better protect my deputies?" He's always been concerned for their safety and his own. He deals with logistics - I deal with prayer.

My concern grew following an incident at an annual county event last year where people from other areas who follow one of the bands began a massive



Welcome Baskets! Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose welcomes Mary and John Baxter with a Welcome Basket, presented by VP representative Nancy Wilson. Also welcomed with baskets were Lisa and Archie Crossland and Brian and Cindy King. Included with the goodies in the baskets are coupons donated by local businesses and a directory for all businesses and local civic information for Robert Lee as well as many promotional items given by local businesses. If your business would like to be included, please contact a VP member.

fight. As Wayne, his deputies, and the constable attempted to break it up and make arrests, they were impeded in their attempt (I would say assaulted) by people trying to get to the ones they were taking into custody. It would have been a great deal worse if members of the Volunteer Fire Department hadn't stepped in to hold back the crowd. This revealed to me that we are not immune to violence here in Coke County.

More recently, burglaries have been more prevalent throughout the county as the economy worsens. I personally believe these burglaries are being

committed by those who either have recently moved here or those who have had their operations shut down in larger areas due to increased patrols. I don't want to believe it could be someone I may have known all my life. Thankfully, the majority of these crimes have not been violent.

But what about the drug traffic on our highways. Highway 277 is a known route for the cartels moving money and drugs. Remember the Texas Seven from a few years back? Fortunately, they didn't come through our county. However, for a week or so, deputies were on high alert and

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- 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,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
 - First United Methodist Church**
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, 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
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
 - First United Methodist Church**
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, 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

Ladies Golf Night set for Robert Lee

Ladies Golf Night Out will be held at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee at 6 pm each Tuesday evening through Tuesday, August 28.

Some members will be available for instruction. Whether you're brand new to the game of golf or just starting to play again, this program is perfect for you. It is a program aimed at helping women learn the game in a non-intimidating and fun atmosphere. Please, no minors.

For more information, contact Tracy Allen at (432) 556-8379 or Natalie Clawson at (325) 650-8424.

Bronte Car Show set for August 18

The annual "Oldies but Goodies" Car Show will be held Saturday, August 18, in downtown Bronte.

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be on hand with their annual lunch fundraiser.

Registration for the car show begins at 8 am. There is no fee to enter the show.

For more information, contact Tammy Thorn at (325) 473-3501.

Farm safety net moves forward in Congress

The House Agriculture Committee passed its version of the 2012 Farm Bill with a 35-11 vote on July 12, moving the legislation one step closer to providing a five-year safety net for Coke County farmers and agricultural producers across the country.

"The 2012 Farm Bill made progress with approval by the House Agriculture Committee," said John Ross Copeland, president of Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "However, the bill still must be approved on the House floor, and then we expect it will be difficult for the House and Senate to compromise on a common version. We are concerned that a bottleneck could occur."

The House and Senate versions of the farm bill differ among commodity and nutri-

tion programs. In the House version, producers can choose between target prices and a county level revenue program. In contrast, the Senate version offers a shallow loss revenue program based on either county or individual farm yield averages.

Both versions have eliminated direct payments in exchange for a stronger crop insurance program, as well as aim to contribute agriculture's share of federal budget reductions.

"There are still several details that need to be ironed out before our current farm bill expires at the end of September," John Ross Copeland said. "America's farmers just hope both houses of Congress can come to a bipartisan agreement quickly."

Steve Lupton joining Ratliff & Edwards

Current 51st District Attorney Stephen R. Lupton will join the San Angelo law firm of Ratliff & Edwards as a partner January 1, 2013, according to the firm.

The firm will be renamed Ratliff, Edwards & Lupton on January 1, 2013. The firm's primary fields of practice include general civil and trial law, criminal law, personal injury law, and family law. It offices at 125 S. Irving.

"We are very pleased to have an attorney with the skill and broad experience of Steve Lupton become part of our firm," Tim Edwards, a principal in the firm said.

Gerald Ratliff, also a principal in the firm, noted: "When Steve joins us, our firm and its predecessors will have been home to three former district attorneys, two district judges, two San Angelo mayors, and a state senator."

Lupton has served as 51st District Attorney since 1997; the district includes Tom Green, Coke, Irion, Schleicher, and Sterling counties. Prior to that, he served as an assistant district attorney in Harris and Tom Green counties and was in private practice.

Lupton earned his law



Introducing Mr. & Mrs. Jim Allen! Monica Gail DeLaGarza and Jim Allen were married Saturday, July 7, 2012, by Bro. Corey Cornutt at Fort Concho in San Angelo, Texas. Monica is the daughter of Martin and Susan DeLaGarza of Bronte. Jim is the son of Jim and Nancy Allen of San Angelo, Texas.

Monica is a 2005 graduate of Bronte High School and a 2010 graduate of Howard Payne University with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. She is currently enjoying being a housewife and a nanny.

Jim is a 1993 graduate of Sul Ross University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Criminal Justice at Sul Ross University. Jim is employed as a Game Warden with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

After a honeymoon to Quepos, Costa Rica, the couple resides in Bronte, Texas.

degree from the Texas Tech School of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas.

"It has been a privilege to serve the people of Texas as 51st District Attorney for four terms," Lupton said. "Now, I look forward to returning to private practice with two attorneys I hold in highest personal and professional regard. I was elected to serve until December 31, 2012, and I will honor that trust from the voters. The

next day, I will welcome the clients at Ratliff, Edwards & Lupton."

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School Supply Lists



Blackwell Elementary
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High School
Teacher: Thomas Davis—
Algebra I/Algebra II/Pre-Calculus
3 inch 3- ring binder
Notebook paper
Dividers with tabs
Pencils
Graphing Calculator (TI-83, TI-83+, TI-84, or TI-84+ recommended)

Teacher: Thomas Davis—
Geometry
3 inch 3-ring binder
Notebook paper
Dividers with tabs
Pencils
Graphing Calculator (TI-83, TI-83+, TI-84, or TI-84+ recommended)
Protractor
Compass

Teacher: Thomas Davis—
Physics
3 inch 3-ring binder
Notebook paper
Dividers with tabs
Pencils
Graphing Calculator (TI-83, TI-83+, TI-84, or TI-84+ recommended)
Protractor

Teacher: Janet Magness—
8th Reading, English I, English III, and Yearbook
Spiral notebook (Journal)
Folder
Pens/Pencils
Map Colors/Markers
Notebook Paper

Teacher: Bonnie Campbell—
English II, English IV, Drama I & II, GT
Notebook paper
2 inch three ring binder
Dividers
Blue or black ink pens
Map colors
3x5 cards

Bronte Elementary School Supply List
Preschool Program For Children With Disabilities and Pre-kindergarten

1 pair *Blunt 5" Fiskar Scissors
3 - 1.25 oz. Elmer's Glue
3 boxes Kleenex Facial Tissue
1 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 Tissues (100 count)
1 box of 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)
10 Folders with only Bottom Pockets
1 Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors

1 Canister of pull-up Clorox Disinfectant wipes
2 Pink Bevel Eraser
1 Small Plastic School Box - (no zipper bags please)
1 School Bag or Backpack (large enough to hold folders)
1 roll Transparent Tape
1 box "Ziplock" Bags, Quart Size
Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD BRINGS TO SCHOOL.

1st Grade
2 boxes Crayola Crayons (16 count)
2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
10 No. 2 Pencils
2 Elmer's 4 oz. Glue
9 Assorted Folders (Pockets only)
1 pair 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

2nd Grade
1 box Crayons (24 count)
2 boxes Facial tissues
12 or more No. 2 Pencils
1 Elmer's 4 oz. Glue
1 pair Scissors
2 Pink Erasers
2 School Box
1 School Bag or Backpack
6 Folders with Pockets
1 Ruler
1 3-ring binder
6 Glue Sticks
1 Large Cloth book covers
1 box Sandwich-size baggies
Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10

3rd Grade
1 box Facial Tissues
4 Glue Sticks
3 Permanent Markers
6 Folders (Pockets only)
3 pkg. Notebook paper (wide rule)
1 box Quart size "Ziplock" bags
2 Pencil sharpeners
1 box Multiplication flashcards
3 Red pens
3 1" Round Ring Binder (white)
1 Supply box/bag
Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10

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
2 pkg. Notebook Paper (Wide Rule)
3 Spiral Notebooks (Wide Rule)
4 Glue sticks
Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10

5th And 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 1" 3-Ring Binder
2 Hand-held pencil sharpener
4 Glue Sticks
1 Color Pencils (12 ct.)
1 box Quart size "Ziplock" bags - (5th grade only)
2 Composition Notebook
1 small pkg. Highlighters
Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10

Robert Lee Elementary School Supply List
Pre-K
2 boxes 8 or 16 count Crayola brand crayons (no 24 count)
1 pair scissors
2 packages glue sticks
1 package assorted construction paper
4 pencils
1 box quart size Ziploc bags
4 boxes Kleenex

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 P.M. AUGUST 30, 2012 in 210 S. JEFFERSON BRONTE ISD 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	\$ <u>1.040000</u> / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>0</u> / \$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	<u>9.21</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	<u>0</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	<u>9.21</u> % (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	\$ <u>244,462,908</u>	\$ <u>232,128,495</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>1,086,452</u>	\$ <u>778,260</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>110,929,170</u>	\$ <u>112,389,770</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>1,086,452</u>	\$ <u>1,285,210</u>

* "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

* 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	\$ <u>1.040000</u>	\$ <u>0</u> *	\$ <u>1.040000</u>	\$ <u>3,662</u>	\$ <u>6,207</u>
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ <u>1.058520</u>	\$ <u>0</u> *	\$ <u>1.058520</u>	\$ <u>4,249</u>	\$ <u>6,009</u>
Proposed Rate	\$ <u>1.040000</u>	\$ <u>0</u> *	\$ <u>1.040000</u>	\$ <u>4,168</u>	\$ <u>5,700</u>

* 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	\$ <u>61,757</u>	\$ <u>60,650</u>
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ <u>40,842</u>	\$ <u>40,497</u>
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ <u>1.040000</u>	\$ <u>1.040000</u>
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ <u>424.78</u>	\$ <u>421.17</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ <u>-3.59</u>

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 1.040000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 01.040050.

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)	\$ <u>176,600</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>0</u>

- 1 set water colors
- 1 package of 3x5 index cards
- 2 large disinfectant wipes
- 1 set of extra clothes
- 1 old large shirt that can be used for painting
- Kindergarten**
- 2 boxes Crayola brand crayons (no more than 24)
- 8 glue 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 packages 3x5 index cards
- 2 large disinfectant wipes
- Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- Backpack
- 1 set of extra clothes
- Label everything and initial each crayon and leave in the original box
- 1st Grade**
- 2 packages (24 count) #2 good quality YELLOW pencils
- 2 large pink erasers
- 2 packages of pencil top erasers
- 2 red plastic folders with brads and pockets
- 2 black marble composition notebooks (not spiral)-(100 sheets-wide ruled)
- 1 large zipper pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 1 pair 7 inch Fiskar scissors
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 2 boxes 24 count crayons
- 1 ruler with inches and centimeters (not bendable)
- 1-4 oz. bottle of Elmer's glue
- 4 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls-gallon size) (boys-quart size)
- 1 backpack-NO WHEELS
- 2 addition and 2 subtraction boxes of flashcards (to 20)
- 1 clipboard
- 1 large container of Clorox disinfectant wipes
- Note-Ticonderoga pencils are the best! Please do not label the supplies!
- 2nd Grade**
- 4 composition notebooks (100 sheet-wide ruled)
- 2 red plastic folders with pockets and brads
- 1 pair Fiskar 7 inch 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 (only solid yellow pencils)
- 1-4 oz bottle of glue
- 1 large zipper pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 backpack (NO WHEELS)
- 1 large container of disinfectant wipes
- 1 clipboard
- 1 bag of 4 quarters, 10 dimes, 20 nickels, and 10 pennies
- 1 small recipe box
- 2 packages of index cards
- Girls-1 box of Kleenex
- Boys-1 box of quart size Ziploc baggies
- Please label all supplies!
- 3rd Grade**
- 1 package (24 count) #2 yellow pencils
- 2 pink erasers
- 6 red grading pens
- 1 large zipper pencil bag (no boxes)
- 1 pair scissors
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 2 boxes of 12 count map pencils
- 1 box 24 count crayons
- 1 ruler with metric and standard measurements
- 1 small bottle of glue or 3 glue sticks
- 2 packages wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- 1 backpack (NO WHEELS)
- Girls-1 box quart size Ziploc baggies
- Boys-1 box gallon size Ziploc baggies
- 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades**
- 12-#2 pencils
- Glue stick
- Markers
- Map colors
- 3 containers disinfectant wipes
- 4 boxes Kleenex
- 1 box Ziploc sandwich bags
- 2 packages of college ruled notebook paper
- 1 spiral notebook for Math
- 1 spiral notebook for Social Studies
- 1 spiral notebook for ELA/Reading
- 1 composition notebook for Science
- 1 package of construction paper for Science
- 6th Grade Art (These will be kept separate from classroom supplies)
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks/Elmer's glue all (both will be used; small bottle which will be refilled)
- Ruler
- Ream of white copy paper (package of 500 sheets)
- Pencils
- Shoe box
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1-1" three ring binder
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes

2012 Property Tax Rates in COKE COUNTY

This notice concerns the 2012 property tax rates for COKE COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,440,121	\$408,620
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,440,121	\$408,620
Last year's tax base	\$345,936,785	\$349,203,094
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.416296/\$100	\$0.117015/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,433,634	\$406,611
-This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$349,141,290	\$346,368,610
-This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.410617/\$100	\$0.117392/\$100
Total effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.528009/\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$1,433,634	\$406,611
-This year's adjusted tax base	\$349,141,290	\$346,368,610
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.410617/\$100	\$0.117393/\$100
operating rate x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.443466/\$100	\$0.126784/\$100
-This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100	\$0/\$100
-This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.443466/\$100	\$0.126784/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.570250/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If COKE COUNTY adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.528009 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2011 taxes by \$-365.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED FUNDS	1,889,117

Schedule B: General Fund - 2012 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2012 debt service		\$0		\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A		\$0		\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$0		\$0
- Excess collections last year		\$0		\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012		\$0		\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2012		\$0		\$0
= Total debt levy		\$0		\$0

Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED FUNDS	877,147

Schedule B: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - 2012 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2012 debt service		\$0		\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A		\$0		\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$0		\$0
- Excess collections last year		\$0		\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012		\$0		\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2012		\$		\$
= Total debt levy		\$0		\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 13 E 7TH ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Name of person preparing this notice: JOSIE DEAN, RTA
 Title: TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
 Date Prepared: 07/31/2012

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

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Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

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Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

COUNTY SHERIFF
Wayne McCutchen (Rep.)

COKE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
Josie Dean (Rep.)

COUNTY CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 1
Marshall Millican (Dem.)

COUNTY CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2
Marty Boyd (Rep.)

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
Gaylon Pitcock (Dem.)

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for two & three bedroom apartments. Washers, dryers, RO water systems in each unit. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.

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is now accepting applications for custodial/maintenance position. Please contact the church office for application forms and information... 453-2724.

03-tnc

ROBERT LEE ISD

is accepting applications for a Bus Aide for 2012-2013 school year. Applications are available online or in the Administration office. Please contact Aaron Hood, Superintendent, for more information 325/453-4555.

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CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK

all of those who called, came by, provided food, flowers, or simply prayed for us during our loss of Jesse. We thank God for your expressions of love, friendship, and support; your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you is extended to Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The Jesse R. Robertson Family

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NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary in the Estate of Mareta B. McBride, deceased, were issued on June 21, 2012 in Cause No. PR1201768 now pending in the County Court of Coke County Texas to KAREN McBRIDE.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them

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to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

KAREN McBRIDE
C/O PETER F. SHERIDAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 488
207 OAK STREET
SWEETWATER, TEXAS 79556

DATED the 1st day of August, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER F. SHERIDAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 488
207 OAK STREET
SWEETWATER, TEXAS 79556

PHONE: (325) 236-6647
FAX: (325) 235-9928
STATE BAR NO. 18238500
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

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CITY OF ROBERT LEE CITY OF BRONTE

As you celebrate 811 Safe Digging Day August 11, 2012

WHEREAS, the leading cause of harm to underground facilities is excavation damage; and

WHEREAS, pipeline operators and other underground facility owners are committed to raising the awareness of underground damage prevention and safe digging practices; and

WHEREAS, everyone has a responsibility to ensure their safety; and

WHEREAS, dedication to safe digging practices is helping prevent potentially serious or fatal injuries while keeping our environment clean and our utilities on without interruption; and

WHEREAS, the date of August 11 (8/11) corresponds to the nationwide one-call number, 811, which provides anyone planning to excavate a simple, easy way to contact the state underground notification center; and

WHEREAS, once a call is made to the one-call notification center, the appropriate underground facility operators are notified of the person's intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both; and

WHEREAS, Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages; and

WHEREAS, through the support of the pipeline industry, the first nationwide 811 Day media effort promoting the Call Before You Dig program will air ads during the 2012 Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, everyone should call 811 before digging; and

WHEREAS, the City of Robert Lee and the City of Bronte supports these efforts to promote underground damage prevention and safe digging practices, and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Jacobs, and Mayor Gerald Sandusky do hereby recognize August 11, 2012 as Underground Damage Prevention Day in the City of Robert Lee and in the City of Bronte, and we call this observance to the attention of all her citizens.

John R. Jacobs, Mayor
City of Robert Lee
Gerald Sandusky, Mayor
City of Bronte

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NOTICES

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT SETS PUBLIC HEARING

The Coke County Commissioners' Court will hold a public hearing on August 13, 2012, at 9:00 am to discuss the SB 1685 - District Court Records and Technology Fund and the Archive Fee. The Public Hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

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... Comment

(Continued from page 2) false reports of sightings came in almost daily.

I know Wayne does this job because to him it's a "calling". He feels this is where God wants him to be. I can't imagine that the others here do it for the money. Coke County is not a wealthy county - not like those to our west.

I'll be the first to admit to a touch of anger when stopped while driving. I'll even admit to telling one San Angelo police officer "whatever" as he handed me a ticket. I'm not saying they're always right. We all have bad days. Sometimes, they could be kinder or approach a situation with more tact. But let's try to keep these men and women of law enforcement in our prayers. Let them know you appreciate the job they're doing - often when we're sound asleep. If the economy keeps on its downward track and more thefts and burglaries occur, please keep a watchful eye on your property and your neighbors. If you see something that doesn't look right, call it in. The Coke County Sheriff's Office 24 hour line is (325) 453-2717. If what you see includes a vehicle, get a license number. Let's all try to "keep the peace" and avoid a tragedy like the one the residents of Big Lake are dealing with right now.

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department part of fundraiser

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department is taking part in a raffle for a John Deere Gator. Tickets may be purchased from any Bronte firefighter or at the First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte.

The drawing will be held during the Ranch Rodeo August 25 at the Spur Arena

in San Angelo. Area departments are selling tickets and the Bronte VFD will be able to keep all money from tickets they are able to sell.

Silver Reunion set for October 6

The annual Silver reunion has been set for Saturday, October 6, 2012, for all present and former residents of Silver. It was decided at the last reunion to try for a cooler time.

Please let all your family and Silver friends know and lets make this the best reunion ever. It will be held at the Large Recreation Hall in Robert Lee.

For more information call: Dolores Roe 325-453-2164, Beverly Bell 325-453-2744, or Gene Kincaid 512-451-5543, cell 512-587-8587.

Check Out Coke County Library

Calling all students: Return your summer reading material - get a chance to win the final prize of the summer: a pizza from Cindy's. For every book returned, readers get to put their name in for the drawing. Five returned books, five chances to win the pizza. Hurry. Final drawing is August 10.

Lots of donated books to browse through before they are assigned to their final destination. Thanks to donors - and to the readers who browse.

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

Thursday night Scrambles being held in Bronte

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club's Thursday night Scrambles are held each Thursday at 6 pm at the course in Bronte.

For more information, call (325) 473-2036.



RLBC Kids Go To Camp! 20 kids from Robert Lee Baptist Church, grades 8th thru graduated senior, attended Master's Camp 2012 at Alto Frio Baptist Encampment in Leakey, Texas, July 16-20. The band for the camp was Finding Favour out of Georgia and Kevin Kirkland of San Angelo was the camp preacher. The kids participated in Bible studies and recreational games in the morning then enjoyed swimming in the Frio River, playing in the pool and competing in intramural games in the afternoon. The students enjoyed meeting lots of new people from the southern part of the state. The RLBC team won the championship trophy for flag football. There were 750 people in attendance at this camp with another 320 on the campus attending another camp. Those attending the camp were: Sarah Bryan, Brady Clawson, Rani Coppedge, Kodi Drennan, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Haley Grantham, Kelsey Hewitt, Bailey Hooten, Will Howard, Makenna Jackson, Julia Madrid, Myrka Rangel, Meagan Ross, Kandace Skipworth, Taylor Sheldon, Bailey Smith, Mychael Tijerina, Ashely Wheat, James Wyatt, and sponsors, Katie Drennan, Kristy Hooten, and Ryan Matlock.

FSA accepting applications for drought damages

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by drought occurring from January 1, 2012, and continuing.

Nolan, Fisher, Scurry, Coke, Mitchell, Sterling and Taylor Counties have been named as primary counties where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The

deadline for applications is up for them at The First March 12, 2013, 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.

Account Set Up for Wendell Lee

Wendell Lee had a successful liver transplant in Dallas on Monday, July 9, 2012. He and his wife Jeanna, will have to stay in Dallas for approximately 2 months.

In order to help them with the costs during their stay, a special account has been set

up for them at The First National Bank in Bronte.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please either stop by or call the bank at 473-2911 for more information. Please keep them both in your prayers!

Send your news in through the internet.

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Park Clean-Up! Members of Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose put hearts and hands to work on the Wilson Bryan Community Park Saturday, August 4. Members shown are (from left) Noel Tinkler, Irving Smith, Dale Wojtek, Sheri Millican, and Marshall Millican. Not pictured are Beverly Hawkins and Debbie Childers.

Vision With A Purpose Update

By Joan Davis

Vision With a Purpose met August 2 for the monthly meeting. Members gathered at the recently renovated home of the late Bessie Brice. The Victory Assembly of God on 6th and Houston now own the property and it has been restored by Rev. Irving Smith and his family. The intent for the building is for operating a youth center, as well as for church uses and various local meetings. It is a really nice facility with a large open room, round tables, a fireplace, a full new kitchen and restroom, with a room in the back and a garage.

New faces at the meeting encouraged us all. Present were Darlene Brice Kelly of Ballinger, Drake Arthur of Robert Lee, and Ken and Katy McDonald of the Double K Ranch on Highway 208. Ed Blackburn, who has attended several times, recently gave the group a windmill from his family's Harris ranch to be used in a planned project.

Various announcements included request for volunteers for the Street Affair and the Christmas committees. Marshall Millican reminded the group of the fundraiser by the Robert Lee Lions Club. This is to go toward the Community/Town sign which is being planned. Nancy Wilson updated the ongoing project discussion for a memorial park in Robert Lee. Further work depends on the presentation of the proposal before the Coke County Commissioner's Court.

Marshall Millican asked for volunteers for a workday on the following Saturday. He reported at press time Tuesday that seven volunteers met on Saturday, August 4, at the Wilson Bryan Mini-Park downtown and cleaned it. He plans to tackle other locations which have not been attended in some time. Decision was made to seek

volunteers for a regular workday schedule. The first Thursday of each month is the "VP" meeting, so that the workday would be set for each Saturday following that date. The September meeting will be Thursday, September 6, followed by a Saturday the 8th as a workday. Meet the volunteers at the mini-park at 8 am. Let's clean up our town!

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session July 31, 2012. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM, and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Mary Bessent, Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, Dessie Kendall, and Patsy Cason. Also present were Roger Alexander, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, Business Office Mgr. Pat Stephens gave the invocation. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and there were no absent Board members from that meeting.

In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board the facility is currently sufficiently staffed in order to care for the needs of the residents. Roger also reported there are currently 8 residents in the Alzheimer's Unit, and 47 residents total in the Care Center as of the meeting date. He will immediately begin making arrangements to relocate the residents in the Unit into the east wing of the Care Center in order to get everyone settled and comfortable before the beginning of the construction for the renovation of the Unit.

The contract for the renovation of the Alzheimer's Unit was awarded to Justice Construction Co., of Abilene. Everyone is moving toward a beginning date of Sept. 3.

Other capital improvements

included the removal of the brick divider at the front entry of the facility, and also an area of camouflage wall skirting the chiller outside the kitchen. Gary Payne is to be commended for doing an excellent job in both these areas. If you haven't seen the changes at the front entry, it would be well worth a trip to the facility to enjoy the new 'look' at the front of the building.

The Board voted to hire an RN Consultant, and asked Roger to contact Vickie Ragsdale.

The Board requested to be

notified of her exit meetings.

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The Board discussed several items on the agenda, most of which consisted of updating the Board concerning various inquiries, and did not require action.

Accounts Receivable continues to be a work in progress, and the Board voted to write off some uncollectible bad debts. The financial statement was discussed and accepted. The Budget Workshop date was set as Aug. 7, 2012, at 9:30 AM.

The Board broke for lunch from 12:00 to 12:42, and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

Future agenda items were discussed and the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be August 28. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Checking out the calendar for August, Jim Gross will be entertaining at the facility Aug. 10, at 3:30 PM. The monthly birthday party will be held on Aug. 14, at 3:30. There are 5 residents that will be celebrating birthdays this month. These include Mary Reyes, Peggy Floyd, Kay Walker, Latitia Burns, and Jim Skinner. Pop in anytime to wish them a very Happy Birthday!! The monthly Sing-a-long will be Aug. 24. If you can arrange to be present in the dining

room of the facility at this time, join in the fun for a rollicking, singing good time! Rumor has it there will be a luau celebrating the end of summer on Aug 31, at 3:30, so hopefully we can bid summer a fond (?) farewell, Hawaiian style. Don't know about the rest of you, but we're ready! Until then....stay cool!

Health care law could be harmful to farmers and ranchers

Mandates and new taxes contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act could have a negative impact on Coke County farmers and ranchers, said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president.

"We have many concerns with a broken health insurance marketplace," John Ross Copeland said. "Limited coverage and high costs are taking their toll on farm and ranch families."

John Ross Copeland said provisions that increase health care expenses through mandated insurance coverage for individuals and employees and provisions that impose new taxes like the health insurance tax are of particular concern.

"We believe health insurance reform is necessary," John Ross Copeland said. "But it must be workable, sustainable and balanced against the overall cost of doing business."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2013 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 20, 2012, at 5:30 pm at the Coke County Courthouse, second floor jury room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$173,525.00
The total amount of increase over the Current year's budget	\$ (1,275.00)
The number of employees compensated under The proposed budget	3
The number of employees compensated under The current budget	3

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

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

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

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