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Friday, August 9, 2013

## Bronte High School Class of 1956 Reunion slated

The 1956 graduating class of Bronte High School will be holding a class reunion Saturday, August 10, 2013, at the Bronte Housing Authority building. Registration will begin at 9 am.

Tours of the Longhorn Football stadium and the Fort Chadbourne Museum are planned later in the morning.

Lunch will then be served at the Bronte Housing Authority at 12:00 noon, catered by Red Barn Restaurant. A program and visitation will follow the meal.

Anyone is invited to come and visit with class members in the afternoon and share lots of good times and fond memories of Bronte High School.

For more information call Jane Webb at 473-3421 or Martin Lee at 473-4881.

## Back to School Swim Party slated

The annual end of summer back to school swim party will be held at the Bronte Swimming Pool for all Coke County 4-H members on Tuesday, August

13, 2013, from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm.

This is the first opportunity of the year to enroll in 4-H for the 2013-2014 year and to meet other 4-H members from Coke County.

If you live in Robert Lee and need a ride, please call the office at (325) 453-2461.

## Oldies, But Goodies Car Show set for Saturday, August 17

The 5th Annual Oldies, but Goodies Car Show will be held Saturday, August 17, at the Depot 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.

## Mini Cheer Camp set for Robert Lee

A Mini Cheer Camp will be held from 9 am to 11 am August 12-16 at the Robert Lee High School Old Gym. Signs will be posted and campers must enter through the top, front entrance.

Cheers, chants and side-



**New Speed Limits!** Over the last couple of weeks, the speed limit signs have been changed out in Coke County. The speed limit now on all paved state maintained roadways in Coke County is 75 miles per hour. This change causes some concern. Some drivers will automatically bump their speed up to 80 or more, while others will stay well under the new limit. Both kinds of drivers could be looking at a citation. Drivers going well under the speed limit and causing a number of vehicles to form behind them can be cited for impeding the flow of traffic.

line routines will be taught by the 2013-2014 RLHS Cheerleaders to children going into Pre-K through 6th grade.

Thursday will be Crazy Day and Friday will be

Steer Spirit Day. Presentations and awards will be held at 10:30 am Friday.

Children need to bring their own water bottle. Snacks will be available for purchase. Campers need to bring their money in a purse/sling-pack or baggie with your name. All those attending will get to perform at one High School pep rally and 5 minutes at a home football game.

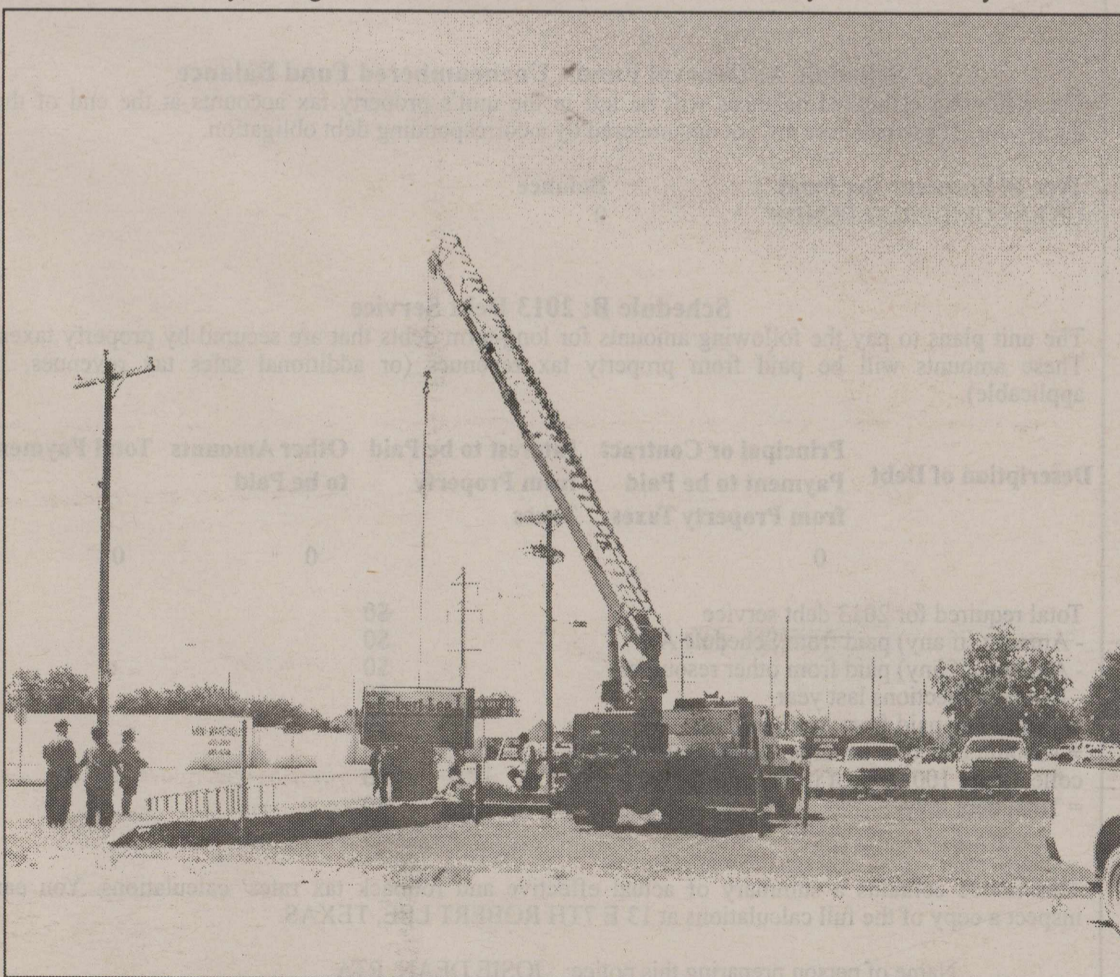
For more information, contact Maranda Hood at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

## Hot Dog Supper gives first look at new stadium

Robert Lee's 2014 Project Graduation will hold a Hot Dog Supper at 7 pm Thursday, August 15, 2013, immediately following the Steers' final two-a-day practice.

This community wide celebration and fundraiser is the first opportunity for the public to get a look at the new stadium.

Robert Lee t-shirts, caps, yard signs, flags and bumper stickers will be available for purchase.



**New Sign!** Members of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose were on hand Tuesday to help put up the new lighted sign on the Coke County Courthouse lawn in Robert Lee.

## SCHOOL BEGINS

in Blackwell, Bronte  
and Robert Lee

### Monday, August 26

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Per Year Elsewhere in Texas.....	\$30.00
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**Medicare Party!** *The Robert Lee High School Class of 1966 had a "Medicare" gathering Saturday, July 27, 2013, since classmates are rolling into their 65th year of living and are receiving their Medicare cards. Any occasion works to share a meal and spend time visiting! Dale and Carolyn Hamby came in from Snyder to continue sponsoring this class, as Mr. Hamby has since their 7th grade year at RLISD. Those sharing the day were: Doyle and Sandy Robertson, Abilene; LeRoy and Missy McGallian, Clear Lake; Robert and Marsha Wink, Linda and Bill Burns, Pistol and Rhonda Hood, and Farrell Jean and Wes Washam, all of Robert Lee.*



**Medicare Part D to be explained at meetings**

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will be presenting programs covering Medicare Part D and will also be available to help seniors on an individual basis Friday, August 16, from 10:30 am until 11:30 am at the Robert Lee Senior Center, 1402 County Park Road in Robert Lee, and from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm at the Bronte Senior Center, 613 E. Oliver Street in Bronte. Needing to learn more

about services offered? "Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals. Needing to apply for services? Staff will be available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when they visit our communities.

For more information, contact Lynne Carlson, at the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666.

**2013 Property Tax Rates in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

This notice concerns the 2013 property tax rates for WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. 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.

**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$972,070
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$972,070
Last year's tax base	\$388,947,796
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.249923/\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$972,070
-This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$415,494,822
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.233954/\$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)	\$972,070
-This year's adjusted tax base	\$415,494,822
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.233954/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.252670/\$100
+This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.252670/\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.233954 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$2,053.

**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	0

**Schedule B: 2013 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 2013 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 2013		\$0		\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2013		\$0		\$0
= 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: 08/6/2013

**Come As You Are**

Sunday Mornings • 10 am  
 Table Time • Tuesday 7 pm  
*Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm*

Recovery Meetings • Friday 7 pm

**FORGIVEN MINISTRIES**  
 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store  
 Russ Frasier, Preacher

**Area Churches**  
 Invite You to Worship

**Bronte**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291  
 Preacher John V. Driggers  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811  
 Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331  
 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship,  
 5 pm Worship  
 6 pm Youth  
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Everett Boyce, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 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) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister  
 www.pecanbaptist.org  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**United Christians Fellowship**  
 PO Box 938 • Robert Lee Rec Hall  
 (325) 453-2468  
 Ed Zimmerman, Minister  
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am 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) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or  
 (325) 473-1053  
 Services: Sun. 10 am

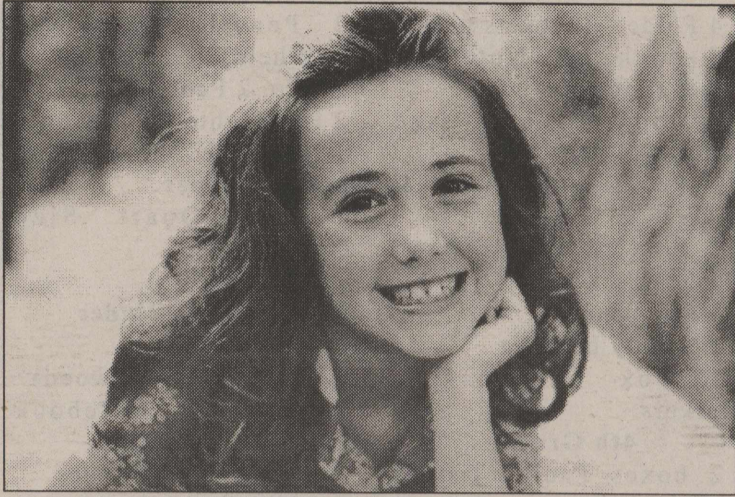
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**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



**New Title!** Lauren Altom, 8 years old, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Altom and granddaughter of Jimmie and Patty Byrne, has earned the prestigious title of the 2013 National American Miss Texas Jr. Pre-Teen at the state pageant held July 26-27 in Dallas, Texas. Lauren also won 1st runner-up in the optional casual wear modeling contest.

She will be attending the National Pageant to be held in Anaheim, California, at Disneyland during Thanksgiving week, representing the great state of Texas, where she will have the opportunity to win her share of over \$500,000 in cash and prizes!

The National American Miss Pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leaders." The pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise, presentation, and offers an "All American Spirit" of fun for family and friends. Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future!

Lauren's activities include academy soccer, volleyball, "A" honor roll, "Cross the Line" student, and exceptional citizenship.

**Account established for Vaughn**

An account has been set up at First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte for Janel Vaughn to help defray medical expenses. A trip to MD Anderson in Houston is scheduled.

**RLISD sets Pre-K, Kindergarten pre-registration**

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold Pre K - Kindergarten pre-registration on Monday, August 19, 2013, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Elementary School Office. Prospective Pre-K students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2013, to be eligible for the 2013-2014 school year.

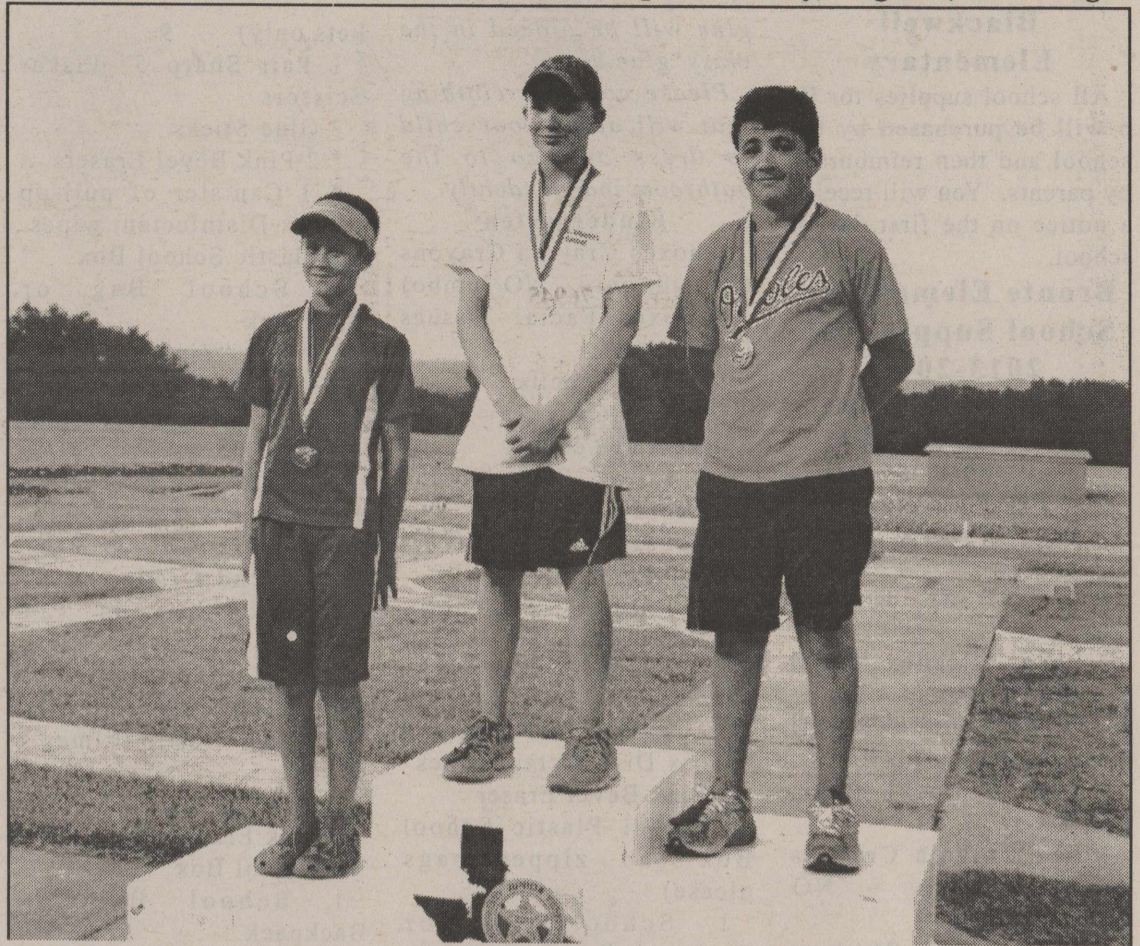
All new students to the Robert Lee ISD, Pre-

Kindergarten - 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Required documentation for enrollment must include Birth Certificate, Social Security Card and current Immunization Records. Registration packets may also be picked up at the Elementary office Monday - Friday (8:00 - 4:00).

For additional information, please feel free to call the elementary school office at 453-4555.

**Garage Sale set to benefit Street Affair**

A garage sale is going to be held in September benefiting the Robert Lee Street Affair. Items are needed for this sale. Please call (325) 453-4317 if you wish to donate an item for this sale. Items may be taken to Designs By Toni.



**Champion Shooter!** Skeete Smitha of Spring Branch, Texas, won the National Skeet Association Shoot World Junior Championship last month. He shot 395 of 400. Skeete won the 12 gauge by shooting a straight 100; tied for first place in the 20 gauge and won the shoot-off with 99; tied for first in the 28 gauge with a 99; and tied for first in the 14 gauge with a 97. The children competing in this bracket are between 10 and 14. Skeete turned twelve this week. Event organizers believe he is the youngest person to have ever won this title. Skeete is the son of Jerry and Gay Smitha, grandson of Wallace and Jerry Colburn, and the great-nephew of Jackie Walker. Shown are (from left) Alex Ahlin, Skeete Smitha, and Mikey Galo.

**New Name selected for Cline Shale Consortium**

On Tuesday, July 30, at the Sterling County Community Center, the Planning Task Force, formed to develop a plan and structure for the Cline Shale Consortium, selected a new name for the Consortium. The new name, West Texas Energy Consortium, reflects the broad vision of the consortium to serve all sectors of the energy industry and the numerous communities directly or indirectly impacted by the increased exploration and potential production in the Cline Shale and other shales as well as other energy sectors. Planning Task Force

Chair, Sterling County Judge Ralph Sides said: "The new name more accurately reflects the consortium's goal of bringing West Texas business and community leaders together to address the needs of the energy industry, support community development and preserve a high quality of life."

The Planning Task Force also recommended formation of five committees: Business and Industry, Education and Workforce Development, Infrastructure and Natural Resources, Health and Public Safety Industry, and Community and Economic Development. A steering committee will also be formed to guide and coordinate the


Consortium. Individuals interested in participating on one or more committees can find more information about the West Texas Energy Consortium at [www.workforcesystem.org](http://www.workforcesystem.org).

Questions may be directed to Steve Collins, Business Resources Consultant, for the West Central Texas Workforce Board, at 325-795-4304.

**DESIGNS BY TONI**

**will be closed August 14-20 due to medical issues.**

*We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.*

 **Russell Davis**  
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Robert Lee, Texas 76945  
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(325) 453-4524 fax  
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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945  
DARYL COPELAND, OWNER 453-2980

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**(325) 453-2500**  
Highway 158 East  
PO Box 898  
Robert Lee, Texas 76945  
Email: LastLegBBQ@wtxs.net



**Blackwell Elementary**

All school supplies for K-6 will be purchased by the school and then reimbursed by parents. You will receive a notice on the first day of school.

**Bronte Elementary School Supply List 2013-2014**

**Preschool Program, For Children With Disabilities**

- And Pre-Kindergarten**  
 \* 1 - \*Blunt 5" Fiskar Scissors  
 3 - 1.25 oz. Elmer's Glue  
 3 boxes Kleenex Facial Tissues  
 1 8 oz. bottle Purell hand sanitizer  
 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 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)  
 12 No. 2 Pencils  
 1 box Crayola Thick Markers (10 count)  
 3 - 4.0 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 - 1/2" Transparent Tape  
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10.00  
 Please label everything your child brings to school.

**1st Grade**

- 2 boxes Crayola Crayons (16 count)  
 \* 1 box Facial Tissues (100 count)  
 \* 10 No. 2 Pencils  
 \* 2 Elmer's 4 oz. Glue  
 9 Assorted Folders (Poc-

- kets only) 9  
 1 Pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors  
 2 Glue Sticks  
 \* 2 Pink Bevel Erasers  
 \* 1 Canister of pull-up Clorox Disinfectant wipes  
 1 Plastic School Box  
 1 School Bag or Backpack  
 \* 1 box "Ziplock" Bags, Gallon size  
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10.00

\* Community Property - You do not need to have your child's name on them.

**2nd Grade**

- 1 box Crayons (24 count)  
 1 box Kleenex  
 12 or more No. 2 Pencils  
 1 4 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue  
 1 pair Scissors  
 2 Pink Erasers  
 1 School Box  
 1 School Bag or Backpack  
 6 Folders with Pockets  
 1 Ruler  
 1 - 1" 3-ring binder  
 6 Glue Sticks  
 1 Large Cloth book covers  
 4 Dry Erase Markers (Black)  
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10.00

**3rd Grade**

- 2 boxes Facial Tissues  
 4 Glue Sticks  
 1 Elmers Glue  
 3 Permanent Markers

- 4 Folders (Pockets only)  
 3 packages Notebook paper (wide rule)  
 1 box Quart size "Ziplock" bags  
 2 Pencil sharpeners & Erasers  
 1 box Multiplication flashcards  
 3 Red pens  
 1 Supply box/bag  
 1 box Crayons or Markers  
**4th Grade**  
 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)  
 24 No. 2 Pencils  
 1 School Bag or Backpack  
 6 Pocket folders  
 4 Cloth Book Covers  
 2 packages Notebook Paper (Wide Rule)  
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10.00  
**5th Grade**  
 3 boxes Facial Tissues  
 6 Pocket Folders  
 4 Jumbo Book Covers  
 1 package Index Cards (3x5)  
 2 Pencil Sharpeners (hand held)  
 24 No. 2 Pencils  
 2 Highlighters - Yellow  
 1 package Wide Ruled Notebook paper  
 1 box Quart Size "Ziplock" bags  
 2 Glue Sticks  
 1 - 1" 3-Ring Binder  
**6th Grade**  
 12 No. 2 Pencils (wood)  
 2 packages 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 sharpeners  
 4 Glue Sticks  
 1 package Color Pencils (12 ct.)  
 1 box Gallon size "Ziplock" bags  
 1 Composition Notebook  
 1 small package Highlighters  
 Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt \$10.00

**Glenn-Bivins Insurance**

325-473-6791

[GlennBivinsUsa@aim.com](mailto:GlennBivinsUsa@aim.com)

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**Robert Lee State Bank**

621 Austin Street • Robert Lee, Texas

453-2545



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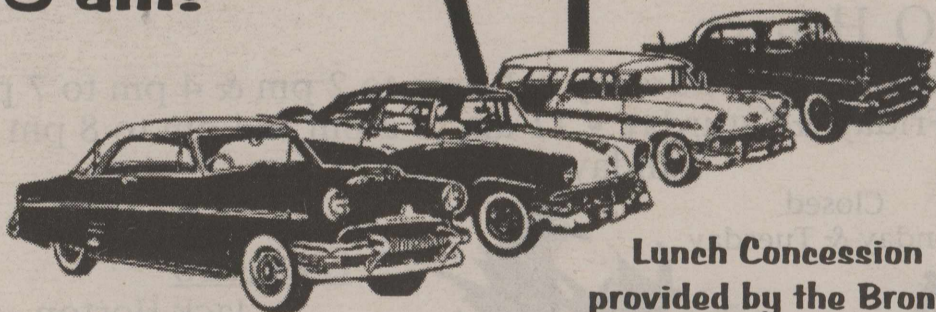
**5th Annual**



**Bronte, TX**

**Begins at 8 am!**

**No Fee to Enter!**



Lunch Concession provided by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department!

**Saturday • August 17th, 2013**

**Bronte Depot**

For More Information, Contact Tammy Thorn at (325) 473-3501.

**Bronte Secondary School Supply List Jr High and High School**

**Math Classes**

- 3 Ring Binder
- Notebook Paper
- Pencils
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Composition Book
- Kleenex (optional)

**Jr High Science**

- #2 Pencils
- Yellow Highlighter
- Black or Blue Pens
- Composition Book
- 3 Ring Binder
- 1 Set of Notebook Dividers (5 Sections)
- Notebook Paper

**Jr High and High School Life Skills Classes**

**Mrs. Burns**

- Box of Pencils (24)
- Pencil Top Erasers (12)
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- Book Bag
- 3 Prong Folders With Pockets (3)
- One Subject Spiral Notebook (3)

**Mrs. Middleton's Class**

**IPC, Chemistry, Physics, Health**

- 3 Ring Binder
- Composition Book
- Notebook Paper
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Kleenex (optional)
- Red Pen

**Robert Lee Elementary 2013-2014 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
- 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**

- 3 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)
- 2 large Pink Erasers
- 3 packages 3x5 Index Cards
- 1 larger Hand Sanitizer
- 1 box Quart Size Ziploc Bags
- Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- Backpack
- 1 set of extra clothes
- \*Initial each eraser and crayon and leave crayons in the original box*

**1st Grade**

- 2 large Pink Erasers
- 2 packages of pencil top erasers
- 2 Red Plastic Folders with brads and pockets
- 2 Black Marble Composition Notebooks (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)
- 2-4 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue
- 2 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 1 box Ziploc bags (Girls-Snack size)(Boys-Quart size)
- 1 Backpack - NO WHEELS
- 1 Addition and 1 Subtraction boxes of Flashcards (to 20)
- 1 Clipboard
- \* PLEASE DO NOT LABEL THE SUPPLIES!*

**2nd Grade**

- 2 Composition Notebooks (100 sheets-Wide Ruled)
- 2 Red Plastic Folders with Pockets and Brads
- 1 Pair of Fiskar 7 inch Scissors
- 1 Ruler with Metric and Standard Measurements
- 1 box of Crayons (doesn't matter how many)
- 1 box of Map Colors
- 1 4 oz. bottle of Glue
- 1 large Zipper Pencil Pouch (no boxes)
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 2 boxes of Pencil Top Erasers
- 1 Backpack (NO WHEELS)
- 1 Clipboard
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- Girls-1 box of Gallon size Ziploc Bags
- Boys-1 box of Quart size Ziploc Bags

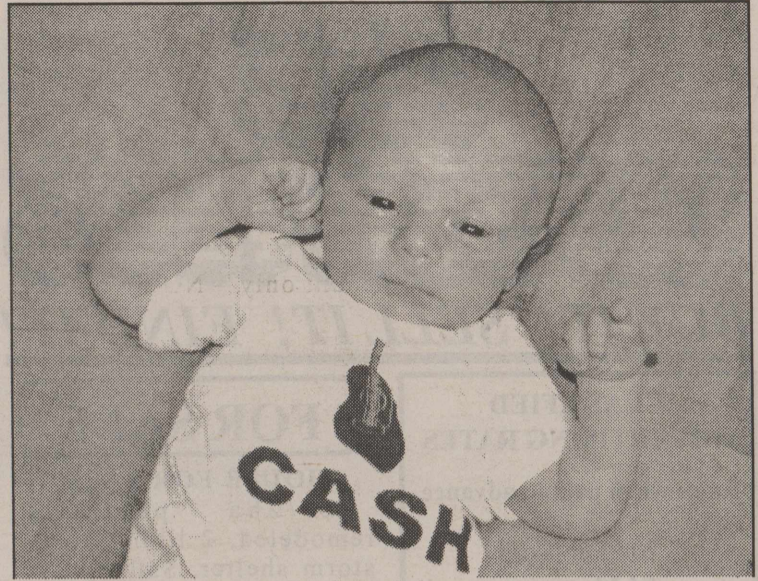
**3rd Grade**

- 2 packages (24 count) #2 Yellow Pencils
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 6 Red Grading Pens

- 1 large Zipper Pencil Bag (no boxes)
- 1 pair Scissors
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 2 boxes 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 folder with pockets
- 1 container of Disinfectant Wipes
- 1 Backpack (NO WHEELS)
- Girls-1 box Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- Boys-1 box Snack Size and 1 box Quart Size Ziploc Bags
- \*PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES!*

**4th Grade**

- Sandwich baggies
- 8 Washable Markers
- Map Pencils
- 2 Composition Notebooks
- 3 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- 3 Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- 3 Dry Erase Markers
- 2 packs Notebook Paper
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 2 tubs Disinfectant Wipes
- 24 pencils
- 5 Pens (at least 2 Red, 3 Blue or Black)
- 2 Highlighters



**LOOK WHO'S NEW!** Mr. and Mrs. Chad Ingram, along with big sister Cali, are proud to announce the arrival of Cash William Ingram. Cash was born July 17, 2013, at 2:17 pm at San Angelo Community Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Casey and Sue Ann Nesbit of Robert Lee. His maternal great-grandparents are Bill Nesbit and Helga Bonetti of Brady, and Bill and Diana Ingram of Odessa.

- Ruler with Centimeters and Inches
- Index Cards
- School Box
- Zippered Pencil Bag with Binder Holes
- Plastic Folder with Brads
- 3 Pink Erasers
- 1 Three Subject Spiral
- 1 Hand Held Pencil Sharpener
- 2 Black Sharpies
- 5th Grade**
- Sandwich baggies
- 8 Washable Markers
- Map Pencils
- 2 Composition Notebooks
- 3 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- 3 Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- 3 Dry Erase Markers
- 2 packs Notebook Paper
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 2 tubs Disinfectant Wipes
- 24 pencils
- 5 Pens (2 Red, 3 Blue or Black)
- 2 Highlighters
- Ruler with Centimeters and Inches
- Index Cards
- School Box

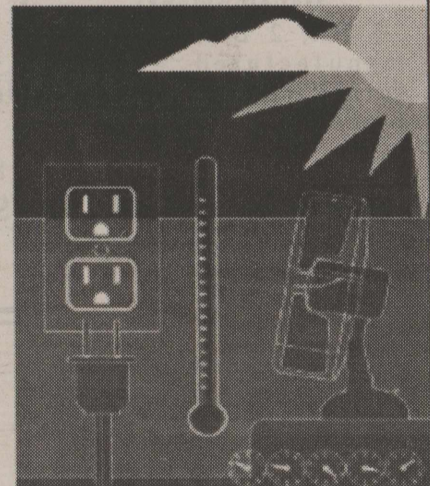
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**Connect to Energy Savings**

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for nearly 100 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we don't sell electricity or send out monthly bills, we recognize what hot weather does to electricity usage and the resulting bills.

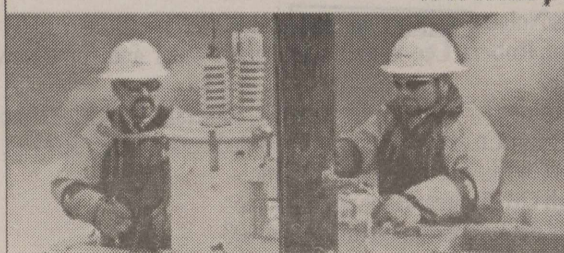
Since AEP Texas and the 1,700 AEP employees in Texas are directly connected to the many communities where we live and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips on how to keep cooler this summer, while saving valuable energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater during the summer, take shorter showers and wash only full loads in the laundry and dishwasher.

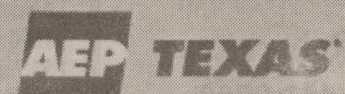


It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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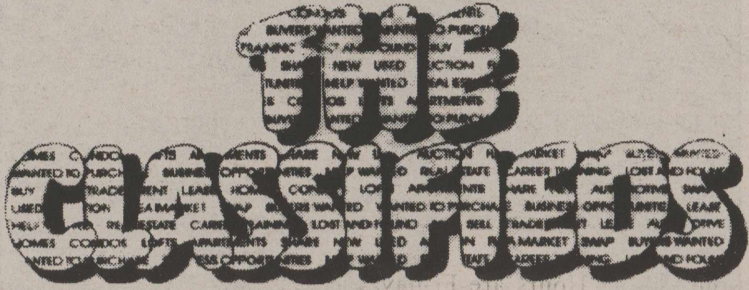
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**THANK YOU!**  
We would like to thank everyone for expressing sympathy and compassion for us whether in the form of flowers, donations in memory, spoken words or unspoken thoughts during our time of grief. The kindness of you actions eased our grief and lightened our hearts and we sincerely appreciate the love shown to us.

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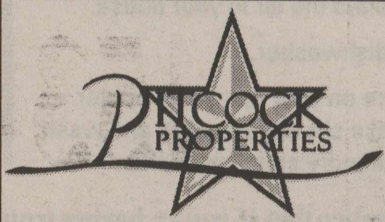
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**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

On July 23, 2013, an application for a Construction Permit for a new FM broadcast station to operate on Channel 289 at Robert Lee, Texas was filed by Robert E. Lee. The application proposes a Class A operation with an effective radiated power of 6 kW at a height above average terrain of 100 meters. The proposed transmitter site will be located at the coordinates North Latitude: 31 degrees, 56 minutes, 50 seconds; West Longitude: 100 degrees, 23 minutes, 54 seconds. A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Coke County Library, 706 Austin Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

05-3tp

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Bronte Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on September 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm at 116 NE Railroad Bronte, Texas, to receive comments on the 2014-2015 year and Annual Plan for the Bronte Housing Authority. All documents are on display at the Housing Authority office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 am.

05-2tc

**... Robert Lee Elementary School Supply List**

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- Zippered Pencil Bag with Binder Holes
- Plastic Folder with Brads
- 3 Pink Erasers
- 6th Grade**
- Sandwich baggies
- 8 Washable Markers
- Map Pencils
- 2 Composition Notebooks
- 3 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- 3 Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- 3 Dry Erase Markers
- 2 packs Notebook Paper
- 3 boxes Kleenex
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- 24 pencils
- 5 Pens (2 Red, 3 Blue or Black)
- 2 Highlighters
- Ruler with Centimeters and Inches
- Index Cards

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- Zippered Pencil Bag with Binder Holes
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- 3 Pink Erasers
- Deck of Playing Cards
- 1 Three Subject Spiral

**21st Annual Mesquite Show Returning to Fredericksburg**

The 2013 Texas Mesquite Arts Festival returns to Fredericksburg, Texas on October 11, 12, and 13.

Juried artists from around Texas and beyond will gather in Fredericksburg Marktplatz for a three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite.

"Besides seeing the absolute best selection of mesquite, visitors will enjoy the largest mesquite show in the world," show organizer Al Carr said.

The Mesquite Arts Festival has become one of the top events in Fredericksburg. Organizers expect over 10,000 visitors during the weekend.

Visitors will be treated to collections of sculpted wood from the world's absolute finest mesquite craftsmen. Items range from large furniture items such as beds, dressers and chairs made entirely from mesquite, to unique craft and gift items such as beautifully turned lamps, delicate scroll work, handsome pen and pencil sets, unique Christmas tree ornaments, sturdy gun stocks, and sculpted vases, all carefully crafted of mesquite.

More information on the Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is available at [www.texasmesquiteartfestivals.com](http://www.texasmesquiteartfestivals.com), or by calling the Fest Office at 830-993-8515. Please be sure to connect with us on Facebook.

Once viewed as a nuisance, mesquite has become the darling of architects and retailers. Mesquite's growing

appeal comes in part from the high profile offered from this festival, according to Carr. Additional articles praising mesquite's quality and value have appeared in such magazines as AAA's Texas Journey, Texas Highways, Veranda, and Fine Woodworking.

"Architects now vie to install mesquite accents in upscale homes," Carr said.

Mantles, doors, flooring, art items, dining sets, tables, and other furniture are increasingly requested in mesquite. Prices for raw wood as well as finished pieces have soared.

The Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is free and open to the public. Hours are Friday, noon to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am-6 pm; and Sunday, 10 am-3 pm. Items are available for

purchase, with food and drink sold on the grounds. Free parking surrounds Market Square in downtown Fredericksburg.

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**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 2014 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 19, 2013, 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	\$203,265.00
The total amount of increase over the Current year's budget	\$ 29,740.00
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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- 2011 Ford Mustang Coupe** #5178 \$19,995  
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- 2008 Mercury Grand Marquis LS** #6423B \$12,495  
*Wedgewood Blue w/Tan Leather • Local Car!*
- 2012 Ford Fusion SE** #7151 \$17,895  
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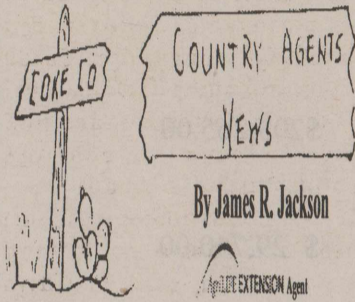
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Ask For:

**Randy Flanagan • Jim Herring**  
**Billy Wayne Roe**



**Blackwell Mascot!** Heidi Hornet, aka Veeda Jeter, Blackwell High School Junior, won a spirit trophy at Angelo State University's camp held July 23-26.



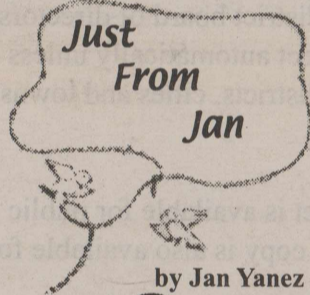
make plans that will affect the next seven months (September-March). This will allow you to make management decisions on how many head you can run and how much feed you will need to supplement with in the coming winter.

**Analysis Now equals Savings Later**

Now that August has arrived and we are reaching the end of the growing season, approximately 90 percent of the warm season grass growth has been completed. It can be beneficial this time of year to take an analysis of the forage we have produced in the past growing season. Analysis of forage can be done a number of ways - by walking through the pastures and estimating forage production, establishing photo points and comparing yearly pictures to estimate this year's production compared to past years production or you can do the most accurate method which is by taking clip samples to estimate pounds of forage per acre (most time consuming).

As the old saying goes you cannot manage what you cannot measure is ever true when it comes to managing rangeland. By gaining a rough measurement of production in your pasture, you will be better able to manage it. Once you have an idea on the amount of forage that has been produced, you can

On a final note, extra forage left standing through the winter time can be used as forage for livestock or fuel for a prescribed burn. Depending on the condition of your pasture, your location and how comfortable you are with a prescribed burn are all factors that play into this decision.



by Jan Yanez

AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

**Back to School Nutrition**

Often, summer break is when the children's healthy eating plans take a vacation. So, as summer comes to an end and the school year nears, take time to refocus your efforts as a family to ensure your children's nutrition and physical activity habits are ready for the year ahead.

Breakfast is a very important meal for growing children. Studies show that breakfast eaters tend to have higher school attendance, less tardiness and

fewer hunger-induced stomach aches in the morning. Their overall test scores are higher, they concentrate better, solve problems more easily and have better muscle coordination. So whether they eat at home or at school, be sure your children eat a nutritious breakfast every day.

If your children's school provides meals, take time to go over the menu with them and discuss how to build a healthful and nutritious meal they will enjoy. Make sure the choices include whole grains, vegetables, fruits and low-fat or fat-free dairy at every meal.

If you pack your children's lunch, take your kids grocery shopping with you and allow them to pick

out healthy foods that they enjoy. Your children are much more likely to eat what you pack for them if they have picked it out themselves.

If your children are involved in after-school activities, pack a healthy snack they can eat beforehand. Fruit or vegetable slices, 100 percent fruit juice and whole-grain crackers with low-fat cheese are healthy options that will give them the energy they need to make it to dinner.

Regular physical activity is also vital to your children's development. Not all children may like sports, but there are still plenty of ways they can get exercise on a daily basis at school and at home. In fact, involving

the whole family is a great way to spend time together while getting the physical activity everyone needs. Most importantly, talk to your children. Learn the foods they like. Teach them about the foods they need for their growing bodies. Find ways together to make sure they have the knowledge and ability to eat healthy and tasty foods at every meal.

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**BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Bronte ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast is free; lunch costs are \$2.10 for grades PK-5th and \$2.35 for grades 6-12. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is free for breakfast and \$4.00 for lunch. The following questions and answers will provide information about the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program.

1. **Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete one application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to Phillip Ratliff at PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933, phone (325) 473-2511.
2. **Who can get free meals?**
  - **Income** - Your children can get free or reduced-price meals if your household's gross income (total, without deductions) is within the limits described on the *Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines*.
  - **Special Program Participants** - All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) can get free meals regardless of income. Children who attend Head Start, Early Head Start, and Even Start are also eligible for free meals.
  - **Foster** - Foster children under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. A foster child is eligible for free meals regardless of the income of his or her resident household.
  - **Homeless, Runaway, and Migrant** - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told about a child's status as homeless, runaway, or migrant, please call Jackie Timmerman at (325) 473-2511.
3. **Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals?** Carefully read the letter you received and follow the instructions. Call your child's school at (325) 473-2511 if you have questions.
4. **My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?** Yes, your child's application is only good for the school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
5. **I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.
6. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. Even if you missed some work in the last month, put down your usual pay. If you normally get overtime pay, include it. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
7. **We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. **Is combat pay counted as income?** No, if combat pay is received because of deployment in addition to basic pay and was not received before deployment, combat pay is not counted as income.
8. **May I apply if someone in my household is not a US Citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a US citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
9. **Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
10. **If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. If your household income or circumstances change, you may become eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
11. **Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include yourself as well as other living with you who share income and expenses - related to you or not (grandparents, other relatives, or friends). Do not include others who live with you who are economically independent - that is anyone you do not support, does not share income with you, and does pay a pro-rated share of expenses.
12. **What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Alan Richey, PO Box 670, Bronte, TX 76933, phone (325) 473-2511 ext. 111.
13. **My family need more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or dial 2-1-1.

If you have any other questions or need help, call Phillip Ratliff at Bronte ISD (325) 473-2511 ext. 116. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono Phillip Ratliff, Bronte ISD (325) 473-2511 ext. 116.

Sincerely,  
Phillip Ratliff  
Food Service Manager

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2009-10					
Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$21,257	\$1,772	\$886	\$818	\$409
2	\$28,694	\$2,392	\$1,196	\$1,104	\$552
3	\$36,131	\$3,011	\$1,506	\$1,390	\$695
4	\$43,568	\$3,631	\$1,816	\$1,676	\$838
5	\$51,005	\$4,251	\$2,126	\$1,962	\$981
6	\$58,442	\$4,871	\$2,436	\$2,248	\$1,124
7	\$65,879	\$5,490	\$2,745	\$2,534	\$1,267
8	\$73,316	\$6,110	\$3,055	\$2,820	\$1,410
Each additional person:	\$7,437	\$620	\$310	\$287	\$144

**More Information on How to Report Your Income on the Application**

- **Gross Income** - Record the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.
- **How Often Income is Received** - Record type of income received for the month - weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly and not the take-home pay. You should be able to find this information on your paystub, or ask your boss.
- **All Other Income** - Record Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNA P, FDIPIR, WIC, federal education benefits, and foster payments received from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, under *Earnings from Work Before Deductions*, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

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