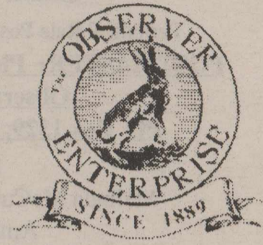


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Annual Blackwell Ranch Rodeo and Dance set for September 21

The annual Blackwell Ranch Rodeo is slated for Saturday, September 21, beginning at 5 pm at the arena in Blackwell.

The concession stand will be available all day and for the dance that evening.

Activities during the rodeo include a Boot Scramble, Mutton Busting and Ribbon Race. The San Angelo Ambassadors will also be performing. Cash prizes and buckles will be awarded to the 1st place team. Cash and prizes will also be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd place teams with buckles going to the Top Horse and Top Hand. The top team in each event will receive ropes.

The dance, featuring Dolly Shine, will start later in the evening... around dark thirty. Attendees are urged to bring your own chairs.

Contact Diane McGlothlin at (325) 450-5149 for more information.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, September 21. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up you must

let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156 or 325-473-3231. After 5 pm call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

Attention

Coke County FFA and 4-H members

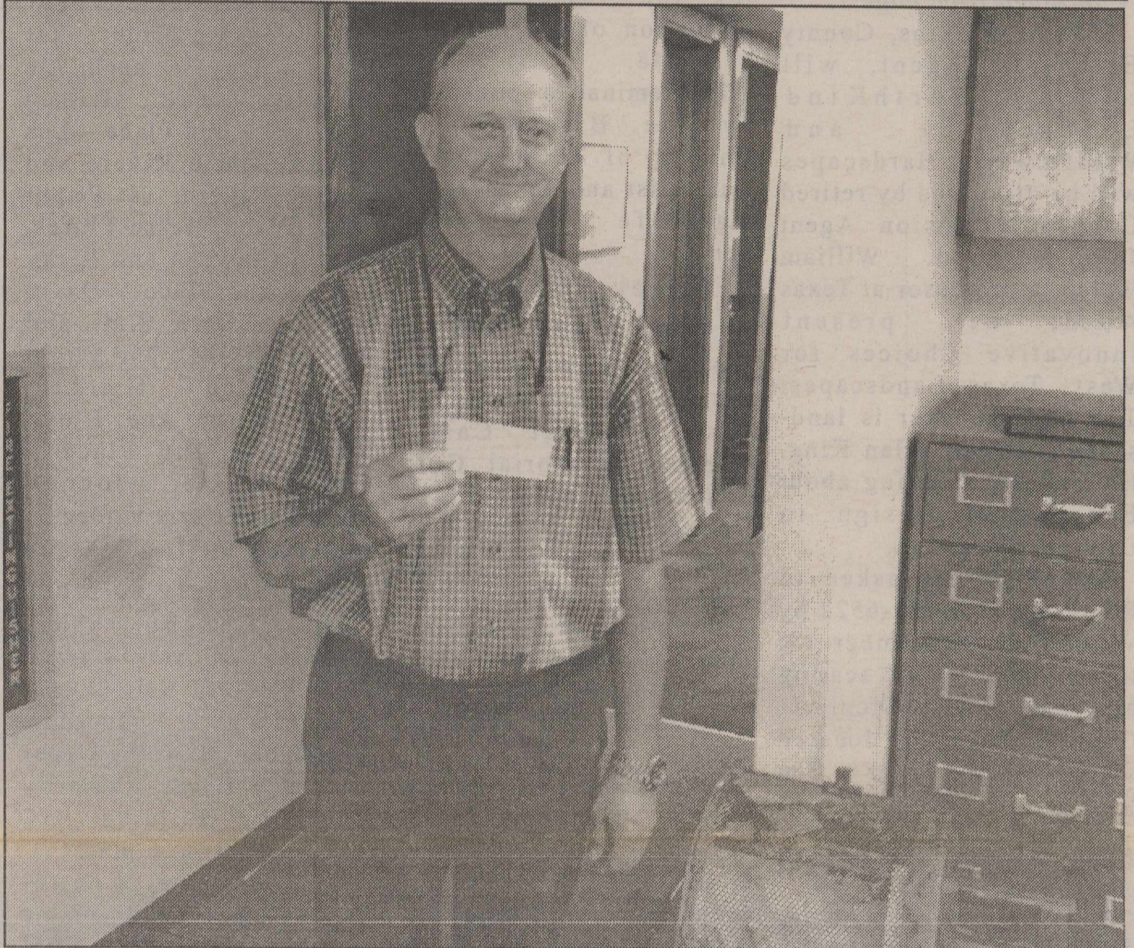
It is once again time to order swine validation tags. Any FFA or 4-H member planning on raising and exhibiting a market barrow at any major stock show must have their barrow validated according to the state guidelines. Also any member planning on showing a gilt at the San Angelo Stock show CTBR gilt show must have their gilts validated.

Tag orders are due to your county agent or Agriscience teacher by September 24, 2013. Validation will occur the week of Thanksgiving.

Fall Landscaping Symposium slated

Fall Landscaping Symposium will be held at the Stephens Central Library Community Room in San Angelo on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. Registration for the event, sponsored by the Concho Valley Master Gardeners, begins at 8 am on that day.

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West Texas Is A Wonderful Place To Live! West Texans are known for pulling together to help others. Many of the wonderful people in this area bought tickets to a fundraising drawing benefitting Janel Vaughn. A total of \$10,905 was raised toward her medical expenses. Janel has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatments through M D Anderson in Houston and Shannon Regional Cancer Treatment Center in San Angelo. The beef for the drawing was donated by Danny Hoyt and Wayne Coalson at a discounted price from Corby Kelso. Processing will be furnished for free by Sklenarik's Smoked Meats in Miles. Tickets were sold at First National Bank and by many energetic friends and family. A lucky person from Garden City won the drawing held Monday, September 16, 2013, at First National Bank. An earlier hamburger sale, sponsored by the First National Bank of Sterling City, raised \$3,512 toward Janel's medical expenses. The bank furnished all of the food, with employees and friends cooking and selling the hamburger meals. Other donations have been made to a special account for Janel at the First National Bank. Friends of the Vaughn Family have come forward from all over West Texas to help this family who has been so generous to others. Their tireless work at ball games, rodeos, livestock shows and community projects has brought others who want to help them in return.

An upcoming Benefit Dinner and Auction in Janel's honor will be held at 5:30 pm Saturday,

October 12, at the Miles Young Farmers Show Complex in Miles, Texas. For information about auction donations or the dinner, contact Doug Frey at 325-473-8819, John or Karen Hoelscher at 325-650-4344 or 325-212-8686, Kei Antilley, Robert Lee State Bank, at 325-453-2545, Cindy McMillan at 432-213-3308, or Jolene Henderson, First National Bank in Bronte, at 325-473-2911.

Janel is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments and has been overwhelmed by the support of her community. Please remember her in your prayers.

Street Affair set for October 5

The annual Robert Lee Street Affair, sponsored by Ivey Motor Company, Inc. and Robert Lee State Bank, will be held Saturday, October 5, 2013, in downtown Robert Lee. Beginning at 8 am. Food booths, crafts, vendors, a car show, cook-off and great music is once again slated.

The music will begin at 6 pm with artists including Alyssa Bagley, Robert

Lee's own Rough Creek, Sweetwater Rain, and Ronaldo y Grupo Fuerzzo.

For more information, call Janie at (325) 763-8032 or Connie at (325) 650-4498.

Silver Classes of 1958-1967 reunion set

A reunion is set for the graduating classes of Silver from 1958-1967 on Saturday, October 5, at Sue (Parker) Laughter's home. For more information please contact Sue at (325) 677-7687.

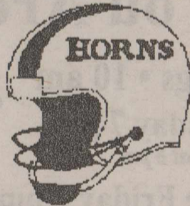
This Week's Football Games!

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vs.

Munday Moguls

7:30 • Friday, September 20 • Munday

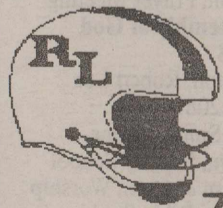


ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Sterling City Eagles

7:30 pm • Friday, September 20 • Sterling City

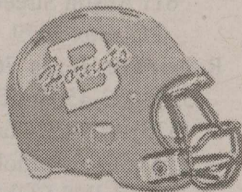


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vs.

Trent Gorillas

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... Fall Symposium

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Allison Watkins, County Extension Agent, will cover EarthKind Landscaping and Wildflowers. Hardscapes will be discussed by retired County Extension Agent John Begnaud. William Welch, a professor at Texas A&M, will present Innovative Choices for West Texas Landscapes. The final speaker is landscape architect Alan King. He will be speaking about Exceptional Design in Drought Condition.

Attendees are asked to RSVP to (325) 659-6522 by Wednesday, September 18, to ensure adequate seating and materials. Stephens Central Library is located at 33 W. Beauregard in San Angelo.

Butterfly Seminar set for September 28

The Big Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist is sponsoring a "Monarchs and Milkweeds" seminar on September 28, 2013, at the Taylor County Extension Office, from 9 am to 12 noon.

In this seminar, Cathy Downs will go through: Monarch anatomy, biology, life cycle and migration; the tragic migration decline and the reasons for the habitat decimation; the importance of native and non-systemically treated milkweeds in the Monarch habitat and why that is crucial to Monarch survival; and identify several native milkweeds that grow well here in the Big Country and Concho Valley.

Ms. Downs is a Monarch Watch Conservation Specialist with Monarch Watch (www.monarchwatch.org), currently chairs the Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas (BBMT) program and is a certified Monarch Larval Monitoring Project educator. Ms. Downs raises Monarch caterpillars for education as well as propagating native milkweeds. She hosts workshops and live Butterfly Pavilions at Nature Centers and State Parks throughout Texas.

The registration fee includes beverages, snacks and handouts.

Space is limited, so

reserve your spot by calling the Taylor County Extension office at 325-672-6048.

The seminar is sponsored by the Big Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Casey Eubanks Memorial Golf Tournament results

On August 10, 2013, the 12th Annual Casey Eubanks Memorial Golf Tournament was held in Robert Lee. The Red Canyon Archery Club appreciates everyone who participated in the tournament, donated and supported the scholarship and tournament. The sponsors include:

Red Canyon Archery Club, Mountain Creek Golf Club and Directors, Robert Lee State Bank, Ivey Motor Company, Super H Grocery, Texas Vet Lab (Jack Yanez), Tommy and Kei Antilley, Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe, W.E.B. Construction, Coke County Hardware, Front of the Line Feed Store, National Oil Well Varco, Douglas and Denise Roberts, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, West Company of Midland (Dan Garlington), Southwest Tool, IRA Pump, John Burnett, Becky Ross, Shell and Brenda Williams, Massey's Pizza Barn, Last Leg BBQ, Steven and Tere Garlington, Twister's

Restaurant, Zach Skinner, Catalyst, Larry and Barbara Jameson, Joel and Patty Percifull and Jeff and D'Ann Eubanks.

This year's tournament was one of the best years ever and it raised enough money to give at least two more scholarships next year. This fund has been able to give two scholarships each year to two well deserving seniors, but was able to give three scholarships this year. The recipients of the scholarships were Ashley Wheat, Jordan Gartman and Justin Gartman.

The results were: Championship Flight - 1st Place - Trey Womack, Joe Stinson and Wilson Marshall - 2nd Place - Lee Valdez, Mario Rivero and George Rivero. 1st Flight - 1st Place - Jesse Flores, Darrin Clawson and Ricky Ross - 2nd Place - David Bautista, Dick Sims and Ronnie Bivins. 2nd Flight - 1st Place - Tim Lee, Terry Felton and Lloyd Watkins - 2nd Place - Eddie Gunter, Johnny Valdez and Chris Valdez.

Concho Valley Native Plant Society to meet

The Concho Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society will have a meeting Tuesday, September 24, at the Upper Colorado River Authority Education Building, 417 South Oakes, at 6 pm.

Mia McCraw, Central Texas Research Associate with Texas A&M Kingsville, will speak to the Concho Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society about the Texas Native Seeds Project. Mia is part of the Texas Native Seeds Project sponsored by the Ceasar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute. Her talk will give an overview of the project, the need for native seeds, and how she collects and grows test plots to find the best varieties of seeds.

Texas land is being disturbed at an ever increasing rate due to urban



Nix Performs at BHRC! Well-known country music artist Jody Nix helped the residents of Bronte Health & Rehab Center celebrate the August Birthdays recently.

expansion, oil and gas exploration, increased well pads, and transmission lines, opening the door for erosion and degradation of the land by invasive species such as KR bluestem. Where native plants and grasses are eliminated, the quality of the habitat is reduced. And many of the exotic grasses and plants will spread at a rate that out competes our natives.

To assist with the restoration of disturbed sites with native plants and grasses, the Ceasar

Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute facilitated a collaborative effort between Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot), private landowners, and Texas A&M Kingsville that resulted in the Texas Native Seeds project. The primary objective is to increase the amount of native seeds available for restoration projects in Central, West and South Texas. Think about the number of seeds that TxDot needs for the road-sides of Texas!

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 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm

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 (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. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

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

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215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
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 11 am Worship

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 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

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 11 am Worship
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel

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 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
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 (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
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 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Photo ID now required for Voting in Texas

Texas Secretary of State John Steen announced that photo identification will now be required when voting in Texas elections. His announcement follows a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that cleared the way for photo ID requirements in Texas, originally passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, to take effect.

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place.

Election identification certificates are now available only for voters who do not already have a required form of photo identification. There is no fee for the certificate. Information on how to obtain an election identification certificate can be found at www.dps.texas.gov. You may also contact DPS by telephone at (512) 424-2600.

To review frequently asked questions and answers, visit www.votetexas.gov.

Texas Secretary of State John Steen said his office is working to educate the public before the November election to make the transition to the photo ID requirement as smooth as possible. The state office will air television commercials, YouTube videos and include a new website that should be able to answer many questions.

Keith Ingram, director of the elections division for the state, said if a name is "substantially similar" to the name on the registered voters list, then poll workers can note the name and allow the person to vote.

Voters who do not show proof of identity will be

allowed to vote by provisional ballot. Refusing to show ID is not valid ground for casting a provisional ballot, however "and it is likely that the voter's ballot will be rejected by the ballot board."

To have the provisional ballot count, the voter will have to visit their voter registrar's office within six calendar days of the election to either present a photo ID or submit a temporary affidavit attesting that he or she does not have any of the required photo IDs.

A permanent exemption is available for voters with documented disabilities.

Affidavits are available to voters who have a religious objection to being photographed and for voters who do not have any photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters.

In general, it is easier and cheaper to change a name on the voter registration records to match a driver's license or other identification.

The photo identification requirement does not have an address matching requirement, nor does it change the process for voting by mail. And while voter certificates (the cards sent to voters in the mail) will no longer be necessary to vote, they do contain precinct information, so officials recommend voters hang onto them and bring them to the polls.

October 7 is the last day to register or make changes for the November election. Early voting begins October 21. The November ballot for local voters will be the Texas Constitution amendments.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call County Clerk Mary Grim at 453-2631 or Tax A/C Josie Dean at 453-2614.

Texans to vote on water funding vehicle

As the drought continues and water resources dwindle in Coke County and across the state, Texans will have the chance to vote in November on a constitutional amendment to provide funding to priority water projects.

Proposition 6, which was established by Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR 1) during the 83rd Texas Legislature, is up for a statewide vote on Nov. 5.

"Water is critical for our growing state. We need it to grow our food and maintain our cities and households. But as those resources grow scarce, Texas needs a way to prioritize our water infrastructure projects," said John Ross Copeland, president of Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau.

The amendment would create the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas. Proposition 6 would allow state money to be allocated to priority water projects outlined in the state water plan.

"No matter where you live, water is an important resource, and we need a way to be sure the areas that need it most can get enough," John Ross Copeland said. "Passing Proposition 6 will ensure our state's water security through whatever the future brings."

Coke County Retired Teachers Association update

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association convened at noon, September 16, 2013, for a luncheon, fellowship and a business session. The meeting was held at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Bill Hood gave the invocation preceding the meal.

Gary Smith, president, presided at the business session. He called on superintendent Alan



State Representative Visits Coke County! State Representative Drew Darby visits with approximately 25 constituents in the Coke County Commissioners Courtroom in Robert Lee last week during a town hall meeting.

Richey of the Bronte ISD. He told of the beginning of school events and reported on good ratings on student test scores.

Judy Gibbs, Information/Protective Services Chairman, alerted members to check out medical and hospital charges for insurance purposes.

In other business, the members voted to fund the book project. They also voted to send a memorial for Kenneth Rasco to the Coke County Food Bank.

Several members, including Gary Smith, Brenda Smith, and Janet Wommack, plan to attend the District XV Fall

Conference on September 26, 2013 in Brownwood.

The next meeting of Coke County RTA will be October 26, 2013. Members attending were: Christie Bagwell, Wanda Barbee, Jane Battle, Gayle Bolding, Jamie Boren, Wanda Brewer, Judy Gibbs, Ann Hamilton, Brenda Hines, Bill Hood, Rhonda Hood, Charlotte Jackson, Sug Lawhon, Melba Mauldin, Kathy McCown, Judy McGlothlin, Sheri Millican, Beth Prather, Leva Self, Gerald Sandusky, Brenda Smith, Gary Smith, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack. Guests were: Marilyn Burns and Alan Richey.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee Robotics! The Robert Lee Robotics team (left) placed 3rd last year in arena in their first attempt at this competition. The young ladies (above) competed all the way to the state competition for the TCEA Lego Robotics in Deer Park. Their entry detailed their concept for cleaning up the trash pile floating in the Pacific ocean. The members were (from left) Julia Madrid, Hunter Hamrick, Jaicee Torres and Yulissa Peraza.

Steers fall to Wildcats

By Tom Sawyer
The Steers had their first loss of the season to a tough Water Valley team and the game was called in the third quarter due to the mercy rule.

Next week's game will have the Steers making

their first out of town game as they travel across the divide to play the Sterling City Eagles. Steer Fans jump in the trucks and make the trip to cheer on our Steers.

WE BLEED ORANGE - STEER PRIDE SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

Wildcats - 15 yard run with 8:17 left, PAT kick good

Wildcats - 6 yard pass with 4:04 left, PAT kick

STEERS - 0

WILDCATS - 16

2nd Quarter

Wildcats - 50 yard pass with 9:48 left, PAT kick good

Wildcats - 2 yard run with 6:33 left, PAT kick failed

Wildcats - 22 yard run with 6:21 left, PAT kick good

Wildcats - 33 yard field goal with 1:48 left, PAT kick good

STEERS - 0

WILDCATS - 42

3rd Quarter

Wildcats - 19 yard run with 7:59 left, No PAT attempt

Game is called due to

mercy rule.

FINAL

STEERS - 0

WILDCATS - 48

Player Statistics

Jesus Landeros - 5 tackles

Jake Jackson - 6 for 7 passing for 38 yards and 1 interception, 1 reception.

Kevin Saucedo - 5 tackles and 1 interception

Efrain Olguin - 2 receptions for 16 yards, and 3 tackles

Mychael Tijerina - 1 reception for 10 yards, and 3 tackles

James Roberts - 2 receptions for 27 yards

Michael Curry - 2 receptions for 18 yards

Bruce Buddin - 2 receptions for 15 yards

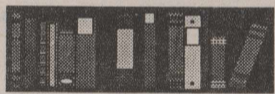
Will Howard - 10 carries for 37 yards, 7 of 17 passing for 66 yards, 2 receptions for 5 yards, and 5 tackles

Jerry Wofford - 5 carries for 13 yards, 1 reception for 13 yards, and 6 tackles.

The Steers will next play in Sterling City at 7:30 pm tonight, September 20.

GO STEERS - STEER PRIDE

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, September 23

Cinnamon pastry/yogurt, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 24

Animal crackers/string cheese, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 25

Eggs, sausage, toast, juice, milk

Thursday, September 26

Cereal variety/Texas toast, juice, milk

Friday, September 27

Biscuit, sausage, gravy, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 23

Pizza dippers, spaghetti sauce, salad, baby carrots, apple slices, milk

Tuesday, September 24

Ultimate taco salad, salsa, salad, corn, snowball salad, milk

Wednesday, September 25

* Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple-pineapple d'light, milk

Thursday, September 26

BBQ on bun, black beans, salsa, baby carrots, orange, milk

Friday, September 27

Hamburger or cheeseburger, salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

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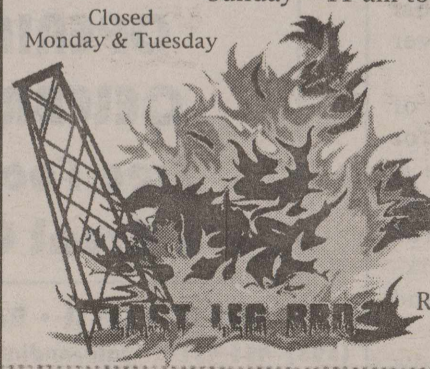
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Homecoming! The 2013 BHS Homecoming King and Queen, Ty Lee and Marisa Sanchez, were crowned during halftime ceremonies last Friday night. Marisa is a senior and the daughter of Debbie and Howard Bailey. She is involved in basketball and is the manager for the volleyball team. Ty is a senior and participates in football, basketball, golf, track, and stock shows. He is also Student Council President and FFA Vice-President. Ty is the son of Heather and Kerry Lee.

Longhorns fall to Blizzards

By Coach Kevin Burns
The Bronte Longhorns fell to the Winters Blizzards last week by a score of 42-6. The

Blizzards scored three times in the first half and the Horns kept it close and were in good position late in the second quarter when Kyler Richards completed a TD pass to Joshua Puentez to cut the lead to 21-6 at the half.

In the second half, the Horns were shut out as the Blizzards scored three more times for the victory. Mizaal Perez filled in and played well when Jared Scott got injured and he also intercepted a Blizzard pass. Tristin Minjarez had 88 yards rushing on 19 carries and Kyler Richards was 5 of 12 for 96 yards and a TD.

Last week, the Horns were able to play the Winters JV. The Horns were defeated by the Blizzards by a score of 20-6. The game was close throughout and it gave some of our younger kids a chance to work on their skills and play an entire

game. As much as we would like to, we will not be able to play a JV game this week. This week, the Horns hit the road for the first time as they travel to Munday to take on the Moguls. Game time is set for 7:30. See you there.

Shorthorns play season opener

The Bronte Shorthorns opened their 2013 season on Thursday, September 12, on the road against the Winters Blizzards. The Shorthorns suffered a tough loss, 50-0, to the Blizzards. The Shorthorns hustled and gave a good effort, but were plagued by mistakes and inconsistency. There were some bright spots and positive plays that they will build upon for future games.

Team members who played Thursday, and who are determined to improve are 8th graders Tanner Bedford, Shawn Puentez, Zach Jackson, Aaron Cervenka, Emmanuel Casillas, and Coltan Martin. Seventh graders include Tanner Braswell, Garrett Knight, Jason Woehrle, Nathan Arthur, Hanner Powell, Danny Pullen, and Kevin Parks. Sixth graders playing their first game were Hunter Hortenstine, Daxtyn Dominguez, Raphael Casillas, and Anthony Demory.

The Shorthorns' next game is at home on Thursday, September 19, against Munday at 5:30 pm.

Lady Shorthorn Volleyball results

The Lady Shorthorns played game 2 of the season against the Veribest Falcons on Thursday, September 5, at home.

The 7th grade team played strong against the Falcons and won the first game with a score of 25-11. The fight continued as the Lady Shorthorns won the second game 25-20.

The 8th grade team fol-

lowed the younger girls on the court with a battle of 3 games. Game 1 was in favor of the Shorthorns 25-20. The Falcons came back and took game 2 with a 14-25 loss for Bronte.

The Lady Shorthorns then entered game 3 with determination and drive and came out with a 26-24 victory giving them the match.

The Lady Shorthorns hosted the Bronte Jr. High tournament the following Saturday.

The 7th graders met up with Grape Creek 7th grade for the first match and Bronte won in 3 with scores of 25-14, 12-25, and 25-16. This set up the second match against Grape Creek 8th grade. The Shorthorns earned their way to the Championship game with scores of 25-22, 9-25, and 25-13. The young Lady Shorthorns played against the Miles 8th grade Bulldogs. They fought hard and made the fans proud. They fell short to the Miles Bulldogs A team, but left the tournament wearing silver medals by placing second.

The 8th grade team met up with Water Valley 8th and Colorado City 8th and, despite a strong effort, they did not come out with victories for those matches. However, they ended their day with a 2 game win over Grape Creek 25-15 and 25-7.

With Sunday to rest, the girls were quickly back on the court Monday facing the TLCA Eagles in San Angelo. The 7th grade team played a strong first game by using team communication on the floor. They won the first game 25-21. Game two was met with new 7th grade faces. They worked together and played well, however the game went to the Eagles. Game 3 was exciting and

close as each point was well earned. The final score was 25-20 in favor of TLCA. The Lady Shorthorns A team then encountered TLCA. Bronte came ready to play and started game 1 with spark and enthusiasm. The game went to the Lady Shorthorns 25-8. The Lady Shorthorns fell to the Eagles in game 2 with a 25-14 score. Bronte found their intensity for game 3 and fought for a victory by winning 25-21 to take the match.

This past weekend, the Lady Shorthorns traveled to Colorado City for the second tournament of their season.

The Lady Shorthorns 8th grade team played Big Spring for game 1. They fell to Big Springs with a 25-10 and 25-16 loss. This put them against Jim Ned for the second match. The Shorthorns started off slow by losing the first game 25-10. After a break, they gained momentum and won the second and third games 25-15 and 25-13. This placed the team in contention for the Consolation title. The Shorthorns

showed up ready to play their best against Post. They played strong and consistent with great serves and took game 1 with a 25-15 result and won the trophy with a game 2 defiant win at 25-16.

The Lady Shorthorns team includes Payton Arrott, Melissa Perez, Darby Duncan, Mercedes DeLaCerde, Alyssa Sallee, Lisa Gilbert, Elizabeth Galvan, Dayana Perez, and Diana Tapia.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, September 23

Sausage kolache or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 24

Cheddar omelet wrap or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 25

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, September 26

Waffle & sausage or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, September 27

Cinnamon roll & bacon or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 23

Pizza dippers, garden salad, carrots, apple slices, milk

Tuesday, September 24

Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, salsa, carrots, orange smiles, milk

Wednesday, September 25

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple/pineapple, gravy, milk

Thursday, September 26

Baked potato w/ diced ham and cheese, seasoned corn, garden salad, snowball salad, breadstick, milk

Friday, September 27

Hamburger, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

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September 6	Roby	Here	7:30	28	46
September 13	Winters	Here	7:30	6	42
September 20	Munday	There	7:30		
* September 27	Eldorado	There	7:30		
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October 11	OPEN				
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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Blackwell stings Cardinals

The Blackwell Hornets continued this year's win streak with a huge victory on the road over the Lingleville Cardinals, 88-42.

Jayden Jones once again led the team in touchdowns with a total of 7 for 42 of the Hornets' 88 points. This week, his touchdowns were all on the ground. Jayden ran for 346 yards on his 24 carries and had 11 tackles.

Franck Cano had three touchdowns on the ground to add 18 points to the Hornets' total. Franck had 12 carries and moved the ball 124 yards. He also had 11 tackles and recovered a fumble. Ted Chambliss added another rushing touchdown and Mason Magness caught a Matthew Lowry (1 of 2 for 27 yards) pass for yet another Hornet touchdown. Wade Allen contributed 1 tackle and 16 points to the Hornets' total for the evening. Ted ended the night with 2 carries for 26 yards, 1 interception and 1 tackle, while Mason carried the ball 5 times for 25 yards,

had 6 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Other defensive efforts were made by Kaleb Edwards and Oakley Anderson with 5 tackles each, Ethan Andrews with 4 tackles and a fumble recovery, and Matthew Meyer with 1 tackle.

The Hornets face the Trent Gorillas tonight at 7:30 pm at home.

Flu Shot Clinic set for October 10

A Flu Shot Clinic, performed by the Health Department, will be held in the Blackwell School auditorium Thursday, October 10, from 9 am to 11 am.

For more information, contact Linda Kite at (325) 235-5463.

PSAT Test set for BHS Juniors

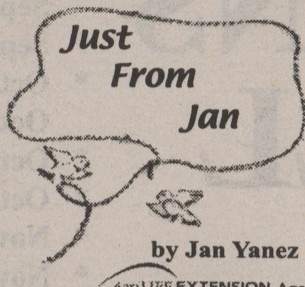
The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at Blackwell High School. This testing session is available to all Blackwell juniors, including home-schooled students eligible to attend school in the Blackwell C.I.S.D.

Junior students currently enrolled at Blackwell C.I.S.D. will automatically be registered. The students will be given a PSAT study guide prior to the test.

Home-school students will need to register for the test at <http://www.nationalmerit.org>.

After registering online, please notify Mrs. Timmerman, counselor, or Mr. Shipman, Principal at Blackwell High School.

For additional information, please contact Blackwell C.I.S.D. counselor, Mrs. Timmerman, at (325) 282-2311. You may also visit www.collegeboard.com for more information.



Tailgating Food Safety

The football tailgating season is here. "Tailgating," literally means serving food and drink from the tailgate of a car or truck.

Tailgating has evolved over the years and become more elaborate. With an outdoor kitchen comes food safety concerns that could put tailgaters at risk for foodborne illness.

WHAT ARE THE RULES OF THE TAILGATING FOOD SAFETY GAME?

Keep It Clean

Over 50% of all foodborne illness is caused by unclean hands. The best option is washing hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds before and after handling food.

Bring water for hand-washing, if none will be available at the site. Include liquid hand soap and paper towels with handwashing supplies.

Pack disposable hand and kitchen wipes, as a cleaning alternative.

Keep Cold Foods Cold

Use an insulated cooler with sufficient ice or ice packs to keep the food at 40°F or colder.

Pack the cooler last, taking foods directly from the freezer and refrigerator.

Securely contain raw meat and poultry to prevent the raw juices from contaminating ready to eat foods such as sandwiches and salads.

SAFE MINIMUM INTERNAL TEMPERATURES
 All poultry (whole, parts, ground) 165°F
 Ground meats (beef, pork, lamb) 160°F
 Beef, pork, lamb and veal steaks, roasts, and chops 145°F
 Hot dogs and bratwursts 165°F

Remember to measure food on the grill with a food thermometer before removing meat from the heat source. For safety and quality, allow meat to rest for at least three minutes before carving or consuming. For reasons of personal preference, consumers may choose to cook meats and poultry to higher temperatures

Serve It Safe

When taking foods off the grill, put them on a clean plate. Don't put cooked food on a platter that held raw meat. Raw meat and poultry juices are full of bacteria that could contaminate the cooked product.

Bring ample long handle serving spoons and tongs to minimize possible contamination by bare hand contact with foods.

Disposable plates, cups, and silverware minimize clean-up and the risk of cross contamination.

Clean Up

Try to plan the right amount of perishable foods to take. That way, you won't have to worry about the storage or safety of leftovers.

If you do have leftovers, place leftover perishable food promptly in the cooler. Remember the two hour rule! It's one hour, if it is over 90°F outside.

Remember garbage bags, twist ties, and other clean-up supplies.

The final tailgating clean-up, is an important step before you leave for the game.

A cooler becomes a portable refrigerator; the temperature of 40°F or colder should be maintained. This can be determined by placing a refrigerator freezer thermometer in the cooler.

Bring a separate cooler for beverages. Frequent opening lowers the internal temperature of the cooler and can put food at risk of being in the temperature danger zone.

The temperature danger zone, is 40 -140°F, bacteria multiplies quickly on perishable foods. Foods in the temperature danger zone for two or more hours, are unsafe to eat and should be thrown out. If it is 90°F or higher outside, food should be thrown out after one hour.

Keep Hot Foods Hot

To keep home prepared foods like sloppy joes or chili hot, insulated thermos containers work well. Fill the container with boiling water, let it stand for a few minutes, empty, fill with hot food.

If electricity is available on site or you have an auto converter, slow cookers are an option for keeping hot foods hot. To retain heat, keep the cover on the slow cooker until serving.

Hot foods should be held at 140°F or above. This can be determined by using a food thermometer.

Grill It Right

When grilling, the only safe way to determine doneness is to use a calibrated food thermometer. Reaching a safe minimum internal temperature ensures that harmful bacteria will be destroyed.

Clean the food thermometer after each use to avoid cross contamination.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, September 23

Cinnamon breakfast pastry or cereal w/ toast, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 24

Chicken-n-biscuits or cereal w/ toast, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 25

Pancake on a stick or cereal w/ toast, juice, milk

Thursday, September 26

Sunrise sandwich or cereal w/ toast, juice, milk

Friday, September 27

Breakfast bar w/ toast or cereal w/ toast, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 23

2 pizza dippers, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk

Tuesday, September 24

Ultimate taco salad, romaine & optional tomato garnish, salsa, seasoned corn, snowball salad, milk

Wednesday, September 25

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk

Thursday, September 26

Chicken quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, salsa, orange smiles, milk

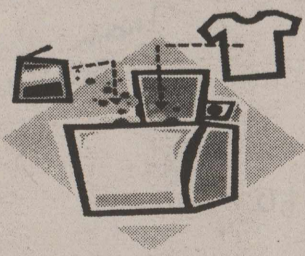
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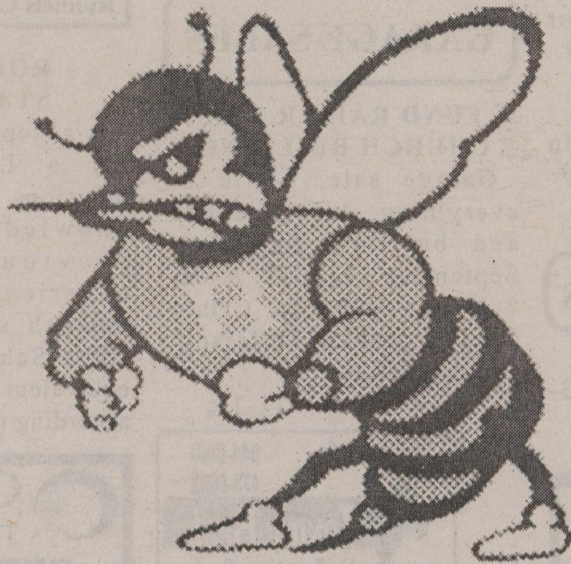
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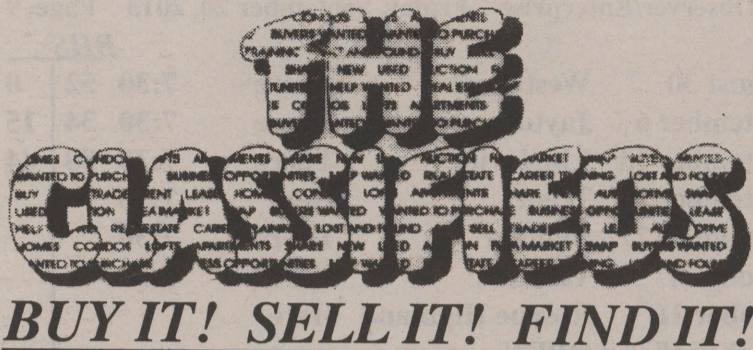
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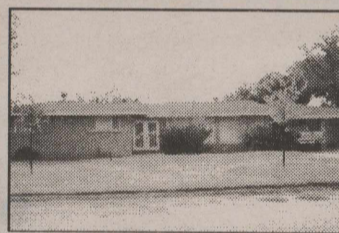
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA SHAW BLACK FIKES, DECEASED

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED September 13, 2013.

NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR

Attorney for the Estate

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ORDINANCE NO. 1229

ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND

PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Robert Lee, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of the City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.422000 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

For the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund), \$0.422000 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

The tax rate adopted will increase total taxes in the City of Robert Lee by \$8,135.

SECTION 2. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2013 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2014, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to assess and collect such taxes employing the above tax rates.

This ordinance was passed on the 9th day of September, 2013, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City

of Robert Lee, their being a quorum present, by Sayes, 0 nays.

Approved: Mayor, John R. Jacobs

ATTEST: Kay Torres, City Secretary

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ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bronte, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$ 0.384645 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

For the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund), \$ 0.384645 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

SECTION 2. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2012, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2014, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the City assessor and collector of the City of Bronte is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City of Bronte shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the General Fund of the City of Bronte. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 12th day of September, 2013, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bronte, there being a quorum present, by 3

yeas and 0 nays, and approved on the date above set out.

APPROVED: Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST: Pat Martindale, City Secretary

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ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE:

SECTION 2. That the budget, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit A is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the City's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013, and ending September 30, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2013.

APPROVED: Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST: Pat Martindale, City Secretary

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- 2011 Ford Mustang Coupe #5178 \$19,995
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- 2008 Lincoln Town Car Signature #6515A \$16,995
Adobe w/Tan Leather • 52K Miles • Really Nice!
- 2010 Ford F-150 Super Crew XLT \$22,995
White w/Brown Leather • Really Sharp!
- 2013 Taurus Limited \$23,995
Silver w/Black Leather • Super Sporty • 21K Miles!
- 2011 Ford Expedition EL #6601A \$28,995
Royal Red w/Adobe Accent • DVD • Nav.
- 2010 Ford Edge SE #6605A \$14,995
Ingot Silver w/Charcoal Cloth Interior

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Ask For:

Randy Flanagan • Jim Herring

Billy Wayne Roe



2013. The winner will be announced at the Downtown Christmas Friday in December. Winners do not have to be present to win.

The club will also have a bake sale with desserts and casseroles. A festive wreath suitable for Halloween and/or Thanksgiving will be raffled off and chances on a \$50 Sam's Card will be available as well.

Fund raisers for scholarships are a big project for '64 Study Club. They also support the Food Basket, Project Graduation and other worthwhile ventures.

Members of the '64 Study Club also cook up mouth-watering treats and eats. Visit the booth in front of the Ford dealership.

Homecoming Week activities slated

The week of September 23-27 may look a little strange at Robert Lee ISD. Monday, September 23, is Duck Dynasty Day and students are encouraged to wear camo. Tuesday is "Will you still be my friend if I wore this" day. Wednesday is Class Color Day. Thursday is Twin Day and Friday is Steer Dynasty Day.

Poster and Sign contests are also being held this week. The Poster-Slogan contest entries are due on Tuesday at 3:45 pm and the sign entries are due Thursday and 3:45 pm.

Robert Lee

Homecoming set for September 27

Robert Lee High School homecoming will be September 27th. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2:00. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "Steer Dynasty". The parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held at 2:40. The football game will be against the Veribest Falcons.

... Robotics

(Continued from page 4) pating in the competition each year. This stuff is made up of PVC pipe, wire, screws, nails, plastic, metal, wood, and other assortment of items that can be used to build a robot. The teams are limited to these items and must develop a way to convert these items into usable parts. This is where the mentors step in. They are allowed to guide the members in constructing the parts, show them how to use tools to do the

Club to Raise Scholarship Funds! Each year, the '64 Study Club strives to raise funds to provide Robert Lee Seniors with scholarships to colleges of their choice when they graduate.

This year, the group is fortunate to be able to sell tickets for a Pat Stephens oil painting, a 19"x22" of a covered bridge in a snowy setting. The picture is on view at the Coke County Library and will be at the '64 Study Club booth at the Street Affair on Saturday, October 5,

job, and offer suggestions on construction. Teams will have six weeks to construct the robot and program it for competition. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Celeste Service at RLISD.

Concerning TCEA Lego Robotics, it has come time to replace robots with newer ones. The group's old robots are beginning to fail and soon it will be difficult to get programming blocks for them. Lego has developed a new EV3 Mindstorm Robot and the competition will be using these robots in the near future. In the past, RLR has had as many as six teams. With the cost at nearly \$400, the kids are working hard to cover the

cost. Even with help from the school, it will take support from sponsors to send the group over the top meeting the cost.

Again, if you would like to help as a sponsor and/or a mentor, please contact Celeste Service or Sandy Sawyer at the school. If you want more information concerning the robotics program, feel free to contact these ladies.

Community Band Rehearsals set

A community band for Robert Lee meets for rehearsals in the Band Hall in RLHS every Tuesday evening at 6 pm.

Students in grades 8-12 are invited to come and play. The Robert Lee School provided instruments for last year's band.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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