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RLBC to host Summer Art Camp

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting its first Summer Art Camp June 30th and July 1st. Kids who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to learn different art techniques, the history of different techniques, and to have fun.

Camp will start at 9 am and finish at 3 pm with a lunch provided for every child. On July 1st at 3 pm, there will be a Camp Art Show for the children to display their art and projects, open to the community with refreshments.

Registration forms are available at the church office. For transportation or more information contact Robert Lee Baptist Church (325) 453- 2724 or Matthew Gore (580) 222-3761

July 4th Blowout planned for Robert Lee

A July 4th Blowout has been scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2015, in Robert Lee Park. The event will begin around 9 am non-profit organization. and conclude at 12 midnight. slated include fireworks at dusk, a dance, swimming, lawnmower races, a washer pitchin contest, a progressive Cow Patty Bingo, food, vendors and all kinds of fun games.

The swimming pool will remain open until 11 pm. Brandon Bohall and his band will provide the music for the The Street Affair dance.

committee will have a concession stand featuring hot dogs of all kinds.

Bronte Health and Rehab Auxiliary and Bronte Health and Rehab Center to hold July 4th Celebration

Well it's almost that time of year again, for the annual 4th of July Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 4 at 6 pm that takes place at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. The 4th of July Celebration includes a free picnic meal, a silent auction and a live dessert auction (the group's only fundraisers), and a wonderful fireworks display.

The purpose of the BHRC Auxiliary, is to render volunteer services to the East Coke County Hospital District, dba, Bronte Health and Rehab Center and residents, by providing funds, services and material goods (such equipment) to aide in its functions, services, programs of the facility.

The BHRC Auxiliary is a part of its net earnings shall be insure to the benefit of any officer, director, member, or individual who has a personal and private interest in the activities of the BHRC Auxiliary; nor shall the BHRC Auxiliary ever declare or pay to any such persons any dividend or other distribution except for a reimbursement specific to BHRC Auxiliary expenditure.

Membership in the BHRC

8th Annual Clay Antilley Invitation Tournament set for June 20

Friday, June 19, 2015

The 8th Annual Clay Antilley Invitation Golf Tournament is slated for Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee. tournament, honoring Clay's memory, raises money for Robert Lee seniors. This year, \$10,000 was given scholarships. Since the event began, \$50,000 in scholarships has been awarded. Clay, the son of Tommy and Kei Antilley and a favorite son of Robert Lee, was extremely active in golf, 4-H, and FFA.

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The tournament will have two tee times, 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. A lunch will be provided for golfers and their families at 12:30. The tournament will be a shotgun start, three person select shot with awards given to the top three finishers in each of the three flights. A long drive contest will be held for both men and women and closest to the pin prizes will be awarded on 2 holes.

Following the tournament, there will be a dinner for the players, families and contributors

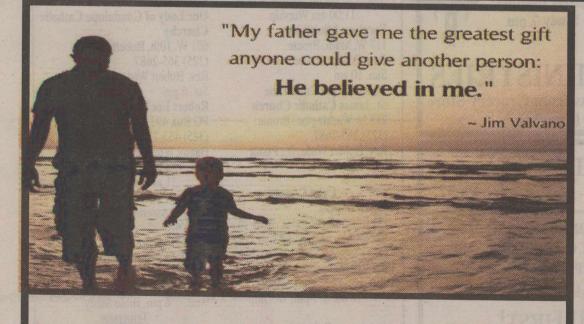
to the tournament. The night's musical entertainment will be provided by Rough Creek.

Donations to this scholarship fund are tax deductible and receipts will be given. Contributions may be made to the Clay Antilley Scholarship fund at Robert Lee State Bank. They may also be made by contacting DeeAnna Harmon, Tommy Antilley, Kei Antilley, or by seeing Jessie Flores at the golf course.

An auction will also be held during the evening. To donate auction items, contact Kei Antilley at

Organizers ask that players call early to enter the tournament and give their desired tee time. To enter, contact Mountain Creek Golf Course at (325) 453-2317, Tommy Antilley at (325) 656-1972 or Kei Antilley at (325) 453-2545.





Happy Father's Day

Auxiliary is open to all people building all day Saturday until BHRC residents, and who agree have from the 1950s and 1960s. to abide by the policies of the BHRC Auxiliary and BHRC. The BHRC Auxiliary has 3 levels of membership and all donations and memorials are Box 42, Christoval, Texas welcome.

RLHS Class of 1960 to hold reunion

The Robert Lee High School Class of 1960 will hold their 55th class reunion Saturday, July Robert Lee. This building is now called the Senior Citizens

The class has reserved the encouraged to attend.

interested in the community midnight for the reunion. Bring heath and the welfare of the your annuals and any music you

> For information on the reunion, please call Sondra "Sandy" (Roe) Caves at (325) 896-2503, or send a note to PO 76935, or contact Jerry Blair at (940) 569-0472 or Pat (Fowler) Clement at (325) 453-4627.

Coke County Roping Club meeting slated

There will be a meeting of the 25, 2015, at the old Rec Hall in Coke County Roping Club at the arena in Bronte on Sunday, June 21, 2015, at 6 pm.

All interested parties are

Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court 9 am Tuesday June 23, 2015

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Obituaries



Wylie

Richard Henry (Dick) Wylie, 89, was welcomed into the restful peace of heaven on Monday, May 4, 2015.

Mr. Wylie was born September 20, 1925, at the Wylie Ranch, south of Bronte, Texas, in Coke County to Thomas Milton Wylic and Geneva Gidcon Wylie. attended school in both Bronte and Robert Lee, attending High School in Robert Lee, Texas. After completing his service in WWII, he married Jo Marie Boyd in Stephenville on July 2, 1948. They shared 61 years together before her passing in

Mr. Wylie served our country during WWII in the Army. He enlisted early and reported for duty shortly after his 18th birthday. He was excited about the opportunities to see the world. He served in France and Germany, suffered threatening injuries, was taken as a POW, but was treated kindly and released. He was picked up by the Allied forces and then sent to England for After his recovery recovery. and the end of the war, he was assigned to a detail escorting war prisoners from Texas to California by train and then to Greece and Italy by ship. He did see the world, but not quite the way he had imagined.

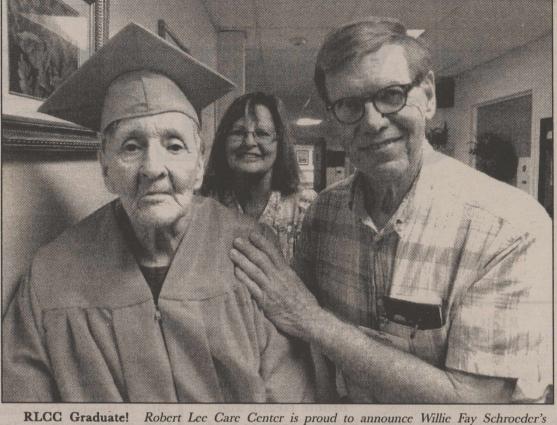
After completing his military service, Mr. Wylic worked for GTE in San Angelo, Hobbs, New Mexico, Dickinson, League City, Brownwood and Bryan. He retired in 1985 in Bryan after 38 years. In 2009, Dick and Jo moved to Gilmer to be closer to their children.

During his lifetime, Dick was active in his community with his leadership in the Boy Scouts, 4-H Horse Club, Lion's Club and by serving as a deacon for many years. Mr. Wylie was raised as a Methodist, was a long-time member of the Baptist Church, and was currently a member of the First United Methodist Church in Gilmer, Texas. He was a devoted husband and father, as well a supporting force for his family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him, as he made an impact on all who met him.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Milton Joe Wylic and wife, Mary Ann of Gilmer; daughter, Barbara Smith and husband, Gary, of Gilmer; four grandchildren, Matthew Milton Wylie, of Toronto, Canada, Meredith Ann Woodchek and husband Mike, of Dallas; Shea Irwin Wylie Smith of Dallas and Audra Marie Smith of Frisco; great-grandchildren Atticus Wylie of Toronto, Canada and Jake Woodchek of Dallas; sisterin-law Jean Sanders of Gilmer; and loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jo Marie Boyd Wylie; brother, T.M. Wylie, Jr. and sister-in-law, Mary May Wylie; and sister, Dorothy Ruth Brown and brother-in-law, Tom

Memorial service for Mr. Wylic was held at 2 pm., Saturday, June 13, 2015, at Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gilmer with Brother Wayne Norvell and Rev J. Morris officiating. Interment followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Coke County, Texas. Arrangements



RLCC Graduate! Robert Lee Care Center is proud to announce Willie Fay Schroeder's graduation from our rehabilitation program. Ms. Schroeder actively participated in a daily therapy regimen that included physical and occupational therapies, as well as skilled nursing care. This program allowed her to regain her strength and confidence to return home. Willie Fay Schroeder graduated our rehabilitation program in May and returned home to her independent and eventful lifestyle. Congratulations Willie Fay!

were under the direction of Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial donations may be made to the Wesley House in Gilmer, 231 Quail Dr, Gilmer, Texas 75645, the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123-1718 or to a favorite charity in his honor.

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Death **Notices**

Hawkins

Roberta Hawkins, 73, died Monday, June 8, 2015. A memorial service was held at 10 am, Saturday, June 13, 2015, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home/Bronte. Roberta is survived by

step-daughter Joyce Marie Long and Nancy Jones of San Angelo.

daughters, Lisa Marrs of Bronte, of Lewisville; sisters, Francis Edic Fay Morrison of Bronte; Heathcoat of Wichita, Kansas,

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 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 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time 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

Robert Lee **Bible Baptist Church** PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin (325)453-2621 Robert Lee, Dennis Clark, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am & 6 pm Worship, Wednesday 1 pm Ladies Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 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 pm Choir Practice Iglesia Bautista Betel 101 Houston • Robert Lee Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 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

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Wed. 6 pm, Worship

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 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638 6th & Houston, Robert Lee Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study Tennyson

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Field Trip! This spring, the Robert Lee Elementary 4th, 5th and 6th graders along with their teachers and sponsors traveled to Lubbock to see the Science Spectrum. The students experimented with a sound wave exhibit, a bubble exhibit, musical instruments, and a hot air balloon exhibit to name a few of the interesting activities at the Science Spectrum. By far, the most popular activity was the movie, Humpback Whales, viewed in the IMAX theatre. They also enjoyed the Pirate Exhibit. Several of the students plan to travel back to the Science Spectrum with their families this summer.



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Robert Davis \$40,000 Tuition Waiver Scholarship to East Central University

Harrison Gott Valedictorian Resident Achievement Scholarship to Montana State University; \$700 Blackwell PTO Scholarship

Mathew Jeter \$500 Blackwell Scholarship; PTO \$250 Blackwell FCCLA Scholarship

Veeda Jeter \$2,000 Texas Tech University Recruitment Scholarship; \$1,000 Nolan County Foundation Scholarship; \$1,000 Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club; \$800 Blackwell PTO Scholarship; \$600 Blackwell Athletic Booster Club Scholarship; \$500 Nolan County Board of Realtors College Scholarship; \$250 FFA Booster Club Scholarship; \$250 Nolan County D.A.R.E. Role Model Scholarship

Riley Meyer \$ 4 0 0 Blackwell Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

Brandi Wright \$5,000 Taylor Telephone Scholarship; \$500 Nolan County Board of Realtors College Scholarship

TOTAL: \$121,850.00 West Coke County EMS Memorials

Ben Bessent

Roger and Della Alexander Letter to the Editor Dear Editor,

I want to commend Bronte schools and the Observer-Enterprise for covering the awarding of Carr scholarships to Bronte seniors. I am glad to see Scholarship; \$60,000 Non- such an emphasis placed on academic achievements and the recognizing of students who are making the most of their opportunities. The \$142,000 given by ASU in this scholarship might have gone unclaimed

except for the great efforts of counselor Jackie Timmerman and the Bronte faculty who do their best to see students

Check Out Coke County Library This Summer!

The Coke County Library Summer Reading Club is construction, wholesale trade underway. Each child who visits and services sectors were also the library will be entered in a weekly drawing, and the prizes are books!

Winners for the week of June 2-5 are Karmen Radloff, Denver O'Dell, and Cambreigh

Wanda Barbee



Save the Park Fun Day 2015 Bounce House Fun!!!

Fluhmann. Winners for the week of June 9-12 are Domonique Zepeda, Nathaniel Samanicgo, and Zachary Cerritos. These children need to stop by the library to claim their prizes.

Library hours are Tucsdays 8-12, Wednesdays 8-4, Thursdays 1-5, and Fridays 8-12. For more information, call 453-2495.

> State sales tax distributions up 5.2% statewide

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue in May was \$2.6 billion, up 5.2 percent compared to May 2014.

"This marks the 62nd consecutive month of growth in sales tax collections," Hegar said. "Sales tax revenue growth was relatively strong, spurred by consumer spending at retail restaurants. Remittances up significantly. Collections

from the oil and gas mining sector declined, as was expected, due to the slowdown in drilling."

Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their June local sales tax allocations totaling \$629.2 million, up 5.9 percent compared to June 2014.

Blackwell received \$702.90, down 16.41% from \$849.90 last year. To date this year, they have received \$5,384.12, down 13.18\$ from last year's payments of \$6,202.18.

Bronte received \$10,738.92, 15.48% \$12,707.08. To date this year, they have received \$83,115.11, a 6.64% over last year's payments date of \$67,012.83.

Robert Lec received \$11,176.05, a 13.99% increase over \$9,803.86. To date this year, Robert Lee has gained 24.26% with total payments of \$83,271.71, compared to \$67,012.83 last year.

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Death Tax Adversely Affects Domestic Economy

By: Robert McKnight, second vice president, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

The federal estate tax, also known as the death tax, is a levy on the transfer of the estate of a deceased property owner. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) doesn't believe death should ever be a taxable event.

The death tax is a topic that makes many ranchers, agricultural producers and landowners cringe. As a seventhgeneration rancher who has dealt with this onerous tax on several occasions, I understand how difficult it can be, especially while coping with the loss of a loved onc.

In 2012, Congress passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act (ATRA), narrowly avoiding a return to a \$1 million estate tax exemption with a 55 percent tax rate. The ATRA set the estate tax exemption level at \$5 million per individual or \$10 million per couple, and the top tax rate was set at 40 percent. While this legislation provided protection for ranchers from the estate tax, a full repeal is still needed.

We too often hear stories about how ranchers are adversely impacted by the death tax, however it doesn't only affect ranchers, landowners and small business owners this tax creates a ripple effect that causes the domestic economy to suffer.

According to the USDA, agriculture is responsible for 1 out of every 7 jobs in Texas and 1 out of every 12 jobs in the country. Each time a rancher or farmer is forced out of business to comply with the death tax, jobs are lost and the monetary output of the agricultural industry is negatively impacted, causing a major gut-punch to the economy.

Some see the death tax as a minor inconvenience for the wealthy, but this is simply not the truth. These individuals don't realize many ranching and farming families are asset-rich and cash-poor. Most of their estate is attributed to the value of the land they own and use to raise cattle and grow food and fiber for millions worldwide. The amount of money a rancher's property is valued at can easily trigger the estate tax. This is before including the worth of the other equipment and infrastructure on the

If Uncle Sam comes knocking on the door demanding millions in taxes, many have no other choice but to sell off assets to come up with the cash. Piece by piece, their family's culture and heritage is sold off to pay the unreasonable tax bill. This forces ranchers to lay off skilled employees, leaving them jobless, while in-turn taking away their ability to feed and clothe their family. This costs the federal government more in reduced cconomic growth than it is as a source of positive tax revenues.

The middle-class takes one of the hardest hits from the estate tax. A study by the Joint Economic Committee reports that the estate tax hurts economic growth discouraging savings and small business growth. It is a fact that many communities rely on their local farmers and ranchers to keep small businesses, such as feed stores, grocery stores and restaurants etc. operating. When a ranching or farming operation goes under due to the estate tax, each and every economic sector of a community can be harmfully impacted.

Many studies have indicated that ending the estate tax would actually increase the overall tax revenue by encouraging more investment. I know many ranchers, including myself, would rather focus on expanding livestock herds, reinvesting in communities by creating jobs and continuing to produce affordable food for consumers.

In addition, we need to be thinking about the next generation. Our country will rely on millennials to continue



Good Cookin'! Paul Williams (right) and Reese Braswell (left) believed they had made enough pulled pork to last, not only the day, but the whole weekend! They were wrong! The hungry crowd cleaned them out by 12:20 last Saturday at the Save the Park Fun Day in Bronte. Joe Sefeik (center) looks pretty happy about the meal!

building the economy. Many young folks are hesitant to take over their family's ranching operations because they worry about inheriting a hefty estate tax along with the property.

better, and we should always be encouraging them to take over and succeed in the family business. One thing is certain American ranchers and farmers

Future generations deserve are hands-down the best producers in the world. They work tirelessly to provide food and fiber for millions and sacrifice to build and maintain (Continued on page 7)



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574 acres north of Robert Lee on Hwy 208, \$1,395/ acre, High Fence, House, 5 Water Wells

RV Park in Sterling City, \$275,000, 23 spaces which rent for \$500/month each

... Death Tax

(Continued from page 5) operations to pass along to their children and grandchildren. The death tax puts us at risk of losing a generation of expertise that can't be replaced to efficiently produce food and fiber.

TSCRA will continue to fight for a repeal of this unfair tax on family ranching operations. Until the death tax is fully and finally repealed, TSCRA will support legislation to keep the current 2012 levels in place. We appreciate Reps. Kevin Brady (TX-08) and Mac Thornberry (TX-13) for their efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives to repeal the death tax, and we encourage more members of Congress to follow their lead.

Instead of saddling ranchers, farmers and small businesses with burdensome estate taxes, the federal government has a terrific opportunity to encourage a healthy economy by fully and permanently repealing the death

Farmers consider brackish water

With a limited amount of freshwater available municipal, industrial agricultural uses, farmers and ranchers are considering brackish water supplies, said Coke County Farm Burcau President John Ross Copeland.

"There's a finite amount of fresh water available," John Ross Copeland said. "Brackish water is much more plentiful and all Texans need to take a look how we can best use it."

Brackish water has been found in 26 of the 30 aquifers in Texas with an estimated total of 2.7 billion acre-feet. That's enough to cover Texas in 15 feet of water. To qualify as brackish water, it must contain 1,000 to 10,000 parts per million total dissolved solids. Total dissolved solids are dissolved salts such as magnesium, potassium, calcium, sulphur, boron and sodium in the water.

"Brackish water will play an important role in supplying Texas' water needs in the future,"John Ross Copeland said. "It is very important that Texans consider how to best use

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this resource and respect the property rights associated with

Delegates at Texas Farm Bureau's last state convention protect to landowners'rights by including brackish water as part of their right to capture a fair share of groundwater beneath

U.S. House moves to stop WOTUS implementation

U.S. House Representatives recently took action to stop the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementation of its proposed Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) plan, an action applauded by Coke County Farm Bureau.

"It's time to ditch this rule, for Texas' sake,"said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copcland.

John Ross Copeland said EPA is moving forward with the proposed WOTUS plan, which could greatly limit whatTexas landowners are able to do on their property. The rule would greatly expand federal jurisdiction to include very small water bodies, flood plains and land that is not even wet most of

Farmers and ranchers. including those in Coke County, have voiced opposition.

"We want clean water," John Ross Copeland said. "But that's not what this is. This is an attempt by EPA to control what we do on our lands. The move by the U.S. House is a step in the right direction."

Additional information on Ditch the Rule can be found at http://ditchtherule.fb.org.

Take a tablet for tech anxiety

Youngsters might look at their grandparents and see them as among those unfortunates who are sadly deficient in the ways of

21st Century technology, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. And, for the most part, they are right.

But, take heart, AMAC tells its over-50 membership. There is hope for even the most deficient of us. A new study shows that while senior citizens might be unable to cope with a computer or smart phone, it should be easier to navigate a tablet, also known as an iPad or an E-Reader.

Shelia Cotten, a Michigan State University professor, headed up the study and says that the problem many older people have is their lack dexterity. "A certain level of muscle control is needed [on a computer]. And some older adults have shaking issues, in addition to muscle-control issues in their hands and arms."

Cotton says the research shows that "for the most part they [tablets] are pretty easy to operate. You don't have to click on 12 different things to do what you want to do. It helps to ease tech anxiety."

The 'silver tsunami'

America's aging population may wind up being a job creating event, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

U.S. citizens are turning age 65 at an enormous rate - 10,000 a day. And, the rapid growth of that segment of the population is expected to continue for many years to come. Professor Joanne Spetz of the University of California's Institute for Health Policy Studies calls it a "silver tsunami" and warns of a potential shortage of long-term healthcare workers.

"Simply managing the activities of daily living often requires ongoing care from a combination of licensed and unlicensed health workers. We believe that the demand for these workers will increase



The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's Office for the month of May 2015.

- Sheriff's Information
- 4 Criminal Mischief Reports
- 1 Theft Report
- 2 Burglary of a Building
- 1 Burglary of a Habitation
- 1 Burglary of a Vehicle Report

- 1 Terroristic Threat Report
- 2 Fugitive Apprehensions 2 Assault Family Violence
- 1 Cruelty to Non-Livestock
- **Animals Report** 1 Interfere with Duties of a
- **Public Servant** 3 Arrest Warrants Served
- 245 Public Service Calls (Includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls Etc...)
- 1 Civil Process
- 14 Prisoner Transports including arrest and to and from court
- 7 Warrants Served
- 38 Livestock Calls
- 6 Accidents
- 1 Accident Assist
- 88 Traffic Stops
- 61 Traffic Stops resulting in citations
- Total number of incoming and outgoing calls by dispatch after office hours:
- TOTAL INMATES IN RUNNELS COUNTY JAIL AS OF Tuesday June 9th, 2015: 3 Males

significantly in the coming years. Health policy decisionmakers need tools and strategies to ensure that the U.S. has an adequate workforce to meet our long-term care needs," she says.

U.S. seniors are fortunate

Many Americans still feel the repercussions of the 2007-2009 recession, but a pair of New York Times reporters say that for the most part senior citizens fared well in what some people call The Great Recession, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens.

In a recent article, reporters Dionne Searcey and Robert Gebeloff, wrote that "older people not only weathered the economic downturn ... but made significant gains."

According to their analysis: "In the past, the elderly were usually poorer than other age groups. Now, they are the last generation to widely enjoy a traditional pension, and are prime beneficiaries of a government safety net targeted at older Americans. They also have profited from the long rise in real estate prices that preceded the recession. As a result, more seniors now fall into the middle class - defined in this case between the 40th and 80th income percentile - than ever

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Save the Park Fun Day 2015!

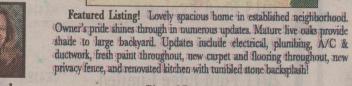
The first Save the Park Fun Day in Bronte was a huge success last Saturday with over \$9,000 raised for improvements. Many volunteers made this day a special one for all of the children who enjoyed the booths, animals, bounce house, bubbles and more!











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