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Bronte PALS Program to host Pancake Supper

The Bronte PALS program will be having a benefit pancake supper on Sunday, August 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm in the school cafeteria. There is a small fee per plate. The PALS program is a peer mediation program within the school district.

Robert Lee Mini-Cheer Camp

The Robert Lee Mini-Cheer Camp will be held the week of August 13 to August 17 from 9 am to 11 am at the school tennis courts. The camp is for Pre-K to 6th Grade. There will be a small fee that can either be paid per day or for the whole week.

The new Steer t-shirts are also for sale. For more information please contact Maranda Hood at 453-2130.

Steer Band to begin rehearsals

The Stompin' Robert Lee High School Band will begin rehearsals, under the direction of new band director Mike Brady, on Tuesday, August 14. Band director Brady said, "I am thrilled and excited to be in Robert Lee. We have 45 students signed up for band, and I am looking forward to having a great year with these kids. We

have a football game on August 31. We need everybody, grades 7-12, who can possibly show up for these rehearsals.

The following is a schedule of band rehearsals:

Tuesday, August 14 - 6 pm - 7:30 pm - Come and Get Acquainted Party at the high school band hall; Students will need to check out instruments at this time and refreshments will be served.

Thursday, August 16 - 6 pm - 7:30 pm - Band rehearsal.

Monday, August 20 - 6 pm - 7:30 pm - Band rehearsal.

Tuesday, August 21 - 6 pm - 7:30 pm - Band rehearsal. There will also be a Pool and Pizza Party at the city pool after rehearsal.

BHS 2008 Senior parent meeting set

All parents of Bronte High School 2008 seniors are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday, August 15 at 7 pm in the BISD Library to discuss the upcoming school year.

RLHS schedule change times set

If any Robert Lee High School student wishes to make changes to their class schedule, they are



Bet you didn't know we had a Coke County Dive Team! The team was organized as a result of the recent case of the missing man at Lake Spence, who was presumed drowned for a period of time. The team will be used in suspected drowning cases as well as other cases which involve searching below the surface of our reservoirs. Jay Wilson, from Abilene, Texas, is the instructor for the group. He coaches the DPS Dive Team in Austin and owns the Dive Spot in Abilene. The group will receive open water certification as a result of this training. They will apply for grant monies to be used in the purchase of the scuba equipment.

County dive team members include (top row, left to right): Randall Jacks, Rick Whitworth, Jerome Hanna; (middle row): Jay Wilson (instructor), Tony Blackstock, Larry Martin, Shannon Martin, Jamie Wojtek, Jan Magness; and (front row): Rhonda Askins, Cathy Underwood. Not pictured are Bill Torres and Stephanie Torres.

asked to report to the school library on August 15 at the designated times. These times are: 7th/8th grades - 11 am to 12 noon; 9th/10th grades - 1 pm to 2 pm; 11th/12th grades - 2 pm to 3 pm. If anyone has any questions, contact Pam Millican at (325) 453-4555.

Band Boosters needed for meeting

The 2007/2008 Robert Lee Band Boosters will help the Stompin' Steer Band kick off their year by serving refreshments at the upcoming band meeting on Tuesday, August 14. All past and prospective boosters are asked to be at the Band Hall at 5:15 pm to help set up and serve.

RLISD sets Pre-K and Kindergarten registration

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will be held from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at Robert Lee Elementary School on August 15, 2007. Registration will also be accepted beginning August 6, 2007 from 8 am - 4 pm. Registration will be at the Elementary Secretary's office. Kindergarten registration is for children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2007. Pre-K registration is for children who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2007.

Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate, social security number and immunization records. For more information call Rosa Long, Elementary Secretary at (325) 453-4555.

Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27 hole - two person golf tournament on August 18 at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. For more information, please call (325) 473-2156.

Street Affair in the making

Saturday, October 13, is the date set for the Robert Lee Street Affair. Plans are moving ahead and booths are being scheduled. To grab a spot for a booth, call Mickey West or stop by the Barber Shop, (325) 453-0345.

To schedule an event or fundraiser, call Tommy Roach at Kickin' Up Roses at (325) 453-2036. There is still time to schedule the Dunking Booth as a fundraising possibility. Call Vicki Loso at The First Community Federal Credit Union at (325) 224-3607. When they allow someone to use the booth, they have to arrange for an employee of the company to accompany the booth.

The Street Affair committee members meet the last Thursday of the month at the Coke County Library. The next meeting is set for Thursday, August 30. The clock is ticking, bring the ideas and comments to the meeting.



Playing volleyball in paradise! These three Bronte High School students recently participated in the eighth annual Adidas Hawaii Volleyball National Championship Tournament. The girls include (from left to right) Terrah Macon, Casey Harris and Holly Huskerson. For details on how the girls did, see page 4 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

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Death Notices

Cornelius

Born September 11, 1939, in San Angelo, Texas, to Robert and Bessie Cornelius, John Robert "Bob" Cornelius Jr. passed away at his home in Tennyson on Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Bessie Cornelius and his nephew, James Douglas Wyatt Jr. He is survived by his son John Robert Cornelius III of Adkins, Texas; his sister, Joann Wyatt, also of Adkins; and his brother, James E. "Eddie" Cornelius, and wife Carolyn of San Angelo, Texas. Also surviving are his nephew, Ben Wyatt of Adkins; his nieces, Lynn Wyatt of Adkins, Laura Fletcher and husband Charles of San Antonio, Texas, and Kelly Nelson and husband Corey of San Angelo; his great-nephews Blake Fletcher of San Antonio and Cole and Carter Nelson of San Angelo; his very dear friend, June Livengood of New Braunfels, Texas; as well as many cousins and other good friends.

Graveside service was at 9 am Monday, August 6, in Mule Creek Cemetery, Tennyson, Texas, with Chaplain Mike Andress officiating.

"Get Tough" Men's Conference set

The "Get Tough" 2007 Men's Conference will be held Aug 10-11 in the San Angelo Coliseum. Keynote speakers will include Mike Barber, NFL record holder during his stint with the Oilers and LA Rams; and Coach Bill McCartney, founder of the men's ministry "Promise Keepers", among others. This conference is open to all area men and will contain three sessions, Friday at 7 pm, and Saturday at 9 am and 1:30 pm. Registration is free and includes a lunch on Saturday.

"Tough" stands for "Transforming Ourselves Under God's Hand", and carries the vision of transforming men's lives in

order for them to reach their potential and fulfill the destiny that He has for them. For more information on this important conference, call 659-4292.

Mike Conaway to be in San Angelo

On Thursday, August 16, 2007, Congressman Mike Conaway will be on the campus of Angelo State University at the CJ Davidson Auditorium from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm to meet and visit with area residents. This will be an opportunity for the Congressman to answer any questions or address any concerns citizens may have. The Congressman is visiting San Angelo as part of his August district tour.

Livestock owners notified of upcoming saltcedar control project

Beginning on or about August 15, 2007, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will be treating saltcedar stands in riparian areas of the Colorado River and the E.V. Spence Reservoir lake basin (property owned by the Colorado River Municipal Water District). Treatment of saltcedar stands will be conducted by aerial application of the herbicide ARSENAL and may continue until on or about September 15, 2007.

The 24C Supplemental Label for ARSENAL states: "remove livestock from treated areas before treatment

and for 30 days after treatment; or, if livestock are not removed, do not sell livestock for slaughter for 30 days following treatment."

Producers are notified of the above restriction and requested to remove your livestock from property owned by CRMWD or not sell livestock for slaughter which have grazed on CRMWD land during this period until after October 15, 2007.

For more information, please contact Okla W. Thornton, Jr. with CRMWD at (423) 267-6331.

Church to Celebrate 100th Year

In 1907, the Northside Church of Christ began serving the Lord in a building located at what is currently the corner of Chadbourne and 9th Streets in Robert Lee. August 17, 18, and 19, 2007, the church will be celebrating with a weekend meeting of worship and praise to observe their 100th year.

Some of the early members who served as leaders and helped to establish the church were Merritt Stroud and G.C. McCraw. These two men purchased the building that was on the site where the present building now stands. The first building was destroyed by the same tornado that destroyed other churches and properties in Robert Lee in the late 1920's, and immediately, the present building was erected, with many improvements having been made over the years.

During the following years membership fluctuated, with many families contributing to the continuation of the church. At the end of the war, some families returned after having moved elsewhere for wartime jobs, others returned from military, and now families moved to Robert Lee as jobs opened in the oil fields. During these years, teaching and preaching were done by visiting ministers and local brethren.

In 1958, Gene Shelburne,

grandson of D.P. Keys, became full time minister for the summer months, and was followed by Delbert Smith from fall of 1958 to 1961; Douglas Wilks, 1961 to 1966; Leo Copeland, 1966 to 1968. In 1972, Kenneth Green came as full time minister until June 1974. From then until August 1975, Clyde Dukes, a teacher in the Robert Lee school system served as minister. In August 1975, Tommy Williams moved to Robert Lee and worked with the church two years, and then Clyde once again stepped in until August 1983.

Returning to Robert Lee in the mid 1980's, Kenneth Green served again until April of 1986, when Tommy Williams returned to Robert Lee and once again began serving as minister. Tommy passed away in June 2005, and at that time, Portis Ribble, who lives in the north part of San Angelo, began working with the congregation. He continues to serve as minister at the current time.

Speakers for the weekend meeting in August will be former full-time ministers. Friday night at 7 pm, Doug Wilks, now living in Corpus Christi will teach, and Saturday night at 7 pm, the speaker will be Leo Copeland of Seminole. At the 10 am Sunday morning services, the sermon will be given by

Gene Shelburne of Amarillo, and Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm, Clyde Dukes of Sonora will be speaking. Leading singing for the weekend services will be Thomas Williams of Granbury, son of former minister, Tommy Williams. Portis Ribble will be acting as "emcee" for all of the planned activities.

Prior to the church services, a special song service will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 6 pm and also at 1 pm Sunday.

Following Friday and Saturday night services will be a period of visiting in the fellowship hall at the church building. A meal is planned for Sunday at noon.

This will be a weekend of great rejoicing and festivities, and all family members, friends, and acquaintances of the members of the Northside Church are welcome to any or all of these activities.

Runnels Baptists to meet August 20

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, August 20, 2007, at Wingate Baptist Church, Wingate, for an Executive Board/ WMU Meeting. The Executive Board/WMU will meet at 6:30 pm. A meal will be served.

David Williams, Moderator, is in charge of the program. Pastors and Executive Board members are encouraged to attend. The public is invited to attend as well.

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

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
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee

(325) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331

Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 6 pm Youth
 and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte

(325) 473-3281
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee

(325) 453-2417
 Rev. George Bradley, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296

Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
 & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee

(325) 453-2176
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2004

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724

Jason Martin, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson

Joe Hodges, Pastor
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 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. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Miles Cotton Festival on tap for Sept. 8th

The 30th Annual Miles Cotton Festival will be fun in the sun on Saturday, September 8, 2007, in downtown Miles, Texas.

The day begins at 6 am with a pancake breakfast. At 10:00 am the Annual Parade winds its way through Miles. No entries needed, just come and line up on 3rd Street around 9:30 am.

A Brisket-Pork Rib-Chicken cook-off is also on tap. Call 325-468-3501 for more info. Arts & Crafts booths will be set up in the park all day. For more info on this call 325-468-3611.

A noon meal will be held at the Historic Miles Opera House, and barbecue sandwiches will be served all day in the park by the Miles Volunteer Fire Department.

Loads of live entertainment will be performing all afternoon in the City Park along with the Miles Cotton Queen Contest at 7 pm.

The day ends with a street dance featuring Country Music recording artist Aaron Watson from 8 pm until 1 am.

For more information visit our website at www.milestexas.com.

Prothro-Kristinek united in marriage

Shaylyn Hope Prothro and Joshua Dale Kristinek exchanged vows on Saturday, July 7, 2007, at 2 pm in the Wedding Gazebo at Moon Palace Resort in Cancun, Mexico. Jim Patrick, grandfather of the bride, officiated the ceremony.

The backdrop for the ceremony was the Caribbean Sea.

The bride is the daughter of Scott and Tori Prothro of Levelland. She is the granddaughter of Ronald and Shirley Prothro and Jim and Patricia Patrick and the great-granddaughter of Charles and Wauldean Herring and the late John L. and Aline Prothro.

The groom is the son of Walter and Carla Kristinek of Witharral. He is the



Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Kristinek

grandson of Ernest Jr. and Fredda Kristinek and Dale and Sue Wojtek of Robert Lee and the great-grandson of the late Ernest Sr. and Angeline Kristinek and Fred and Melody Henson.

The bride, escorted by her father, arrived at the gazebo in a white, horse-drawn carriage. The bride selected a silk-touch satin sheath gown by Maggie Sottero. The gown featured a keyhole halter neckline accented with crystal embellishments with dramatic open back. She carried a bouquet of fresh red roses and pink calla lilies.

The groom wore a white linen shirt with khaki slacks and a red rose boutonniere, matching the bride's bouquet.

Kasie Landers, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. Chelsey Gailey, cousin of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

The flower girl was Abbigail Prothro, sister of the bride.

The best man was Scott Kristinek, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Will Kristinek, brother of the groom, and Sky Stracener, friend of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a champagne toast was given by the friends and family.

A buffet dinner reception was held at the El Manglar Restaurant, Moon Palace at 6 pm.

After returning home, a reception for family and friends was held at the Party House in Opdyke West at 7 pm on July 14, 2007. The reception was decorated in a Caribbean theme of seashells and sand. Pictures of the wedding were displayed at the reception. The guests were served a brisket dinner and the entertainment was provided by Penni Lawrence and the Country Mile Band.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Witharral High School. Following completion of her studies at South Plains College in the fall of 2007, she will attend Lubbock Christian University with a major in early childhood education.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Witharral High School. He completed his studies at South Plains College and will attend Texas Tech University in the fall with a major in civil engineering.

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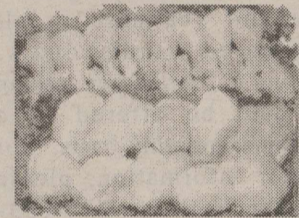


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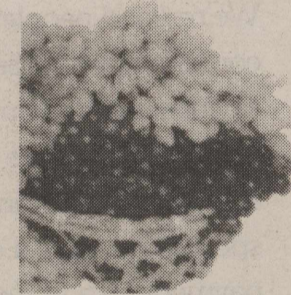
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**Refreshments will be enjoyed
while we visit after services
Friday and Saturday evenings.**

Speakers are former ministers.

Tom Williams will be leading the singing.
Portis Ribble will act as "em-cee".

Schedule of services:

Friday evening, August 17

6 pm - 6:45 pm - Special singing
7 pm - 8 pm - Sermon by Doug Wilks

Saturday evening, August 18

6 pm - 6:45 pm - Special singing
7 pm - 8 pm - Sermon by Leo Copeland

Sunday, August 19

10 am - Sermon by Gene Shelburne
12 noon - Lunch in fellowship hall
1 pm - 1:30 pm - Special singing
1:30 pm - Sermon by Clyde Dukes
2:30 pm - Announcements and closing

Workforce Solutions and Howard College promote Skills Based Training

Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley and Howard College have partnered to provide a three-week training course designed to improve the skills of job seekers in the Concho Valley. Local employers have stated the majority of job seekers do not have the basic skills needed to go to work in entry level positions.

The basic skills employers identified are: Communications, Basic Reading Comprehension, Basic Math, Basic Computer, Problem Solving, and Time Management. Participants will also learn how to interview for a job, resume preparation, and other job readiness skills.

This three-week program is free and available to all interested individuals. Seating is limited per session but will be offered on a continual monthly basis. For further information, please contact Beth at 325-653-2321, Ext. 1232 or 1-800-996-7589. TDD: 1-800-735-2989.

Bronte students attend Volleyball tourney in Hawaii

Terrah Macon, Holly Huskerson and Casey Harris were invited to and attended the Eighth Annual Adidas Hawaii Volleyball National Championship Tournament this summer. The event was held on the island of Oahu and took place July 9-17, 2007.

Over 1,300 athletes, representing 48 states have participated in the past seven summer volleyball classics. This year there were 10 teams, consisting of 10 girls each. The girls were selected to play from volleyball teams all over the nation.

The first three days of the tournament featured a pool play format. At the conclusion of the pool play, all teams were reclassified and seeded into a medal round event according to the record from the pool play matches. The medal round consisted of a modified double elimination format.

Terrah Macon's team placed first in the Silver Bracket. Casey Harris's team came in fourth and won the team spirit award. Holly Huskerson's team placed third, with Holly being named MVP.

The girls raised money beforehand to be able to attend this tournament by having a car wash and a bake sale. Many donations were given by generous people in the community. Terrah, Holly and Casey want to express, once again, their gratitude to everyone who helped make it possible for

them to participate in this event.

4H Clothing Project held

The 4-H clothing project was recently held in July. 4-H members were able to construct a garment, learn fashion and textiles terms and increase their modeling skills. Those participating were Kodi Drennan, Kourtney Kelton and Cambri Kelso.

Annual Ivey Motor Company Golf Tournament winners announced

The unofficial Ivey Motor Company 4th of July Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, July 4 at Mountain Creek Golf Course. The 18-hole tournament was well attended with approximately 60 entries.

Dolores and Billy Wayne Roe supplied the eats and treats for the annual tourney, which afforded golfers a chance at \$1500 in prize money with no entry fees. Results are as follows:

Individual Winners
1st) David Hester, 70; 2nd) Johnathan Pagan, 71; 3rd) Brad Hull, 73; 4th) Don Hodge, 73; and 5th) Bob Longoria, 73.

Partnership Winners
1st) Ricky Ross - Pistol Hood, 164; 2nd) Jess Flores - Dana Slusher, 165; 3rd) Stephen Myers - Don Powell, 166; 4th) Gary Sam Williams - Ronnie Bivins, 167; 5th) Terry Eaton - Mark Sullivan, 168; 6th) John Maltzburger - Julia Carreon, 169; 7th) Kim Lynn - Adam Minjarez, 169;

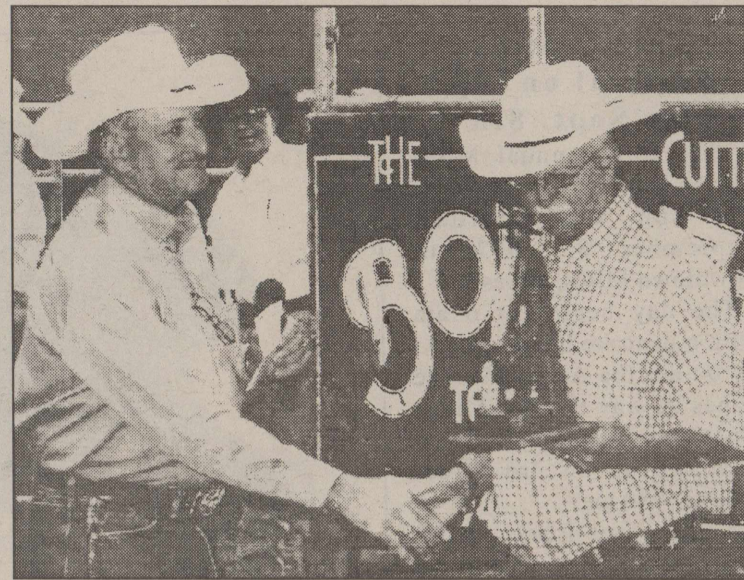
and 8th) Tom Sawyer - Harvey Hinojas, 171.

RL Sports Boosters meeting held

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster meeting was held Monday night in the High School Library. The new officers for the 2007-2008 year are President - Becky Ross, Vice President - Kim Philley, Secretary - Frankie Gartman, Treasurer - Sue Ann Nesbit and Reporter - Mary Rodriguez. The boosters will serve hot dogs by donation only at the Meet the Steers night during the football scrimmage against Panther Creek on Friday, August 24. They will also be selling booster club memberships and caps. They encourage everyone to please become a member of the Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club and support the students and athletic programs.

May family reunion in Gonzales

By Jane Austin Bruckner
Growing up at the ranch in Coke County, we heard the stories about how our great-grandparents, James F. and Eliza Elizabeth May Byrd, and son, Wiley, in 1879, moved to Coke County herding cattle, with wagons and riding horses from Gonzales County, Texas. Last year, when the newsletter about our May Family Reunion arrived, I decided I must go to Gonzales. The reunion was arranged by Curtis and Beth Parsley, assisted by Bubba and Alice Parsley, both in the



Antilley honored at State 4-H Horse Show! During the recent State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene, Tommy Antilley, Coke County Extension Agent, received a sculpture of appreciation for his work with the 4-H horse program. Antilley has been involved with the horse program since 1974, where he hosted one of the very first Summer Horsemanship clinics for 4-H members in Vernon. Since then he has been on the State 4-H Horse Show Management Team for over 25 years, serving as one of the roping committee chairmen and a member of the reining committee.

May line, who live in Gonzales.


On July 14, 2007, my brother, Stan Austin, of Houston and I drove to Gonzales, the county seat of Gonzales County, a beautiful, old town settled in 1824, population 7200, located an hour east of San Antonio. The first shot of the Texas Revolution was fired here. Our mother is descended in the May lineage from George Grosvenor May and his wife Margaret Jane Putman May of Wrightsboro, Gonzales County.

The genealogy books were on display, indicating great-grandfather George Grosvenor May (1824-1896),

served in the Civil War with Company E of the 8th Texas Calvary, Terry's Texas Rangers under General Hood. The last big battle was March 1865, in Bentonville, North Carolina, where many men were lost and George G. May married Margaret Jane Putman, daughter of Mitchell and Rebecca Hall Putman.

George was a rancher whose cattle brand was registered in the Brand Registration record at the Gonzales County Courthouse archives. They lived in a two story southern house with columns and front porch, near Wrightsboro, Gonzales County, Texas.

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- * 1 box gallon size "Ziploc" bags - boys
- * 1 pkg. colored ink pens for journals (package of 8)
- * 1 pkg. paper plates
- * 1 pkg. eraser tips

4th Grade

- * 1 box facial tissues (100 count)
- * 12 No. 2 pencils
- * 1 school bag or backpack
- * 1 set of 4 dry erase markers
- * 8 colored ink pens for journals
- * 8 pocket folders
- * 6 cloth book covers
- * 2 pkgs. Notebook paper, wide ruled
- * 1 spiral notebook
- * 1 pkg. of 4 highlighters
- * 1 composition notebook (wide ruled 9 3/4" X 7 1/2")
- * 1 pkg. index cards (3 x 5)

5th and 6th Grade

- * 12 No. 2 pencils (wood)
- * 2 pkgs. Filler notebook paper (200 wide ruled)
- * 1 pkg. of 8 colored gel pens for journals
- * 1 box facial tissues
- * 1 bottle gel hand sanitizer (8 oz. or larger)
- * 6 cloth book covers
- * 8 pocket folders
- * 1 pkg. of 4 highlighters
- * 3 spiral notebooks (70 page, wide ruled)
- * 1 box quart size "Ziploc" bags - girls
- * 1 box gallon size "Ziploc" bags - boys
- * 1 pkg. index cards (3 x 5)

Check Out Coke County Library

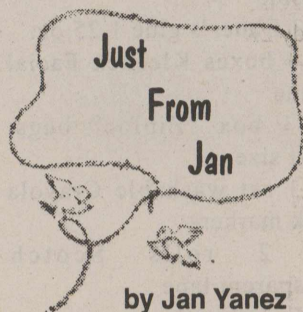
The Coke County Library is offering students a chance to win a poster on August 20 with a brain gain workout for the next two weeks. Enter by checking out and returning a book to the Library for the next two weeks. Each book return is worth an entry for the drawing.

Three readers whose names were drawn last month still haven't chosen their prize. Katelynn Chancellor, Kelsey Benson and Courtney Brown have a prize waiting at the

Library.

Here is a great opportunity to get the brain in shape for school and possibly win a poster.

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



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Back to School Tips

Top ten back to school worries and how to deal with them.

1) New Classmates. Your attitude is everything. Share from your personal experience of making new friends. "A new room of classmates is like going into a mansion with several doors. Open each door and see what's inside. You may find a treasure of friends!"

2) New Teachers. Try to schedule a brief introduction time with the teacher a few days before school starts. Often just seeing the teacher and the room will ease concerns. Speak positively about the new class and the exciting year ahead. Your enthusiasm will give them a positive outlook.

3) Being Prepared. Some children worry about having all of the supplies they need to get through the day. Enlist your child in the planning for the first day of school. This gives a sense of control and independence. Organize supplies, clothing, lunch money and snacks the night before school to ensure a smoother start to the day.

4) Getting Lost. It is extremely comforting for younger students to visit their new school ahead of time in order to see their new classroom or walk down the school's hallways before the hustle and bustle of the first day. Many schools provide a day during registration or the week before. Call your school office to make arrangements.

5) The Bathroom. You can



New paint for cemetery fence! Local youth who were participating in Disciple Now, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Bronte, took time from their spiritual and recreational activities to donate time to a much needed community project. The youth furnished the paint, supplies, sweat and muscle needed to put a fresh coat of paint on Fairview Cemetery fences and entrances. The theme of the weekend was "Being Consumed By God". Those participating included (from left to right) Kerwin Rawls, John Lipzer (Disciple Now Leader), Caleb Rosson, Brayde Knight, Mackenzie Gibbs, Jackson Rowan and Conner Clark.

help by making sure your child knows where the bathrooms are located, how to take care of her bathroom needs independently (leave the zippers, snap leotards and more complicated jumpsuits in the drawer). If your child expresses concern about meeting up with new or older children, help develop and practice brief responses to any comments or inquiries she might encounter. Practicing social situations ahead of time is always a great way to develop confidence and problem-solving skills.

6) Making the Grade. Children can "stress-out" about the workload or the increasing level of difficulty of a new grade. Reminders of academic and or personality strengths are in order here. Let your child know you and the teacher are there to assist and encourage their efforts. Being assured of parental support during successes as well as failures can aid a child's overall academic performance and develop trust. Stress the importance of excellent efforts instead of grades, and the value of learning as opposed to "performing". If the fear of failure exists from past performance, pro-

vide appropriate support systems: tutoring, extra study time or special placements.

7) Lunchtime. Children come up with worries that you never thought of. How will I pay for my lunch? - Where will I sit? What if I don't finish or don't like the food. First tip - Send in a lunch from home as long as you need to. Be sure to pack food your child likes and in packages he/she can open. Last year I bought several reusable containers that my youngest could not open. The poor thing went hungry the first two days. Now I check to see if he can open them first--not all "lunch-ladies" are helpful. When they are acclimated to their new dining arrangements they may show interest in buying lunch. By that time they will have checked it out.

8) Fashion. Although I hate to admit it, this matters to kids, especially in the older grades. Before shopping, go through catalogs and magazines to get an idea of what your child wants to wear. Encourage independent style and self expression. Working as a team in this area can be frustrating but if your child likes their wardrobe, everyone is happier.

Check with your school for any dress-code regulations.

9) Scheduling. Address concerns about dropping off, picking up and after school plans clearly and repeatedly. Older "latch-key" students should practice the routine before school begins. Middle school students who worry about changing classes, lockers etc. may only need a few reminders that everyone is in the same boat. Most schools have a couple of days for practice.

10) Getting To and From School. Have you ridden on a school bus lately? It can be overwhelming to say the least! The noise, "big-kids" and confusion combine to make this a common fear for younger students. Especially very young students who cannot even see out the window to ensure they are at the right stop. There are several solutions to this problem and you may need to try them all. First decide how important it is for your child to take the bus. Many students get a ride until second grade. Drive the route several times before school starts. Obtain the bus number before school starts. Practice this number ahead of time. Listen to your child. If they are frightened address the problem with the bus-driver and supervisor.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Selecting Small Grain Varieties

It is nearing time to begin selecting small grain seed for fall planting. Even though this year's wet conditions made for good small grain yields, it also caused some problems with the quality of seed produced.

Due to the wet conditions and the late freeze, the quality of the seed may become questionable. Lots of wheat developed smut and common bunt which can cause these diseases in this year's crop if that saved seed is used. Also the freeze caused some low test weights and shriveled seeds. Check the tag on the bag and it will give the test weight which should be at or above 58 lbs./bushel. Good germination should be greater than 85% and if you kept your own seed this can be tested for nine dollars by TDA Seed Quality lab.

Selecting what to plant not only includes which variety but also should include whether to plant wheat, oats or triticale. If you are planting just for grazing there are some wheat varieties specifically for that purpose. For wheat varieties, most of the awnless or beardless varieties not only are bred for increased forage production but by not having the awns or beards on it, livestock can continue grazing after heading.

Some of the newer oat and triticale varieties produce a tremendous amount of forage. Most of you have driven past the grain field on FM 2105 between Hwy. 208 and Hwy. 87 in San Angelo and seen wheat fields that triticale has made the last few years as far as hay production.

In the table at right are the results of the small grain forage test I put out this past year. One thing to be noted is after the first cutting some of the

wheat varieties showed slower growth and following the second cutting in May and subsequent baling most of the wheats had little to no growth while the Tamcale and especially the Walken oat were still producing forage well into late June.

The results given for each variety includes dry forage production in pounds per acre, pounds of red meat produced per acre at a ratio of 15 pounds forage to make 1 pound of grain and then a Meat Produced per acre in dollars figured on 80 cents/pound.

Again, the Walken oat and Horizon oat, if cut again in mid - late June, would have moved up into the top 5 with regrowth even after the field was baled in mid-May.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact the Coke County Extension office in Robert Lee at 325.453.2461.

Variety	Coke County Forage Test 2007		
	Dry Forage Per Acre (pounds)	Pounds Red Meat Produced (15:1 ratio)	Meat Value (@ \$0.80)
TAMCALE 5019	1836	122	\$97.92
Plot Spike Oats	1764	118	\$94.07
WinMaster	1331	89	\$70.99
Fannin	1251	83	\$66.73
Abilene Ag #1	1242	83	\$66.24
Longhorn	1216	81	\$64.84
Horizon 314 Oats	1146	76	\$61.12
Sturdy 2K	1127	75	\$60.10
Cutter	1124	75	\$59.93
Walken Oats	752	50	\$40.12
Jagger	712	47	\$37.99
Jagalene	693	46	\$36.97

Variety	Coke County Forage Test 2007 Regrowth		
	Dry Forage Per Acre (pounds)	Pounds Red Meat Produced (15:1 ratio)	Meat Value (@ \$0.80)
TAMCALE 5019	304	20	\$16.21
Plot Spike Oats	196	13	\$10.48
WinMaster	126	8	\$6.71
Fannin	92	6	\$4.91
Abilene Ag #1	121	8	\$6.47
Longhorn	124	8	\$6.63
Horizon 314 Oats	266	18	\$14.16
Sturdy 2K	118	8	\$6.30
Cutter	112	7	\$5.98
Walken Oats	587	39	\$31.32
Jagger	107	7	\$5.69
Jagalene	114	8	\$6.06

Variety	Coke County Forage Test 2007 Total Forage Production		
	Dry Forage Per Acre (pounds)	Pounds Red Meat Produced (15:1 ratio)	Meat Value (@ \$0.80)
TAMCALE 5019	2140	143	\$114.13
Plot Spike Oats	1960	131	\$104.55
WinMaster	1457	97	\$77.70
Fannin	1343	90	\$71.64
Abilene Ag #1	1363	91	\$72.70
Longhorn	1340	89	\$71.48
Horizon 314 Oats	1412	94	\$75.28
Sturdy 2K	1245	83	\$66.40
Cutter	1236	82	\$65.91
Walken Oats	1339	89	\$71.44
Jagger	819	55	\$43.68
Jagalene	807	54	\$43.03

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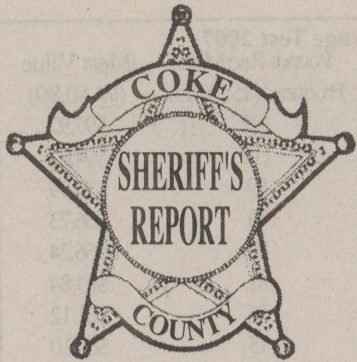
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- Mike Barber, NFL record holder during his stint with the Oilers and Los Angeles Rams
- Coach Bill McCartney, founder of the men's ministry "Promise Keepers"

To register and for more information call 325.658.4292



Arrests and Dispositions July 2007

Arrott, Shaylon, DWI 2nd, 7-1-07;
Walker, Emily, DWI 1st, 7-7-07;
Lindsey, Anthony, Public Intoxication, 7-7-07;
Jones, Jimmy, Reckless Driving, 7-9-07;
Wood, Aaron, Driving While License Invalid, 7-20-07;
Reyes, Melanie, Driving While License Invalid, 7-21-07;
Cobb, Michael, Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle, Burglary of a Vehicle X 4, 7-29-07.

District Court Dispositions 7-9-07

The State of Texas vs. Luis Gloria, Charge: Escape While Confined, Plea: 3 Years TDCJ;
The State of Texas vs. Andrew Pfleuger, Charge: Assault on a Public Servant, Plea: 4 Years TDCJ.

County Court Dispositions 7-18-07

The State of Texas vs. Adam Ladue, Charge: Driving While License Invalid, Plea: Dismissed;
The State of Texas vs. Gayla Carlisle, Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Plea: 12 Months Deferred Adjudication, Fine \$400.00, Court Cost \$249.00, 24 Hours of Community Service;
The State of Texas vs. Don Jones, Charge: Possession of

Marijuana <2oz., Plea: 12 Months Deferred Adjudication, Fine \$400.00, Court Cost \$249.00, 24 Hours of Community Service;

The State of Texas vs. Jose Gonzales, Charge: Driving While License Invalid, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$224.00;

The State of Texas vs. Damien Medina, Charge: Assault, Plea: Fine \$350.00, Court Cost \$224.00;

The State of Texas vs. Michael Curtis, Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Plea: 30 Days Probated 12 Months, Fine \$400.00, Court Cost \$249.00, 24 Hrs. Community Service;

The State of Texas vs. Derek Thomas, Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Plea: Fine \$400.00, Court Cost \$224.00;

The State of Texas vs. Randy Springer, Charge: DWI 1st, Plea: Pre Trial Intervention One Year.

Search for Mrs. Coke County announced

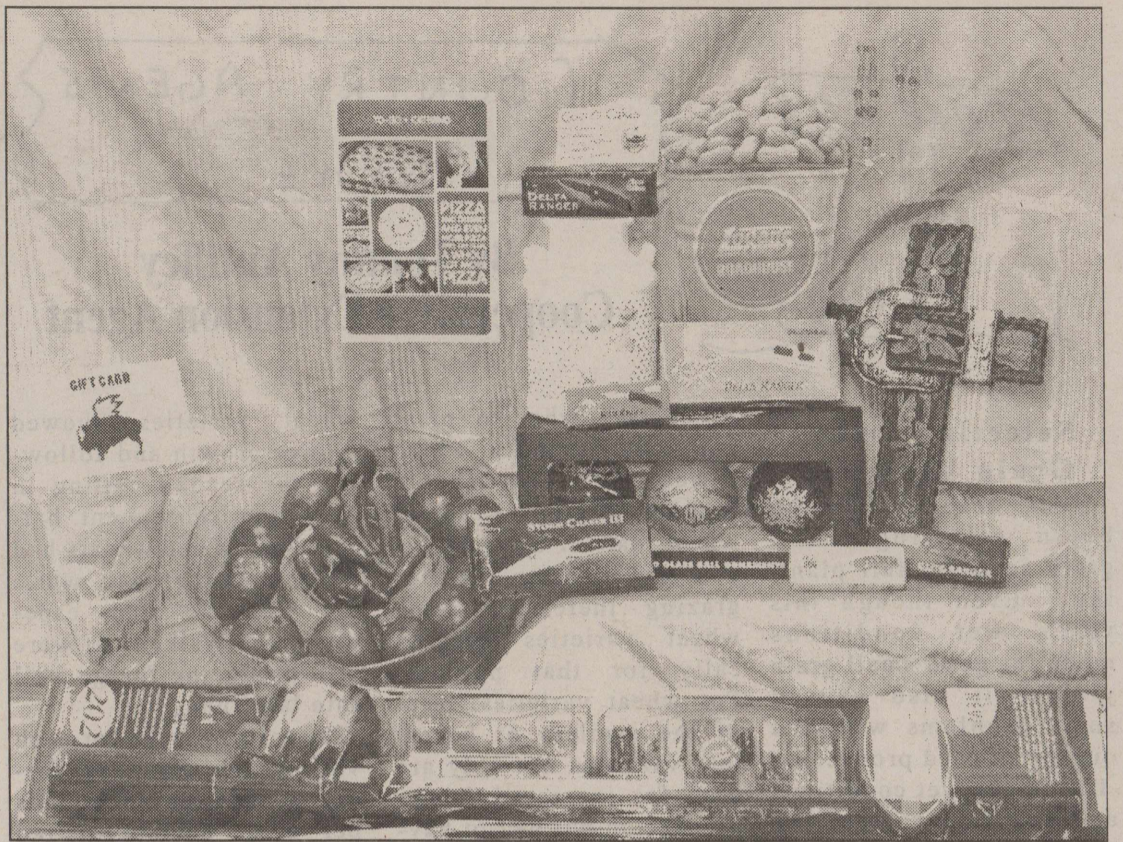
Applications are now being accepted for the title of 2008 Mrs. Coke County! Mrs. Coke County will have the honor of representing her county at the 2008 Mrs. Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas, April 11 - 13, 2008.

The woman chosen as Mrs. Coke County will become an ambassador from the Coke County area and receive an official title and sash!

The woman chosen as Mrs. Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$11,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the "2008" Mrs. International Pageant in Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition!)

Married women living in



Special Olympics Silent Auction! The Coke County Juvenile Justice Center is raising funds for Special Olympics of Texas through a Silent Auction. The GEO Group, Inc./Central Region has been raising money for this worthy cause for the last 9 years. This is the fourth year that CCJJC has sponsored the auction. It will be the first year that bidding will be open to the residents of Coke County.

Some of the items to bid on include a \$40 Johnny Carino's gift card, rod and reel along with tackle donated by Hometown Hardware, a Princess House crystal flower vase and chip and dip tray, \$25 Coco's Cakes gift card, \$20 Cheddar's gift card, 2 haircuts at A New Era Hair Studio, \$20 Shirley's Place gift card, a golf ball monogram set, \$10 Sonic gift card, \$10 Buffalo Wild Wings gift card, 2 buffet meals at CiCi's Pizza, a multi-color pastel necklace with matching earrings, 6 pocket knives (Delta Ranger 15-293B/Y, 15-208S and 15-387B/B, a Flying Falcon YK2 2000 II, Elite Ranger 15-839BL and Storm Chaser III 15-976S), a duck crock that holds kitchen utensils, 2 watches, a Kool-Aid purse, a United States flag throw, a small pitcher and flower vase, 2 United States windsocks and 2 entrees with drinks from Logan's.

If anyone would like to donate items for the Silent Auction or has any questions, please contact Tina Green at 473-5700. There will be pictures of the items in folders set up in the lobby of CCJJC for bidding August 13-16. Winners with the highest bids will be contacted Monday, August 20.

Coke County interested in applying should write to the following address for a bio. form: Mrs. Texas International Pageant, 14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197, San Antonio, TX 78232. Or call or e-mail for more information: 210.403.0589 or Kristin@TXBeautyQueens.com

To Advertise Call 453-2433

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The COKE COUNTY GENERAL will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.31 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 20, 2007 at 9:00 AM and August 23, 2007 at 9:00 AM at Commissioner's Court Room, 13 E. 7th St., Robert Lee, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR:
- AGAINST:
- PRESENT and not voting:
- ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.48% increase
Debt service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	6.41% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$505,053,568	\$525,397,343
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,020,499	\$ 2,109,708
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$255,271,856	\$264,144,492
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 971,904	\$ 2,109,708

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.540730 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.561353 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.020623 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	3.81% increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$49,043	\$49,807
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 9,809	\$ 9,962
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$39,234	\$39,845

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$212.15. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$223.67. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$11.52 in taxes.

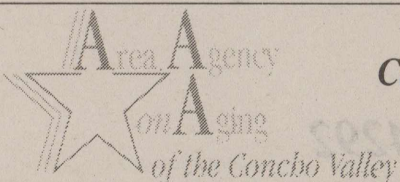
* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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Caregiver Respite Program

Waterway Cleanup Program makes it Easy for Texans

Looking for a fun way to improve your community environment? Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) is making it simple for anyone to become part of a waterway cleanup team! Through the Texas Waterway Cleanup program, KTB provides FREE supplies, such as garbage bags, litter-grabbers, gloves, sunblock, hand sanitizer, first aid kits, promotional posters, educational materials, volunteer giveaway items, and more to any Texan interested in protecting local waterways.

It doesn't matter if your event is large or small, the Texas Waterway Cleanup Program supports friends, families, athletic teams, social clubs, scouts, and other groups, as well as businesses, local governments, and individuals interested in organizing a cleanup. The free planning, promotional, and cleanup supplies make it easy to host an event and improve water quality, reduce threats to human health and wildlife, and restore natural beauty in your community.

The program, a partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, helps support the cleanup of lakes, rivers, creeks, ponds, wetlands, and other inland freshwater areas. In the past year, the program (formerly known as the Lake and River Cleanup program) supported 291 events, drawing more than 33,000 volunteers who removed approximately 540 tons of litter from areas around Texas waterways. Don't miss this great opportunity to show your Texas pride and put your passion to work to keep your community clean, safe, and beautiful.

For more information regarding the Texas

Waterway Cleanup Program, to register an event, and to find out if a waterway cleanup is scheduled near you, visit www.ktb.org or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

Foiling financial scam artists

By Jason Alderman

You can hardly watch or read the news without hearing about the latest scam to separate folks from their hard-earned money. As criminals become increasingly more sophisticated, their schemes are more difficult to spot.

At the same time, people trying desperately to overcome financial hardships or to make a quick buck sometimes overlook red flags hinting that an offer is not quite right.

Here are a few precautions to avoid becoming the next victim:

Be skeptical. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Beware of:

- * Investments promising to double your money in six months or claiming to be risk-free (like so-called "pyramid schemes" where returns for ground-floor investors depend on later investors falling for the same ruse).

- * The infamous "Nigerian banking scam," in which supposed foreign officials offer large rewards for helping them transfer money out of their country.

- * Authentic-looking checks from sweepstakes you supposedly won. You'll be asked to deposit the check and send a portion to cover processing fees and taxes. By law you should never have to pay for any legitimate prize; furthermore, you're legally responsible for any lost funds if the check you deposit is bogus.

- * When in doubt, consult a financial professional or the State Attorney General's office.

- * Identity theft. Each year, criminals steal billions of dollars by pre-



6 on 6 Football! A group of Robert Lee students competed at the State 6 on 6 Football Championship held at Abilene Christian University in Abilene. The team, sponsored by Billy Wayne Roe and Ivey Motor Company, includes (back row, left to right) Mason Ross, Taylor Percifull, Chase Roe, Jeremy Martinez, Kaden Duncan, (front row, left to right) Brody Dillard, Corbin Martin, Haden Dillard, Blake Millican, Michael Rodriguez, (not pictured) Josh Gallegos and Cameron Hodge.

tending to be someone else. By intercepting mail, going through trash or even peeking over someone's shoulder at the ATM, thieves use stolen Social Security numbers, credit card numbers or bank account passwords to borrow money, open new accounts or charge big-ticket items to unsuspecting victims.

At a minimum, victims spend many hours undoing the damage. At worst, identity theft can ruin your credit rating and leave you deeply in debt. Practical Money Skills for

Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA, contains detailed identity theft and security precautions you should take (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/security).

"Phishing." In this 21st century version of identity theft, culprits go fishing ("phishing") for people's personal information by sending realistic-looking but fraudulent emails that seek confirmation of personal information such as account numbers, login IDs and passwords - supposedly for security

purposes. Online payment companies like eBay and PayPal, as well as conventional banks, are commonly targeted. Be aware that legitimate businesses will never ask you to verify sensitive information via email. The Security and Exchange Commission's Web site, www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/phishing.htm, discusses how to spot and avoid phishers.

College aid scams. Many criminals prey on desperate parents and students by promising to intercede with organizations offering scholarships and grants - for a fee, of course.

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 2008 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 20, 2007 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	\$ 138,045.00
The total amount of increase over the Current year's budget	\$ 4,510.00
The number of employees compensated under The proposed budget	3
The number of employees compensated under The current budget	3

A portion of the increase in this budget is due to a 6% increase in the cost of our mineral and commercial appraisals by an outside firm and a 15% increase in the cost of our property tax software maintenance.

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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...Avoiding Scams

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Avoid companies that offer money-back guarantees, claim exclusive access to information or ask for money up front - and avoid high-pressure sales tactics. The Federal Trade Commission's guide to avoiding scholarship scams is found at www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship.

Safeguard credit card information. Never give out your credit card number over the phone unless you initiated the call. And, when shopping online, only use "secure" Web sites - those whose address begins with "https://" instead of "http://" and that display a small "lock" icon in the lower right-hand corner of your browser.

There will always be scam artists looking to rip off unsuspecting victims. Your job is to not be one of them.

A Nap A Day Might Keep Heart Attacks Away

It should come as no surprise to learn that midday naps might be good for your health - just ask anyone who has ever taken a siesta when he or she should have been working.

For centuries we've known that a midday nap might be just the thing to refresh you and make you more alert to take on challenges during the rest of the day. Now comes word from medical researchers that taking regular midday naps is associated with reduced risk of death from heart disease.

According to new research published in the Journal of American Medical Association's "Archives of Internal Medicine," evidence suggests that in countries where siestas are common, rates of death from heart disease tend to be lower.

The new study was conducted by Greek researchers over a six year period and found that midday naps lowered the risks of death from heart attacks up to 64 percent. The researchers studied 23,681 men and women with some heartening results for those who like to catch some shut-eye in the middle of the day.

Indeed, after the researchers factored in other cardiovascular risk factors, individuals who took naps of any frequency and duration had a 34 percent lower risk of dying from heart disease than those who did not take midday naps.

Systematic nappers, those who took a siesta for 30 minutes or more at least three times per week, had a 37 percent lower risk of heart-related death.

The most eye-popping

results came among working men, with those who took midday naps either occasionally or systematically having a 64 percent lower risk of death from heart disease during the study than those who did not nap. Non-working men who napped, meanwhile, had a 36 percent reduction in risk.

"We interpret our findings as indicating that among healthy adults, siesta, possibly on account of stress-releasing consequences, may reduce coronary mortality," write the researchers. The fact that the association was stronger in working men, who likely face job-related stress, than non-working men is compatible with this hypothesis, they assert.

So, the next time the boss catches you asleep, tell him or her to pull up a pillow as well.

Don't Let Food 'Reek' Havoc In Your Kitchen Sink

When you roll up your sleeves for spring cleaning, be sure to include one area many homeowners forget on their to-do lists - the garbage disposal.

"Your garbage disposal may start to smell when food debris builds up," said Mary Kennedy Thompson, president of the Mr. Rooter Corporation. "It may be a lingering odor or an overpowering stench, but a good dose of spring cleaning can clear the air."

Thompson and the experts at Mr. Rooter are offering these steps to help eliminate the odor in your sink:

* Place a handful of ice cubes and citrus peels -- lemons, oranges or limes -- in the disposal.

* Turn on cold water and then the disposal for 15 to 30 seconds.

* Then turn off the disposal and continue to rinse with cold water for 15

more seconds.

In the spirit of true spring cleaning, get rid of the grease buildup, as well, by following these steps:

* Turn on hot water and then turn on disposal.

* Squeeze a tablespoon of dishwashing liquid in the disposal.

* Then run hot water for 15 to 30 seconds while the disposal is running.

* Finally, turn the disposal off and continue to let hot water run until the suds are gone.

"Of course, the best way to ensure an odor-free and grease-free kitchen sink is to prevent the stench and buildup before it begins," Thompson said. "Never put bones, grease, celery stalks, shrimp peels or onion peels down the garbage disposal."

Tips For Making Laundry Less Of A Chore

Antony and Cleopatra, Ike and Tina, Britney and Kevin. Times have changed, but some duos just can't shake their bad rap. And the washer and dryer are no different.

The age-old chore of laundry is still one of the most frequently done but disliked household tasks and even continues to cause a domestic divide in the home. According to a recent survey conducted by Whirlpool brand, 70 percent of American women report that they do more than three loads of laundry in a typical week, with only 50+ percent of men taking on the task that often.

But interestingly enough, the washer/dryer rap really has very little to do with the machines themselves. In fact, 77 percent of those surveyed dislike the tasks associated with doing the laundry more than the actual task itself, including gathering dirty laundry and even folding and putting away clean clothes.

Rest assured, there's still hope when it comes to getting the laundry done.

"In response to consumer demand, manufacturers are creating more efficient and productive appliances," said Rosario Ciancimino, Senior Category Manager, Whirlpool Brand Laundry. "For example, the large capacity and speed of the Whirlpool Duet fabric care system allows users to wash 16 pairs of jeans in a single load while using half the water and energy."

For those who still struggle with the fundamentals, here are the top five tips from the Whirlpool Institute of Fabric Science to help reduce some of that laundry angst:

* Pre-sort your laundry in designated lights, darks and whites baskets as laundry accumulates, so it's ready to throw in the washer whenever you have a minute to spare.

* While sorting, close all zippers and hooks and check pockets to avoid "washing" tissues, money, lipstick, etc.

* Streamline the laundry process by incorporating storage solutions and flat working surfaces into your laundry room. This will keep laundry in the laundry room by eliminating the need to treat, sort and fold in other rooms of the house.

* Wash small loads as needed between laundry days. Today's high efficiency machines use substantially less water and energy than a conventional top loading washer, meaning you can do small loads when you have time, rather than waiting for the basket to fill up.

* Don't overload the washer or dryer. Clothes come out cleaner and less wrinkled when given room to move freely.

Through November 2007, Whirlpool is inviting owners of its Duet fabric care system to visit

www.whirlpool.com/duetstories to submit a 150-word account of their best Duet laundry story. A monthly winner of the Duet Stories contest will be chosen by qualified judges. Monthly winning submissions will be selected and posted to Whirlpool.com with winners receiving a product of their choice from the Whirlpool brand Laundry 123 suite of custom laundry solutions.

Back To School Spending Is On The Rise

Shopping for school wasn't this expensive when we were kids.

Families with school-age children are expected to spend \$563.49 on back-to-school merchandise this year, up 6.9 percent from last year's \$527.08 average, according to new research.

According to the National Retail Federation's 2007 Consumer Intentions and Actions Back-to-School survey, total back-to-school spending this year is expected to reach a whopping \$18.4 billion.

Blame all those computers, cell phones and iPods. According to the survey, the electronics category will see the biggest increase in sales this year, with families spending 13.0 percent more on electronics than last year (\$129.24 vs. \$114.38).

"Electronics have evolved from luxuries to necessities, not only for college students but also for their younger siblings," said NRF President and CEO Tracy Mullin. "While some students may be pleading with mom and dad for an iPod or a cell phone, parents are also investing in desktop or laptop computers, educational software and printers to support their children's learning."

Sneakers and shoes also aren't coming cheap for kids these days. Footwear will see a higher-than-average sales increase, with sales expected to rise 10.3 percent over last year (\$108.42 vs. \$98.34).

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For their part, good old fashioned school supplies - think pens, paper and protractors - similarly are commanding more of families' hard-earned cash. The typical family is expected to spend \$94.02 on school supplies, up from \$86.22 a year ago.

And where families do all this spending also is changing. As the Internet continues to integrate itself into traditional shopping, more parents will head online for back-to-school items this year. The percentage of parents who plan to purchase merchandise online this year is expected to rise 40.8 percent, from 15.2 percent last year to 21.4 percent this year. Young parents between the ages of 18-34 are the most likely to shop online for children's merchandise, with nearly one-third of them planning to use the Web to find back-to-school items.

The good news for many parents is that pre-teens and teenagers will be pulling out their own wallets for back-to-school spending this year. According to the survey, parents say pre-teens will chip in approximately \$15.38 of their own money for back-to-school items, while teenagers will spend, on average, \$31.19 of their own money.

Of course, even if they're not spending the most, they have quite a say in what is bought: nearly two-thirds of parents say their children influence at least half of the items that are purchased for back-to-school.

"Pre-teens and teenagers have a tremendous impact on their family's spending decisions," said Phil Rist, Vice President of Strategy for BIGresearch, the company which conducted this year's survey for the NRF. "From backpacks to boots, parents

often let their children choose which specific items to purchase, so retailers will be marketing as much to kids as to their parents this year."

Addicted To Email? Here's How To Help

Are you constantly checking your email throughout the day - from your office, bedroom, car, when you're out to dinner, on vacation or even in

the bathroom?

You're not alone. According to an "Email Addiction" survey conducted by AOL, more Americans than ever are using portable devices and computers to feed their email addictions round-the-clock.

According to experts email addiction has less to do with curbing an obsession than it does with proper time and email management.

Here are some tips from

Regina Lewis, AOL Online Consumer Advisor, on curing your electronic urge:

* **Organize:** Use folders provided in most email services to file messages appropriately. Filing by category can help avoid repetitive communication.

* **Use Your Away Message:** If you feel compelled to answer every email as it comes in, use your away message to let people know

you've stepped away from email for the day (or night), and will respond when you return.

* **Follow the Rule of Three:** If you've emailed back and forth with the same person on the same topic more than three times, it's time to pick up the phone and have a conversation.

Of course it also helps to realize that not every email is urgent and focus on more important things in life.

Connect to Customer Choice

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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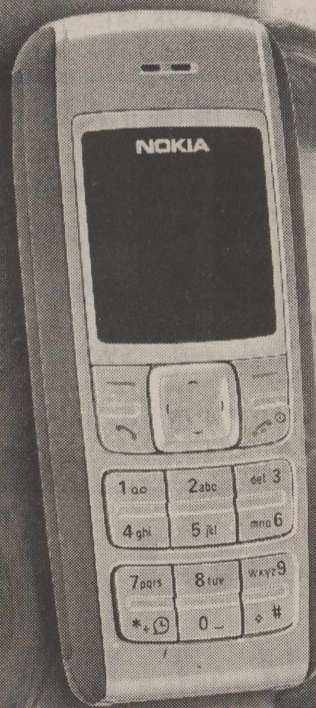
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