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RLBC VBS scheduled

Club VBS Space Quest will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church on July 17-21 for Pre-K through 6th grade students, 9-11:30 am. Pre-Registration will be held at 9:30 am and 12 pm on July 9 and 16. Registration will be accepted any day of VBS, but it would help to register early. For more information, call 453-2724.

RL Athletic physicals scheduled

Robert Lee Junior High and High School athletes may get their physicals on July 22, , from 9 am until 12 pm at the Robert Lee ISD campus. For more information, contact Kerry Gartman or the Robert Lee Administration office at 453-4555.

Ladies Water Aerobics set

Ladies water aerobics sessions are being held at the Coke County Park swimming pool in Robert Lee on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 pm - 7 pm. Ladies of the county are encouraged to take advantage of this time for aerobics.

Area 4-H Camp slated

Join 4-H members from Jones, Coke, Sterling, Fisher, Shackelford and Nolan Counties on July 27-28, 2006 at the Presbyterian Encampment near Buffalo Gap for two fun-filled days of games and leadership activities.

The camp is for 4-H'ers 3rd grade through 8th grade (completed) Example - you have finished 3rd grade and going into 4th.

If you participated in the fund raiser the price will be reduced. Please call the Extension office as soon as possible to sign-up and to get the cost of registration. Also they will need your t-shirt size for the camp t-shirt. If you have any questions please call the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

Texas Association of Museums sponsors grant writing workshop

The Texas Association of Museums is hosting a fund-raising and grant writing workshop July 17. Fundraising Basics: How to Research and Write Successful Grants will serve as a vital resource for museum fundraisers who are continuously confronted by the daunting task of seeking ample financial backing. This full-day workshop will address basic approaches to grant writing and will offer innovative options to guarantee a successful outcome.

Allison Supancic is collection supervisor for the Funding Information Collection of the Hogg Foundation Library in Austin, and recently conducted a series of successful workshops for the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Supancic will lead participants through the process of researching foundation and corporate source grants.

Jack McKinney, director of the Dr. Pepper Museum in Waco, will address the mechanics of how to write convincing proposals, cultivate donors, approach foundations and corporations, and funding trends.

For additional information regarding the workshop call the Texas Association of Museums at 512/328-6812 or visit their web site at www.io.com/~tam/index.html

For more information about THC programs and workshops, visit www.thc.state.tx.us.



4th of July Festivities! *The Bronte Health and Rehab Center sponsored a hot dog and watermelon supper along with a talent show and cake auction to celebrate the 4th of July holiday. C.B. Barbee, George Snapp and Les Rolls drove all the way to Knox City to get the farm-raised watermelons that were enjoyed by many Coke County residents. The cake auction raised over $3400.*

Methodist Bell Ringers! *The First United Methodist Church of Bronte Children's Bell Choir entertained the audience at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center Talent Show July 4. Assisting the Children's Bell Choir were a few residents of BH&RC.*

Family farm and ranch program applications due September 15

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminded families who are applying for the Family Land Heritage Program that applications are due to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Friday, September 15, 2006. The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,120 farms and ranches in 229 counties have been honored.

"This unique program honors the agricultural contributions of countless generations of Texans," said Combs. "These men and women have held onto their ancestors' land over the decades, enduring some challenging times."

Applications are being accepted for farms or ranches established in 1906 and earlier that are still owned and operated by the descendents of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of $50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least $250 a year.

The owners must reside in Texas and be actively managing the everyday operation of the farm or ranch. If all the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres were retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least $50 annually, the property will still qualify. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

For an application or more information, contact Melissa Blair, (512) 463-2631, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, or the application is on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "Producer Information" section and they can be obtained from the county judge's office.

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Obituaries



McCutchen

Geraldine Lasswell McCutchen of Bronte went home to be with the Lord early in the morning of Monday, July 3rd, 2006. She was affectionately known as "Jerry" to all her friends.

Jerry was born May 23, 1926 into the pioneer family of Melvin J. and Elsie Emma Lasswell at Fort Chadbourne, Texas. After graduating from Bronte High School in 1943, she married Joe Dorman "Binks" McCutchen of Robert Lee on May 30, 1945.

Geraldine and Binks were lifetime residents of Coke County, spending their lives together working the family ranch between Bronte and Robert Lee, and lived alternately at the ranch and in Bronte. She leaves three surviving generations of her family living at their ranch.

Jerry was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Bronte where she taught Sunday School and helped with the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She was a 4-H leader when her daughter was a member, and worked various jobs in both Bronte and Robert Lee over the years.

Jerry was always very active in her professional life and personal hobbies. She loved painting and had a particular passion for creating porcelain dolls. She enjoyed working in her garden and being outdoors. She was a loving, devoted Mother and Grandmother. Her family and her Lord were the greatest joys of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe in 1998, her parents, and two sisters, Marjorie Jean Lasswell and Charlene Craig.

Jerry is survived by one daughter, Sharon Kay Givens and husband, Bill; two grandsons, Kevin Shane Kelton and wife, Stacy, of Bronte and Stephen Shea Kelton of Kerrville; two great grandchildren, Kyle Shane and Kourtney ReAnn Kelton of Bronte; and one sister, Ione Craig of Brownwood.

Throughout her long fight against cancer, Geraldine's enduring faith, strength, and courage were an inspiration to all that knew her.

Services were held at 2 pm, Thursday, July 6, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte with the Pastor David Bailey officiating.

Arrangements are being conducted by Shaffer Funeral Home, with burial at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

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J.T. Henry golf tourney held

The first annual J. T. Henry Golf Tournament was held at the Singing Winds Golf Course on June 17, 2006. A total of 21 teams from the area participated and the results were:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT - 1st place) Arthur and Gehrels, 92; 2nd place) Mertz and Stone, 93; 3rd place) Allen and Allen, 94.

FIRST FLIGHT - 1st place) Mackey and Mackey, 98; 2nd place) Weatherford and Weatherford, 100; 3rd place) Carreon and Puentez, 101.

SECOND FLIGHT - 1st place) Ross and Metcalf, 101; 2nd place) Smith and Smith, 109; 3rd place) West and Carter, 109.

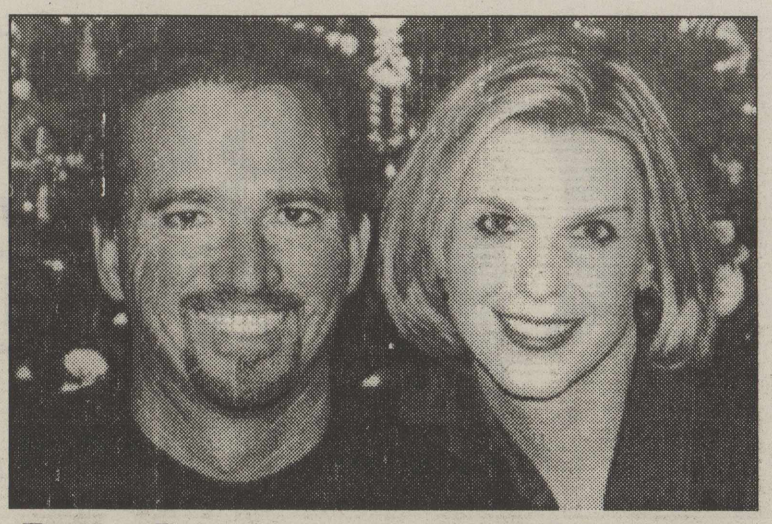
Brice descendants hold 37th family reunion

The Brice Reunion was held for the 17th year at the Winters Community Center on June 17-18, 2006. In 1987 the reunion was held in the Winters Park. The first 18 years the reunion was held at the Ballinger Park. There was 104 people attending.

The oldest person attending was Mary Snow of Carlsbad, New Mexico; the oldest father attending was W.A. Henley of Ingram and the youngest father attending was Brandon McGinnis of Mineral Wells.

Those attending were Mary Snow of Carlsbad, New Mexico; D'Lois Schuman and daughter Acacia, and Bob and Mona Kirk-Vogel of Roswell, New Mexico; W.A. and Dot Henley of Ingram; Brenda Engel and daughter Whitney of Kennesaw, Georgia; Juanita Bradley, Earline Moore, and Joan Lightfoot of Bronte; Jim Bob Webb of Nulato, Alaska; Amanda Sikes and daugher Tatum of Arlington; Marvin and Faye Henager, Eddie and Vickie Watts, and Gary Brice and family of Belton; Kenneth and Cynthia Henager and daughter Sarah of Moody; Leslie Brice and son Michael, Joyce Weidner, Rusty and Kristie Weidner and children, Latisha Weidner, Sara Gandy, and Shirley Strakos of San Angelo; Billy Brice of Sweetwater; Beth Brice, Judy Snowden, Ann and Eddie Bedrick, Georgia and Steve Collier, Shane Collier, Tim and Brandie Geiger and children, Jackie Felice and daughter Megan of Odessa; Gene Brice and Bessie Brice of Robert Lee; Horace and Odell McGinnis, Sherrie and Greg Johnson, David and Scarlette Morgan and children, Bodie and Kelly McGinnis, Yari and Ivy Barkley, Brandon McGinnis and family, and Sara McGinnis of Mineral Wells; Leon Brice, Debbie and Eddie Parker, Taylor Brice, Kelsey and Mark Smith of Comanche, Loy Morris, Tim and Darlene Kelly of Ballinger; Iris Coffey of Port Lavaca; Teresa Long of Placedo; Frances Faglie and Doc Bramble of Palacios; Tina Mitchell, Traci Pena and son Joseph of Merkel; Terry Sanders of Abilene; Breanna Webb of Coppell; Patsy Roberson, Vonda and Dwayne Grun and girls of Tuscola; Anita Wood, Bob and Oleta Webb of Winters.

Visitors were Larry Webb of Moro Community; Johnny Walker of Winters, Tommie Burfriend and Ashley Cochran of Merkel, Tommy Hickman of Bronte, Macy Craig of Comanche, Johnathan Mendez of Mineral Wells, and Travis Sims of Clyde.



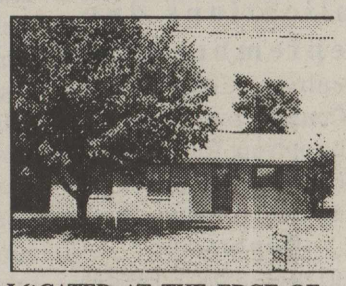
Furman-Lee announce engagement! *The Ditmore, Hines, Teters and Lord families are pleased to announce the engagement of Terri Furman to Wade Lee. The couple will be married July 29, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nevada.*

Terri is the daughter of Debbie Teters-Ditmore and the granddaughter of Nell Hines and the late Truman Hines. She is a graduate of Angelo State University and is the morning anchor on ABC for "Good Morning Lubbock".

Mr. Lee is a graduate of South Plains College, and is a tenured police officer. He is the Chief of Police for Lubbock County WCIDH.

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(325) 473-4811
Tim White, 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. Steve Rowe, 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

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PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
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(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
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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

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. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting



Bronte First Baptist Church VBS! *The First Baptist Church of Bronte held their annual Vacation Bible School recently. The girls pictured above were the winning team in the "Ikidarod" sled race. They helped assemble the sleds and race them. The team includes (back row, left to right) Paige Royall, Erika Puentez, Brayde Knight, Brooke Prew, Kaitlyn Braswell, Jael Williams, (front row, left to right) Michelle Rhodes and Cheyenne Armendt.*

BHS Alumni Reunion set for July 29

A Bronte High School Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, at the Bronte Community Center. There will be a golf scramble beginning at 7 am, as well as a dance, featuring Muddy Creek, from 7 pm - 11 pm. All classmates, teachers, friends and family are invited to come out.

Dillard named All American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Brody Dillard from Robert Lee has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Brody Dillard, who attends Robert Lee High School was nominated for this national award by Elena Sanchez.

Brody will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Award should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors.

Brody is the son of Keith and Cynthia Dillard of Robert Lee. The grandparents are Mickey and Jerry Dillard of Millersview and Martha Hemphill of Pear Valley.

BISD board meets in special session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting on June 30, 2006, at 6:00 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, Gary Acker, Kendall Gibbs, Bob Frazee, Scott Frasier, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present was Rick Howell. Absent was Jeff Schoenfield.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rick Howell.

The board accepted the resignation of Rick Howell, Secondary Principal. The board approved Terry Marrs as K-12 Principal, Michael Bohensky as Assistant Secondary Principal, Donna Poehls as Assistant Elementary Principal, and David Bedford as CCJJC Principal.

Suprintendent, Alan Richey, gave an update on summer projects.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 12:10 am.

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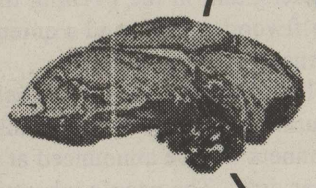
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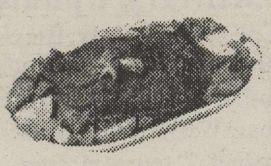
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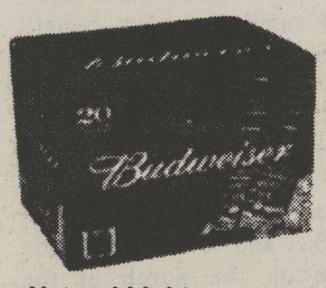
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FSA Office Certifying Spring Crops

The Coke-Sterling FSA Office is in the process of completing final certification of all spring seeded crops. If you have not come by the office and certified your Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Hay, CRP or other spring seeded crops, time is running out. July 17, 2006 is the final date to have all these crops certified. Failure to get them certified by July 17 will cost the producer a late-filed fee.

Producers who enrolled in the farm crop program (DCP) must make sure all crops are certified and that all your cropland is certified. Even if nothing is planted on the acres you must certify the acres as fallow to stay in compliance for the DCP program.

Producers may come by the FSA office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

Military Update

Cpl. James Cody Blaylock, USMC, is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. He is an Urban Warfare Instructor. He has had 2 tours in Iraq. He will remain at Camp Pendleton until his tour of duty has expired in the fall of 2006.

His parents are Bobby and Melissa Blaylock of Bronte. Cody is the nephew of Barbara Blaylock and Connie and Mark Reyes. His grandmother is Marcela Blaylock, who recently passed away.

Check Out Coke County Library

The winner of the Friday, July 30 drawing at the Coke County Library for a Summer Fun reading prize was Jerry Moreno. Only two more weeks to win a prize by participating in the summer program. There are still some good prizes available.

The Library has been given two tickets to Schlitterbahn in San Marcos by KTXS, Channel 12, to encourage readers to keep up their skills during the summer. The first patron of the library to claim the tickets on July 5, 6, or 7, will be the winner of this opportunity. First- Come- First -Win. The final drawings for other prizes will be Friday, July 14. There will be three drawings on that Friday.

The library is available all summer to those students who enjoy reading for fun. Reading for fun keeps the brain ready for school and studies show that summer readers benefit when school starts.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5, and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the library.

RL 4th of July celebration successful

The Fourth of July was celebrated in Robert Lee at the Coke County Park on the First of July, 2006.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2006, there were 241 cars or pickups parked around the two baseball fields, the swimming pool, the little rec hall, and the golf course. Figure four people to a vehicle and the number of participants in activities at the park is outstanding.

Activities included the baseball games, a reunion, and the golfers, and in the evening the Driftwood concert and a quiencienara were in progress.

The Summer Bash softball tournament netted eight teams. Winners will be announced at a later date. The people who put on this tournament did an outstanding job. Not only in organizing the games, but providing a concession stand as well as a hamburger lunch for participants required a lot of work by a lot of people. The John Deere bar-b-que pit drew some attention too. Congratulations are in order for all those folks. Those who participated made the project a worthwhile effort and benefitted the Coke County Baseball Association. Local sports tournaments make the televised, big-time sports boring to watch.

Driftwood performed in the evening in the amphitheater to benefit the work-in-progress renewal efforts on the amphitheater. Driftwood's performance was free with the members donating their time and talent for the community's enjoyment. Citizens who participate at such events show an appreciation of the community's effort to better Robert Lee.

Those who are aware of the number of people in and out of the Coke County Park will realize the tremendous asset the Coke County Park is in attracting people to Robert Lee as well as the work that has been done by county personnel to make the park user friendly for local families and visitors alike.

Street Affair planning underway

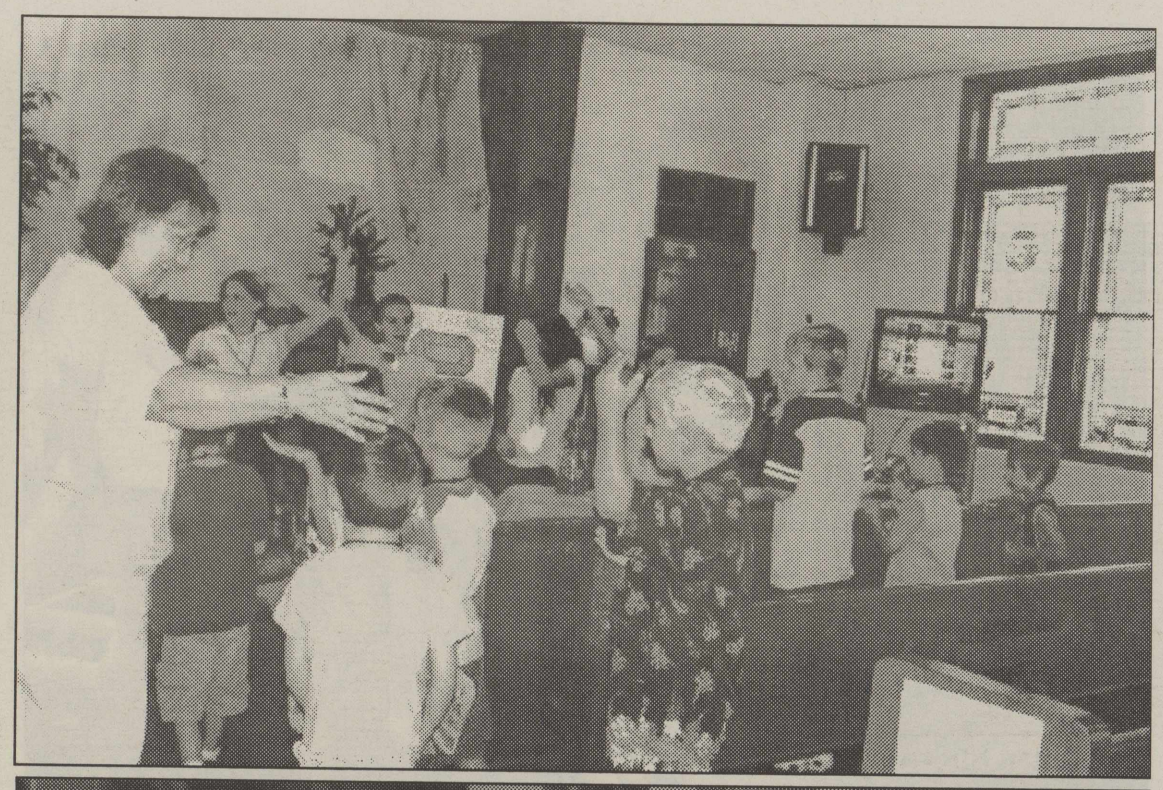
Calls for parade entries in the 2006 Robert Lee Street Affair, which will be held Saturday, October 7, are out. Creative, silly, commercial, cars, tractors, golf carts, floats, school, non-profit entries are all welcomed. Pets in costumes and their owners make a parade special. Entry forms are at City Hall.

Also, the Second Annual Bed Race will be featured. A bed race team consists of five people, minimum age of 14. One person rides, four people push the bed through a timed course. "Bed" must have a footboard, headboard, mattress, pillow and one bedcover. Four wheels, no mechanical or animal propulsion, sturdy enough to carry rider who must wear safety helmet. A number will be displayed on both sides of the bed. Commercial advertisements are allowed. Each team will appear in the parade at 11:00 a.m. just before the race. An entry fee of $10.00 per team will be charged. Prizes for fastest, runner-up and Most Creative. Get the beds ready.

Rules and entry forms are at Robert Lee City Hall. Call Susan Wellborn at 325-378-2816 or email at wellborns25@aol.com.

Last year's race was a real thrill. Participants in these events help create a special interest in the Street Affair and make the day exciting and fun for everyone.

The next Street Affair meeting will be held July 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Coke County Library.





RL Methodist VBS! *The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee conducted their annual Vacation Bible School last week. From the looks of these pictures, it seems like these kids had fun.*

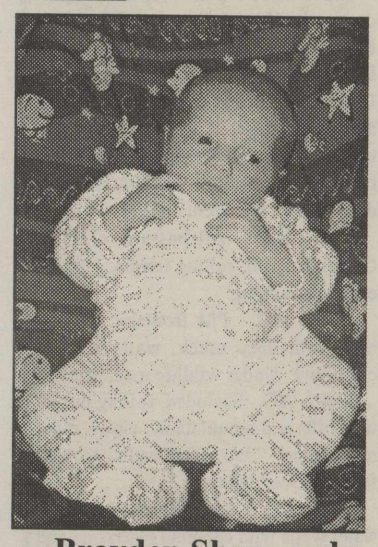
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Look Who's New!



Brayden Sherwood

Mike and Bree Sherwood, of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, would like to announce the arrival of Brayden Michael. He was born May 7, 2006, weighing 7 lbs, 4 oz.

The proud grandparents are Rusty and Ginger Sherwood of Ft. Loudon, Pennsylvania, and Bobby and Gayle Bolding of Robert Lee.

Great-grandparents include Marvin "Pap" Rosenberry of Ft. Loudon, Pennsylvania, Leota "Grandma" Bolding of Grandbury, Texas, and Maudie "Mamaw" Conley of Robert Lee.

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Memorials And Donations

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Lawanna Perry
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In Memory of Joe Domeier:
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Take Charge America Offers 5 Steps for Recent College Grads

Armed with diplomas, tens of thousands of recent college graduates are now entering the job market. Landing a job, however, is only one step to a financially secure future.

Mike Sullivan, director of education of Take Charge America, a non-profit credit counseling agency, says it's never too early for recent grads to put their earnings to work.

"It's important for those entering the workforce to master the basics of money management whether they are making $20,000 or $100,000 a year," said Sullivan.

He adds that one of the most important financial decisions that recent grads will make is already behind them. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the expected lifetime earnings of a bachelor's degree-holder is $2.1 million, whereas those with only high school educations are expected to earn $1.2 million.

Sullivan says, "A college education really does pay off—how well—often depends upon budgeting, debt management and investment skills."

Sullivan has five steps to help recent grads take their best financial steps forward:

* Pay Off Credit Card Debt – Weekend road trips and late-night pizza binges aren't quite as satisfying once you receive the credit card bills. If you're still plagued by college credit card debt, make it a priority to pay it off. Pushing it off longer or paying it down slowly means that you'll be shelling out hundreds or even thousands of more dollars in interest down the road.

* Lock in Your Student Loan Rate – On July 1, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 takes effect. Experts say it will cause interest rates on federal education loans to change from variable rates to higher fixed rates. That means students who don't lock in rates prior to that date could end up paying thousands of more dollars over the life of the loan, compared to current rates.

* Save for Retirement – Sign up for your employer's 401k plan as soon as you are eligible. Money is taken out of each paycheck, and it will grow tax-free. Often times, employers match your contributions. Mutual funds and IRA's can provide an additional financial cushion, and they do not require large sums of money to open.

* Start Saving for a Home – Take a fixed amount of money from each paycheck and deposit it into an interest-bearing account to later use for a down-payment on a home. Next to a college education, purchasing a home is also one of the most important investments you will make.

* Stash Some of It – A common financial mistake among young adults is that they don't stash away any cash for emergencies. Illnesses, car problems and job losses are just a couple of life's unexpected turns that require extra funds. Try to save up at least six months of living expenses and don't touch your stash unless it's really an emergency.



Bronte FBC Vacation Bible School! *Several children look to be enjoying the Iceberg Cake Walk, which was one of the many activities held during the First Baptist Church of Bronte Vacation Bible School, which was held June 25-29. The theme for the week was "Arctic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage". A record enrollment of 142 children was recorded. The week culminated on Thursday, July 29, with a Family Night.*

August best time for staff vacations

Summer vacations aren't just for students. A new survey shows employers also prefer their teams to take scheduled time off during the summer months. Thirty-Six percent of executives surveyed said August is the best month for employees to take vacations; 21 percent names July as the most favorable time for staff breaks.

The nations survey includes responses from 150 senior executives-including those from human resources, finance and marketing departments-with the nation's 1,000 largest companies. It was conducted by an independent research firm and developed by Accountemps, the world's first and largest specialized staffing service for temporary accounting, finance and bookkeeping professionals.

"Before leaving for vacation, employees should work with colleagues and managers to ensure projects run smoothly during their absence," said Max Messmer, chairman of Accountemps and author of Managing Your Career for Dummies. "Without adequate preparation, professionals may find themselves on an unintended 'working vacation' as they spend time consulting with coworkers and attending to last-minute requests via their laptops."

Accountemps offers the following tips for enjoying a relaxing vacation free from work-related worries:

*Plan ahead. Make your request for time off as far in advance as possible. The sooner you notify your manager about your intent to take a vacation, the better your chance of securing the dates you want.

*Get backup. Who can keep projects moving while you are out of the office? Identify a point person to make decisions on your behalf on time-sensitive initiatives. Offer to return the favor when your coworker is away from the office.

*Ask for help. If you have concerns about projects moving forward while you are out, consider whether you have the option of bringing in temporary help. Interim employees can fill in the gaps during staff vacations, ensuring continued productivity.

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When education ends, genius often begins.

Isaac Disraeli

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Generosity is giving more than you can; pride is taking less then you need.

Kahlil Gibran

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Jump into the middle of things, get your hands dirty, fall flat on your face and then reach for the stars.

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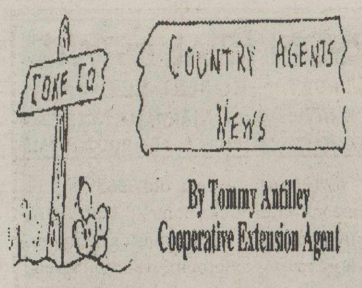
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By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

How the New Law Affects Ranch Estate Planning

The Texas Cooperative Extension will present a program on "How the New Law Affects Ranch Estate Planning" August 9-10, 2006 at the College Station Conference Center, College Station, TX. The speaker for this event will be Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, a Professor and Extension Specialist Emeritus with Texas Cooperative Extension. An Agricultural Economist and Attorney, Dr. Hayenga works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning.

This seminar is offered to provide participants enough information on tax and estate planning matters to help them make difficult estate planning decisions. Dr. Hayenga will give a thorough analysis of relevant income and estate tax rules as they affect families and agricultural businesses. The seminar is designed for each of a married couple in that it discusses estate administration and tax reporting requirements for the surviving spouse. It is useful for potential executors and trustees and is helpful to all who want to make their estate settlement less burdensome to their loved ones.

On Wednesday, August 9, 2006 the program will cover "Keep the Ranch in the Family"- Basic Estate Planning Devices which includes:

*The Will. What should it say? Learn how a properly drafted Will may save your beneficiaries income tax dollars.

*A Living Trust. Do you want one? What are the benefits to your family business?

*Estate Tax Deferral. A married couple can elect not to pay any estate tax on the death of the first spouse. Do you want to do this? What do you have to give up if you elect this option? Can you change your mind later?

*Gifts. Gifts are an alternative to leaving property in your estate. Can you afford to give property away while alive? What is the best kind of property to give away? What should you keep? A concern: Don't over give! It can have a serious adverse tax consequence to your beneficiaries.

Thursday, August 10, 2006 the agenda will cover:

*Estate Taxes. How the new estate tax rules affect estate plans. What is included in the taxable estate? What deductions and expenses are available to reduce the taxable estate? Your potential estate tax bill will be calculated.

*Keeping the Ranch Operating Well. Maintaining control of the business in the proper hands is important for successful operations. What tools are available for maintaining control?

*Use of Corporations and Partnerships. A corporation or partnership can often give both income and estate tax benefits. Will it make gift giving easier? What would be best for your family?

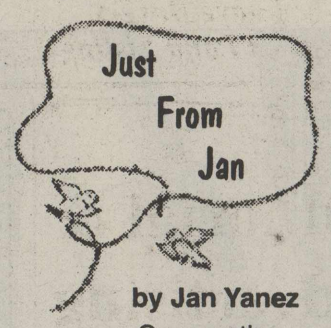
*Special Use Land Valuation. What are the new rules? What does one need to do to qualify? Can you plan to qualify without frequent consultations with your tax advisors? If you do qualify, what will be the effect on all of your heirs?

*Deferred Estate Tax Payments Rules. Would you like to set up your estate to allow your heirs to pay some estate taxes over a 15-year period at four percent interest?

*Life Insurance and its Role in Estate Planning. It can be bought to keep it out of the taxable estate.

*New Tax Changes Will Be Covered!

Please contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461 for information and registration forms.



by Jan Yanez
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Many Sunscreens Don't Protect Well Against Cancer

Think slathering on the highest-number sunscreen at the beach or pool will spare you skin cancer and premature wrinkles? Probably not, if you're in the sun a lot.

That is because you don't need a sunburn to suffer the effects that can cause various types of skin cancer.

Sunscreens generally do a good job filtering out the ultra-violet rays that cause sunburn--UVB rays. But with sunburn protection, many people get a false sense of security that keeps them under the harsh sun much longer. That adds to the risk of eventual skin cancer--both deadly melanoma and the more common and less-threatening basal and squamous cell cancers.

And most sunscreens don't defend nearly as well against the UVA rays that penetrate deep into the skin and are more likely to cause skin cancer and wrinkles. That's true even for some products labeled "broad-spectrum UVA/UVB protection."

Experts say the best protection against UVA is a sunscreen that includes zinc oxide, titanium dioxide or avobenzone. Consumers should also look for those that are water-resistant and have an SPF of 30 or better, indicating strong protection against UVB rays, and apply liberally and often.

More important, limit time in the sun, particularly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and cover up, including wearing a hat and sunglasses.

Often, product labels are confusing or bear misleading claims. For example, the SPF, or sun protection factor, refers only to defense against the less harmful UVB rays. Most people do not understand they are only getting protection from part of the spectrum. You can be accumulating damage and don't know it.

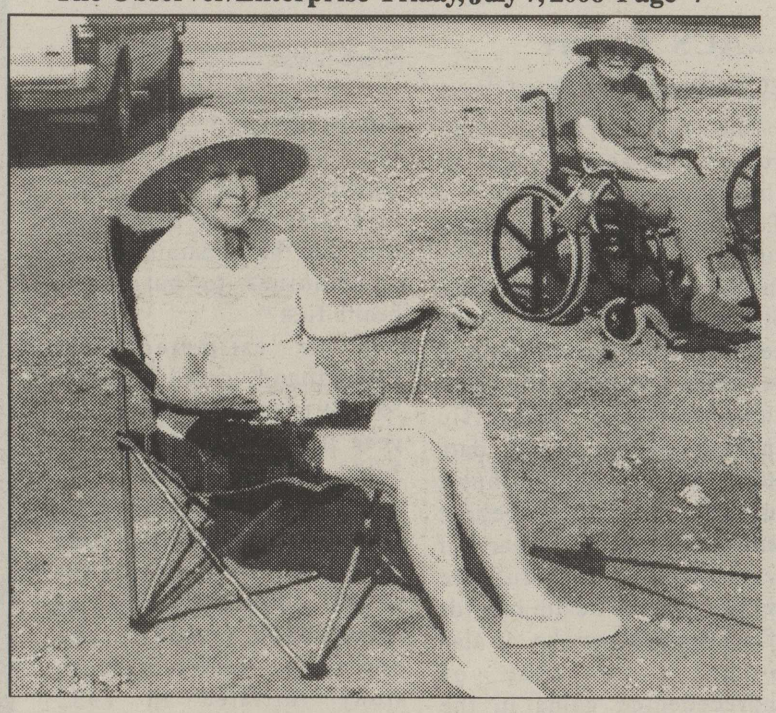
Many sunscreens say little about when to reapply -- doctors say at least every two hours and after swimming or sweating. Nor do they say much about how much to use, roughly two tablespoons for an adult.

Most people who use an SPF 15 get the protection equivalent of an SPF 5 because they put it on too thinly.

While a higher SPF number means more protection, the difference is small: SPF 15 blocks about 93 percent of UVB rays and SPF 50, often more expensive, blocks about 98 percent.

Most sunscreens work by reacting chemically with the skin, so they don't start absorbing damaging rays right away and must be applied a half-hour before going outside, something many labels fail to note. Claims such as "waterproof" and "sunblock" are unsupported, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Still, doctors say people shouldn't abandon sunscreen: They should use more.



Fishing Trip! *Residents of the Robert Lee Care Center were treated to a little fishing trip recently.*

Screening for physical, cognitive changes benefits seniors

It can be difficult to watch the physical and cognitive changes in our parents as they grow older.

Symptoms of dementia, a common disorder, not only include memory loss but also significant problems with decision making, behavior and social functioning. Seniors and their families also should watch for psychiatric disorders such as depression, anxiety, paranoia and substance abuse.

"Screening should begin at age 65 and be part of an individual's routine annual health screening examinations," said Christopher C. Colenda, M.D., M.P.H., dean of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and a geriatric psychiatrist. "Families should be on the lookout for weight changes; poor treatment compliance; abrupt behavioral changes such as depression, agitation or suspiciousness; repeated falls; money problems; frequent physical complaints; changes in frequency of family contacts; and wandering behavior."

Our physical and physiological functions decline as we grow older, increasingly after about age 75. However, the slope of that change differs from person to person and can be modified by a number of variables that include physical exercise, the number and type of chronic health conditions an individual experiences, and social support.

"Stay active and involved," Dr. Colenda recommends. "Good physical health leads to good mental health. But if you notice something is not right, get evaluated. Early identification of treatable conditions leads to better and more satisfying outcomes for everyone."

ACS reports on secondhand smoke

American Cancer Society staff and volunteers in Texas marked the release of Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona's new report on the harmful effects of secondhand tobacco smoke by calling on local communities across the state to protect the health of workforce employees by enacting comprehensive smoke-free ordinances. Currently, Texas has 43 communities with smoke-free ordinances.

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Ivey Motor Co. Annual 4th of July Golf Tournament Results

Individual Winners

1st place - Clay Allen (71)
2nd place - Don Hodge (72)
3rd place - Soloman Saucedo (73)
4th place - Ricky Ross (74)
5th place - Dick Sims (75)

Team Winners

1st place - Bill Ballew & Aaron Hood (163)
2nd place - Bill Holton & Jesse Flores (166)
3rd place - Doug McPeek & Ronnie Bivins (168)
4th place - Don Powell & B.W. Roe (169)
5th place - Wes Hood & J.D. McClelland (169)
6th place - Douglas Roberts & Terry Wojtek (169)
7th place - Bill Hood & Omar Saucedo (170)
8th place - Stephen Myers & Robert Wink (171)
9th place - Ken Pierson & Randy Smith (172)
10th place - Methis Williams & Carla Wagner (173)

B.W. & Dolores would like to thank everyone for joining them on the 4th of July! The tournament was a great success with over 50 participants!

...ACS Report

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The report, titled "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke" and released June 27, is the first report by the Surgeon General's office on secondhand smoke in 20 years. The last report, released in 1986, marked the first comprehensive scientific analysis of the health data surrounding secondhand smoke. The new report reinforces that and years of scientifically irrefutable evidence on the health hazards of secondhand smoke. It also comes at a time of unprecedented gains in the numbers of states and communities that are adopting smoke-free laws.

In addition to addressing the health effects of secondhand smoke exposure, including lung cancer, the new report states that ventilation systems are ineffective at reducing the harm caused by the emission of cigarette smoke in restaurants and bars. The report also highlights the unequal occupational hazard for restaurant, casino, bar and hotel employees. It is estimated that only 43 percent of the country's food service workers are protected against secondhand smoke, while 76 percent of white-collar workers are. Furthermore, children and ethnic minorities also remain more at risk than other segments of the population.

The report identifies comprehensive smoke-free workplace laws as key and effective way to protect all Americans and help eliminate these disparities. It also refutes the argument that these laws are detrimental to the financial well being of businesses.

The Surgeon General's report is a touchstone to the progress the Society, its volunteers and partners throughout the nation have made to pass smoke-free laws. Currently, 16 states, Washington, DC and more than 2,200 communities have passed smoke-free laws. Most recently the city of Philadelphia and the states of Hawaii and Louisiana passed smoke-free laws, both to be implemented in the next several months.

"The first Surgeon General's report on this issue in 1986 emphasized the strong need to pass smoke-free work place laws," said James Gray, Director of Government Relations for the American Cancer Society in Texas. "Since the early 1990s, the Society has been working to engage lawmakers across the country in the public policy solutions for tobacco-related diseases. This new report reenergizes these efforts. We have made great advances, but the majority of Americans remain unprotected and until we change that, we will continue to push for passage of these laws."

"The number of comprehensive smoke-free laws passed has more than tripled since the early 1990s," said Gray. "Now is the right time for the remaining Texas communities to put public health first."

It is estimated that secondhand smoke causes 35,000 to 45,000 deaths each year from heart disease and 3,000 more deaths from lung cancer among nonsmokers. The Society has long been committed to studying the health consequences of secondhand smoke; the Society's Hammond-Horn study initiated in 1952 confirmed the link between tobacco and cancer, and its successor, Cancer Prevention Study I (CPS-1) provided the data that enabled the first Surgeon General's report in 1964 on smoking stating that smoking was irrefutably linked to cancer. More than 564,000 Americans will die from cancer this year, and 30 percent of those deaths will be caused by tobacco. The American Cancer Society and its sister advocacy organization, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN), are committed to improving health for all people and providing everyone the right to breathe clean air.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.



BH&RC 4th of July Celebration! *The Bronte Health & Rehab Center 4th of July celebration talent show contests seem to have definitely gotten the attention of this group of Coke County citizens and Rehab Center residents.*

