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Classes begin for Bronte, RL students on August 15

Bronte to begin school

The first day of classes at Bronte ISD will be Wednesday, August 15th. The first bell for grades 7-12 will be at 7:45 am. The elementary grades, PreK - 6 need to be at school by 8:00 am.

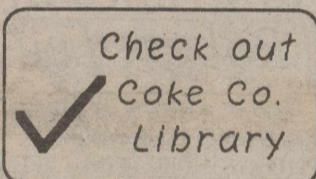
RLISD to begin school year

The 2001-2002 school year begins for students August 15th. The first bell will ring at 7:55 am and classes will begin

at 8:00 am. The bell to dismiss for the day will ring at 3:27 pm. Lunch for junior high and high school will begin at 12:01 pm and the tardy bell will ring at 12:40 pm to end lunch and start 6th period.

Breakfast/lunch prices for the 2001-2002 school year are: Breakfast - \$.75; reduced breakfast - \$.30; extra milk - \$.35

Lunch - Pre-K through 6th grade - \$1.50; 7th through 12th grade - \$1.75; reduced lunch - \$.40; teachers - \$2.00; visitors - \$3.00. HS/JH students may purchase lunch tickets in the HS office. Elementary students may purchase tickets in the front foyer adjacent to the superintendent's office.



Story Hour to begin

Summer readers are urged to look under their beds, behind the couch, in the dog house, or in the car for any books due at the Coke County Library. There are still some treats left and those returning books are welcomed to help themselves.

A book entitled 2201 Fascinating Facts has been donated to the library. Among some of the facts are: Termites are not related to ants. They are part of the cockroach family. Queen termites may live for fifty years. A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off. Only female mosquitoes bite. Mosquitoes are attracted to the color blue twice as much as to any other color. Some of the other subjects covered are: agriculture, death, diamonds, geography, magic, money, and history.

Story Hour will begin Tuesday, September 11, at 10:00 am. Story Hour is for children three to five years old. The program lasts about 45 minutes. Each Tuesday the children will hear a story, do a project, have a treat, and see a video if there is time. Anyone who would like to come and read or provide treats is welcome.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main St. Market in Bronte. Library memberships are free and fines are accepted, but not charged.

Blood mobile to be at Wackenhut

United Blood Services of San Angelo will be parking the blood mobile in the parking lot of Wackenhut Correctional Facility in Bronte, Thursday, August 16th from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Please call Chris Gifford at 473-5700 for an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You will need proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, UBS must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days.

GED classes offered

GED classes will begin Tuesday, August 21st at 6:00 pm in the Robert Lee school cafeteria. Please make plans to continue your education with these free classes.

The class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 6:00 in the evening.

For more information, call Gayle Bolding at 453-2508 or the Robert Lee school at 453-4555.



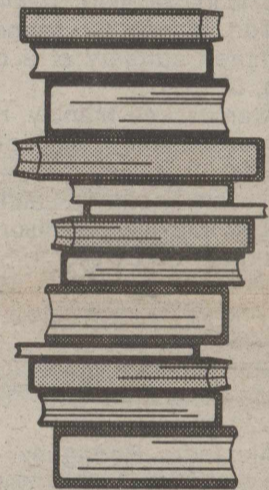
SCHOOL BEGINS

Bronte & Robert Lee

August 15

Blackwell

August 21



4-H seeks members

The Coke County Extension agents will be conducting 4-H meetings in Bronte and Robert Lee to kick off the 4-H year. Any youth who is either 9 years old or 8 years old and in the 3rd grade, and has not reached their 19th birthday by August 31, 2001, is eligible to become a 4-H member. Meetings in Robert Lee will be held the first Wednesday of the month beginning September 5, 2001. The senior 4-H group, grades 7-12, will meet during the lunch break in the Home Economics room (lunch is provided) and the junior 4-H group for grades 3-6 will meet at 3:30 pm in the cafeteria. Bronte 4-H meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning September 12, 2001. Grades 3-12 will meet in the library immediately after school.

All 4-H members must attend at least one-half of scheduled 4-H meetings prior to any major event or activity (i.e.: food show, stock show, etc.) to be eligible to participate.

4-H is open to any youth regardless of sex, religion, race, socio-economic level, color, disability, or national origin, who meet the age requirement listed above.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid,

service or accommodation in order to participate in these meetings, are encouraged to contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Being a member of 4-H offers vast opportunities to gain valuable experience in leadership, learning responsibility, inter-action with others and knowledge in several project areas. Many people have the misconception that 4-H members only learn to cook, sew or have livestock projects, but 4-H is "more than just cooking and cows". Youth can participate in project areas including: gardening, horticulture, electricity, shooting sports, archery, government, wildlife, dog care and training, poultry, and numerous other learning experiences. Through project work, being on judging teams, public speaking, method demonstrations and other 4-H areas, youth can learn valuable lessons in responsibility, being able to think for themselves, be able to speak in front of groups and other beneficial lessons to help them in their lives later on. Also, 4-H is not just for youth - adults and parents are encouraged to become involved as volunteer leaders to assist in club meetings and various project groups.

Additional information can be obtained from the Coke County Extension Service office in the county courthouse, or by calling (915) 453-2461.

Luis Charles appointed to Concho Valley Workforce

Luis Charles, owner of Country Inn, of Bronte, has been officially appointed as a member of the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board. He has been assigned to the Finance Committee.

Luis was recommended by Judge Walker and appointed by Governor Perry. He will be joining Mary Bessent in representing Coke County.

4-H & FFA lamb and goat validation deadline August 15

Any 4-H or FFA member that plans on exhibiting either a lamb or goat at any of the major shows next spring must have them validated, and we need to know how many tags each of you will need. You must call the County Extension office at 453-2461 by August 15. This does not pertain to animals that will only be shown at the County Show, but if you plan to enter Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Odessa, Houston or San Angelo, you must have them validated.

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Arrests/charges filed for July 2001

Favian A. Minjarez, minor in consumption of alcohol, 07-04-01

Curtis Bell, driving while intoxicated - 1st, 07-04-01

Favian A. Minjarez, possession of marijuana, 07-05-01

Curtis Bell, possession of marijuana, 07-05-01

Freddie Landeros, possession of marijuana, 07-06-01

Christopher Bryan Locke, driving while intoxicated - 1st, 07-14-01

Troy Allan Anthis, public intoxication, 07-14-01

Kevin Frederick Prosser, public intoxication, 07-14-01

Ted Joseph Townsend, attempted burglary of a building, 07-16-01

Marcus Lee Manley, minor in possession of alcohol, 07-21-01

Jacinto Escamilla Landeros, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, 07-21-01

Linda Coulombe Frost, driving while intoxicated - 1st, 07-25-01

Max Duane Mitchell, driving while intoxicated - 3rd - felony, 07-26-01

Alejandro Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated - 1st, 07-27-01

Out of County warrants served

Jeremy Gene Burns, theft by check, Nolan County Warrant, 07-31-01

Coke County Court Disposition July 25, 2001

The State of Texas vs: William Chad Lane

Charge: consumption of alcohol by a minor - 3rd offense

Plea: fine \$250.00, court cost \$255.25, drivers license suspension 180 days, 10 hours community service

The State of Texas vs: William Trey Taylor
Charge: driving while license suspended

Plea: fine \$350.00, court cost \$235.25, 7 days jail probated 24 mo.

WCC EMS Memorials for July 2001

Bill McAdoo
Mary & Ben Bessent
Ida Langford
Mary & Ben Bessent
Alfred Harmon
Floyd Sheppard & family
Sara L. McGuyre & family
Carl Rusk
Floyd Sheppard & family
Sara L. McGuyre & family
Olivia Brown
The Hines family
Robert Lee Care Center
Memorials for July 2001
John Blair
Anita & Cloyce Talbott

WCC ambulance runs for July 2001

7/7 - 11:35 am - air med
7/14 - 11:05 am - air med
7/17 - 3:15 pm - air med
7/18 - 6:30 am - medical transport
7/21 - 8:40 am - medical transport
7/25 - 12:20 pm - medical transport
7/25 - 7:00 pm - medical transport
7/26 - 11:40 pm - medical transport
7/28 - 2:40 am - possible service
7/31 - 3:43 pm - medical transport

Every day birds eat half their own weight in food, so the phrase "eats like a bird" is hardly accurate.

Union Texas retirees hold reunion

by Jeffie Roberts

The first annual Union Texas Petroleum Retiree's reunion was held in the senior citizen building in the Coke County park in Robert Lee, August 4, 2001. Winton Milliff conducted a short business meeting as Jeffie Roberts served as secretary. Winton welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He thanked Virginia, Jeffie, and Bobby for all their help in helping him organize this reunion. A round of applause was given to this committee for a job well done and appreciated them for getting all these long time friends-retirees together. Jeffie read correspondence from Earl Kirk, Nelda Cambell, reported on telephone calls from Pauline Donley, Nell Hines, Buddy and Gayna Eldred, Eddie Hart and Emote Banks. The group voted to continue this annual event to be held in Robert Lee again in 2002. They also voted to have the meal catered at the next reunion.

The same reunion committee consisted of Winton, Virginia, Bobby and Jeffie were elected to organize the reunion for 2002. Many of those present volunteered to help this committee next year. D. J. Walker suggested that a list of deceased employees and retirees be prepared by 2002. Everyone was encouraged to add to the mailing list those who once worked or retired from UTP in this area.

Retirees, their families, and widows of deceased retirees present were: Bob Bagwell, Winton and Virginia Milliff, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacee, and James Roberts, Cova Sparks, Jackie (Sparks) Walker, Pete and Emmalee Prentice, D. J. and Nelia Walker, Winnie Pitcock, Donny Robertson, and John and Jeanette Jacobs all of Robert Lee; Raymond

Bloodworth and Jerry Wilkes of Silver; Billy and Bessie Culwell of Loraine; Billy and Georgia Barnes of Colorado City; Frank Jackson of Eldorado; Johnny and Doris Kohutek of Miles; Ettie Hubbard, Larry Robinson, Steve and Brenda Hines, Dorothy Collins, and Kenneth Pruitt all of Bronte.

Others present were Donald and Janis Walker, Allan and Marie Rowoldt, Vicki (Rowoldt) Alves, Joann Meadows, Kathryn (Geist) Stienbarger, and Shelly (Geist) Morrison all of San Angelo; Forrest and Bertie Wanker of Fairview, OK.; Don and Ellen Clark of Enid, OK.; Charles and Donna Stephens of Novice; Charles and Stella Webb of Ballinger; and Weldon Bosworth of Cisco.

In 1998 after 102 years in business, Union Texas Petroleum Company sold all their remaining company interests to various companies which ended up belonging to (ARCO) Atlantic Richfield Company. The Perkins and Sykes Plants were built in the mid 1950s. Perkins Plant at Silver as known as Texas Natural Gasoline Corporation. Sykes Plant at Crews was owned by Union Oil and Gas. The two plants merged in the early 1960s and the new company became known as Union Texas Petroleum Corporation. Most of the retirees present were employed at the Perkins and Sykes Plants.

Runnels Baptist Association meeting

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet August 20 at Wingate Baptist Church. A program on state mission emphasis has been planned.

The state mission emphasis program will begin at 7:00 pm. Roy Epperson, Director of Missions, will be in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

Car seat check up event

The San Angelo SAFE KIDS Coalition is offering a FREE Car Seat Check Up Event on Thursday, August 9th at the COKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE from 3:30 - 6:30 pm.

Let a Certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Tech check your car seat for recall, proper fit, and correct installation. Be sure to bring your child in whatever car safety seat restraint you are currently using.

There will also be giveaways, fun and games, refreshments, and valuable safety information for parents and childcare-givers.

For more information call Angela Jones, Coalition Coordinator, 915-947-6130.

San Angelo Writer's Club

Jane Smith will be the speaker at the August 14 meeting of the San Angelo Writer's Club.

Meeting time is 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 14, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Sheppard, 3355 West Beau regard, San Angelo, (behind HEB).

For more information, call Kate Sanderson at (915) 947-3403.

Churches of Robert Lee

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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

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

Victory Assembly of God
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Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Cummins couple celebrate golden wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Eph Cummins celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a three week tour of the northwestern United States which included a cruise through the "Inside Passage" of Alaska.

Eph Cummins and Dovie Oxford were married July 23, 1951, in Monahans. They have two daughters, Sheila Alexander of Ira and Debbie Miller of Benbrook, two grandchildren, Amanda Alexander and Hayden Miller. The son-in-laws are Rocky Alexander and Jeff Miller.

They have lived in College Station, San Antonio, Johnson City and the last 28 years in Robert Lee. He retired from the U.S. Soil and Conservation Service with 35 years of service and is a U.S. Navy veteran. She retired from the Coke County Auditor's office with 20 years of service.

They are members of Robert Lee Baptist Church and volunteer for the Texas Baptist Camps and church building. He is a member of Johnson City Masonic Lodge and she is a member of the Robert Lee Order of the Eastern Star.

Immunization requirements

While back-to-school needs often include notebooks, pencils and paper, clothing, shoes, backpacks and lunch boxes, one of the top items required is an up-to-date immunization record for children in schools and child-care facilities.

Immunization requirements remain the same for this school year with one exception, said Monica Gamez of the Immunization Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "TDH is deferring for one school year the requirement that students have a booster dose of tetanus and diphtheria (Td)." This 10-year booster is usually given to students at about age 14.

The action applies to Texas schools from July 1, 2001, to August 1, 2002. Once the deferment is lifted, all students will be required to show proof of a Td booster. The deferment is due to a national shortage of adult tetanus and diphtheria vaccine that resulted when one of two manufacturers discontinued production.

Vaccines required at various ages for all children are polio; diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis or acellular pertussis (DTP/DTPaP); *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); chickenpox (varicella); and hepatitis B.

A hepatitis A vaccine requirement affects only children attending school or



Mr. and Mrs. Eph Cummins

child-care facilities in 32 counties along the Texas-Mexico border. Children with proof of a previous hepatitis A infection do not need to be vaccinated.

All children attending public or private schools or licenses, certified or registered child-care facilities must have the required immunizations for their age group completed by the first day of attendance. State law gives local school districts and child-care facilities the option of allowing children to attend if at least one immunization in each series has been received, but the remaining required immunizations must be received as soon as medically possible.

Children ages 5 and 6, for example, should have had the following immunizations to enter school:

- *3 doses of polio vaccine, including one on or after the fourth birthday;

- *4 doses of DTP/DTPaP vaccine, including one on or after the fourth birthday (proof of pertussis vaccination not required for children 5 years or older);

- *1 dose MMR vaccine on or after the first birthday and one additional dose of measles vaccine that may be received as part of a second MMR;

- *3 doses hepatitis B vaccine;

- *2 doses hepatitis A vaccine (32 border counties only);

- *1 dose varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1994.

For more information contact Monica Gamez, TDH Immunization Division, at 512-458-7284; or Emily Palmer, TDH Assistant Public Information Officer, at 512-458-7400.

Identity theft

by Fredi Franki
Social Security Manager

Here's a tip for employers. Whether you employ hundreds of people or just a few, if an employee is the victim of identity theft, it affects your business' productivity. Theft of Social Security numbers is a primary way to steal a person's identity. Here is information to help your employees protect their Social Security number.

If an employee thinks someone is misusing his or her Social Security number, he or she should call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271. They should also file a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Identity Theft Hotline by calling 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338). The FTC tracks complaints and will refer your employee's victim complaint to the appropriate law enforcement agency to investigate and prosecute identity thieves.

In addition to help employees can receive by contacting the fraud hotlines, Social Security can:

- *help correct their earnings record, if it is incorrect;

- *issue a replacement card, if their Social Security card is stolen;

- *determine whether they need a new Social Security number; and

- *give information on how to contact each credit bureau and creditor to remove incorrect information from their credit record. (Social Security cannot fix credit records.)

You can get information about identity theft and what an employee needs to do from our leaflet, Social Security-When Someone Misuses Your Number (Pub. No. 05-10064).

You can get a copy at our website www.ssa.gov or by calling us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213.

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Bronte ISD supply list 2001-2002

Preschool children with disabilities & Pre-K

- 1 - Blunt 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 - 4 oz. Elmer's glue
- 1 box - facial tissue (Kleenex)
- 1 box - ziplock bags, quart size
- 1 box - ziplock bags, gallon bags
- 1 set - washable Crayola thick markers
- 2 - Scotch transparent tape (dispenser refill - 3/4")
- 2 - glue sticks
- 1 - So Big washable water colors
- 1 - assorted colors construction paper (9x12)
- 1 - spiral notebook (100 ct. wide rule)
- *1 - pocket folder
- *1 - zippered top closure backpack
- *1 set of extra clothing

*Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class' glue box.

Please consider clothing that will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.

Kindergarten

- 3 - Crayola 8 ct. crayons
- 2 - 100 ct. facial tissues
- 6 - No. 2 pencil - American
- 1 - thick 10 ct. marker (14410)
- 6 - Elmer's 1.25 oz. school glue
- 10 - assorted pockets only folder
- 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 40 - gallon size ziplock bags
- 2 - pink Bevel eraser
- 1 - plastic school box
- 3 - 70 ct. spiral notebook 8.5" x 11" (wide rule)
- 1 - school bag or backpack

Please label everything your child brings to school.

1st grade

- 1 - Crayola 16 ct. crayons
- 2 boxes - 100 ct. facial tissues
- 15 - No. 2 pencil - American
- 6 - Elmer's 1.25 oz. school glue
- 8 - assorted pockets only folder

- 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 3 - pink Bevel eraser
- 1 - plastic school box
- 1 school bag or backpack
- 1 box - map pencils 7" - 12 ct (sharpened)
- 1 - 1/16" wood ruler (Standard & Metric)

- 1 box - ziplock quart size bags

2nd grade

- 2 boxes - Crayola 24 ct. crayons
- 2 boxes - 100 ct. facial tissue
- 12 - No. 2 pencil - American
- 1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue
- 6 - assorted pockets only folder
- 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 box - quart size ziplock bags
- 1 - pink Bevel eraser
- 1 - plastic school box
- 2 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper
- 1 - school bag or backpack
- 1 box - map pencils - long 12 count

- 1 - 1/2" x 500 Scotch tape (transparent)

3rd grade

- 1 box - Crayola 24 ct. crayons
- 2 boxes - 100 ct. facial tissues
- 12 - No. 2 pencil - American
- 1 box - thick 10 ct. Crayola markers (assorted colors)
- 1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue
- 4 - assorted pockets only folder
- 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 - 8 ct. watercolors

- 1 - pink Bevel eraser
- 1 - plastic school box
- 1 - Elmer's glue stick
- 1 - 70 ct. spiral notebook (wide rule)
- 1 - school bag or backpack
- 2 - red check pencil (uncapped)
- 2 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper
- 1 box - map pencils 7" 12 ct. (sharpened)
- 2 - 1/2" x 500 scotch tape (transparent)
- 1 - 1/16" wood ruler (standard & Metric)

4th grade

- 1 box - Crayola 24 ct. crayons
- 2 boxes - 100 ct. facial tissues
- 10 - No. 2 pencil - American
- 1 box - thick 10 ct. Crayola markers (assorted colors)
- 1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue
- 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 - school bag or backpack
- 1 - red med. stick pen
- 1 - black med. stick pen (erasable)
- 4 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper
- 2 boxes - map pencils 7", 12 ct. (sharpened)
- 1 - 1/16" wood ruler (standard & metric)
- 4 - 5 subject spiral composition notebook
- 2 - red pocket & brad folder
- 2 - green pocket & brad folder
- 1 - blue pocket & brad folder
- 1 - yellow pocket & brad folder

5th grade

- 1 - box Crayola 24 ct. crayons
- 2 boxes - 100 ct. facial tissue
- 3 - No. 2 pencil - American
- 1 box - thick 10 ct. Crayola markers (assorted colors)
- 1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue
- 3 - assorted pockets & brad folder
- 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 - school bag or backpack
- 2 - red med. stick pen
- 1 - blue med. stick pen
- 1 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper
- 1 box - map pencils 7", 12 ct. (sharpened)
- 1 - 1/2" x 500" Scotch tape (transparent)
- 1 - 1/16" wood ruler (standard & metric)
- 1 - pink Bevel eraser
- 1 - 70 ct. spiral notebook (wide rule)

6th grade

- 1 box - Crayola 24 ct. crayons
- 2 boxes - 100 ct. facial tissue
- 5 - No. 2 pencil - American
- 1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue
- 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 1 - school bag or backpack
- 1 - red med. stick pen
- 1 - black med. stick pen
- 2 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper
- 1 box - map pencils 7", 12 ct. (sharpened)
- 1 - 1/2" x 500" Scotch tape (transparent)
- 1 - 1/16" wood ruler (standard & metric)

There are more than 7,000 varieties of apples grown in the world.

Making the most of a debit card

Debit cards are revolutionizing the way Americans pay for goods and services. With a debit card, you don't have to carry as much cash. You also limit the need to write checks, show identification, and wait for approval. What's more, debit cards are more readily accepted than checks, especially when you're traveling away from home.

According to the Texas Society of CPAs (TSCPA), there are two basic types of debit cards. The first is the ATM card that is used to obtain cash from ATM machines and is accepted for payment by using your PIN number at certain supermarkets, retailers, and gas stations. A second type of debit card carries the logo of one of the two major payment card companies - Visa and MasterCard - and can be used to withdraw cash from an ATM, as well as to make purchases anywhere the logos on these cards are accepted. The following points will help you make the most of a debit card's convenient features, says James Sanderson, CPA, president of the San Angelo TSCPA Chapter. **A debit card may look like a credit card, but it works like the electronic equivalent of a check.**

When you pay with a debit card, you authorize the bank to take money directly out of your checking account and pay it to the merchant. Like a

credit card, you simply sign a receipt for your purchase. Unlike a credit card, there is no bill at the end of the month and no interest charge. The debit simply shows up on your checking account.

Debit card deductions are instantaneous.

Debit card purchases are immediately deducted from your account, which means your spending is limited by the balance in your account. Be aware that if you have written checks that have not yet cleared, your debit card may allow you to overdraw your account.

It is important to notify your card issuer immediately if your debit card is lost or stolen.

It's true that, under federal law, there is a higher liability for debit cards, but, in response to consumer concerns about liability for fraudulent use, Visa and MasterCard have instituted a zero liability policy. In the event of unauthorized use of a US - issued debit card with the Visa or MasterCard logo, you are not held responsible for fraudulent purchases. The zero liability policy applies to purchases made using your card or account information at a store, over the phone, or on the Internet. It does not, however, apply to ATM transactions.

A debit card can help track spending.

Because debit card purchases are listed on your monthly statement, using your debit card makes it easier for you to track your spending and eliminates the need to try to remember where you spent the money you withdrew from the ATM. An added bonus: if you're banking online, many personal finance software programs download debit

transactions to your software, where you can assign them to the proper spending categories.

Debit cards do not provide the same purchase protection as credit cards.

In most cases, if you have a problem with merchandise or services you charged to a credit card and you have made a good faith attempt to work out the problem with the seller, the law allows you to withhold payment for the purchase plus any finance or related charges. Federal regulations make no such allowance for debit card purchases (although some banks might). Typically, you're out the money that has been deducted from your account until the issue is resolved.

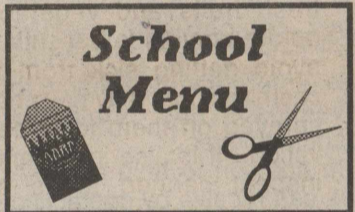
Some banks charge for debit transactions.

While you won't accrue interest or finance charges on debit card purchases, some banks charge a monthly or per-transaction fee for debit cards. Shop around for the best deal, particularly if you plan to use your card often.

Debit cards can make balancing your checkbook a challenge.

It's easy to use your debit card to pay for groceries, and then stuff the receipt in the bag without ever deducting the amount of your purchase from your checkbook balance. To avoid overdrawing your account, devise a system for recording your debit card transactions.

CPAs say that when used properly, debit cards provide convenience, enabling you to effectively track your cash flow. Just be sure to safeguard your card, PIN, and receipts.



Bronte school menu

Breakfast

Wednesday, August 15
Cereal, sliced peaches, Teddy Grams, milk

Thursday, August 16
Apple juice, donut, milk

Friday, August 17
Breakfast burrito, grape juice, milk

Lunch

Wednesday, August 15
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, milk, rice krispie bars

Thursday, August 16
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef and vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, milk, pink panther cake

Friday, August 17
Sub sandwiches (sliced turkey with cheese), lettuce, tomato, pickle, pork & beans, bun, chips, milk, sugar cookies

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**RLISD supply list
2001-2002
Pre-K**

- 1 box crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 bottle school glue
- 2 pencils
- 1 pkg. assorted construction paper
- scissors
- water colors
- 1 school box
- 1 large box kleenex
- backpack
- bottled drinking water (if desired)
- extra clothing (including undergarments)

**Please label everything
Kindergarten**

- Crayons (no more than 24)
- 1 bottle school glue (white)
- 2 glue sticks
- 6 regular pencils
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 small school box
- 1 large box kleenex
- 1 pocket folder
- towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- backpack
- 1 change of clothes for accidents
- bottled drinking water (if desired)

**Please label everything
Initial each crayon
1st grade**

- 1 box of quart size ziploc bags
- 6 #2 pencils
- 1 large pink or green eraser
- 3 - 100 count white index cards (3x5)
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 1 small supply box
- 1 pair sharp scissors (that cut paper well)
- 1 box 24 crayons
- 1 large Elmer's glue (no colored)
- 1 plain ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 recipe box for index cards
- 1 small individual pencil sharpener
- 1 box water colors

**Please label everything
2nd grade**

- 1 small spiral notebook - wide ruled
- 12 - #2 pencils
- 1 large pink pencil eraser
- 1 pkg. construction paper
- 1 large box tissue
- supply box (small)
- scissors
- crayons
- glue

- 1 small box baggies - ziplock (quart)
- 2 sturdy slick pocket folders (no brads)

**No markers please
3rd grade**

- wide ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils - dozen
- erasers
- 2 red pens or red pencils
- pencil sharpener w/shavings holder
- 2 spiral notebooks - wide ruled
- construction paper
- good scissors
- crayons
- glue gel
- washable markers
- ruler - centimeters and inches
- zip lock bags - quart size
- 3 boxes of tissues
- pocket folders with brads - need red, blue, green, purple, yellow
- small supply box or zip pouches

**Please no trappers or
notebooks
4th grade**

- 3 boxes kleenex
- 8 - #2 pencils
- 1 spiral notebook (wide ruled)
- 2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (wide ruled)

- 1 - 3 ring notebook binder (large)
- 2 pkgs. - 3 ring subject dividers (multi-color)
- 1 - zipper pouch for notebook
- 1 - 12" ruler
- 1 - 50 count zipper seal sandwich bags

5th grade

- 2 boxes of kleenex
- 1 box of reinforcements
- scissors (sharp-heavy duty variety)
- pencil sharpener - small (w/shaving attachment)
- 1 fine point black marker
- Elmer's glue
- 4 - #2 pencils
- 2 red pencils
- 2 highlighters (any color)
- markers, crayons, or map colors
- 1 spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- 2 pkgs. 3 - ring notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 2 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow pocket folders
- 1 lg. 3 - ring notebook binder
- 2 pkgs. 3 - ring subject dividers (multicolored)
- 1 zipper pouch for notebook
- 1 hole puncher
- 12" ruler

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6th grade**

- loose -leaf notebook divider pages
- notebook paper
- zipper pouch for pencils
- pencils
- ruler
- scissors
- glue stick
- map colors
- markers
- crayons
- eraser
- 4 folders with brads
- clipboard and crayon box (optional)



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

**Food safety
important when
preparing lunches**

When packing lunches, food safety should be a major concern, whether the meal is adult- or kid-prepared. Most dangers associated with food are due to the way we handle it in our own kitchens. Many people die from food poisoning each year and even more get sick for a few days and think it is the flu, when it was really something they ate.

Food-borne illnesses are usually caused by bacteria. Some are caused by viruses or poisonous chemicals. We usually refer to bacteria and viruses as germs. Germs are found everywhere but most are not harmful and those that are harmful, are so when they are large in number. Germs need food and water, time to reproduce, the right temperature and a way to get around (like on our fingers) to survive. Children are at the highest risk of food poisoning because their immune systems aren't as strong and their bodies are much smaller, so it takes less bacteria to make them sick.

Personal Hygiene - Always wash hands before handling food. Children's hands are often dirty, so practicing good

personal hygiene in the kitchen is very important if preparing to handle other foods that will not be cooked. This is a common way of spreading germs and is very dangerous. If a child eats a salad that has been contaminated by germs from raw chicken it can make him very sick if the children contains a bacteria called Salmonella.

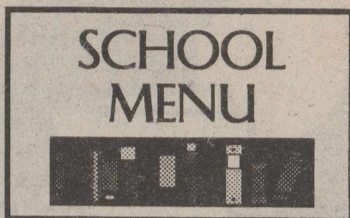
Safe Temperatures - This means simply keeping cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Never leave meat out all day to thaw or serve leftover foods that have been left out all night. These foods have reached temperatures that we call the "danger zone." This is when a food was either not kept cold or hot enough and was at the right temperature for bacteria to grow and reproduce. When thawing foods, it is best to place them on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator in a pan or bowl to catch the juice, the night before preparation. Leftover foods also should be stored promptly after the meal in a sealed container and heated thoroughly when eaten at a later time. When kids have leftovers for lunch, make sure that the food is no more than three days old.

Handling Food - Keeping perishable foods at safe temperatures is just the beginning. Cooking fish, poultry, eggs and meat thoroughly is very important. Using utensils to handle food instead of your hands is another way to avoid spreading germs. Washing fresh fruits and vegetables before serving is essential to avoid getting sick from the chemicals that may have been sprayed on them for preservation. It is also important to inspect canned foods and avoid those that are bulging or are dented. These foods

could contain the bacteria Clostridium botulinum, which is very dangerous. You should always refrigerate any foods containing meat, fish, eggs, milk products or cheese. These foods have a specific shelf life and should not be kept longer than is printed on the package.

Clean Kitchens - Involve your children in regularly cleaning equipment, counter tops, eating areas and even the dishes. Replacing or sanitizing sponges and towels can greatly prevent spreading of bacteria. Having separate cutting boards for meat is another important way to reduce chances of food-borne illness and plastic cutting boards are best because they don't provide housing areas for bacteria. By keeping the food preparation area clean and teaching your children about the importance of food safety, both you and your children can enjoy meal time.

In America, an average family of four consumes almost 6,000 pounds of food a year.



Robert Lee School Menu
Breakfast
Wednesday, August 15
Orange/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
Thursday, August 16
Orange/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk,
Friday, August 17
Orange/apple juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch
Wednesday, August 15
Pizza, corn, tossed salad, chocolate pudding, milk
Thursday, August 16
Chicken O's, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll fruit, milk
Friday, August 17
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles/onion, tator tots, fruit, milk

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453-4557

Small Schools Cooperative
Martha Elder
915/947-0939

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FOR RENT
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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
6 West 17th, Robert Lee. Saturday, August 11, 8 am - ? Air Conditioner, Stereo, Computer, misc. 03a-1tp

GARAGE SALE
Open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 710 Austin, Robert Lee. 03a-tnc

MOVING SALE
French Provincial Couch - \$70. Double Bed - \$80. Entertainment Center - \$130. 453-4392. 03a-1tp

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, August 11, 8 am - 1 pm. North Franklin Street, Bronte. Furniture and much more. 03b-1tp

GARAGE SALE
323 E. Oliver, Bronte. Saturday, 8 am - ? Clothes, furniture, miscellaneous. 03b-1tc

GARAGE SALE
616 W. Main, Bronte. Saturday, 7:30 am - noon. 03b-1tp

NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S) District: San Angelo Contract 0907-00-051 for UPGRADE PERMANENT

SIGNING in TOM GREEN County, etc will be opened on September 06, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
District Office
San Angelo District

NOTICES

District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Road
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 915-944-1501
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

03a-21c

Lenn Roberts' memoirs

written by Lenn Roberts submitted by Jeffie Roberts
Back in the early days - 1920, 1930, 1940's, cotton farming was Coke County's main source of income and the only way to make a living.

We had 2 cotton gins in Robert Lee and they each tried to out do the other, so they agreed to gin the first bale free in the fall. So the farmers all tried to get that first bale ginned free.

Back about 1926 or '27, we had an early spring and an early cotton crop and our cotton started opening early as most everybody's did.

We had a neighbor, Mr. Pat Havins, who lived just over the hill about 1/2 mile away, who liked to do the same thing. So early one Monday morning we started picking cotton and so did our neighbor.

We just had a 4 wheel wagon with high sideboards to put our cotton on to take to the gin. Our neighbor, Mr. Havins, had a 4 wheel trailer with high sideboards to put his cotton on that he pulled behind his car.

The third morning we had our wagon full and ready to go. We had 2 little wild mules that wanted to run away everytime they were hooked to the wagon. My brother, Alton, was about 16 years old and decided they were the very thing he needed to take the cotton to the gin. Just as we were getting the 2 little mules hooked to the wagon, we heard our neighbor crank up his car. So, as Alton was going out the gate on the road to Robert Lee, Mr. Havins went by.

Grace returns from European musical tour

Jonathan Grace recently returned to Wichita Falls following a 27 day tour of eight European countries as a member of the American Musical Ambassadors.

The group, consisting of 81 high school students and recent high school graduates, was led by tour director professors Maxine Lefever of Purdue University and Jerry Junkin of the University of Texas.

Grace, who earned a superior rating in trumpet at the May State UIL competition, has been accepted into the music program at the University of North Texas. In addition to music, he plans to major in philosophy. A 2001 honor graduate of Wichita Falls High School, he is the son of Lee and Jackie Grace of Wichita Falls and grandson of John & Maudie Conley of Robert Lee.

We lived about 7 miles from town over a dirt road and no bridges on the creeks. So there they go neck and neck all the way. As they approached the Colorado River bridge, Mr. Havins had a flat tire on his trailer, rather than stop to fix it, he hobbled on to the gin right behind Alton.

When they pulled up to the gin, Alton's little mules were foaming with sweat and Mr. Havins' car was boiling hot. When they told the ginners what had happened, he laughed and said he would gin both bales FREE.

P.S. Here I go again. I just came in from our Senior Citizens Activity Center (in Abilene) where I go every morning and play pool with my old buddies.

Now as I write this last part - Friday, July 13, 2001. I am 87 years old, it give me an odd feeling to know that I am the only one left living out of 5 Roberts families (all who lived in Coke County in the earlier years) No uncles, no aunts, no cousins, but I am thankful that I still have my wife, Irene, and my son, Norman, 2 grandsons, 3 great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews. (Bobby Roberts is Lenn's only nephew and family living in Robert Lee, Coke County).

Tips for cleaner air

Individual actions what a big impact on air quality in the Lone Star State. For example, in many communities, emissions from personal automobiles is the single greatest source of air pollution. Driving a car is probably the most "polluting" daily activity by a typical citizen.

Actions to improve air quality:

On the Road

*Carpool or Vanpool. Sharing a ride with at least one more person would save 40 million gallons of gasoline a day in the United States.

*Use mass transit. A bus of 44 passengers uses much less fuel than 11 automobiles with four passengers each.

*Don't let your engine idle unnecessarily. Idling engines waste gas.

*Plan ahead to combine errands. The fewer trips, the less air pollution - and you save gasoline.

*Don't overfill or "top off" your car's gas tank. Even if you don't spill gasoline, ozone-causing fumes escape.

*Use the EPA's Green Vehicle Guide to select a "greener" vehicle. The guide is available online at: www.epa.gov/autoemissions.

*Maintain your vehicle. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for maintenance.

In the Home

*Apply paint with rollers and brushes instead of sprays to cut down on fumes and save paint.

*Use latex rather than oil-based paints to cut back on ozone-forming chemicals.

*Insulate and weather strip your home to avoid over taxing your air conditioner and heater.

*Replace existing light bulbs with high-efficiency fluorescent bulbs.

*Turn off lights and appliances when your not using them.

*Run dishwashers and washing machines only when

you have a full load.

In the Yard

*Avoid spilling gasoline. Even small gasoline spills evaporate and pollute the air.

*Maintain your equipment. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for maintenance.

*Change oil and air filters. Get periodic tune-ups,

sharpen mower blades, and keep the underside of mower decks clean.

*Consider cleaner options. Ask your dealer about the new, cleaner equipment entering the marketplace.

*Reduce mowing time. Use low-maintenance turf grasses or grass/flower seed mixtures

that grow slowly and require less mowing.

For more information on air quality in Texas visit, www.cleantexasair.org.

One way to absorb refrigerator odors is an uncovered lemon peel.

2001 Property Tax Rates in Coke County

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for Coke County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$798,824	\$189,650
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$798,824	\$189,650
Last year's tax base	\$191,564,508	\$188,515,139
Last year's total tax rate	0.417000 /\$100	0.100602 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$796,990	\$189,089
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$204,408,452	\$201,440,635
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.389900 /\$100	0.093868 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.483768 /\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$796,990	\$189,089
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$204,408,452	\$201,440,635
= This year's effective operating rate	0.389900 /\$100	0.093868 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.421092 /\$100	0.101377 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.421092 /\$100	0.101377 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.522469 /\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Coke County adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.483768 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$10,191.

Schedule A: General Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$422,586

Schedule B: General Fund 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Total required for 2001 debt service	\$0
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Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Fam Market Flood Control	\$280,363

Schedule B: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Total required for 2001 debt service	\$0
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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 13 East 7th Street Robert Lee Texas.

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Preparation for small grain production

Hopefully, we will receive some showers to be able to sow our winter small grain crops either for grazing or grain production. There are several important decisions to make before we sow our grain.

First, fertility is probably the most limiting factor besides moisture. The best source of information for fertility is a soil test to see what is actually available in the soil. If a soil test has not been taken, there are a few rules of thumb to assist in determining fertilizer needs. For forage production, small grains will use about 60-70 pounds of Nitrogen per ton of forage, 20-40 pounds of Phosphorous and 20-40 pounds of Potassium for each ton of forage produced. Another way of figuring fertility requirement is that for each 100 pounds of beef produced per acre small grain will use 30-40 pounds of Nitrogen. For grain production, it takes 2 pounds of Nitrogen and 0.8 pounds of Phosphorous to produce one bushel of grain.

Secondly, moisture is the most limiting factor we have. Through several field trials where grain was sown at different intervals of mid-August, early October and mid-October and mid-November results show the August planted wheat used most of the available moisture before spring resulting in lower forage production in the spring. In contrast the November planted grain couldn't use the early moisture and produced most of its forage in the spring. The October planted grain produced about half of its forage in the fall and about half in the spring. If you need early grazing, plant early, if you need spring grazing wait until October.

Field preparation is also very important to consider. Small grains need to be sown in a weed free, firm seed bed. This firm seed bed is very important for emergence of all small grains. One of the worst practices you can do is sow right behind the tandem. If your drill does not have depth bands, sowing grain behind the tandem can cause the seed to be planted too deep. When the seed has enough moisture to sprout and send up the coleoptile, or first emerged leaf, if the seed is too deep the coleoptile will not emerge through the soil line and die resulting in poor stands.

If grain is to be grazed, about 2/3's of the nitrogen needs to be applied at or near planting. If it is for grain production only, then 30-40% needs to be applied in the fall and the rest in the spring, if moisture conditions are favorable. With the unpredictability of our rainfall, it is a wise idea to split the fertilizer applications so that you don't put all your eggs in one basket so to

speak. One major important fact of small grain fertility is that the fertility levels at or near emergence of small grain can genetically determine the future production of that crop. If the fertility level is too low at this critical time, no amount of fertilizer and moisture can greatly enhance the pre-determined genetic potential of a grain crop.

Another key factor is what kind of small grain to sow. If you are going to strictly graze the crop out, there are several options to use. Beardless varieties of wheat such as Win-Tex, WinMaster or Russian have performed well in forage test in this area, plus the awnless heads allow for more complete graze out by livestock. Also, if grazing is the only purpose of the crop, a producer might want to mix early and late maturing varieties together for extended grazing or mix oats, rye and Triticale for increased forage production.

For more information on varieties or small production, contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461.

Insurance check-up

Insurance provides vital protection for you, your family, and your property in the event of a natural disaster, accident, illness, death, or lawsuit - but only if you have the right type and amount. And what might have been the right insurance five, 10, or 20 years ago may no longer address your family's needs today. That is precisely why the Texas Society of CPAs recommends that you give yourself an insurance check-up every year or two. Here are a few suggestions for updating your coverage.

Life insurance is not for every one

For individuals who have dependents to support, either fully or partially, life insurance is essential. However, many people whose children are grown and on their own still maintain large amounts of life insurance. If no one is depending on your income, life insurance is optional. Unless you have a specific reason for retaining it, such as using it to pay estate taxes, the costs most likely outweigh the benefits and you should think about terminating coverage.

When to eliminate private mortgage insurance

If you put less than 20 percent down when you took out your home mortgage, the lender most likely required you to have Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), a special type of coverage that protects the lender if you default on the loan. The Homeowner's Protection Act of 1998 establishes rules for automatic termination and borrower cancellation of PMI on home mortgages. Under this federal law, you can request that your PMI can be canceled once you've built up 20 percent equity in

your house based on the original property value. (Keep in mind that if your house has appreciated in value over the years, you may have reached the 20 percent equity threshold.) Your mortgage holder is not required to terminate your coverage until you reach 22 percent equity in your home, but as long as your payment record is good, your lender may allow you to cancel your PMI at the 20 percent point.

Collision insurance

When you bought that new convertible five years ago, you undoubtedly took out collision insurance to protect it from dings and other damage. Since older cars typically don't have great value, the cost of collision coverage is likely more than the cost of repairing your car. Compare the premiums you pay with what you would get if the car were totaled to determine if collision insurance is worthwhile.

Homeowner's insurance

Many homeowner's policies guarantee to pay actual cash value for your losses. If you're young and strapped for cash, then that can sound pretty good. But the truth is if your

home burns down, you won't get the full rebuilding price. If possible, upgrade your coverage to replacement cost, which provides for the full cost of replacing your home and its contents up to the dollar limit of your policy. Better yet, guaranteed replacement cost coverage pays the full amount even if it exceeds your policy's face value.

Insuring your home office

Have you joined the millions of Americans working from a home office? If so, talk to your agent. Most conventional homeowners' policies cover business property on a limited basis, so you may need additional coverage. Ask your agent if you can add to your homeowner's policy an "incidental business option" rider that includes protection for office equipment and general liability coverage for you business.

Valuable items may need additional protection

Have you acquired fine artwork, valuable antiques, or expensive jewelry and furs? If so, you should consider purchasing a separate rider to insure these big-ticket items since most homeowners' and

renter's policies limit coverage for high-priced property?

Disability insurance

The advice here is simple. If you don't have it, get it. While most people are diligent about insuring themselves against the cost of healthcare and loss of life, fewer recognize the need to insure what is likely their most valuable asset - their earning power. Disability insurance pays you a monthly income if, due to an accident or sickness, you are unable to perform a suitable job.

Assess your insurance regularly

Many people take out insurance policies, renew year after year, and never update or change them. If you want to be sure that your insurance protection remains in line with your needs, you should review your policies periodically.

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