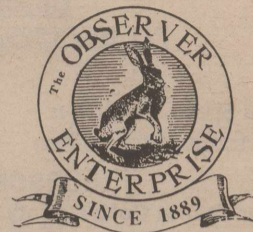


# THE OBSERVER/ ENTERPRISE

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## Robert Lee to host first ever "Street Affair" on October 20

Robert Lee will be closing down the streets Saturday, October 20, in order to host its first ever Street Affair. Two blocks of the city will be given over to crafters' booths and food booths. Groups interested in fund raising are encouraged to reserve a spot. Civic or other groups interested in sharing information with the public are also welcome to set up booths. To secure a booth space call Peggy Coppedge at 453-4752 or 453-2831.

The Coke County Library will hold a book sale during the Street Affair. DJ's Merle Norman will host its Grand Opening with punch and cake in conjunction with the Affair. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and prizes will be given away. This will prove to

be a pre-Christmas opportunity, not only to sell but to buy.

A parade will be the kick off to the activities of the day. The parade will feature bands, the new fire truck, classic cars, and cheerleaders. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should call Joan Davis at 453-2301 or 453-4777.

The morning will also feature a Dessert Cook-Off. Categories for the cook-off will include cake, pies, cookies, and "other". Winners will receive the gratitude of the audience and have their recipes printed in the paper for "posterity". Cooks can call Pat Taft at 453-2302 or 453-2433 for more information.

Highlighting the activities for the afternoon will be a Talent Contest. The contest will be

held on a flat-bed stage. The stage will be set up to accommodate karate demonstrations, cowboy poetry reciting, dancing and singing. Anyone with a talent and a desire to perform for an appreciative audience is welcome to call Debbie Wilkes at 453-2819.

A large group of RV folks have been invited to Robert Lee, October 17-22. It is hoped that this day will be enjoyed by the visitors to the lake and visitors from the area as well.

Certificates of Participation signed by the Mayor will be distributed to those participating in the day's events. Certain attendees will be selected to receive certificates as well because citizen support is so important to the success of any event.

Make your plans now to be a part of the first ever Street Affair in Robert Lee. Hope to see ya'll there!

### Bronte Bluegrass Jubilee set for Saturday

There will be a Bluegrass Jubilee on Saturday, September 8th at 12 noon until 7. The jubilee is sponsored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce and will be held at the Bronte Community Center.

Bring your instrument and join in the fun or just come and listen.

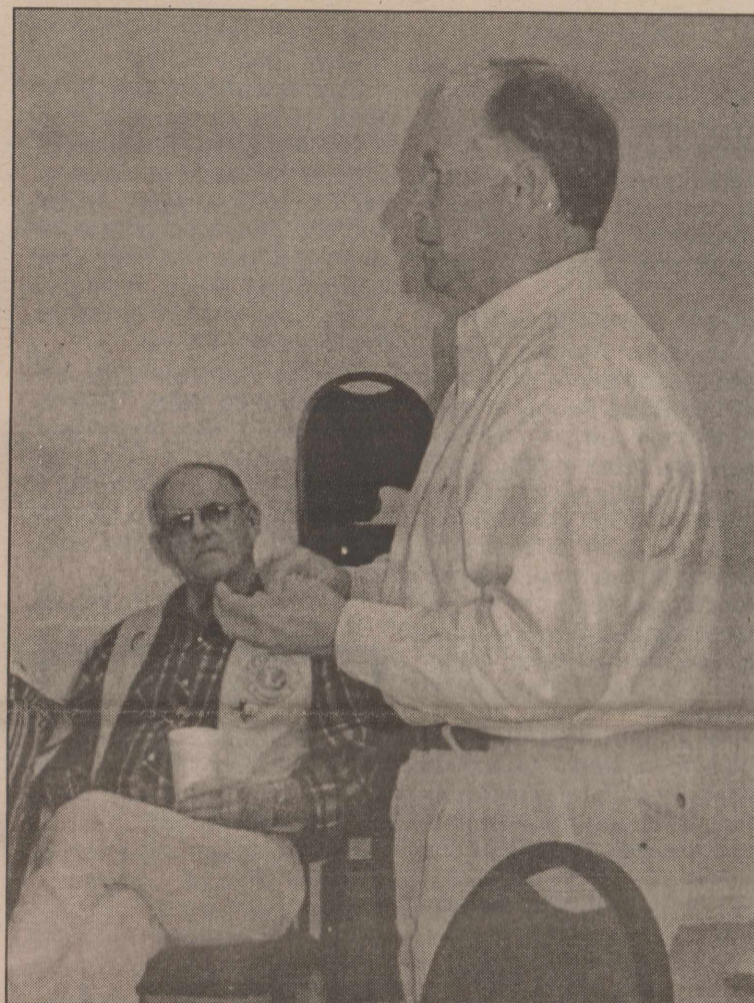
### The Sermon on the Mount

John Piatt, nephew of Pastor Erma Johnson, will perform "The Sermon on the Mount" at the county park on Austin Street in Robert Lee, Saturday, September 15th at 6:00 pm. Local talent will also be featured. Everyone is welcome. Come, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a community evening in the park.

John is a commercial artist by trade. His interests extend through the entire drama department of his church, plus, he teaches sign language.

If you ever wanted to learn to sign, here's your chance. John will offer beginner classes on Wednesday, September 12th & Friday the 14th at 7 pm in the sanctuary of the Victory Assembly of God Church at 6th and Houston Street in Robert Lee. These classes are free and open to the public.

For more information call 453-4786 or Pastor Erma Johnson at 453-2076.



State Representative Rob Junell spoke to the Bronte Evening Lions Club on Tuesday night, September 4. Following an enjoyable barbecue supper, Junell discussed topics including redistricting, medical expenses, school taxes, and brush control with the large group in attendance.

### Swine validation tags to be ordered

Anyone wishing to exhibit a swine project at a major show (Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston or San Angelo) must have the animal state validated to be eligible. Please notify the Extension office at 453-2461 by September 14 on how many swine tags you will need. This is an absolute deadline. Pigs that will be shown only at the county show are not required to be validated, only major show barrows. Gilts do not have to be validated. Cost of the validation tags will be \$6 per animal.

### RL blood drive

United Blood Services will be at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Tuesday, September 11 from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Please call Becky Ross at 453-2724 for an appointment.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You will also 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, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. Your help is needed. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

### Hometown Hardware to serve as drop-off location for newspaper

The Bronte office of the Observer/Enterprise will be closed until such time as the building can be rented and reopened. During this period of time, Hometown Hardware has agreed to serve as a drop-off location for all your local newspaper ads and stories.

Bronte school news will be picked up at the school, the same as in the past.

If you have a question with an ad or story, give us a call at 453-2433.



Mildred McAdoo celebrated her 100th birthday recently at the New Rec Hall in Robert Lee. She received several cards, a money tree, and two framed certificates from United States President George W. Bush and Texas Governor Rick Perry.

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**Obituaries**

**Kennedy**

Clairine Kennedy, 82, of Robert Lee passed away Friday, August 31, 2001, in the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 pm, Saturday, September 1, 2001, at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Ser-

vices were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Clairine was born January 1, 1919, to Ira and Mozelle Rich in Gilmer, Texas. She married Charles Kennedy on December 23, 1945 in Tyler, Texas and she taught school for 32 years, 16 years of that time was in Silver, Texas, retiring in 1977. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Clairine is survived by her husband of 55 years, Charles Kennedy; a daughter, Sue Ree Kennedy, a son and daughter-in-law, Charles & Nell Kennedy; and a grandson Brent Kennedy and wife, Shannon.

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**TADA meeting slated**

The Turn Around Downtown Association will meet with the Coke County Historical Association on Monday, September 10th at 5:00 pm in the Coke County Courthouse Commissioners Court Room.

The purpose of the joint meeting is to explore ways to finance retro-fitting the old jail to its original state and securing another downtown building to serve as a museum for Robert Lee and the county.

Any Robert Lee resident who is interested in becoming a member of the TADA is welcome to attend the meeting. Ideas are welcomed from any resident. Call City Hall at 453-2831, or Beth Prather at 453-2495.

**RL city council meeting slated**

The City Council of Robert Lee will hold its regular monthly council meeting on Monday, September 10th at 7:00 pm. The agenda will include a discussion and possible action on a proposal to call an election for an Economic Development Sales Tax in the City.

An Economic Development tax would be charged on retail sales only; and, would have no effect on property taxes.

If the election is called, the City Council will conduct other meetings for the purposes of informing the public regarding the Economic Development Program.

**Death Notices**

**Keener**

Bessie Leona Keener of Garland died on Thursday, August 30 at Baylor of Garland. Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Saturday, September 1, 2001 in Williams Chapel with Bill Abston and Frank Bueter officiating. Interment was held at 4:30 Saturday at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Williams Funeral Directors in Garland.

Survivors include daughter Barbara J. Herron of Garland, grandson and wife, Blaine and Lisa Herron of Mobile, Alabama, granddaughter, Deena Herron of Garland, great-grandson and wife Nathan and Niki Herron of Plano, great granddaughter Katie Herron of Dallas, one sister Ruby Cook of Austin and one brother, J. Douglas Duff of Bryan.



The Community Room at Bronte was a full house on Tuesday night, September 4, with the guest speaker being State Representative Rob Junell. Retired county judge Royce Lee introduced Junell to the large group in attendance.

**FSA office announces revised eligibility for 1998 CLDAP**

Section 259 of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224; June 20, 2000), Restoration of Eligibility for Crop Loss Assistance, retroactively revised the eligibility requirements for the multi-year benefit. Producers that otherwise would have qualified for the 1998 CLDAP multi-year benefit in the absence of legal restructuring of their farm operation, or that may have operated under multiple entities in the years 1994 through 1998, may now be eligible.

Eligible producers include those that either:

\*previously filed an application and did not meet eligibility requirements

\*now meet the eligibility requirements, but did not previously file an application

\*received a payment for single-losses, did not initially qualify for multi-year benefit, but now qualify for multi-year benefits under the revised eligibility requirements.

The applicant must have either received an indemnity, 1994 ad hoc disaster assis-

stance, or NAP payment as an individual or as a member of a joint operation or entity in at least 3 of 5 years from 1994 through 1998.

Applications will be accepted from the date of publication of the Federal Register notice through close of business September 14, 2001. Applications will be accepted only from individual producers, not joint operations or entities.

**Miles Cotton Festival September 8th**

Fun, fun, fun is the word for the annual Miles Cotton Festival to be held on Saturday, September 8th in Miles, Texas.

The all-day activities include a brisket, pork rib and bean cookoff with over \$1,000.00 given away in prize money; a parade, breakfast, arts and crafts, children's games, washer pitching, entertainment all day long, a noon meal in the historic Opera House, bar-b-que supper, tug of war, queen's contest and to round out the activities a boot-scootin under the stars street dance with music by Nashville recording artist Waylon Pierce.

For more information call

915-468-3611 or 915-468-3001 or check out the web site at [www.milestexas.com](http://www.milestexas.com).

**Angelo Civic Theatre**

The Angelo Civic Theatre will start their 116th Anniversary Season on September 13th, 8:00 pm, with MY FAIR LADY.

Box office hours are noon to 5:30 pm, Mon. - Sat.

For more information stop by ACT or call 949-4400 between noon & 5:30.

**Churches of Robert Lee**

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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**  
PO Box 638 • Robert Lee  
(915) 453-2208

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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**Pedal for the park  
Bike-A-Thon**

The AON Service Club will be sponsoring a bike-a-thon to benefit the Cody Bill Memorial Park located in the county park in Robert Lee. Monies will be used to purchase new playground equipment. The bike-a-thon will be held Saturday, September 15, 2001. Sign up will begin at 8:30 am at the county courthouse. The ride will be held from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Lunch will be provided for the participants.

Prizes will be given - the top money raiser will receive a \$50 savings bond, there will be prizes for the most miles ridden in each age group and a t-shirt to each participant who raises \$35.00 or more.

Forms for the bike-a-thon will be handed out at school. If you would like to participate and did not receive the information, please contact Zena Williamson at 453-2795 or an AON Service Club member.



Bronte Evening Lions Club program chairman Royce Lee presented State Representative Rob Junell with some memorabilia of his previous visits to Coke County at the Bronte Evening Lions Club meeting on September 4. Some of the notable items were news articles and pictures of the dedication of the gazebo.

**Bronte UMC revival**

Bronte United Methodist Church is holding a revival September 9 - 11. The revival services will be 6:30 pm Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Reverend Carl Rohlf of First United Methodist Church of San Angelo will be preaching. Music will feature contemporary praise and worship, "old favorite" gospel music as well as music specials by soloist and ensembles. Come and join the praise and worship of the Lord together!

**Ag Commissioner  
Combs seeks input**

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is hosting a public town hall meeting at 3:30 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Saint Ambrose Parish, 8602 Loop 570, in Wall. Combs wants to hear what is on the minds of West Texas agricultural producers, agribusinesses, community leaders and citizens and hopes to gather input on the best ways to address the area's agricultural and rural issues.

Combs said "It is imperative that we all work together to develop ideas and solutions to ensure the future growth and vitality of Tom Green County and rural West Texas."

As the second-largest industry in the state, agriculture contributes more than \$80 billion each year to the Texas economy and produces approximately 16 percent of the gross state product. The agriculture industry also employs one out of every five working Texans.

**Veterans' Benefits  
Assistance**

Tom Green County Veterans Service Officer Gary Rommelfanger will be in Robert Lee and Bronte on Wednesday, September 12, to assist Coke County residents with problems or questions they may have involving veterans' benefits.

The Service Officer normally visits Robert Lee and Bronte on the second Wednesday of each month. For information or appointments, call the San Angelo office at 659-6561.

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✓ Coke Co.  
Library

reports, and procedure, as well as a timeline for actual start-up.

The Story Hour program will begin September 18. For the remainder of the year, Story Hour will be held Tuesdays at 10:00 for three to five year old children. Any adult interested in joining in the fun is welcome regardless of age. Volunteers can read, do projects, provide treats, or just watch.

The Library will hold a book sale in connection with The Street Affair to be held Saturday, October 20th in downtown Robert Lee. The book sale will be a part of the booths, food concessions, talent show, dessert cook-off and busy street scene.


  
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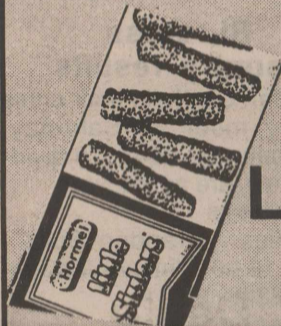
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## RL Steers win County Championship, 50-0

by Bill Burns  
It's here again and many fans are very happy. It's football season, a time many look forward to each year.

The Steers gave their fans something to talk about last Friday night as they went to Bronte to play the Longhorns. The Steers brought home the County Championship.

### 1st quarter

The Steers received the opening kick and started a good drive from their own 34 yard line. Colby Eubanks picked up six yards and Anson Lott scampered for a 43 yard gain. The Steers lost 10 yards but Colby Eubanks gained that back and Taylor Clendennen gained another 7 yards. Clendennen then went 23 yards for the 1st Steer touchdown.

The Longhorns recovered an onside kick attempt at their own 48 yard line but could not get a 1st down and turned the ball back to the Steers at the Steer 43 yard line. The Steers miscued and lost 15 yards on 1st down. Eubanks gained 9 yards back and passed to Travis Pitcock for 13 yards for a 1st down. Clendennen then burst up the middle for a 46 yard touchdown. Eubanks ran for the 2 point conversion.

Jaziel Gallegos recovered a Longhorn fumble for the Steers, but the Steers fumbled back to the Longhorns. The Steer defense forced the Longhorns to punt.

The Steers started another drive at the Longhorn 46 yard line. Cole Flanagan gained 3

yards, Anson Lott gained 4 yards and another 1 yard and Eubanks passed for 5 yards to Lott as the quarter ended.

### 2nd quarter

The quarter started with the ball at the Longhorn 9 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Flanagan covered that 9 yards and another Steer touchdown. Stewart Millican picked up a fumbled snap on the point after attempt and ran for 2 points. Travis Pitcock intercepted a pass for the Steers and Bret Ballew had a 17 yard run as the half came to an end.

### 3rd quarter

The Longhorns started the second half with the ball, but the Steer defense forced the Longhorns to punt. The Longhorns stopped the Steers and took the ball back at their own 42 yard line, but after 3 plays had to punt back to the Steers. After a good re-

turn, the Steers had the ball at the Steer 44 yard line. Clendennen went 56 yards for a touchdown on the first play. Eubanks passed to Sammy Minjarez for the 2 points.

The Longhorns fumbled and Sean Edging recovered for the Steers.

The Steers had the ball at the Longhorn 35 yard line. Eubanks carried for 15 yards, then Lott carried the final 20 yards for the Steer touchdown. The kick failed.

Salomon Saucedo intercepted a Longhorn pass and the Steers had the ball at the Longhorn 45 yard line. Clendennen ran for that 45 yards and his 4th touchdown of the night. Millican kicked the PAT.

### 4th quarter

The Steers controlled the ball most of this quarter with the lone score coming early in the quarter when Ballew outran everyone 74 yards for the touchdown. Millican capped the scoring with the PAT kick.

Final score, Robert Lee 50 - Bronte 0.

This was great Steers, keep up the Good Work!!!

## RL cross country results

Garden City held their cross country meet on Saturday, September 1, 2001. Individual results are as follows:

### Jr. HI boys

2 miles - Brandon Soliz - 15th - 16:09; Vincent McClelland - 28th - 20:01

### High school girls

2 miles - Nicole Sanchez - 21st - 16:01; Monica Rodriguez - 25th - 16:15; Michelle Sanchez - 49th - 18:26; Brittany Soliz - 61st - 19:47; Veronica Cerritos - 62nd - 19:55

### High school boys

3 miles - Travis Taylor - 11th - 19:31; Andy Mulkey - 25th - 21:14; Cisco Moreno - 42nd - 23:15; Phillip Arellano - 45th - 24:37

## Brisket dinner slated by RL junior class

The Robert Lee junior class will be having a brisket dinner Sept. 21st in the school cafeteria from 5-7 pm. Tickets can be purchased from any junior class member or may be purchased at the door. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

Deliveries and take out will be available. Should you want your food delivered, then you must purchase your tickets in advance no later than Sept. 20th. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward Project Graduation for the class.

## RL PTO meeting scheduled

The Robert Lee PTO will have the first meeting of the 2001-2002 school year on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Several items of interest will be discussed including plans for the October 20 Robert Lee Street Affair. Suggestions for upcoming programs will be taken. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Robert Lee Elementary School at 453-4555.

## RLISD adopts budget/tax rate

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a public meeting to discuss the proposed 2001-2002 budget and proposed tax rate on August 30 at 6:30 pm. No citizens appeared to express their views on the budget and tax rate. Superintendent Weldon Koepf explained the budget by major fund and function. The budget has been discussed in greater detail in the regular July and August board meetings. After the discussion, the board adopted the budget by a unanimous vote.

The budget as adopted showed a decrease in estimated revenue from the previous year of \$14,269 and a decrease in estimated expenditures of \$34,961. Expenditures are estimated to exceed revenues by \$110,866. Supt. Koepf stated, "This is a deficit budget, but we are hopeful that we can manage actual expenditures so that we don't have a deficit when we reach the end of the year."

In the new budget, 71% will go for instruction related costs, 7% to general administration, 3% for food service, 5% for extracurricular activities, 2% for student transportation, 2% for data processing, and 9% for facility maintenance and operation. About 73% of the budget will go for payroll costs, which is about average for most school districts. Payroll costs include salaries, health insurance costs, unemployment and workers compensation insurance, Medicare taxes, and retirement contributions.

The board adopted a 2001 tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value. This is the same rate as the last two years. The adopted rate will raise estimated revenue of \$1,686,000. About 60% of estimated revenue will come from local sources, about 36% from the state funds, and

about 4% from Federal funds.

In other action, trustees appointed Jess Williamson to fill a trustee position that has been vacant for several months. Mr. Williamson will have to seek re-election to the unexpired term next May at the regular board election. He will be sworn in at the next board meeting in September.

Board members also adopted a resolution opposing a change in the number of board members on the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The Appraisal Board had approved the change earlier in August. Other items approved by trustees were a proposal by senior parents to operate football and basketball concession stands, a Worker's Compensation agreement with Claims Administrative Services of Tyler, and an agreement making county extension agents adjunct faculty members of the district.

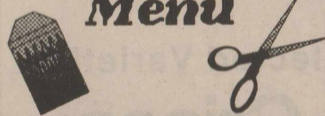
Before adjourning, Supt. Koepf reported on a recent school facility inspection by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and the appointment of Robert Lee Elementary Principal Janet Wallace as President-elect of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisor's Association District 15.

## RLBC TeamKid is back

Attention pre-K through 6th graders. TeamKid (Kids in Discipleship) is back! It is to be held on Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 beginning September 5th at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The kids are encouraged to bring a friend and come join the fun! There will be singing, playing games, snacks to enjoy, reading the Bible and learning about Jesus. Parents are also welcome to come.

For more information or any question, please call the Robert Lee Baptist Church 453-2724.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

#### Monday, Sept. 10

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

#### Tuesday, Sept. 11

Juice, breakfast bar, cereal, milk

#### Wednesday, Sept. 12

Juice, sausage, biscuit, cereal, milk

#### Thursday, Sept. 13

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

#### Friday, Sept. 14

Juice, pancake/sausage stick, cereal, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Sept. 10

Rib-b-ques, corn, broccoli, sliced bread, applesauce, milk

#### Tuesday, Sept. 11

Fajitas, lettuce, tomato, ranch style beans, pudding, milk

#### Wednesday, Sept. 12

Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, green beans, bread, peaches, milk

#### Thursday, Sept. 13

Ham, potato salad, pinto beans, cornbread, apple slices, milk

#### Friday, Sept. 14

Hotdog, chili & cheese, tator tots, fruit cocktail, milk

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Friday, September 7  
8:00 pm HERE

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**Water Valley Wildcats**

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Bill & Pat Carwile

**Gaylon & Kaye Pitcock**  
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Date	Location	Time	RL
August 31	Bronte	There	8:00
September 7	Water Valley	Here	8:00
September 14	Miles	There	8:00
September 21	Eden	Here	8:00
** September 28	May	Here	7:30
October 5	Open		
* October 12	Roscoe	There	7:30
* October 19	Rotan	Here	7:30
* October 26	Garden City	There	7:30
* November 2	Sterling City	There	7:30
* November 9	Roby	Here	7:30

\* District 9A Games      \*\* Homecoming

RL	Score
50	0

**Shaffer Monument Company**  
**Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club**  
**Nancy Arthur**

Attorney-At-Law

**Waldon & Judy Millican**  
**& Family**

**Coke County Judge**

Jackie Walker

**West Coke County**  
**Community Development**  
**Skinner's Gro. & Station**

Jim & Geanette Skinner

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte High School cheerleaders for the 2001-2002 school year are Khanni Beauchamp (mascot), Natasha Reed, Ashley Torres, Kayla Hilliard, Kanah Coalson, Jenna Herold, and Heather Richey.

## Bronte Longhorn football

The Bronte Longhorns' three game winning streak against Robert Lee came to an end Friday night, as the Steers defeated the Longhorns 50-0.

The Steer offensive line-men opened up holes for the Robert Lee backs to run through over and over. After trailing 22-0 at halftime, the Horns were overpowered in the second half.

Bronte put together three good drives in the ball game but could not come up with any points. The Longhorns

turned the ball over five times to the Steers one. Cody Lee led the Longhorns in rushing with 68 yards on 22 carries.

Bronte next travels to Santa Anna Friday, September 7, for a 7:30 ball game.

## BISD board meets in special session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in special session Thursday, August 30, 2001, at 7:00 pm. Jeff Schoenfield was absent from the meeting.

Motion was made and passed to accept bids for the girl's dressing rooms and elementary addition renovations project.

The board reviewed the TEA District Accountability for 2001. The Bronte High School received an Exemplary Rating, elementary received an Acceptable Rating, and CCJJC received a Need Peer Review.

A resolution to approve the staggered terms for the Appraisal District was approved.

Motion was made and passed to approve the adjunct faculty appointment of Tommy Antilley and Jan

Yanez to Bronte ISD.

Motion was made and approved to enter into agreement for unemployment insurance with TASB for 2001-2002.

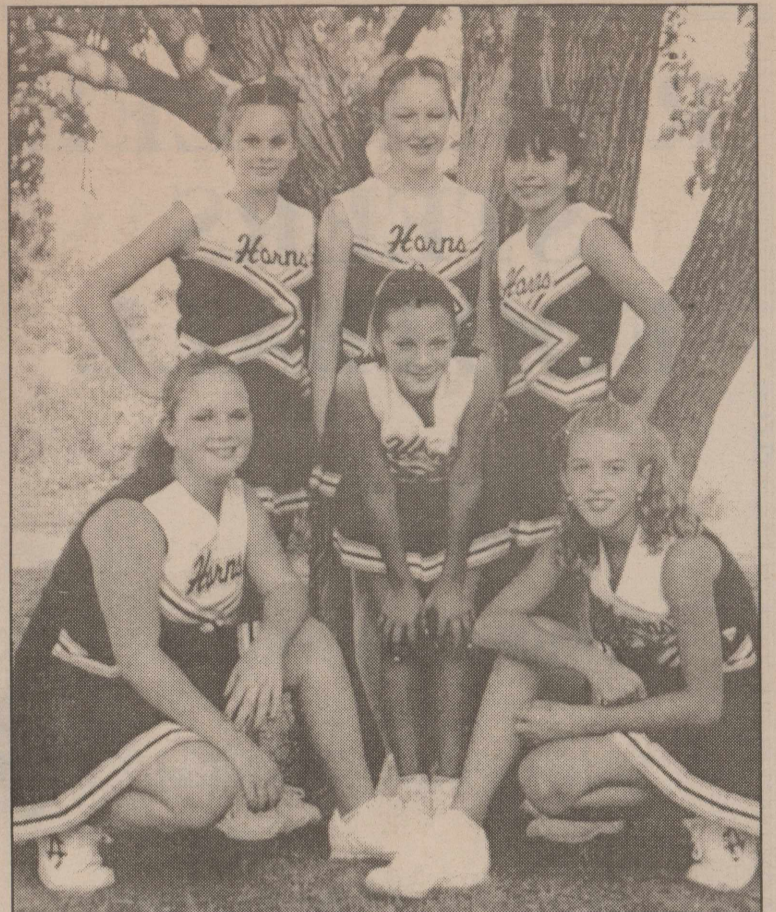
Motion was made and approved to participate in the TRS - Active Care effective September 1, 2002, for employment health insurance.

Doug Hoyt was appointed as delegate to the TASB convention September 21 - 24, 2001.

The budget for 2001-2002 was presented and discussed. A resolution to approve the 2001-2002 budget was approved.

Alan Richey gave his report to the board which included the following items: Plans for the TASA/TASB convention September 21 - 24, 2001, facilities update including new lights for the old gym and that the concessions entered into agreement with Coca-Cola for product, the district will be having a BE/ESL visit on December 3, 2001, and updated on Fixed Asset Management.

Motion was made and passed to pay the August 2001 bills.



Bronte Junior High Cheerleaders for the 2001-2002 school year are (back row, from left) Megan Gibbs, Rebecca Rawlings, Sarah Basquez, (front row, from left) Rebekah Beauchamp, Katie Cooper and Cheyenne Webb.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next regular board meeting will be September 20, 2001.

## Money management tips published for college students

• **Make the most of your midnight snacks.** Start saving that change from those late-night pizza deliveries and see how fast your \$2 turns into \$50. Maximize your change by depositing it into a savings account to earn interest.

• **Learn to say "no" to impulse purchases.** It's easy to get caught up in a spending frenzy when you're out on your own. Find a budget that works for you and stick to it.

• **Establish credit by applying for a credit card with a low credit limit and interest rate.** Spend responsibly,

within your means, and you will be on your way to building great credit for your future.

• **Occupy some of your free time with a part-time job on or near campus.** It's a great way to pick up extra cash, meet people and learn job skills.

• **Invest in your future.** Consolidate the cash you get for birthdays or holidays and transfer it into an interest-bearing money market account.

• **Be your own travel agent.** If you are within driving distance, check postings at the student union for sharing rides home. If you plan to fly home, start looking for special fares early by adding your name to airline e-mail distribution lists.

• **Find the most cost-effective long distance calling plan that works for you.** Evaluate your calling patterns during your first month at school. E-mail is also a great way to keep in touch with your family and friends.

## SCHOOL MENU

### Breakfast

**Monday, Sept. 10**

Cereal, fruit, teddy grams, milk

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**

Donut, grape juice, milk

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**

Pop tarts, orange, milk

**Thursday, Sept. 13**

Pancake & sausage on a stick, apple juice, milk

**Friday, Sept. 14**

Breakfast burrito, grape juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Sept. 10**

Fish sticks, blackeyed peas, sliced peaches, macaroni & cheese, rolls, milk, chocolate pudding

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**

Taco salad with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, tortilla chips, milk, cinnamon rolls

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**

Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk

**Thursday, Sept. 13**

Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, milk, jello

**Friday, Sept. 14**

Cheese burgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, French fries, milk, sugar cookies

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September 7	Santa Anna	There	8:00	
September 14	Rankin	Here	8:00	
September 21	Roby	There	8:00	
* September 28	Irion County	There	7:30	
* October 5	Miles	Here	7:30	
* October 12	Water Valley	There	7:30	
** October 19	Eden	Here	7:30	
* October 26	Menard	There	7:30	
* November 2	Christoval	Here	7:30	
November 9	Open			

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*Harriette Jackson #22*

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*Clay #40*

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*Coach Peterson*

*Jesse Harold #55*

*Tyler #1*

*Scott Snyder #60*

*Coach Bedford*



by Jan Yanéz  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

**Be Cool - Chill Out**

This September marks the seventh National Food Safety Education Month, an annual event that highlights the importance of safe food handling and preparation in both home and commercial kitchens.

To promote the importance of keeping cold foods cold, the theme for this year is "Be Cool - Chill Out! Refrigerate Promptly". Organizations, businesses and agencies throughout Texas and the nation are participating in this event to raise consumer awareness of food safety practices to help prevent foodborne illness.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that each year 76 million cases of foodborne illnesses occur with 325,000 hospital-

**RLVFD news**

by Marian Thompson  
Secretary

RLVFD held its first meeting of September on Tuesday the 4th. Captain Keith Eubanks presided with 12 members in attendance.

The minutes were approved as read.

Chief Rick Drennan reported on the Forest Service inspection and inventory, done by Shane Crimm on the 31st.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson gave the monthly report.

There were 2 meetings, 1 training class, 34 hours of training and activities, 2 fire calls (both in the city). This included 13 man hours, 1 1/2 truck hours and 3/4 truck miles one way.

The group discussed taking the new pumper truck to the Robert Lee Street Affair and having a booth. Discussion included radios needed for the trucks, what brand and how many.

My book, The History of RLVFD, is complete. I will take a copy to City Hall and the Coke County Library soon.

Fall and winter grass fires are a sure thing with the growth of grass from the recent rains. We all need to be alert to fire hazards.

The meeting was adjourned and the volunteers spent the next hour working on the trucks.

izations and 5,200 deaths from this illness. Medical costs and lost wages from foodborne illness are estimated in the billions of dollars each year.

Failure to refrigerate foods is a major cause of foodborne illness. This illness results from bacteria or other microorganisms in food and can cause flu-like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever.

Bacteria that cause foodborne illness grow most rapidly in the "danger zone" (temperatures between 40 - 140 degrees F). In this temperature range, bacteria can double in number in as little as twenty minutes.

One way to prevent bacteria from multiplying is to keep food out of the "danger zone" through refrigeration. Refrigeration slows bacterial growth, and at temperatures of 40 degrees F or below, most food can be safely stored for a few days. Leftovers should be reheated to 165 degrees F or until steaming hot or boiling before eating.

Freezing preserves food for longer periods of time. Although freezing stops the growth of bacteria, it does not kill them. Bacteria can grow in thawing foods, therefore, it is best to thaw food in the refrigerator.

Here are a few recommendations for keeping food cold:  
\*Refrigerate or freeze leftovers and other perishable food within 2 hours of preparation or purchase and within 1 hour if the temperature is 90 degrees F or above.

\*Store large amounts of leftovers in covered, shallow containers that are less than 3 inches deep. Cut large pieces of meat into smaller portions before chilling.

\*Label and date all leftovers so that they can be used within a safe period of time.

\*Leave space between con-

**San Angelo  
Writer's Club**

On September 11th, the San Angelo Writer's Club will be treated to an Evening of Poetry with Neva Davis.

The meeting will be Tuesday, September 11th, at 7:00 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 3355 West Beauregard, San Angelo (behind HEB).

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

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Louisa Adams, wife of John Quincy Adams, was the first - and only - first lady not born in America.

tainers for air circulation to ensure more rapid and even cooling in the refrigerator.

\*Keep fruits and vegetables in sealed crisper drawers if available. Don't store perishable foods on the refrigerator door because of fluctuations in temperature.




\*Keep the refrigerator temperature at 40 degrees F or below and the freezer temperature at 0 degrees F or below. Use a refrigerator/freezer thermometer to check the temperature.

\*Wipe spills from the refrigerator with hot, soapy water. To keep the refrigerator smelling fresh, place an opened box of baking soda in it.

\*Thaw and marinate food in the refrigerator. For quicker thawing, place food under cool running water in airtight packaging in a clean and sanitized sink. If thawing food in the microwave, make sure to cook the food immediately.

\*Keep cold foods cold during transport by placing them in a cooler with ice or commercial freezing gels. Put the cooler in the air-conditioned part of the vehicle instead of the hot truck and it will stay cooler longer.

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**Medicare at age 36 in need of overhaul**

by Nona Wegner

Medicare recently turned 36 and is already in desperate need of a new lease on life. The program, created in 1965, was a promise to seniors that their health care needs would be met when they turned 65. Unfortunately, even though the definition of health care has changed - Medicare has not.

Medicare has not kept pace with society's advances. While we have all purchased PT Cruisers or Palm Pilots, the Medicare program still requires us to use Smith & Corona typewriters.

Americans throughout the country worry that this program is going through a mid-life crisis and will not be able to survive to meet their needs as they look towards retirement.

With 77 million baby boomers starting to enter the Medicare program in 2010, there will be a doubling of Medicare beneficiaries over the next 30 years. Medicare, in its current, creaky form, simply cannot handle that immense demographic shift and still keep its promise to current and future beneficiaries.

Fortunately, a solid bloc of Republicans and Democrats in Congress recognizes that sweeping reforms are needed now to revitalize the health care system for seniors and disabled Americans.

A good starting point would be the Medicare reform bill introduced by two level-headed centrists: Sen. John Breaux, a Louisiana Democrat, and Sen. Bill Frist, a Republican from Tennessee.

The bill incorporates many of the reforms Sen. Breaux championed while chairing the now-disbanded National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare and is consistent with the principles recently announced by President Bush. Those proposals centered on a public-private partnership that would allow the elderly more choices and greater flexibility in managing their health-care needs.

Most of today's seniors - roughly two-thirds, in fact - already have good prescription drug coverage. It's absolutely vital to protect those seniors and the private health-care choices they enjoy rather than herd them into a one-size-fits-all, government-managed program.

And it's equally vital to extend prescription drug coverage for medicines to as many of the remaining 12-million seniors as possible - preferably through subsidized private plans that offer them a comprehensive menu of care options, and that encourage them to shop around for the best deal for their Medicare dollars.

The major goals of Medicare reform should be to strengthen the system fiscally, to improve the level of service, and to ensure that low-income seniors receive assistance for prescription-drug coverage.

Obviously, there are senior citizens that have difficulty paying for the medicines they need to survive and live a better life. But not every senior citizen on Medicare falls into that category.

Sixty-two percent of seniors

without coverage spend \$500 dollars or less each year on prescription drugs. We need to start treating seniors like the savvy consumers that they are and allow them to pick and choose their prescription drug coverage.

A reform modeled after the successful Federal Employees Health Benefits Program would provide a better structure for Medicare. That's the program that provides health-care coverage for federal employees and members of congress.

Ironically, the current market-based system for federal employees produces a more financially stable and viable program than Medicare. And it could provide better incentives for seniors to choose efficient plans and/or providers. It also offers better financial incentives for physicians and other health-care providers to provide high-quality, low-cost care.

This type of program would allow seniors to choose among competing private plans, including a modernized fee-for-service Medicare program for the plan that best

suits their needs.

Under a market-based system, people could choose their own plan, deciding annually what options and features they want. If the premium of one insurance plan is high, then a patient pays more or opts for a less-expensive plan. If a plan's premium is low, then the patient pays less.

Either way, patients drive the choice - not HMOs or the government. If applied to Medicare, this system would let seniors determine which health plans survive. They literally would vote with their Medicare dollars.

Choosing a market-based plan would be strictly voluntary. Seniors and the disabled who are satisfied with their current coverage can keep what they already have. The new program simply would provide a guarantee that if their needs change, other plans would be available, and no one would be left without coverage.

In order to deliver high-quality prescription-drug coverage that benefits all Ameri-

cans, we must strengthen and improve the Medicare program to meet the needs of seniors and the disabled now and for years to come.

We also must provide special assistance for low-income seniors while protecting the choices most already have. Our goal should be to guarantee real, comprehensive reform without strapping seniors into a rigid, government-fashioned straitjacket.

Working together in a truly bipartisan fashion, President Bush and Congress can forge

the far-reaching reforms that Medicare needs to flourish for years to come. These steps will ensure that seniors and the disabled have the choices they want, the prescription medicines they need and the high-quality health care they deserve.

*Nona Wegner is a National Spokesperson for Citizens for Better Medicare, and the president of the Council for Affordable Health Care. Readers may write her at P.O. Box 34337, Washington, DC 20043.*


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The public hearing will be held on September 17, 2001 at 9:00 AM at Commissioners Courtroom Coke County Courthouse, 13 E 7th St, Robert Lee, Texas.

**FOR** the proposal: Paul Burns Pct 1 Gaylon Pitcock Pct 3  
David Rawlins Pct 2 Bill Wheat Pct 4

**AGAINST** the proposal:

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:**

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$39,280	\$39,280
General exemptions available	\$7,860	\$7,860
<small>(amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)</small>		
Average taxable value	\$31,420	\$31,420
Tax rate (per \$100)	0.517602	0.521300
Tax	\$162.63	\$163.79

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$1.16 or 0.71 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.003698 per \$100 of taxable value or 0.71 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.



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 topped or removed. Call 453-9902 after 6 pm.  
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**PROFESSIONAL DOG**  
 grooming. Call Susan 473-2515.  
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**PARKER PLUMBING**  
 Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.  
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**Hiring LVNs & CNAs**  
 All shifts, full time, part time and PRN.  
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**Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center**  
 1800 N. Broadway  
 Ballinger, Texas  
 915-365-2538

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 for full time LVN. 6A - 6P. Contact Sarah Lee at Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters. 754-4566.  
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**THE COKE COUNTY**  
 Appraisal District is accepting applications for a part-time clerical position. Apply at courthouse in Robert Lee, second floor, West. EOE. 453-4528.  
 07-2tc

**ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER**  
 is in need of a full-time janitor, part-time janitor, part-time housekeeping and part-time laundry. Contact Johnny Elam at 453-2511.  
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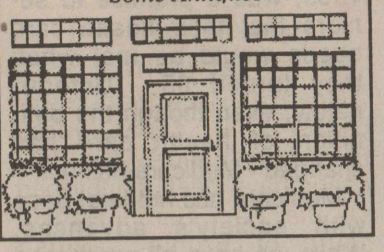
**COKE**  
 County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications for a TCLOSE Certified peace officer through Sept. 10. Apply at 13 E. 7th, Robert Lee. 915-453-2717.  
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**GARAGE SALES**

**ESTATE SALE**  
 Sat. only. Hwy 1904 West. Follow orange ribbons.  
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**Garage Sale**  
 Downtown Robert Lee  
 Friday & Saturday  
 September 7 & 8  
 9 am to 4 pm  
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**NOTICES**

**SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE**  
 The City of Robert Lee will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm on September 10, 2001 at City Hall, 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for year 2002. The proposed tax rate is 0.347908 per \$100 of value.  
 07-1tc

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NORA**

**BELLE LEVERINGTON, DECEASED**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of NORA BELLE LEVERINGTON were issued on August 6, 2001, in Cause No. 1587 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to:  
**LEONARD BURDETT LEVERINGTON**  
 The residence of such Executor is Coke County, Texas. The mailing address for the Executor is:

**LEONARD BURDETT LEVERINGTON**  
 C/O NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR  
 Attorney-at-Law  
 P.O. Box 970  
 Robert Lee, TX 76945  
 915/453-2576  
 FAX: 915/453-2577

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
 DATED AUGUST 28, 2001.  
**NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR**  
 Attorney for the Estate  
 07-1tc

**September is commute solutions month**

September is Commute Solutions Month in Texas. Commute Solutions are actions people can take to reduce the number of vehicles on Texas highways and protect air quality.

Sharing a ride reduces traffic congestion and saves energy. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, boosting the occupancy of vehicles from one to two people would save 40 million gallons of gasoline a day in the United States.

Commute Solutions can make a big impact on improving air quality. Exhaust from our cars and trucks is a major contributor to air pollution. In fact, Texas vehicles contribute as much as half of the harmful air emissions that create air pollution.



COUNTRY AGENTS  
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

**New brush test established**

Several treatments for prickly pear, cedar, yucca (bear grass) and Willow Baccharis have been established on the Earl Glenn Ranch, south of Bronte. Brush Busters individual plant treatments were utilized for each test. Yucca tests are located just north of the Mitchell Energy Compressor Station on Hwy. 277 on the Glenn Ranch. The treatment adjacent to the compressor station utilized Remedy at 15% mixed with 85% diesel plus blue Hi-Lite dye in a backpack sprayer. Each clump was sprayed for 2 seconds directly in the whorl using the X1-5500 low volume nozzle. The treatment north of this treatment, located next to the highway, utilized Velpar soil spot treatment at the rate of 2 cc's per clump, placed on the soil next to the plant. Behind this treatment, to the east, is a test using Remedy at full strength and applied at 2 cc's per clump, placed directly in the whorl with an automatic syringe.

Willow Baccharis, located north of the compressor sta-

**Coke-Sterling annual convention held**

Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau held its annual convention Saturday, August 18th. The event, which is given each year to show appreciation to county Farm Bureau members, was held in the large recreation hall in Robert Lee City Park. There were approximately 85 members attending the dinner.

Those attending enjoyed a traditional barbecue meal featuring brisket, chicken, and the usual trimmings. Drawings for various prizes were held throughout the evening and included \$50 gift certificates from Robert Lee State Bank, First National Bank of Bronte and First National Bank in Sterling City. Agent Russell Davis also furnished several prizes as did Texas Farm Bureau Vice-President Kenneth Dierschke. These prizes were awarded in addition to prizes furnished by Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau.

Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman was the special guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Patman stressed the importance of Farm Bureau members and the role they play in the success Farm Bureau recognizes. He also pointed out the fact that the organization strives to be a voice for its members in the state and national governments. He gave examples of actions taken in the past that have been of benefit, not only to Farm Bureau members, but to all citizens, regardless of their involvement in the agriculture or ranching industry.

Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau is grateful it has a chance to show a small measure of appreciation to the membership and hopes to be of benefit to each of them in the future.

tion, was treated with a 1% solution of Weedmaster mixed in water with dye and surfactant and applied as a foliar application utilizing a backpack sprayer. Each plant was sprayed until completely wet.

In the trap next to the highway and north of the pens, there were several treatments for various brush species performed. Cedar, in the south half of the trap, were treated with the Brush Busters Leaf Spray utilizing a 1% Tordon (Picloram) mixture in water with blue dye and surfactant. The entire plant was sprayed until wet with a backpack sprayer and regular adjustable nozzle. Cedar trees, in the north half, were treated with Velpar applied to the soil at the base of the plant at the rate of 2 cc's per each 3 feet of diameter or height. There is a green marking tape placed on the fence to separate these two treatments. Also, in this trap, all of the prickly pear were treated with the 1% Tordon mixture sprayed on the pads just enough to cover them. All of the yucca in the trap were treated with 4 cc's Velpar per clump placed directly in the whorl.

These tests were placed on August 10 and August 27 and there is already some browning out of the cedar trees and most of the pear and yucca have begun to turn yellow. A Brush Tour of this site will be conducted next spring to determine the effectiveness of treatments.

**Vaccination of horses for sleeping sickness**

In visiting with an area vet, he suggested that all horse owners re-vaccinate for Equine Encephalitis or sleeping sickness. There have been several cases of sleeping sickness just outside of our area and the disease

seems to be heading this way. Even if you vaccinated this spring, it is advisable to have your horse re-vaccinated. Most of the new vaccines will treat for Western, Eastern and Venezuelan strains of the disease.

**New swine feeding law**

Texas pigs that are fed wastefood are going on a meat-free diet, when a new Texas law goes into effect September 1 that prohibits feeding to swine any wastefood that may contain meat or any type of meat scraps. Furthermore, it will be against the law to provide these products for feeding swine.

"This new law not only affects swine producers in Texas who feed wastefood containing meat and meat scraps, but it will also change the way food processors, restaurants, schools, hospitals and other establishments dispose of food scraps, if they have allowed them to be picked up for wastefood feeding," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency. She said only fruits, vegetables, dairy products and bakery goods are allowable food items.

"The state legislature's move to ban meat and meat scraps for swine feeding stemmed from the global spread of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), the world's most costly and highly contagious livestock disease," said Dr. Logan. "Since January 2000, more than 34 countries have battled FMD outbreaks. The virus is most often introduced into a country by imported infected animals or in uncooked meat products derived from infected animals." (The virus can remain viable in uncooked meat products for long periods of time.)

She noted that the FMD virus does not affect human or horse health. The virus causes blisters and sores in and around the mouth, teats

and hooves of cloven-hooved animals, such as sheep, domestic and wild pigs, cattle, camels and deer. Affected animals lose body condition and even after sores heal, the virus can remain and can be spread, causing new outbreaks. To eradicate the disease, affected and exposed animals are slaughtered, then buried or burned to prevent spread.

After September 1, no meat scraps will be allowed in waste foods fed to swine. Allowable wastefoods will be restricted to fruits, vegetables and bakery products, and will not have to be cooked. "Wastefood feeding permits and inspections will continue to be required to ensure livestock health," said Dr. Logan.

In early August, the TAHC had more than 611 swine producers registered to feed wastefood. Of these, more than 69 percent currently feed wastefood containing meat or meat scraps, which, under current TAHC regulations, must be boiled for 30 minutes. In a cooperative effort involving the TAHC and USDA, animal health inspectors check wastefood feeding complexes for regulatory compliance every 30 to 45 days.

On August 22, the 12 governor-appointed TAHC commissioners will propose revised wastefood feeding regulations that conform to the new Texas law. The regulations will include the following long-standing provisions already in place:

1. TAHC may require testing of all swine for livestock diseases prior to issuing producers a permit to feed wastefood to swine.
2. Annual surveys will be conducted by a TAHC or USDA representative to determine disease risk on each registered location.
3. Feral (wild) swine may not be fed at registered wastefood feeding locations.

"Despite the best efforts by federal agencies to inspect incoming luggage, mail and shipments of goods, some contaminated meat items could reach the U.S.," said Dr. Logan. "We needed a fire wall between potentially contaminated products and wastefood-fed pigs."

In Great Britain, animal health workers have slaughtered more than 3.7 million animals on more than 9,000 farms to stop a FMD outbreak that is thought to have started in late February when contaminated, imported meat products were fed to British swine. Several practicing veterinarians have worked month-long stints on the disease eradication effort in Great Britain, through US Department of Agriculture funding.

"We've not had a FMD outbreak in the U.S. since 1929, so our national corps of veterinarians haven't seen FMD field cases, unless they've worked in other countries," said Dr. Logan. "Moreover, fighting FMD in another country is like fighting a forest fire. You want to stamp it out to protect your own trees."

In case "fire walls" don't hold, Dr. Logan states that the TAHC is now a part of the state's emergency management system, thus enabling the TAHC to draw on the manpower and resources of more than 30 state and local agencies, in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak. The TAHC has had two simulated exercises to test preparedness; the first in late 2000. In late June 2001, more than 22 agencies, that are part of the Texas emergency management council participated in a simulated FMD outbreak in College Station.

For more information about wastefood feeding requirements, regulations, or emergency preparedness, contact the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242.

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- 1 t Baking Soda
- 1/2 t salt

Roll into Balls the Size of Walnuts

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**Texas' no-call list**

by John Cornyn  
Attorney General of Texas

**Q:** I get a lot of phone calls from people asking me to change my long distance service or sell me credit cards. I've heard there is now a way to stop such calls. Is this true?

**A:** The Texas Legislature recently passed HB 472, that provides several important protections for consumers. The law takes effect January 1, 2002.

One of these protections is the Texas no-call list. This list, maintained by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will contain the names, addresses and phone numbers of consumers who do not want to be contacted by telemarketers. Consumers can contact the PUC directly to add their names and phone numbers to the list, which will be updated every three months. The PUC may charge a fee of up to three dollars for each telephone number you include on the list. Listings will automatically expire after three years, but you may renew your listing for as long as you choose.

After your name has been on the no-call list for 60 days, telemarketers are generally prohibited from calling you. However, there are some exceptions that allow certain telemarketers to call you even if your name is on the no-call list. The no-call provisions do not apply to opinion polls, calls made on behalf of non-profit organizations, and calls requesting political support, as long as no attempt is made to sell you something. The no-call provisions also do not apply to companies with which you have had a business relationship in the past 12 months. However, if you receive a telephone solicitation from someone covered by one of the exemptions, you can ask the telemarketer to put you on that company's no-call list.

For more information on the no-call list, contact the PUC at (888) 782-8477 (936-7150 in Austin) or visit its Web site at [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us).

**Q:** I also get unsolicited faxes sent to my home. Will the new law stop this?

**A:** Unsolicited faxes are already prohibited by a federal law called the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. HB 472, which takes effect January 1, 2002, creates additional protections against fax advertisements sent within the State of Texas. Under HB 472, all fax solicitations sent in Texas must have a cover page giving the complete name and

street address of the person or business who sent the fax. The cover page must also include a toll-free or local phone number where you can call during business hours to be removed from the solicitation list.

Once you call and ask to have your fax number removed, the person who sent the solicitation has 24 hours to send you a letter or fax acknowledging your request. After that, no other messages may be sent to your fax machine by that person.

**Q:** Who do I complain to if a telemarketer keeps calling me or sending faxes after I sign up for the no-call list?

**A:** You may file a complaint against a telemarketer or the sender of a fax solicitation by calling my consumer protection hot-line toll-free inside Texas at (800) 621-0508 to request a complaint form. You can also file a complaint online by visiting the consumer protection section of my Web site, at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). If the complaint involves a provider of long distance phone services, you may want to contact the PUC first.

In the case of unsolicited faxes, you can also file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission. You can get more information through their Web site, at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov).

**Loan forgiveness to child care providers**

In the 2001 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the federal government allocated \$1 million to the Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program. The goal of the program is to attract more highly trained individuals into the early child care profession and to provide an incentive for them to remain in the field. If borrowers meet certain criteria established by the federal government, their federal Stafford loans may be forgiven.

Currently the program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, any Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) borrowers who may qualify for this loan forgiveness should contact their lender or Texas Guaranteed (TG) as soon as possible.

To qualify for loan forgiveness under this program, the borrower must have:

\*Obtained a FFELP loan on or after October 8, 1998. A borrower cannot have an outstanding balance on another FFELP loan taken out before October 8, 1998.

\*Completed a degree in early childhood education,

childcare, or any other educational area that the Department of Education deems appropriate. The borrower may have either an associate's or a bachelor's degree to qualify under the program.

\*Obtained employment in a child care facility, which could include a home - as long as it's defined as a facility that provides child care and meets applicable state or local government licensing, certification, approval, or registration requirements.

\*Worked full time as a child care provider in a low-income community during the two years immediately preceding the year for which the determination of eligibility is made. A low-income community is one in which 70% of households within the community earn less than 85% of the state's median household income.

"Although funding for the Child Care Provider, Loan Forgiveness Program may not be abundant at this time," commented Sam Wilson, TG's assistant vice president of customer assistance, "TG is optimistic that the program may expand and that more borrowers may realize the benefit from this type of loan forgiveness in future years."

For more information or for answers to questions about the Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program, call TG's Customer Assistance at (800) 845-6267, or send an e-mail message to [cust.assist@tgslc.org](mailto:cust.assist@tgslc.org).

*TG is a public, non-profit corporation that help create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).*



**Canine Training and Behavior**

Dogs do not have the same sense of right and wrong as their owners. They do not naturally know what is expected of them. Dogs require training, direction and understanding from their owners. Many behavior problems result from a breakdown in communication, and can be solved with proper training.

At a recent meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association, veterinarian Dr. Gary Landsberg, who practices in Canada and is one of 20 board certified animal behavioralists in North America, discussed canine behavior and training techniques.

"In many cases, a dog's behavior can be managed through a reward and punishment system, said Dr. Landsberg. "Positive reinforcement can enhance a pet's trainability. If traditional punishment is too strong, a pet may begin to fear the owner or even become aggressive. If it is too weak, the problem behavior may actually be reinforced."

Physical punishment of an animal is never advocated, as Dr. Landsberg says it can result in the pet fearing the owner and result in physical injury for both the owner and the pet.

Animal behavioralists suggest that owners use verbal commands, leash training or audible deterrents such as horns or shake cans when training pets.



Owners have a wide variety of products available for behavior training, control and modification. Animal training products include remote motion detectors, citronella spray collars, ultrasonic trainers and even artificial arms and hands that are used to assess a dog's response to physical handling. For information and advice about canine training and behavior modification, consult with your veterinarian.

For additional information about animal health, visit the American Veterinary Medical Association's website on the Internet at: [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org).

And be sure to listen for Around The House on your favorite radio station.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET**

The Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2002 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 17, 2001 at 8:00 P. M. in the Appraisal District office in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$123,860.00. This is a 1.07% increase from the 2001 budget.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is two full-time and one part-time. The number of employees compensated by the current year's budget is two full-time and one part-time.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District. If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, the proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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