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TYC removes prisoners from GEO facility at Bronte

Action will likely cost BISD \$2 million per year in lost revenue

By Hal Spain, Publisher untrue. The Commission on Tuesday, damage, Superintendent October 2nd, removed all of Richey stated, "the juvenile the juvenile offenders from the facility housed about 200 GEO Group facility at Bronte. students, and that amounts to Concerns of unsanitary and somewhere around \$2 million unsafe conditions led to the in lost revenue for the Bronte cancellation of the state's Independent School District contract, according to TYC per year."

officials scrambling to at the facility, and the closure determine the extent of the could affect as many as 52 damage to the economies of the Bronte Independent School District, City of Bronte, and to behind the closure, Richey Coke County. County Judge Roy Blair, BISD Superintendent Alan Richey, and State Representative Drew Darby have been meeting with prison officials, but there doesn't seem to be much of a glimmer educational system. Most of hope on the horizon.

According to County Judge Roy Blair, "I don't think we're just bad kids. But that's no going to be putting the genie back in the bottle," which means in this case that "we prisoners at the facility."

Both Judge Blair and Supt. Richey indicated they thought the TYC went about this in a very unprofessional manner. Judge Blair went on to say the action was poorly planned and very poorly conducted. It was Group, had been doing. Judge also noted that neither State Blair reported that Brett had Representative Drew Darby's been at the facility for or State Senator Robert somewhere around nine years, Duncan's office was contacted and has never had a bad audit. prior to the closing. Both Blair The last audit of the facility and Richey believe that politics was conducted approximately played an important role in this three weeks ago. decision, and what the TYC is

As to the extent of the

Judge Blair reported that That action has left local BISD had about 20 employees BISD employees.

> Regarding the reasoning stated, "any school is going to have some problems, and just because you have some kids plugging up the toilets, and flooding the cells, it doesn't mean you have a bad people are aware that some of those kids at the facility are reason to condemn the whole facility."

Judge Blair echoed these won't be having juvenile sentiments by stating, "when you are dealing with these kind of people, you're going to have problems. You just fix them and move on." And that is exactly what the judge reported that Brett Bement, the director of the facility for the GEO

Prison Closing! Outside the GEO Group's Bronte facility on Tuesday morning, it was business as usual, with some employees outside taking their breaks, and others performing landscaping functions. However, none would comment on the impending closure of the facility. The only comment from one employee was, "we're all just wondering whether or not we'll have a job tomorrow."

of the facility at all times. If they were aware of a deficiency, they corrected it. According to Judge Blair, all 5 employees of TYC have been fired.

This reporter met with Mr. Bement on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. As always, Mr. Bement was cordial and considerate, but stated that he could not comment on the allegations at

None of the employees Additionally, there are 5 contacted were allowed to saying about the facility is TYC employees on the grounds discuss the closure. The only comment from one employee County." was, "we're all just wondering tomorrow."

until the final payment, which Wednesday." was to have been made January responsibility. It's still too of prisoners at the facility. ruling on the closure."

prison closure: "I am shocked complex. and deeply concerned about the community of Bronte and Coke the year.

As to where we go from here, whether or not we'll have a job Superintendent Richey stated, "we have a special called Concerning the county's (BISD) board meeting set for involvement in the facility, Saturday, Oct. 6, at 9:00 am to Judge Blair indicated that the discuss this. We also have county owes \$3.2 million on another regular meeting of the the facility (including interest), school board set for next

Judge Blair reported that he, 1, 2010. As to who's on the along with Darby and Richey, hook for the bank note, that to were meeting again on date remains unclear. According Wednesday morning (Oct. 3) to the judge, "under one set of with GEO regional director circumstances, it would be GEO's Don Houston, and they would liability, under another set of be looking into alternative circumstances, it is the county's situations involving other types

early to make that Judge Blair also said they determination until we contact were not going to limit the our legal counsel and get a scope of the facility to prisons, indicating that the facility State Representative Drew might be used for some other Darby had this to say about the type of business or industrial

Ending the interview on a actions of TYC. We don't positive note, Judge Blair know all the facts, but we are reported that in other county trying to find out all we can. business, the wind energy My office had no prior construction had begun in Coke knowledge of the closure, but County, and they will be taking we are doing everything we delivery of windmill towers by can to find out the basis for the November 4th. He is hopeful closure. We are trying to that we may see some of the lessen the impact on the towers erected by the end of

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Obituaries



Woods

Chris Woods passed away on Thursday, September 27, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

A family visitation was held from 2 pm to 4 pm on Sunday at the Carwile's home at 805 Alice Street in Robert Lee. Funeral services were held at 2 pm, Monday October 1, 2007, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church and burial followed at Paint Creek Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Chris was born on April 18, 1980 in San Angelo to Bill and Janet Woods.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Janet Woods of Robert Lee; a sister, Jennifer of Austin; his grandparents, Bill and Pat Carwile of Robert Lee and Jack and Sunnie Woods of San Angelo; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Chris attended school in Robert Lee, then went on to graduate from ASU in 2002 and the next day he moved to Austin to pursue a music career. He loved to play the guitar and write songs.

He had a big heart and many friends who loved him dearly. Chris will be missed by all who knew him.

The family request that memorials be made to the Pecan Baptist Church Building Fund.

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HOMETOWN HARDWARE in Bronte.



Pender

Katherine Lee Eads Pender died September 25, 2007, in the Palo Pinto General Hospital, Mineral Wells, Texas.

She was born August 3, 1963 in Colorado City, Texas; daughter of the late Orval Lee and Shirley White. She graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1981, and from Howard College in San Angelo, Texas in 1983 as a licensed vocational nurse. In 1990, at Tarrant County Junior College she acquired her license as a registered

Katherine is survived by her three children: Christopher Eads of Weatherford, Texas; Justin Pender of Mineral Wells; and Jessica Pender of Seven Points, Texas; her mother, Shirley White of Mineral Wells; a sister, Anne Lowder and husband Phil; and a brother, Lynn White of Mineral Wells.

A memorial service was held September 27, 2007 at the S.E. First Street Baptist Church in Mineral Wells. The service was officiated by Pastor Brian Leatherman.

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Several Coke County offices and businesses will be closed on Monday, October 8, in observance of Columbus Day.

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, October 8.

will also be closed. Residents are reminded that City Hall does have an answering service that is available after hours where they can reach the on-call person and receive information about any water shortages.

City employees and officials thank community for their patience and apologize for the inconvenience and problems experienced during the last two major water breaks in the City. The breaks were unexpected and caused by outside contractors but were repaired immediately and as quickly as possible.

Office will be closed Monday, October 8, and it will be closed October 15-17 for training meetings for the Crop Disaster Programs. They would like to remind everyone that there is only one person in the office at

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Orsak Oil! The '64 Study Club is selling tickets for this beautiful landscape oil painting by local artist, Tom Orsak. Ticket sales donations go toward funding the group's annual scholarship program. The painting will be on display at the library and Robert Lee State Bank. The lucky winner's name will be drawn on Friday, December 7, during Robert Lee Open House Festivities.

Holiday Closing

The Robert Lee City Hall

The Coke/Sterling FSA this time. The office will be Monday through Friday.

There will be times when the office will be closed due to training, sickness, and other unexpected absences. They recommend that you please call and make an appointment before you make a special trip to conduct your FSA business.

First National Bank in Bronte, Robert Lee State Bank, as well as the Observer/Enterprise office, will also be closed on Monday, October 8.

Important dates for November 6 Election

October 9 is the last day you can register to vote for the November 6 election day. October 22 is the first day at (325) 473-2156.

open 8 am to 4:30 pm you can vote early, while October 30 is the last day the clerk can receive application for a ballot by

> November 2 is the last day to vote early.

Election day is November 6, from 7 am to 7 pm.

You can call or come by the clerk's office to pick up an application for a ballot by

Relay for Life Golf Tourney set

The first annual Relay for Life Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 13 at Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, call the Coke County Golf Association

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte (325) 473-3291 Preacher John V. Driggers Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Central Baptist Church 324 S. Franklin • Bronte 325) 473-4811 Dale Patterson, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm Emmanuel Pentecostal PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy (325) 453-2360 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm First Baptist Church +3. Washington • Bronte

(325) 473-2331 Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worship,

and Worship Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting First United Methodist Church Corner of Washington & Holmes (325) 473-3281

Rev. David Bailey, Pastor Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 •9th & Chadbourne

(325) 453-2417 Rev. George Bradley, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Wed. 7 pm Choir Iglesia Bautista Bethel

101 Houston • Robert Lee (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296 Pastor: Basilio Esquivel Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston Robert Lee (325) 453-2176 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Worship Northside Church of Christ PO Box 508 •9th & Chadbourne Robert Lee (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685

Portis Ribble, Minister Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm; Wed. 6 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic

Church 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor Sat. 6 pm **Pecan Baptist** PO Box 542 •12 miles West of Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy (325) 453-2004

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School 11 am & 7 pm, Worship Robert Lee Baptist Church PO Box 493 •22 W. 11th (325) 453-2724 Jason Martin, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting **Tennyson Baptist Church** Hwy 277 • Tennyson Joe Hodges, Pastor (325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting Victory Assembly of God PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston Robert Lee (325) 453-2208

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

St. James Catholic Church 215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor Sun. 5 pm



Darby visits with Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau! State Representative Drew Darby accepted an invitation from the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau to attend the regular monthly board meeting held October 1, 2007, at their office in Robert Lee.

Rep. Darby informed the board of some of the activities of the past legislative session. He told of how the process of becoming informed about pending bills (over 6,000 per session) and their amendments sometimes require the help of lobbyists. Farm Bureau maintains a strong influence for rural Texans through their lobbying efforts.

Rep. Darby fielded questions and listened to the concerns on topics that the board members had about some local matters, including water, wind and brush control. He said he appreciates hearing from constituents and takes the title of "representative" very seriously.

Pictured at the monthly board meeting are (from left to right) District 6 State Director Gary McGehee, Alonzo Robbins, Rep. Drew Darby, John Jacobs, John Stephens, Roger Graves, Joe Sefcik, Bobby Roberts, Agency Manager Richard Atkins, Jeff Eubanks and Agent Russell Davis.

Coke County 4-H Fundraiser

The Coke County 4-H clubs are sponsoring a fundraiser called pig patty bingo on the day of the Robert Lee Street Affair. Chances will be sold to pick a square that hopefully the pig when turned loose will deposit a patty on. The squares will be randomly numbered the day of the event, so there will be no advantage or disadvantage to any given area of the pen.

Winner of the event will receive \$250 and if they sell enough tickets, they could have a second place that would be the square furthest from the deposit. In case the patty is deposited on a square that was not sold, measurements to the closest square will determine the winners.

Portions of the proceeds will be used for a memorial plaque in memory of Clay Antilley to be placed at the golf course and the remainder of the money will go to the general 4-H fund.

Street Affair set for October 13

The days are getting shorter and so is the number of them until the 7th Annual Robert Lee Street Affair. For booth space call 473-0345.

The Art Show will be accepting pieces on Friday, October 12, from 10 am to 3 pm. Pieces must be framed and ready for framing, or on a stable structure for display. There is an entry fee for each piece. The Robert Lee State Bank is providing a first place cash prize and a second and third place prize will

Wojtek Building across from music will begin at 5:30 pm. the Courthouse. Large or Bed Racing is not for small creations are welcomed, sissies. Power teams are and a People's Choice award assembling to race beds-onwill be presented at 2 pm.

am and the RLISD third grade sort of an award will be given students of Mrs. Myers will to whatever team gathers the present a short program of force strong to survive this Texas songs, one of them event. Call David Sheldon at being "Old Coke County," a 453-9173. favorite of Pageant fans.

hanging. information about this see an Course, the Freshman Class article in next week's paper. Cake Walk, the Boy Scouts Several people will graciously Dunking Booth and the kidsprovide a look into history only Duck races. with displays from their The Street Dance will begin and antiques.

station will be in front of the

also be awarded. Students are Observer/Enterprise for encouraged to enter the anyone willing to share their Student Division of the show talent with the folks on for prizes for first, second and Austin Street. The Angelo Bluegrass folks will perform A lineup of motorized, around 1:30 pm with music and customized vehicles will songs for listening pleasure. The begin at 9 am on Saturday Canyon Creek Cloggers morning in front of the precision dances and rousing

wheels on Austin Street The Old Jail will open at 9 beginning at 3:30 pm. Some

The Courthouse lawn will be Also, there will be a an action location for kids cowboy poetry reading and a with Fun Inflatables, the For more Senior Class Water Gun

family's collection of pictures at 7:30 pm with Buckshot Bradley and Robert Lee's The karaoke and open mic own Driftwood trading sets.

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...Street Affair

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The resolute and undaunted Senior Class/Project Graduation group has taken on the dawn to dusk litter patrol. Some unkind and unthinking folks have left so much litter over the past years that a \$5.00 clean-up fee was attached to entry fees. Innocent folks often pay for other's irresponsible behavior. Anyone who loves a senior or a senior sponsor will want to help in the litter control effort.

For information call 453-2036 or 453-2495.

Hunting and Fishing Guide slated for Oct. 26

The 2007 Coke/Sterling Counties' Hunting & Fishing Guide will be published in the October 26 edition of the Observer/Enterprise. The deadline for pictures and editorial copy is Friday, October 19.

If you have pictures or stories (or both) of last season's hunting and/or fishing successes, send them in along with the details, and we'll get them in this year's Guide.

Concerning advertising in this year's Guide, every effort will be made to contact previous advertisers prior to deadline. However, if we miss you, or you are a new advertising contact, please call our office at (325) 453-2433.

The annual Hunting & Fishing Guide has been recognized as one of the best publications of its type in the state. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of this annual guide to the hunting and fishing resources of Coke and Sterling Counties.

St. Lawrence Fall Festival set

The 51st Annual St. Lawrence Fall Festival will be held this Sunday, October 7, 2007. The location of the festival will be at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall, 10 miles South of Garden City on Hwy 33, then go 5 miles west on Hwy 2401 or 14 miles south of Hwy 158 on Hwy 137, then 6 miles east on Hwy 2401.

There will be a lunch served from 10:30 am to 2 pm. The meal will consist of Barbeque brisket, homemade German sausage and 'all of the trimmings.

Uncooked, authentic German sausage will also be sold by the pound starting at 10:30 am in the Sausage Haus, which is located directly behind the Parish Hall.

There will be lots of awards. Equipment used during the

different booths, fun for the whole family. The booths will open at 10:30 am and continue though 4 pm. They will be playing Bingo starting at noon and conclude conference. at 4 pm.

auction from 10:30 am until 4 pm on the patio in addition scheduled to get underway at 2 pm.

If more information is Commission needed, feel free to contact Martha Schwartz, Publicity Chairman at (432) 397-2268.

Vietnam Wall coming to San Angelo

The moving Vietnam Wall will be arriving in San Angelo on Thursday, October 11. This is the half size wall yet it is an exact duplicate of the Vietnam Wall Monument in Washington, D.C. It will be displayed on the Parade Ground of Fort Concho from noon on the 11 through noon on Monday, October 15 and will be open to the public 24 hours per day. Volunteers will be there to assist visitors in finding a name of one of the over 58,000 American Servicemen and women who permanently memorialized on the panels. Although here has been much conflict over the Vietnam Way, each and every name on the Wall served in our Armed Forces and made the ultimate sacrifice. It is time now to pay our respects and give them the recognition they so deserve.

The Ft. Concho Chapter of the Non Commissioned Officers Association is sponsoring this visit of the Wall with the help of the San Angelo Community. The NCOA is a non-profit, fraternal organization made up of enlisted veterans, retirees, and active duty personnel from all branches of our military. For more information, call Vicky at 473-5881 before noon, Monday through Friday.

TMCN Conference slated for Oct. 17

What is the challenge in your community? Tax base needs a boost...school enrollment dwindling... housing shortage... businesses need stable workforce... local citizens need to be inspired? Solutions and suggestions to address these issues and others will be offered at the 14th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, Oct. 17, at the Abilene Civic Center.

Community leaders will receive information related to community development, economic tourism, development, workforce issues, and healthcare. Features of the annual conference include solution seminars, information expo, live entertainment, luncheon catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse and community

Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is the featured speaker for the awards luncheon during the

State agencies participating There will also be a Silent in the Info Expo include Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), Texas to the Live auction which is Department of Agriculture (TDA), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Also participating are USDA, Texas Tech Small Business Development Center, Big Country Area Health Education Center, Hendrick Health System, West Central Texas Council Governments, Workforce Solutions of Concho Valley and of West Central Texas, Journal Communications and Texas Forts Trail.

For complete details on solution seminar topics and speakers offered at the conference go to the Texas Midwest website at texasmidwest.org.

Pre-registration for the conference covers all activities and the conference luncheon but walk-in registration will also be available. A discount for 5 or more from one community or organization is also available. For information call 325-676-0329 or e-mail tmcn@tmcn.org.

Geographic Information Systems Workshop slated

A geographic information system workshop is set for Oct. 18 at the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at San

The workshop is being sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas A&M University System's Institute of Renewable Natural Resources.

The workshop will last from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, said most people, even those with a global positioning system in their car or pocket, don't fully understand the technology.

"While an increasing number of landowners and recreationalists are aware of GPS, most don't appreciate the power and utility of what they have," Rollins said. "Whether your interest is in recreational mapping or precision agriculture, you'll benefit from this training."

Rollins said much of the workshop will be hands-on training outside with various equipment. Participants will then move indoors for classroom instruction on incorporating and using data from the various morning exercises.

workshop will include: Precision Ag fast-update global positioning systems, Lightbar Guidance Systems, Envisio Guidance Systems, Tablet Personal Computer and heads-up navigation, and Landitude Heavy Equipment Software for tracking heavy equipment efficiency.

"The workshop should be helpful to landowners, hunters, brush control contractors or anyone else interested in global positioning system technology," Rollins said.

Other topics will include: multimedia mapping, Garmin's newly released Astro tracking collar for bird dogs, using hand-held global positioning systems and a demonstration of global positioning system-enabled cameras.

The meeting is free and open to the public but limited to the first 30 participants.

For more information contact Rollins at 325-653-4576, d-rollins@tamu.edu.

RLVFD Begins Hydrant Testing Program

By Mark Sides, Chief Members of the Robert Lee VFD will check access and serviceability on hydrants protecting the Robert Lee ISD buildings on Monday October 22 from 7 pm to 9 These hydrants are located at the intersections of 15th Street and Washington, 15th Street and Hamilton, 15th Street and Childress, 12th Street and Childress, 12th Street and Bishop and 12th Street and Hamilton.

Operation of these hydrants. may dislodge mineral deposits, rust, and sand from the lines. We recommend opening your cold water tap to check if this has occurred. If so, open one or two faucets in or around your house until the water clears up. Do not run items requiring hot water or your washing machine until the water has cleared

We plan to continue this program until all hydrants in Robert Lee are checked. Results will be reported to both the City of Robert Lee

and the water department. This program will help protect both you and the firefighters and also hopefully lower insurance rates. The fire department thanks you for your patience.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library Trick or Treat walk about town for youngsters from three to five years old is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, at 10 am. Traditionally, the Story Hour group and the Head Start group have toured the town in costume accepting treats from local businesses and offices.

This is a chance for the children to see what goes on inside the buildings and it gives them a chance to show off their costumes for admiring adults.

All three to five years old children and their siblings and parents are welcomed to gather at the Library with costumes and trick or treat bags.

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Kingdom of Heaven Here, Now and Future? Matthew 3:2

Saying, repent ye: For the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand. Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit: For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5:10

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 10:7

And as you go, preach, saying: The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand.

Matthew 18:3

And said, verily I say unto you: Except you be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock: For it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

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City Secretaries awarded scholarships

The Bluebonnet Chapter of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association held its fall meeting in Stamford on September 12, 2007. Robert Lee City Secretary, Kay Torres and Bronte City Secretary, Pat Martindale were each awarded \$500 Scholarships to continue their education through the T.M.C.A. Election Law Seminar to be held in January 2008.

Both cities run on very tight budgets and funds for educational seminars are limited. The Bluebonnet Chapter awards two Scholarships every year to help their members be better informed and more educated on the many responsibilities of city secretaries.

"File of Life" for senior citizens to begin in January

A new program sponsored in part by United Way Venture Grant funds will begin in January 2008 throughout the Concho Valley. Any individual, who is 65 years of age or older; people, who suffer from chronic illnesses, and individuals, who have sensory, physical cognitive impairments may obtain a FILE OF LIFE magnetic refrigerator holder and medical information card FREE OF CHARGE.

In times of emergency, every second counts. An ambulance soars past traffic, sirens screaming and lights flashing, the medical technicians race toward the home of a senior citizen. When they arrive, the senior is unconscious and they have few facts to go on. Does the patient have any existing conditions? Is he taking any medications? Does he have allergies: the FILE OF LIFE is a minimedical history that is posted on the outside of one's refrigerator. The FILE obtain a quick medical history when the patient is unable to offer one.

The card, which is kept in a red plastic pocket labeled FILE OF LIFE, lists the patient's name, emergency contacts, insurance policy numbers, health problems, medication, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, doctor's name and a health proxy. The entire pocket is held with a magnet to the outside of the refrigerator.

When police, fire department personnel or emergency medical technicians respond to a call they have immediate access to this information and they know exactly where to look. Emergency personnel know that if newspapers are piling

up on a porch and they have to go into a residence, the first thing they do is look for the person. The second thing is to look on the refrigerator.

If your business or organization would like to help with the distribution of the free FILE OF LIFE packets or for information on company sponsorship, please contact the United Way office at (325) 949-3716.

October Is Texas Archeology Month

Get out and explore Texas' amazing archeological sites and learn more about the state's dynamic past. October is Texas Archeology Month (TAM) and a host of events are taking place throughout the state.

TAM helps promote the historical significance of the state's archeological sites, increasing the public's appreciation of proper archeological practices and highlighting the significance of the contributions made by professional and avocational archeologists. Communities across the state will host archeology fairs and events, helping to further the success of one of the biggest state celebrations of archeology in the country. Individuals are encouraged to get involved and immerse themselves in the spirit of Texas' past.

TAM supporters have planned numerous educational and entertaining activities for this year's celebration including demonstrations of native crafts and technologies, lectures, tours of archeological sites and laboratories and hands-on activities including mock digs and rock art replication. Always a key draw are the archeology fairs happening in locations like Alto, Brownsville, Del Rio, Denton, El Paso and Texarkana to name a few.

The THC is proud to sponsor TAM in association with the Texas Archeological Society and the Council of Texas Archeologists. To find out what's planned for your OF LIFE enables medics to area, request a free copy of the colorful TAM Calendar of Events by contacting the THC's Archeology Division at 512/463-6096 or visit the THC web site to download the calendar.

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DNIBSCHOOL



Tournament Champions! The Bronte Junior High 7th Grade Lady Shorthorns recently won the Sweetwater Volleyball Tournament by defeating the volleyball teams from Andrews, San Angelo Lee Middle School and San Angelo Glenn Junior High. Lady Shorthorn team members include (front row, left to right) Brayde Knight, Kaitlyn Braswell, (back row, left to right) Coach Carol Moore, Brooke Bedford, Jael Williams, Cindy Davila, Erika Puentez and Paige Royall.



Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 8 Holiday Tuesday, Oct. 9

Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 10 Sausage roll, juice, milk

Thursday, Oct. 11 Scrambled eggs, toast jelly, juice, milk Friday, Oct. 12

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 8 Holiday

Tuesday, Oct. 9 Chicken fajitas, refried beans, sweet corn, orange smiles, flour tortilla, chocolate pudding, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Pigs in a blanket, pork & beans, tator tots, pineapple orange salad, milk Thursday, Oct. 11

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, frozen strawberry cup, milk

Friday, Oct. 12 Ham or Tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomate, pickle, baby carrots w/ ranch, baked chips, brownie, milk

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Bronte Longhorns defeat Sterling City Eagles in district opener

By Coach Kevin Burns

The Bronte Longhorns started District 16-A play this past Friday with a win over the visiting Sterling City Eagles by a score of 26-0. The win puts Bronte at 2-2 on the season and 1-0 in district play. The Horns rushed the ball 21 times for 92 yards. Dakota Rawls was 9-15 passing for 155 yards and two touchdowns. The Horns defense limited the Eagles to 107 yards of total offense for their first shutout of the year.

Lahne Burns got the Horns on the board midway through to take what we have learned the first quarter with a 75 from our road losses, and yard punt return. The extra point kick was good by Ernesto Casillas. Just before the end of the first quarter, Sam Rawlings scored on a two yard run. The try for the extra point was missed and the Longhorns led 13-0.

With time running out in the second quarter, Dakota Rawls completed a 29 yard scoring pass to Burns down the right side of the field and this made the score at halftime 19-0 as the run for a two point conversion failed. This drive was set up by a Bret Wills interception of the Sterling city quarterback and put the Horns at midfield with just a few minutes before the half.

The third quarter saw both teams struggle to move the ball. Each team traded two possessions but neither team could move the ball effectively. Midway through the fourth quarter, Rawls connected with Burns again for a five yard touchdown pass and the PAT by Ernesto Casillas was good, giving the Horns the victory.

It was great to get the district race started in the right direction with a win at hme. We have won both of our home games and have yet to win on the road. We need play well this week in Eldorado. The Eagles lost a heartbreaker to Christoval last week and are 0-1 in district. Game time in Eldorado is 7:30 pm.

Lady Shorthorns win again

The Bronte Lady Shorthorns continued their win streaks with decisive wins in Miles on Monday night. The 7th grade team won their match in two games with scores of 25-8; 25-7. Every team member had at least one ace or one kill. The 8th grade B team also came away from Miles victorious. The scores were 25-12; 23-25; 25-10. Shelby Amendt led the way with 5 aces. The 8th grade A team won their match with roaring

is now 11-1.

Get your kids involved in family finances

By Jason Alderman

That anguished roar you hear is the sound of millions of students returning to school after summer break. As a parent, you might feel relief that teachers are taking over the reins, but hold on: School may be the best place for kids to learn the three R's, but you're probably still the best source for the fourth R - financial Responsibility.

Although a nationwide movement to institute financial literacy curricula in our schools is gaining momentum, currently the vast majority of schools either don't offer such courses or don't require them to graduate. Until that happens, it's up to parents to ensure their kids have the financial management skills they'll need to face responsibilities of adulthood.

Charles Schwab's annual "Teens and Money" survey confirmed that most teens want more money coaching from their parents. It found:

* 64 percent of teens would rather learn money management basics through experience than in the classroom.

* However, only 30 percent believe their parents are concerned with ensuring they learn those basics.

* Only 39 percent said their parents discuss money issues with them at least weekly.

* Only 34 percent feel knowledgeable about balancing a checkbook, while 26 percent understand how credit card interest and fees work.

USA recently conducted a survey that shows not much has changed over the years: Only 48 percent of its cardholders said they'd learned money management skills from their parents, while 41 percent said they learned it the hard way or were self-taught and only 9 percent in school.

Say you're 22, earn \$30,000 a year and put aside 6 percent of pay (\$150 a month) until age 65. At an 8 percent average annual rate of return, your \$77,400 investment will grow to \$619,000 by then. But if you

kills, aces, and digs. The don't begin saving until 32 and scores were 25-10; 25-1. The set aside the same monthly 7th grade team is currently amount, you'll only undefeated with a record of accumulate \$274,000 by 65 - a 12-0. The 8th grade B team is huge difference. By increasing 5-4 with the 8th grade A team the percentage of pay you save and factoring in annual raises, your savings will skyrocket even further.

> Here are a few ways to give your children a leg up:

> Set a good example. Kids see right through "Do as I say, not as I do." If you consistently spend more than you earn, don't set aside emergency savings and don't budget, that's the behavior they're learning from you.

> If you need help creating a budget, check out Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA (www.practicalmoneyskills.co m/budgeting). And consider consulting a financial professional for your particular

> Set realistic expectations. According to the Schwab survey, teenagers expect to earn \$145,500 a year, on average. If only. It's easy to see how unrealistic pay expectations might lead young adults to take on too much student-loan or credit-card debt in anticipation of being able to pay them off quickly.

When your kids start discussing career choices, help them research what various jobs pay, what educational requirements they'll need to meet and how much that education will cost. The Salary Wizard at www.salary.com contains pay data for a broad array of jobs by geographic location.

Share the bills. Have your kids help review monthly bills and balance the checkbook. They'll be shocked to learn how much money goes toward the mortgage, gas, utilities, food and clothing. Give them a voice in the family budget by looking for ways to save money in some areas (turn off the lights, fewer trips to the mall) to increase funding for others (better vacations, college savings).

Show how savings add up. Curb your kids' impulse spending and encourage saving by matching a portion of any money they save each month.

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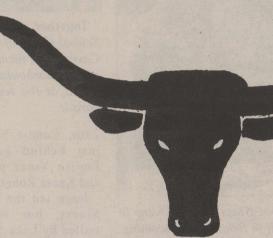
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Class of 1957! Several members of the Robert Lee High School Class of 1957 were in Robert Lee this past weekend to celebrate the 2007 Robert Lee High School Homecoming. Class members are pictured on their float at the homecoming parade which was held on Friday, September 28.

Robert Lee Steers Win Homecoming Game

By Tom Sawyer

Homecoming victory Friday night against the Trent Gorillas. Our Steers played a good game and put up enough scores to end the game in the third quarter with a little over 3 minutes left.

Homecoming festivities included an acknowledgement of the class of 1957 and



Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 8 Burrito, juice, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Cheese toast, cereal, juice,

Thursday, Oct. 11

Breakfast pizza, juice, milk Friday, Oct. 12

Cinnamon toast, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 8

Corndog, tator tots, pork & beans, pineapple & orange salad, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Bean chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, rosy applesauce, graham cracker, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Chicken nuggets, potato halves, mixed veggies, orange, sliced bread, milk

Thursday, Oct. 11

Ravioli, salad, corn, roll, peaches, milk

Friday, Oct. 12

Sub sandwich, turkey, cheese, salad, pickles, baked chips, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

Steer fans were treated to a crowning of Homecoming 30 yards; King and Queen, Taylor and also the presentation of yards, and 11 tackles; Mr. and Miss RLHS, Brody Dillard and Mollie Burns.

> Club had three flags taken TD; from along the streets and we would appreciate the flags being returned to us. These flags are displayed with Steer Pride and we would hate to end because of the actions of recovery; people without pride.

Go Rompin Stompin Steer tackles. Band!

Scoring Summary 1st Quarter

Robert Lee - Martin 21 yard run with 7:54 left, PAT kick Gallegos;

Trent- 22 yard run with 4:18 left, PAT good;

Robert Lee - Gallegos 10 yard run with 2:04 left, PAT

Robert Lee - 14, Trent - 8 2nd Quarter

Robert Lee - Gallegos 15 yard run with 5:57 left, PAT failed:

Robert Lee - Martin 19 yard run with :42 left, PAT pass from Gallegos to Martin Millican, Mrs. Service or

Robert Lee - 27, Trent - 8 3rd Quarter

Robert Lee - Gallegos 2 yard run with 8:21 left, PAT

Robert Lee - Gallegos 10 yard interception return with 8:11 left, PAT kick Gallegos good:

yard run with 4:51 left, PAT Jorge Rostro both medalled failed;

Robert Lee - Gallegos 19 yard run with 3:05 left, no Robert Lee - 53, Trent - 8 **Steer Statistics**

Percifull - 2 carries for 63 yards and 1 TD and 10 tackles;

Martinez - 1 reception for

Dillard - 2 of 3 passing for Percifull and Kasie Skinner 23 yards, 1 reception for 14

Gallegos- 16 carries for 152 yards and 4 TD's, 2 of 5 With all the good things passing for 44 yards, 12 going on the Sports Booster tackles and 1 Interception for

> Philley – 5 tackles; Rodriquez- 1 reception for 13 yards, and 2 tackles;

Hewitt – 2 tackles;

Roe - 1 reception for 10 see the displaying of our flags yards, 9 tackles and 1 fumble

Martin - 5 carries for 38 Go Steers! Steer Pride! yards and 2 TD's, and 5

Everyone get on the convoy to Rochelle this Friday to cheer on your Steers.

> GO STEERS! STEER PRIDE!

RLHS Junior Class fundraiser set

The Robert Lee High School Junior Class will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts to raise class funds this year. Sales begin this week and will continue until October 11. Extra donuts will be sold at the Street Affair on October 13. Please contact a Junior class member or one of the sponsors (Mrs. Mrs. Fluhmann at 453-4555) and place your order.

Robert Lee HS Cross Country Results

On September 27, the Robert Lee Steers and Lady Steers competed in the Miles Invitational Cross Country Robert Lee - Percifull 42 Meet. Erika Sheldon and with 14th place finishes.

Jodi Sheldon crossed the line 19th, Mira Myrice was 26th, Sarah Walker finished



Together Again! Mary Beth Drennan (Robert Lee High School Class of 1964), Pat Fowler Clement and Sandra Roe Caves (both members of RLHS Class of 1960) enjoyed looking at old yearbooks and reminiscing about the good old days at RLHS at the reception for the exes before the homecoming parade.

29th, Connie Saucedo was just behind her at 31st, Emilee Yanez placed 33rd, and Kacee Roberts was 43rd.

Jorge led the way for the Steers, but was closely trailed by Luke Sheldon with a 17th place finish, Devin Batten in 25th place, and Dustin Brown was 30th.

The Junior High and High School will both compete at the 3rd Annual Spence Skedaddle on October 6 at the Wildcat Pavilion.

RLHS Project Graduation '08 fundraiser

The Robert Lee Class of 2008 Project Graduation will be selling Robert Lee Steer backpacks and lanyards. For more information contact Cynthia Dillard at 453-4555.

Class of 1957 Reunion held

The RLHS Class of 1957 celebrated its 50-year reunion the weekend of September 28-29. The festivities started with the Homecoming parade in which nine members of the class rode on the 1957 class float. Following the parade they attended the Homecoming pep rally in the High School gym.

They attended the FCCLA brisket supper prior to the Homecoming football game between Robert Lee and Trent where they were recognized. This was the first time many of them had watched a six-man football game.

Saturday the classmates met in San Angelo in the Concho Room of the Starbridge Suites for a day of visitation and lots of good

food. The day was brought to a close with a barbeque dinner. Those in attendance were: Mary Vaughn Bessent and husband, Ben; Jo Alice McDonald Hufstedler and husband, Huf; Robbie Don Godwin and wife, Ann; Delton Chatham and wife, Jackie: Butch Davis and wife, Carolyn; Mary Beth Schooler Snyder; Nancy Fulkerson Duncan; June McKinley Gulley; Van Schooler and Richard Johnson.

Class of 1974 has 33rd Reunion

The class of 1974 of RLHS met Saturday, September 29 at the Northside Church of Christ's Fellowship Hall for a time of visiting, looking at pictures, newspaper clippings, and annuals. There were 18 members present from the class of 34. Those present were Jesse Costilla of Robert Lee, Nadine Davis of Abilene, Sue Franklin of Bastrop, Phyllis and Neil Calder of White Oak, Audrey Devoll of Robert Lee, Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City, Phyllis Wojtek Murphy of Mesquite, Daryl Copeland of Robert Lee, Pam and Tim Millican of Robert Lee, Brenda Adams Bradford of Greenville, Theresa Davis of New Braunfels, Jeff and D'Ann Eubanks of Robert Lee, Rick Mashburn of Salado, Ardie and Joy Brasuel of Odessa, Jon Bill Brock of Robert Lee, Sherill Davis of Flower Mound, Terry Wojtek of Sterling City, and Terri Blair of Robert Lee. The Class of 1974 plan to meet again in 2009. Members that have passed away are Jesse Eads and Don Sparks.

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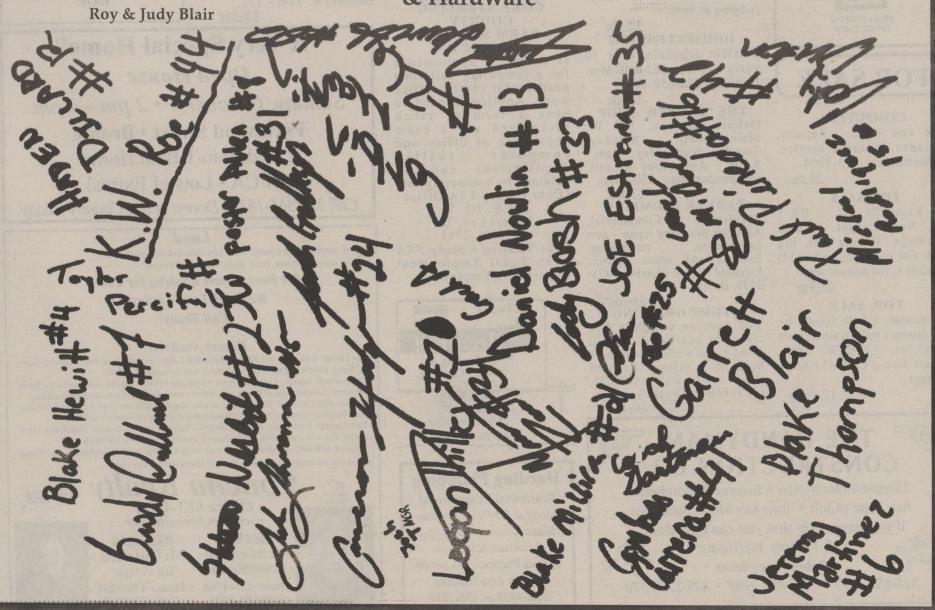
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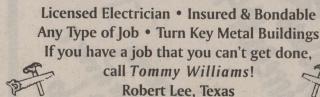
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The Robert Lee student council would like to express its appreciation for all those who helped in this year's homecoming parade. To all float participants, the Robert Lee Fire Department, the Coke County Sheriff's Department, and to the many others who helped with the homecoming activities, we thank you. A special thanks goes to Billy Wayne Roe and Ivey Motor Co.

Robert Lee Student Council 12-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROBERT LEE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Robert Lee will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 pm on October 8, 2007 at the Robert Lee City Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for final public comments regarding the completion of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (Contract Number 726531). The general public is invited to attend and

participate.

Should any non-English speaking citizens desire to address the City during the public hearing and need the assistance of an interpreter, the City will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be

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> (Editor's Note: The following letter is self-explanatory and needs no further explanation from

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12-1tc

Dimitria D. Pope, Acting Executive Director Texas Youth Commission PO Box 4260 Austin, TX 78765

Dear Ms. Pope:

Bronte Independent School District believes that the student comes mission statement pro-fesses: "We further believe our behavior as professional educators has a direct relationship with student achievement now and in the future.' comment has a direct impact on the educational philosophy for teachers that were employed at Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. Bronte ISD, a small public school, provided the education services to the studentresidents at Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. The school district provided accelerated instruction to recover high school credits, a GED testing site, vocational training, and teen leadership classes.

The decision to move all student-residents from Coke County Juvenile Justice Center will affect many lives in the months and years to come. Your agency cites unsafe conditions as the reason to evacuate 197 incarcerated juveniles from Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte, TX on Monday, October 1, 2007. Not a person from GEO Group Inc. or Bronte ISD was aware of your intentions until 5:00pm on Monday, October 1st. Every single resident was removed from the facility by 4:30 p.m. the following day. This means that over eighty employees from GEO Incorporated and nearly twenty-five Bronte Independent school's staff had less than twenty-four hours to understand that

your decision would affect the rest of their lives.

When it comes to the

safety of children, sometimes there is no other choice; nevertheless, the information cited in the Dallas Morning News uses as reasons for closure from as far back as eight years ago. None of the allegations were directed at the education Bronte ISD provided; however, over twenty employees October 2, 2007 didn't even get a chance to wish the best for the student-residents you ripped out of the facility after they left work. Many student-residents have left Coke County Juvenile Justice Center with a deeper appreciation for education, the number one key for successful rehabilitation. Education is first. Part of our district the key to developing successful, productive citizens, and it is unfortunate that you could not have contacted the Bronte Independent School District before you decided to move residents. You have affected a community with your decision to use clandestine practices to remove students from Coke County Juvenile Justice Center.

In my opinion, these student-residents will not be better served in any other TYC facility in the state. I have been to other facilities, and your educators and TYC staff deal with the same problems you have cited in reports at CCJJC. I am by no means an expert on the Texas Youth Commission, but I had been an avid supporter of the agency since I started working with the Buffalo Soldier Pilot Program, a TYC initiative, in 1994. Students need chances to correct mistakes. Why was there no opportunity for corrective action for GEO Group Inc? I thought this was the entire premise behind the Texas Youth Commission. There is not a single claim of neglect reported that hasn't happened in any other juvenile facility in the state of Texas or in the nation. No one would claim Coke County Juvenile Justice Center is perfect, but it is dealing with some of the most troubled teens in the state. It is a special population of repeat offending young men. These same

ized TYC staff was supervising the night before they left CCJJC. The Governor was quick to applaud the quick action and approach by your agency to remove the TYC inmates, yet they will be no better off for the decision.

Our district has always understood the possibility of CCJJC's changing to fit the needs of student-residents in the state. We support this endeavor. However, it bothers our district to think that your agency knew far advance that it had no plans of renewing your contract with GEO Group Inc. This information could have helped had it been shared earlier. Now we are at serious risk, our district will fight to survive. Our district needs the opportunity to understand; we feel we are owed an explanation. It is important to note that as of Wednesday, October 3, 2007 nobody from your agency had communicated with Bronte Independent School District about your actions. Your agency has conducted annual audits in our education department at CCJJC for many years that have lasted many days; nevertheless, your agency doesn't have the courtesy to notify our district of something that will affect the lives of many. Our district encourages you to review the Bronte ISD education evaluations

previous years behavior as professional educators has a direct relaachievement now and in the future. You never know how long you will have to provide that influence in a student's life. The District owes it to every student who was enrolled in Bronte ISD to act professionally. For your agency, it would have been a professional courtesy to offer an explanayour agency understood what it was doing. Currently, our education office at CCJJC is working diligently to collect

young men caused thou- grades, withdrawals, transands of dollars of damage scripts, GED scores, and to dorms that your special- records so that the education process can continue for the 197 student-residents that have been moved. Bronte ISD hopes that the studentresidents are doing well.

Sincerely, Michael Bohensky Assistant Principal Bronte High School

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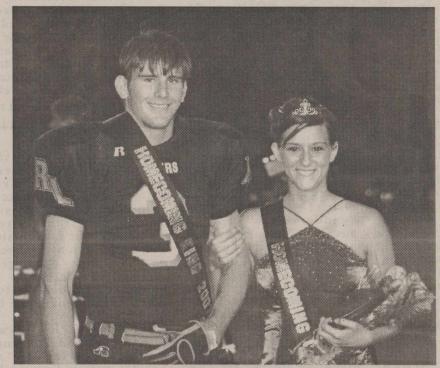
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