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County livestock show slated for this weekend

This weekend will be the 68th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show, held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year's show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, more than 60 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$150,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show begins today, Friday, January 18 at 6:30 pm with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These events will be judged by Marty Gibbs, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent from Ballinger. Saturday, January 19, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, followed by the Market Steer show at 11 am, judged by Rebel Royall, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent from Garden City. Showmanship judge is Chuck Senter, swine and cattle producer from Lubbock.

The Buyer's Appreciation Barbecue will be served at 12 noon. Following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 2 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the

Livestock Association directors including Bobby Blaylock, Marty Caston, Mike Cervenka, Wayne Coalson, Lynn Denton, Joe Harmon, Mike Harris, Jim Hooten, Blake Braswell, Corby Kelso, Shane Kelton, Jeff McGlothlin, Wibby Millican, Jerry T. Parker, Joel Percifull, Pat Percifull, Douglas Roberts, Mike Rodriguez, Ricky Ross, Ricky Royall, Rick Sanchez, Tom Sawyer, Noel Tinkler, and Ernest Ybarra.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show would like to invite everyone to come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

Windbreak

Seedlings available
Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Order your seedlings now through Monday, January 28, 2008. Delivery is set for February 7, 2008.

For more information and availability, contact the Soil and Water Conservation District office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or come by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee.

Holiday Closings

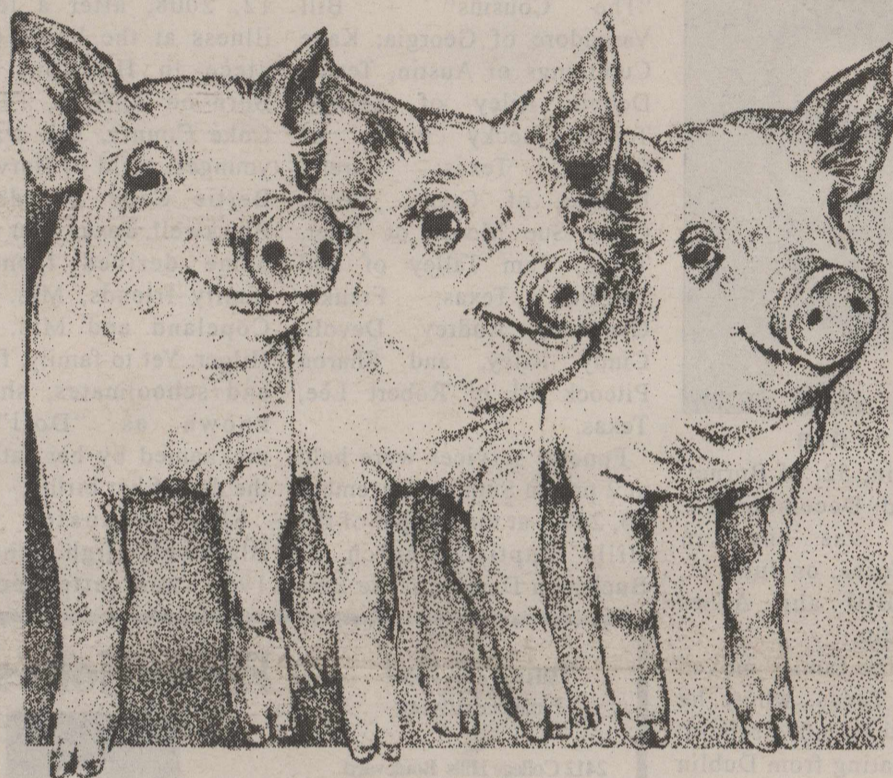
The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, as well as the Coke County Courthouse. All business will resume as usual on Tuesday, January 22.

Coke Co. Historical Commission meeting set

Angelo State's West Texas Collection's director, Suzanne Campbell, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Coke County Historical Commission on Monday, January 21 at 3 pm. The meeting will be held in the Coke County Courthouse. Please come to the front door.

Everyone is invited to hear Mrs. Campbell who will

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speak on the preservation of newspapers, family histories and buildings.

Those who have visited the West Texas Collection at Angelo State know what a valuable collection it is, and how the collection inspires an appreciation of those who were instrumental in our rich heritage.

Anyone with an interest in Coke County history is invited to attend this meeting.

Coke County Retired Teachers meeting slated

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, January 21, 2008. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Nina Brewer is asking all members to turn in volunteer hours totals for the past year.

Mtn. Creek Golf Club annual meeting slated

Mountain Creek Golf Club will have their Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27 at 1 pm for the purpose of electing officers for the 2008 year. A scramble tournament

will be held for the members following the meeting.

Big Dreams in a Small Town

That's the title of a song made popular by the singing group Restless Heart.

It's also a great description of The 64 Study Club members, who'll be staffing the Robert Lee phone bank while Restless Heart entertains January 19 during the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 38th annual telethon. The phones will be in full swing and accepting calls by 5:30 pm on January 19, 2008. The Bronte area is conducting a mailout campaign, and donations may also be made at the Bronte City Hall.

"We haven't set a dollar goal for this project," said 64 Study Club spokesperson Ava Lou Davis. "Instead, our goal is that we'll have hundreds of phone calls at 453-4561 from people who want to make pledges because Rehab provides such wonderful care every day to Coke County area residents. Robert Lee and Bronte may be small in population, but we can dream big about our

telethon success because people here have huge hearts – and because they know every dollar we raise will be used to support the Rehab Center. 64 Study Club members will be ready to take pledges on the phone, and then have Rehab send the donor a self-addressed envelope for payment. If you aren't going to be at home on telethon night, please call one of us prior to January 19 so you can still be among Coke County residents helping the Rehab Center," Davis concluded.

In addition to the local phone bank and live entertainment originating from the Abilene Civic Center, a major element of Rehab 2008 is an auction of more than 400 items. Online bidding has already begun and will continue until midnight on January 19. The site is www.rehabauction.org. Toll-free telephone bidding will begin at 5:30 pm on telethon night.

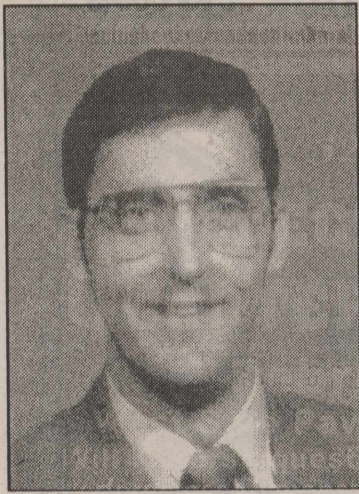
Rehab 2008 will be on 10 television stations, including KLST-TV and can also be seen on satellite at Galaxy 24/14c.

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Obituaries



Hardin

Phil Hardin, 52, of Burnet, Texas, died December 28, 2007. He was born in Amarillo, Texas, on June 11, 1955 to Bill and Agnes Walker Hardin.

In 1964, the family moved to Dublin, Texas, where he grew up and attended school. After graduating from Dublin High School in 1973, he moved to San Marcos, where he attended Southwest Texas State University. He eventually owned and operated his own business in San Marcos. After a severe heart injury in a debilitating car accident in 1977, Phil lived with his parents. In the mid 1980's, they moved to Lake Buchanan. He was a member of the Chapel of the Hills Baptist Church at Buchanan Dam. He enjoyed the lake, swimming, playing Yahtze, and his family. He loved watching his nieces and nephew participate in different sporting events.

Phil was preceded in death by his grandparents D.J. Walker, Sr. and Ada Millican Walker, and his mother, Agnes Walker Hardin, an uncle, Ralph Walker, and an aunt, Edna Walker Varnadore Russell.

Phil is survived by his father Bill Hardin of Burnett; his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and David Humphries of Burnet; nephew Todd Humphries and wife, Shelly, of Llano; two nieces, Cresta Tate and husband, Joey of Liberty Hill and Stacy Beall and husband, Jerrod, of Big Spring; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews, Rylee, Brooke, and Austin Humphries of Llano; Hailey and Addie Beall of Big Spring; and Malory and

Hudson Tate of Liberty Hill. Phil also leaves behind aunts and uncles, Duane and Edith Conger of Zephyr, Texas; D.J. and Nelia Walker and Jackie Walker all of Robert Lee. Phil will be missed by "The Cousins" - Bill Varnadore of Georgia; Kaye Cummings of Austin, Texas; Debbie Riley of Zephyr, Texas; Becky Purvis of Sonora, Texas; Loretta Bridges of Crane, Texas; Carla Sue Moore of Tyler, Texas; Pam Talley of San Angelo, Texas; Frankie Gartman, Audrey Devoll, Cindy Riley, and Sharon Pitcock all of Robert Lee, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Sunday, December 30, 2007, at the Chapel of the Hills Baptist Church at Buchanan Dam with the Rev.

Kevin McDonald officiating. Burial followed at the Post Mountain Cemetery in Burnet, Texas.

Funeral services were entrusted to Clements - Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet.

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Fitzgerald

Eula E. Fitzgerald, age 79, of Reno, NV, died on January 12, 2008, after a lengthy illness at the home of her niece in Houston, Texas. Born on April 4, 1928, in Coke County, she was the youngest child of Harvie and Bertie Cade Saunders of Blackwell, Texas. Her formal name derived from two family friends, Mrs. Eulah Copeland and Mrs. Ethel Hilger. Yet to family, friends, and schoolmates, she was known as "Doll", so nicknamed by her father on the day of her birth.

She graduated from Blackwell High School in 1947 and attended San

Angelo College. In December, 1948, she joined the Women's Army Corps (WACS). After basic training, she was stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso and by this time, she had acquired her long-lasting nickname of "Sandy."

On October 6, 1951, Sandy married Herbert H. Fitzgerald of El Paso and a native of Anderson County, Texas. Making their home in California, he preceded her in death on September 12, 1969. She had a great sense of humor, a keen desire for adventure, and lived life to its fullest measure, always on the lookout for a new fishing hole. Though she resided in California, Oregon, Arizona, during her adult years and retired to Reno, NV, her heart never left Texas and the banks of Oak Creek.

Doll was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Allie Florine Van Zandt, of Blackwell, Texas; four brothers, Bill Saunders of Blackwell, H. F. Saunders, Jr., Farmington, New Mexico, J.W. "Pete" Saunders of Cortez, Colorado, and Rex D. Saunders, Blackwell; and two nieces and two nephews.

She is survived by one brother, James Howard Saunders of Blackwell, and two sisters, Eunice Evelyn McRorey of San Angelo, and

Frances Vae Sneed of Ft. Worth, Texas, along with nine nieces and seven nephews and their extended families.

A memorial service will be held at the Blackwell Cemetery at a future date. Memorials may be made to the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department, Blackwell, Texas 79506, or CHRISTUS VNA Hospice, 601 Sawyer Street, Suite #750, Houston, Texas 77007, the staff of which provided such wonderful care and support to Doll and to Glenda and her family.

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Pipeline Group to host Public Awareness Meeting

The Pipeline Group will be holding a Public Awareness Meeting open to landowners and farmers who are located or work near a pipeline right of way. The meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 3636 N. Bryant Blvd, San Angelo, Texas on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 7:30 am. A free continental breakfast will be served for all the attendees from Coke, Crockett, Irion, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sutton, and Tom Green counties.

To attend this meeting you must register by calling 1-800-982-8752 or online at www.pipelinegroup.com.

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Thursday, January 24
3:30 to 5:30
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 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 6 pm Youth
 and Worship
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2417
 Rev. George Bradley, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
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 (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
 Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
 & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 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) 453-2482
 Jim Dominey, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Jason Martin, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 Joe Hodges, Pastor
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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A** Look Who's New!

Caleb Walker Helwig

Caleb Walker Helwig was born at 7:46 pm, Sunday, January 13, 2008, at the North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. He weighed 6 lbs. 11oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Caleb's parents are Chad and Heather Helwig of San Antonio. His maternal grandparents are Randy Berryman of Seguin, Texas and Peggy and Casey McVay of Vancouver, Washington. The paternal grandparents are Donnie and Audrey Devoll of Robert Lee and Bill and Debbie Helwig of Denver City, Texas.

Caleb's great-grandparents are D.J. and Nelia Walker of Robert Lee and Bill and June Helwig of Miles, Texas. His local great-great grandparents were the late D.J. and Ada (Millican) Walker and Ben and Grace (Key) Boykin.

Sorosis Study Club holds meeting

The Sorosis Study Club met Thursday, January 10, 2008, in the home of Fredna Moore.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Roger Ellison, Vice President for West Texas Rehabilitation Foundation in San Angelo. From Mr. Ellison's interesting presentation we learned the many varied services offered by the facility and the benefits to all of us in West Texas.

The officers for the coming year were elected. They are President - Lanette Fletcher, Secretary - Janet Wommack and



First Deer! Tisha Bates, of Odessa, bagged her first deer this past weekend, an eight point buck. Tisha is the 20 year old granddaughter of Glenda Mathers-Taylor of Robert Lee. The deer was taken from the Double J Ranch, owned by her grandmother.

Treasurer - Mary Glenn. at 5 pm, with the game starting at 6 pm.

The Study Club will again participate in the birthday party at the BHRC which on be February 29 at 3 pm, and will provide cake and entertainment.


Advertisement for the City Wide Garage Sale coming up on May 3 will again be taken care of by the Study Club.

There will be a 'Shooting for Hoops and Saving Lives' Relay For Life basketball game on February 5. The game will be between Bronte and Robert Lee and will take place in the Bronte gym. It will be another 'pink out' with everyone encouraged to wear pink tee shirts which may be ordered now from Glenda Draper, Jackie Corley and Tiffany Lange, or purchased at the game. Hamburgers will be served

The Chinese Auction was won by Jean Fancher.





Members present were Marti Aguirri, Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jane Cumbie, Glenda Draper, Jean Fancher, Peggy Hembree, Joan Lightfoot, Doris Sims, Kay Styles, Jane Wheat, Janet Wommack, hostess Fredna Moore, and president Lanette Fletcher. They had as guests, former member Joyce Snapp and Roger Ellison.

Deadline is Tuesday at 2 pm

 ★ Happy 1st Birthday ★
 ★ Rhett ★
 ★ Rangell! ★
 ★  ★
 ★ You make each day so much fun! ★
 ★ Love You, Mommy & Daddy ★
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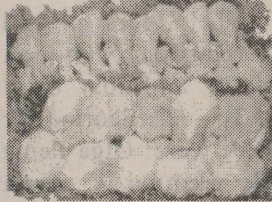
Good News For All!!!
Teen Challenge Mens Choir
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 18 Pack Cans
\$12.59



ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Robert Lee Seniors selling Krispy Kremes

The Robert Lee High School Senior Class of 2008 is taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts. The doughnuts will be delivered on Thursday, January 17 and will also be available at the Robert Lee/Bronte basketball games in Robert Lee on that day. For more information contact Cynthia Dillard at 453-4555.

Spanish Club to host Mexican Pile On Dinner

The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club will host a Mexican Pile On Dinner on Friday, January 25, 2008, from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm. For tickets contact any Spanish Club member or buy them at the door. The dinner will benefit the scholarship fund. The Spanish Club will also be selling chances to win a Steer Bowl Basket. This will be given away at half-time of the Varsity Boy's basketball game.

Robert Lee Lady Steer Basketball results

The Lady Steers played against Water Valley on January 4 and won in overtime by a score of 39 - 36. Scoring for Robert Lee were: Kasie Skinner 3, Arrin Minjarez 19, Molli Hinderliter 1, Molly Burns 4,

Megan Percifull 3, Sarah Walker 7, and Connie Saucedo 1.

Robert Lee HS girls played another game on January 8, against Sterling City. The final score was Robert Lee 36, Sterling City 39. Scoring for the Lady Steers were: Olga Perez 3, Kasie Skinner 4, Arrin Minjarez 12, Molli Hinderliter 3, Megan Percifull 7, Sarah Walker 6, and Connie Saucedo 1.

The Lady Steers played against Garden City on January 11, and lost by a score of 31 - 41. Scoring for Robert Lee were: Olga Perez 6, Kasie Skinner 4, Arrin Minjarez 4, Molli Hinderliter 4, Molly Burns 3, Megan Percifull 3, Sarah Walker 4, and Connie Saucedo 3.

The next game will be against Bronte at Robert Lee on January 17 and then we will play against Water Valley at Water Valley on January 22.

Robert Lee JH Boys Basketball

On January 10, the Dogies played against Water Valley, with a final score of Robert Lee 28, Water Valley 35. Scoring for the Dogies were: Gartman 3, Skinner 2, Sanchez 7, Henderson 2, Saucedo 2, and Hinderliter 11.

The Dogies played again on January 14, against Sterling City with another loss. The

final score for the game was Robert Lee 15, Sterling City 29. Scoring for the Dogies were: Gartman 5, Sanchez 2, Henderson 2, Saucedo 2, and Hinderliter 4.

Robert Lee Varsity Boys Basketball

On January 3, Robert Lee played against Winters with a win, 46-38. Scoring for the Steers were: Dillard 15, Gallegos 9, Percifull 8, Martinez 6, Philley 6, and Brosh 2.

The Steers played again on January 8 against Sterling City with another win, 46-34. Scoring for the Steers were: Dillard 2, Gallegos 6, Percifull 10, Martinez 4, Philley 2, Roe 4, and Brosh 2.

The Steers played once again on January 11 against Garden City with a loss, 31-33. Scoring for the Steers were: Dillard 8, Gallegos 11, Percifull 2, Philley 4, Roe 1, and Brosh 5.

Scholarships available to local students

There are many scholarships now available to Coke County students. Body by Milk is also sponsoring a scholarship contest. Applications are available online at www.sammy.bodybymilk.com until March 7, 2008. Judging is based on the following: academic performance,

athletic excellence, leadership, community service, and what role milk plays in a student's success.

The San Angelo Area Foundation (SAAF) has also posted their scholarship online at www.saafound.org. Application deadline is March 1, 2008. Many area scholarships may be applied for through the use of this one application being submitted. For more information and a list of the scholarships offered, please visit the website.

Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund established

The Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at the San Angelo Area Foundation in memory of Clay Kennedy Antilley of Robert Lee, an avid member of 4-H and FFA, who attended as many stock shows as was possible. The San Angelo Area Foundation will be accepting scholarship applications for this fund in the spring of 2008.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a graduate of a Coke County high school located in Coke County, Texas, and have been a resident student of said high school for three consecutive semesters beginning the junior year. In addition, the student must

demonstrate outstanding achievement in a Coke County FFA or 4-H club and participated in school, community and agriculture related organizations. Scholarship applications will be available on our website January 1, and are due to the Foundation office by March 1.

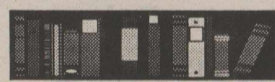
To obtain more information about this and other scholarships at the San Angelo Area Foundation, please visit our website at www.saafound.org. Memorial contributions to this fund may be made online or may be mailed to the Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o San Angelo Area Foundation, 2201 Sherwood Way, Suite 205, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

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School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Jan. 21**
Pancake & sausage on stick, juice, milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 22**
Toast, cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 23**
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, Jan. 24**
Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk
- Friday, Jan. 25**
Pigs in blanket, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 21**
Chicken O's, scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 22**
Bean chalupas, salad, tamale, Spanish rice, orange, milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 23**
Steak fingers, creamed potatoes, green peas, bread, pears, milk
- Thursday, Jan. 24**
Frito pie, corn, salad, banana pudding, milk
- Friday, Jan. 25**
Chicken patty on bun, pickles, baked chips, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, milk

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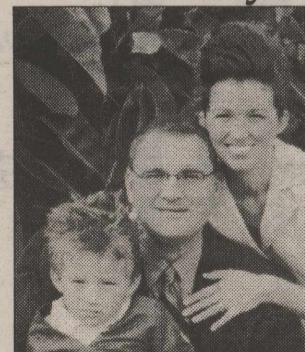
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

BHS Senior Class to raffle beef

The Bronte Senior Class Project Graduation is raffling two sides of beef with freezers. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Saunders at 473-2028 or Mike Harris at 473-2203.

Bronte offering free passes to Senior Citizens

Bronte ISD is offering free passes for Senior Citizens 65 and over for District Basketball games. Bring proof of I.D. to Superintendent's office beginning January 7, 2008, from 8 am to 4 pm weekdays.

Bronte Longhorn Basketball update

The Bronte Longhorns played two games this past week, one against Water Valley with a win 52-32; and the other against Blackwell with a loss 37-46. Scoring against Water Valley were: Brett Wills 17 pts; Paul McConnell 4 pts; Gus Saunders 8 assists; CJ McClure 2 pts; Sam Rawlings 2 pts, 4 steals; Lahne Burns 11 pts, 4 rebs; Rob Rosson 3 pts; Dakota Rawls 11 pts, 5 rebs; Heath Richey 4 rebs; and Kerwin Rawls, 2 pts, 4 assists, 4 steals. Scoring against Blackwell were: Brett Wills 7 pts, 4 rebs, 5 assists; Paul McConnell 5 pts, 5 rebs; Gus Saunders 3 pts, Lahne

Burns 2 pts, 4 rebs; Dakota Rawls 15 pts, 12 rebs; and Kerwin Rawls 5 pts, 4 steals.

Bronte Shorthorn "A" Boys Basketball

The Bronte JH "A" Boys played a great game last Thursday and gained a victory against Garden City. Garden City had beaten us during the first game of our season when we went to their place and they also won our JH "A" Tournament earlier this year. Thursday was our redemption! Garden City is by far one of the best teams that we have played all season and it's always a battle when we play them. Our guys put up a good fight and earned a victory. A great effort and a great job by everyone. The final score was Bronte 17, Garden City 15. Scoring for the Shorthorns were: Creed Coalson 5, John Deller 4, Jordan Baumann 2, and Beau Grigg 6.

Bronte Shorthorn "B" Boys Basketball

The Junior High "B" Boys won both of their games on Saturday at the Robert Lee JH Tournament. We started the day against Christoval and had a hard time scoring. We were able to hold them to 7 points with a great defensive stand. We had also started pressing with this group earlier this week and the guys were able to use that during this tournament. It gave both Christoval and Eldorado trouble throughout the tournament. We had a tough time scoring against Eldorado as well, but we again held them to 11 points defensively to secure the win! A great job goes out to all the guys at the tournament!

Game #1 was against Christoval, final score Bronte 8, Christoval 7. Scoring for Bronte were: Ethan Seddan 2 and Randon Eubanks 4. Game #2 was against Eldorado, with a final score of Bronte 14, Eldorado 11. Scoring for Bronte were: Mario Delarosa 5, Thoren Charles 2, Ethan Seddan 5, and Randon Eubanks 2.

We will be traveling to Water Valley on Monday, January 14.

Bronte "A" Lady Shorthorns 10-0

The "A" Lady Shorthorn Basketball girls are now 10-0 after defeating the Garden City Bearkats 27-20 on Thursday, January 10, 2008. Mackenzie Gibbs led the charge with 8 points, Kimber Lee added 7, and Jill Scott and Harley Wallace both added 6.

The "B" Lady Shorthorn Basketball girls improved to 5-0 pulverizing Garden City 31-11 Thursday night. Erika Puentez led the team with 7 points, Kaitlyn Braswell, Brayde Knight, and Brooke Bedford each added 6, Jael Williams contributed 4, and Cindy Davilla 2.

Congratulations Lady Shorthorns and Good Luck on your future games.

The Bronte Lady Shorthorn "A" Team defeated Water Valley on Monday, January 14, 2007 at Water Valley by a score of 45-29. The Lady Wildcats jumped to an early lead taking the first half by 3 with a score of 17-14. However, the Lady Shorthorns attacked the 3rd quarter with a vengeance outscoring Water Valley 23-7 (led by Kimber Lee with 10 of the 23). This win over the Wildcats gives the Lady Shorthorns an 11-0 record. Points are as follows: Lee 17, Jill Scott 8, Harley Wallace 8, Mackenzie Gibbs 6, Brenda Perez 4, Lauren Burns 2.

The Bronte Lady Shorthorn "B" Team had a showing of its own defeating the Wildcats 26-6. The Lady Shorthorns scored first and never looked back. They went on to outscore the Wildcats in each quarter 4-1, 10-2, 8-0, and 4-3. Points are as followed: Kaitlyn Braswell 14, Erika Puentez 6, Jael Williams 4, Cindy

Davilla 2. Monday night's win improves the Lady Shorthorns to 8-0.

JV girls basketball tourney updates

The JV girls have really improved this year. They have participated in three tournaments. In the Robert Lee JV Tournament they placed third and second in the Sterling City JV Tournament. The girls beat Miles by a score of 37-28 to win the championship at the Bronte JV Tournament. Their record is 8-6 overall and they are 1-1 in district. The team consists of Shannon Deller, Rachael Deller, Kelsey Sedden, Ally Franco, Shandee Vaughn and Cheyenne Boyd.

Bronte Lady Longhorns Win Two

The Bronte Lady Longhorns defeated Water Valley in a home district game on Tuesday, January 8 by a score of 45-36. High Point scorer was Holly Huskerson with 12 points and 6 rebounds. Other Lady Longhorns who contributed to the game were Chelsea Meek with 11 points, 3 rebounds; Casey Harris with 7 points, 6 rebounds; Johnnye Michael 5 points; Estephanie Flores 3 points, 1 rebound; Chelsea Cook 3 points, 2 rebounds; Marcy McMorris 2 points; and Ariel Coalson with 2 points, 1 rebound.

The Lady Longhorns then defeated Blackwell on Friday, January 11 by a final score of 75-35. Scorers in this district match-up were Holly Huskerson with 19 points, 7 rebounds, 4 steals; Chelsea Meek with 13 points, 3 rebounds, 4 steals; Chelsea Cook 11 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals; Casey Harris 10 points, 3 rebounds; Estephanie Flores 7 points, 1 rebound; Terrah Macon 4

points, 2 rebounds; Chloe Grigg 4 points, 2 rebounds; Marcy McMorris 3 points, 4 rebounds-1 steal; Nicole Reed 2 points, 1 steal; and Johnnye Michael 2 points, 3 rebounds-1 steal. The Lady Longhorns' next game will be against Sterling City in Bronte.

Bronte ISD Board Meeting held

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on January 10, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room. Those in attendance were: Wayne Coalson, President; Bob Frazee; Terry Charles; Kendall Gibbs; Quinda Feil-Duncan; Scott Frasier; and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Donna Poehls and Michael Bohensky. Jeff Schoenfield was absent.

Alan Richey opened the meeting with prayer.

Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, and Michael Bohensky, Secondary Principal, gave reports.

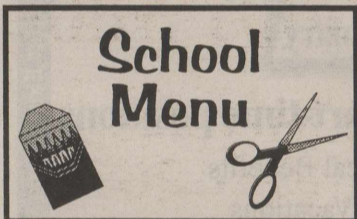
Alan Richey, Superintendent, recognized the Board and on behalf of the Administration and staff, thanked them for the great job they do as board members. A certificate was presented to each of them honoring their dedication and hard work.

The Board approved March 27, 2008 and May 29, 2008, as early release dates for the spring semester. The Board approved February 12, 2008, for the regular February Board meeting and March 11, 2008, for the regular March Board meeting. The Board discussed a bus purchase.

Mr. Richey gave a financial update and discussed the auction, which will be held on February 9, 2008, at 10 am in the old Ag building.

Superintendent evaluations were handed out and discussion was held on reduction in force plan.

The President adjourned the meeting at 10:25 pm.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 21

Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Pancake on stick, syrup, juice, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 23

French toast sticks, syrup, juice, milk

Thursday, Jan. 24

Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, juice, milk

Friday, Jan. 25

Sausage roll, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 21

Chicken fajitas, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, rosie apple sauce, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, peaches, garlic toast, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit jello, milk

Thursday, Jan. 24

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, baby carrots, corn bread, strawberries and bananas, milk

Friday, Jan. 25

Hot dog, chili, cheese, tator tots, assorted fruit, brownies, milk

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4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, TX 76904
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Contract - 6170-71-001 for **MOWING THE RIGHT OF WAY** in COKE County, etc will be received on January 31, 2008 until 1:00 pm and opened on January 31, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$106,944.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below.

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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be

exacerbated by outdoor burning. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Coke County that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048. Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

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the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, with the exception of barbecuing in an enclosed fire box with water hose or fire retardant accessible at all times and someone attending the fire at all times, and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire. The purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

1. Outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:

- A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 mph;
- B. The welder must notify the Coke County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;
- C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible

materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) feet radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

In accordance with Local Government §352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Adopted this 14th day of January 2008.

Signed: Roy Blair,
County Judge
Attest: Sharon Lee,
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The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit. • *Proverbs 14:8*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. • *Proverbs 1:7*

Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. • *Proverbs 10:14*

A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent. • *Proverbs 15:5*

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Tips for first-time homebuyers

By Jason Alderman

It's no secret that the bubble has fully burst in the real estate market and that millions of homeowners are facing severe financial hardships as home values drop and adjustable mortgage rates shoot upward.

On the flip side, those same rising interest rates, combined with increasingly stringent lending requirements, have left many potential homebuyers out in the cold. If that's your story, here are a few steps that can get you back in the real estate game:

Boost your savings. Many people are in financial hot water today because they bought homes they really couldn't afford using risky loans with features like 0 percent down, negative amortization (where your monthly payment doesn't cover interest owed and unpaid interest gets tacked onto the loan amount) or balloon payments due after a few years.

To avoid those traps, you should save enough for at least a 10 percent down payment. Also, when calculating how much you can afford to spend each month, don't forget other home-related expenses like property taxes, homeowner's insurance, private mortgage insurance (for down payments under 20 percent), repairs and utilities. Some experts suggest allocating up to an extra 40 percent of your monthly mortgage payment in your budget for related expenses.

Develop a budget. Step one to meeting any long-term savings goal is to create a detailed budget so you know exactly what's coming in, what's going out, how much you need to save and how long it will take. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site created by Visa, features a complete guide to creating a livable budget, along with interactive budgeting tools and calculators (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting).

The site also contains a nine-step guide to homeownership, including preparations to qualify for financing and how different mortgages work (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/homeowner). As always, consult a financial professional for questions about your particular situation.

Improve your credit score. Even with thousands of dollars banked for a down payment, you may find it's difficult to qualify for a mortgage if you can't demonstrate a solid track record of obtaining and paying loans - or worse, if you have a history of late payments or exceeding credit card limits.

The three major credit bureaus - Equifax (www.equifax.com), Experian (www.experian.com) and TransUnion (www.transunion.com) - track your credit history and use the information to compile credit reports. This credit history is also used to create three-digit credit scores that lenders employ to determine whether you're a suitable credit risk. Poor scores could either prevent you from qualifying for a mortgage or dramatically increase the interest rate you'd have to pay.

To know where you stand, or der your credit reports and review them carefully for errors or fraudulent activity. You can order one free credit report per year from each bureau through www.annualcreditreport.com. If you go through the credit bureaus' own sites, you'll be charged a small fee.

To learn more about credit reports and credit scores and how to improve them, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website (www.ftc.gov/credit), www.myfico.com run by Fair Isaac, or Visa's free www.WhatsMyScore.org, site, where you can get a free estimate of your credit score.

The only silver lining in the current real estate crisis is that tougher credit standards may prevent you from inadvertently getting in over your head. Take advantage of that warning and get your own finances on a firm

foundation before you build a house on it.

Record rainfall totals not much more than a memory

by Hal Spain, Publisher

The record rainfall totals we received in 2007 (as indicated by the accompanying graph) are no more than a memory now to county residents. Aggregate rainfall totals from our cooperators indicate in most cases twice as much moisture (and in some cases three times as much rainfall) in 2007 as we recorded in a very dry 2006. For that we are extremely grateful.

2007 brought with it some bountiful rains that filled Oak Creek and Mountain Creek Lakes for the first time in a long time. The abundant moisture also helped to heal native pastures, produced an above average hay crop, and was a big boon to our wildlife resources. For that we are also grateful.

However, as quickly as the rains came they also subsided, leaving some pretty drouthy conditions as we head into the new year. The records indicate that November of 2007 was a near to total miss on the rainfall scale in Coke County. December followed with some limited precipitation early in the month. We are now, however, going on more than a month without any more rainfall for the last half of December through the first half of January in the new year.

Anybody who has done any digging lately can testify to that. Last week I had to dig up a waterline to a concrete stock tank on my place. And when you have to dig eighteen to twenty inches in your waterlot to get to some moist soil, you know you could use a good rain.

Optimists that we are in Coke County, we keep our eyes toward the heavens with a prayer in our hearts that the Lord will provide. Here's hoping that our next report which follows the first quarter of 2008 will be a good one.

County Rainfall Totals

	October	November	December	Total for Year
Edith Area • Dee & Dessie Kendall				
2006	1.85	0.00	1.90	17.65
2007	0.00	0.75	0.00	32.81
Valley View Area • Bobby and Jeffie Roberts				
2006	1.43	0.00	1.18	14.81
2007	0.64	0.07	0.27	33.65
Divide Area • Dolores McCabe Seal				
2006	2.06	0.01	1.44	17.35
2007	0.33	1.04	0.41	31.90
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2006	2.30	0.00	1.90	15.50
2007	0.50	1.50	0.40	46.75
Bob Blackwood • 4 miles E. of Robert Lee				
2006	1.77	0.00	1.34	16.02
2007	0.19	0.94	0.37	36.03
Bronte Area • Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg				
2006	2.30	0.01	1.21	18.95
2007	0.66	1.44	0.27	42.54
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2006	3.00	0.00	1.30	22.55
2007	0.20	1.20	0.50	43.05

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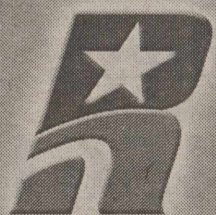
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