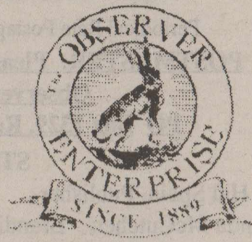


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County Republican Convention set for Saturday

The Republican County Convention is slated for this Saturday, March 29, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am in the District Courtroom.

Purpose of the meeting is to nominate delegates to the state convention. Also, county resolutions will be passed and forwarded to the state convention.

Anyone who voted in the Republican Primary in Coke County is eligible to attend the county convention. Those attending are urged to bring their voter registration cards.

For more information, please contact Republican County Chairman Kathy Pentecost at 453-2920.

Burn Ban Lifted

On March 24, 2008, the Coke County Commissioner's Court lifted the countywide burn ban. Due to recent rains the Commissioners Court feels that the burn ban could be lifted at this time. However, the Court is asking everyone to take extreme precaution while burning. If you are doing a control burn, please call the Sheriff's Department at 453-2727, the Robert Lee Care Center at 453-2511 and the Local Fire Department to let them be aware that you will be burning. If the rains

do not continue and drought conditions worsen then the burn ban will be placed back in effect. If you have any questions, please call your County Commissioner or the County Judge.

BHRC Auxiliary membership drive slated

March is the time for Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary membership enrollment.

The BHRC auxiliary provides invaluable help to the residents of BHRC. The July 4th community hot dog supper, auction, and fireworks were their fundraisers for the year, and they plan to continue the tradition again this year. During the past year they purchased folding tables and dining tables and they are planning new patio furniture and plants. They also assist with the spring dance, parties for Valentines, Easter, and Halloween and dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The three kinds of membership include Active Membership (\$5 per person and meet the minimum hours of service), Contributing Membership (\$10 per person, organization or business per year, and may or may not give volunteer service); and Supporting Membership (\$50 per person, business or organization and may or

may not give volunteer service).

They have their monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 1 pm at the center. (Lunch is provided and you may donate if you would like.) They invite everyone to join this wonderful organization. Helping others is a great way to feel good about yourself. For more information call Lanette Fletcher, President at 473-6791 or Janet Wommack, Secretary-Treasurer at 473-5388.

RLVFD seeking donations

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department is asking for donations to replenish their supply of bottled water and gatorade. The "drop-in" individual packets that can be added to bottled water make for a great convenience for the firemen to grab and go.

Donations will be accepted at the Robert Lee City Hall or you may contact any fireman.

RLBC upcoming activities

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting a 5th Sunday Church-Wide luncheon on Sunday, March 30, 2008 following the morning worship service that begins at 11 am. A singspiration will be held following the luncheon featuring local musicians and artists including the EOC and members of Bethel Baptist Church of Robert Lee. All events will be held at 22 W. 11th Street in Robert Lee. Evening services will be dismissed.

The Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth Ministry will start Roots, a youth discipleship class, Sunday night at 8 pm at the church. This class will continue to meet weekly at 6 pm.

Coke County Red Hat meeting slated

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Egg Hunt! This little girl seems hard at work at the Easter Egg Hunt at the Mini Park in Robert Lee on March 12.

that.

Come and join us - we'll make you a member.

Just remember we only accept the "Female Gender".

Our meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 3 at 11 am. Come early and have time for gossip and a cup of coffee. Meeting place is Rangel's Restaurant in Robert Lee. A buffet of Mexican and American food will be available which will include coffee, tea, or water. Soft drinks will cost extra.

They also welcome ladies from other counties or countries. Go and join them - they would like to get acquainted.

Library to hold book sale

The Coke County Library will hold a spring book sale on Friday, April 4, from 8 am to 12 noon. The sale will continue on Saturday, April 5, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Hardback books in good shape will sell for 25 cents or three for \$1. Paperback books will be on sale for 10 cents each or \$1.00 for a sack full. Some very nice hardbacks will be on sale this spring.

Funds raised will be used to buy prizes for the summer program.

Library hours are Tuesdays,

8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

EMS Training Class scheduled

Bronte EMS will host a training class for certified Ambulance Personnel (ECA's). This class will be in Bronte and is open to anyone willing to volunteer for Bronte or Robert Lee Ambulance services as both services are in severe need of trained volunteers.

For more information call Stephen 224-3047 or Larry 473-4014.

Autism Awareness Walk slated

April is Autism Awareness Month and there will be an Autism Awareness Walk April 5 in San Angelo at Colts Stadium. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Angie Davis is starting a team and if anyone is interested in participating, contact her at 453-4741.

M&N Percifull Tournery set

The 15th Annual M & N Percifull, 27 hole, 2 person, select shot golf tournament will be on April 19 at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. For more information, call (325) 473-2156.



Look Here! This Robert Lee Head Start student happily shows off her basket of goodies at the Easter Egg Hunt at the Mini Park in Robert Lee on March 12.

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RL City Election update

The filing deadline for the General City Election closed on Monday, March 10. The City of Robert Lee will hold an election to elect a mayor and two City Council members. Mayor Incumbent, Joe White will be opposed by Richard Cantrell. Those running for two city council member places will be incumbent, Bonita Cartrite, Trey Sawyer and John Jacobs. The City General election will be held on Saturday, May 10. Early voting period will begin on April 28 through May 6 and will be conducted at the County Clerk's office.

Runoff election set for April 8

County and District Clerk Mary Grim has informed the newspaper that there will be a runoff election in Coke County and throughout the state on Tuesday, April 8. In the Democratic Primary, there is a runoff election for Texas Railroad Commissioner between Mark Thompson and Dale Henry.

The first day for early voting in the runoff election is March 31. Early voting will continue through April 4. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail for the runoff election is April 1. Mrs. Grim reiterated that the application must be received by the April 1 deadline, and not mailed or postmarked by the deadline date.

The voting procedure will be a little different for the runoff, according to Mrs. Grim. Precincts 1 & 3 will be combined to vote in the courthouse, and Precincts 2 & 4 will be combined to vote at the Senior Citizens' Building in Bronte on election day. As usual, voting hours will be from 7 am until 7 pm on Tuesday, April 8.

Only those who voted in the Democratic Primary election on March 4, and those who did not vote on March 4, but are registered to vote, are eligible to participate in this runoff election. If you voted in the Republican Primary election, you are ineligible to vote in the Democratic runoff election.

For additional information, contact County/District Clerk Mary Grim at 453-2631.

TMCN luncheon series set

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces its annual network luncheon series for April. Community leaders throughout the region meet for lunch and discuss topics that affect community projects, quality of life issues and local economy factors.

Civic leaders in every small city in the region are invited to participate and meet with neighboring community leaders. Luncheons are scheduled in Breckenridge - April 9, Colorado City - April 10, Winters - April 11, Comanche - April 16, Knox City - April 18 and Brady - April 23. All luncheons are from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm.

According to TMCN President Genora Young of Eden, "The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a brighter future for their town. This year's series of luncheons will focus on tools for growth and how to best inform your state legislator of local issues." City and county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives, healthcare professionals and ISD leaders are invited to



Team Abalos! "Team Abalos", which consists of (left to right) Gilbert Abalos of Greenwood, Manuel Abalos of Robert Lee and Benny Jacobo of San Angelo, display their award winning barbecue pit at the 50th annual Rattlesnake Round Up in Sweetwater, held March 8-9. Their awards included Most Unique Barbecue Pit, Friendliest Camp and they also won the Hot Sauce competition.

participate. Reservations are needed 2 days out from the luncheon and can be made online at www.texasmidwest.org (Members Information page) or by calling the host city: Breckenridge at 254-559-2301, Colorado City at 325-728-3404, Winters at 325-754-5210, Comanche at 325-356-3233, Knox City at 940-658-3313 and Brady at 325-597-3491. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 325-795-8626 or 800-845-3563.

Just what in the world is the Idiotarod?

The Idiotarod is a follower. It follows the Iditarod in Alaska by a week or two, and it follows five years of the Elgoatarod in Eldorado. And on top of all that, it

follows April Fools Day by festival in Eldorado that only a few days. It is a celebrates all of the above.

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The name and focus have been changed from goats to idiots for two reasons. First of all, good racing goats were getting hard to find and secondly, it was decided to focus on April fools and idiots, with some idiotic games and contests.

Goat lovers should not fret however, as the festival will still retain the "goat pill flipping contest," in order to keep its goat flavor, no pun intended. And the ever popular, goat-kissing contest will return as one of the most popular contests. Another favorite, the goat look-alike contest, will also continue as one of the many contests. And in honor of the Elgoatarod tradition, your pet goats are always welcome to attend, but only if they are on a leash.

New and different contests have been added to celebrate fools everywhere. Some of these events include Adult Trike Races, April Fools Costume Contest, Backwards Run, Blindfolded Washer Tossing, Chigger Catching Contest, Cow Pasture Bingo, Four X Four Ski Races, Gnat Races, Indian Leg Wrestling, Jig Saw Puzzling, Slick Willie Lying Contest, Slug Races, Snipe Hunt Costume Contest, Stupid Human Tricks, Stupid Pet Tricks, Thumb Wrestling, Trivial Pursuit Tournament, Ugliest Pet Contest, World's Largest Snipe Hunt and the Worst Dressed Pet Contest.

Persons interested in entering their slugs in the slug races should be forewarned that they must provide their own slug, and that testing for steroids will be performed on all slugs prior to the races. Also, all slugs must be registered with the ADLA, American

Decayed Log Association. While the event is officially open from 10 am until 6 pm, the snipe hunt that is scheduled will be held at dark. Persons wishing to induct someone into the Snipe Hunters Club should contact organizers prior to the event for details.

The staples of all EOBOC events remain, such as a variety of arts, crafts and food vendors, plus karaoke, the popular inflatables and the cloggers. Impromptu events and contests are sometimes added to take advantage of the personalities of attendees and their eccentricities, so come prepared to be a part of the show.

And, as in all EOBOC events, a \$500 prize will be awarded to the individual or group who can break any

Guinness World Record and then get it published in the next edition of the Guinness World Record book.

The Idiotarod will be held Saturday, April 5 at the T 9 C Ranch in Eldorado. Admission and parking are free, and new vendors are always welcome. The event will be held from 10 am until 6 pm, and the gates will open at 9 am. The T 9 C Ranch is located three miles west of the Eldorado, Texas airport on CR 412. For more information, contact Jim Runge at 325-853-3678 or eoboc@hotmail.com.

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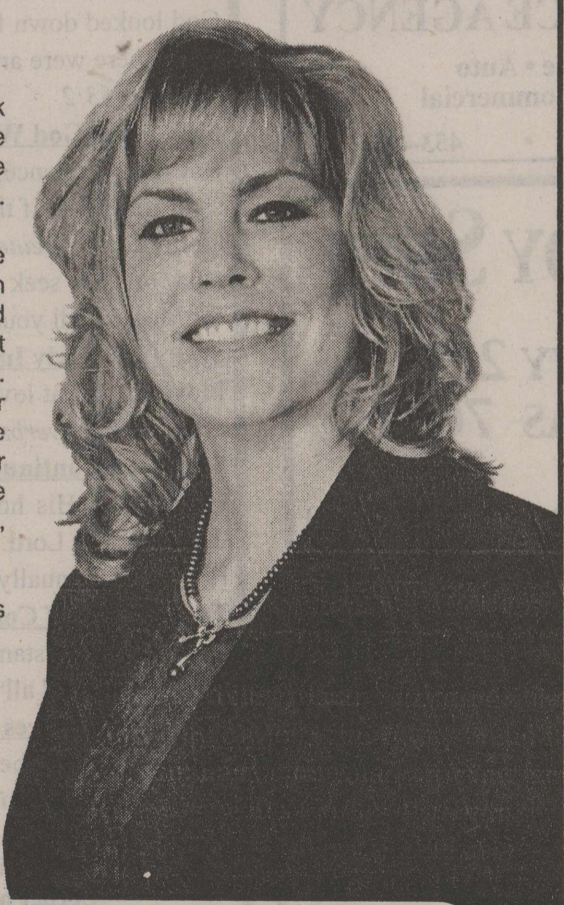
She received a Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, and also earned a Masters degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska. Julie most recently practiced at Medi-Center West in San Angelo, and her experience also includes serving as primary practitioner for the Family Health Center of Bronte. She and her husband Patrick have two sons, Jake and Luke.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLISD School Board meeting minutes

Be it remembered that on Thursday the 13th day of March 2008, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members Present: Messrs: K. Roe, W. Washam, T. Reed, J. Roberts, T. Reed, B. Ramon, T. Sawyer.

Members Absent: I. Torres

The meeting was called to order by President Roe at 7 pm, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Wes Washam.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2007, February 18, 21 and 27, 2008 seconded by Brandi Brosh. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the budget amendment seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Wayne Simpson gave the elementary report; 134 enrolled for PK-6; 94% ADA for February. Roger Henderson gave the secondary campus report; 117 enrolled 7-12; 96% ADA for February.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Mar. 31

Biscuit, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, Apr. 1

Pizza, juice, milk

Wednesday, Apr. 2

Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, Apr. 3

Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, Apr. 4

Pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Mar. 31

Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, carrots, bread, banana, milk

Tuesday, Apr. 1

Chicken a la king, rice, egg roll, orange, milk

Wednesday, Apr. 2

Steak fingers, creamed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears, milk

Thursday, Apr. 3

Pizza, salad, corn, breadstick, fruit cocktail, milk

Friday, Apr. 4

Hot dog, chili, cheese, Fritos, pork & beans, applesauce, milk

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve May 22, 2008 as an Early Release Day seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to apply for a waiver from TEA for the missed day of instruction due to the mandatory evacuation on February 25, 2008. Motion seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept Supt. Hood's recommendation to approve the contracts for purchase of Real Property; 306 W. 13th Street and 302 W. 13th Street. Motion seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the request of Ad Valorem Tax Relief for Hayrick Masonic Lodge by Resolution. Motion seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to adopt all books on the conforming list for 2008-2009 seconded by Brandi Brosh. All for.

Supt. Hood gave his report on enrollment numbers, wind projects, update on budget process and reimbursement for evacuation on February 25, 2008.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to accept resignation of Jason Rich seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept principal's recommendations to offer term contracts to all teachers as listed for the 2008-2009 school year: Wayne Alexander, Stephanie Brady, Linda Burns, Patty Byrne, Kelly Crain, Audrey Devoll, Katie Drennan, Frankie Gartman, Maranda Hood, Kathy McCown, Sheri Millican, Amber Palmer,

Denise Roberts, Tammy Roe, Elena Sanchez, Sandy Sawyer, Celeste Service. Motion seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve one year term contract to Sterling Myers and Kevin Meek for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to approve one year probationary contract to Leslie Matthiesen and Brandon McDowell for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Lady Dogie track results

On March 11, 2008, the Lady Dogies traveled to the Highland Junior High Track Meet.

Results are as follows. Linsey Vallery - Shot Put - 1st, Discus - 1st; Dusty Howard - Shot Put - 6th; Ashley Wheat - Shot Put, Discus, 100 M Dash - 6th; Jordan Gartman - 100 M Dash - 3rd, Discus - 6th; Diana Vera - Shot Put - 3rd; Destiny Thomas - Shot Put, Long Jump; Kelsey Hewitt - 1600 M Run - 5th; Lisa Myrice - 1600 M Run - 4th, 800 M Relay - 3rd; Rachel Rojas - 100 M Dash - 2nd, 400 M Relay - 4th, 800 M Relay - 3rd; Meagan Ross - Triple Jump - 2nd, 100 M Hurdles - 4th 200 M Run - 6th; Kimberly Roach - Discus - 2nd, 200 M Run - 1st, 400 M Relay - 4th, 800 M Relay - 3rd; Victoria Roe - Triple Jump - 1st, 200 M Run - 1st, 400 M Relay - 4th, 800 M Relay - 3rd; Lubbock Roe - 1600 M Run - 1st, 400 M Run - 1st, 100 M Dash - 4th.

The Lady Dogies also participated in the Eldorado Junior High track meet with the following results.

Kelsey Hewitt - 1600 M Run 1st; Lubbock Roe - 400 M Run - 4th, 800 M Relay - 4th, 400 M Relay - 3rd; Kimberly Roach - 200 M Run - 4th, 800 M Relay - 4th, 400 M Relay - 3rd, Discus - 2nd; Jordan Gartman - Discus - 2nd, Shot Put - 2nd; Ashley Wheat - Discus - 1st, Shot Put - 7th; Dusty Howard - Discus - 3rd, Shot Put - 1st; Rachel Rojas - 800 M Relay - 4th, 100 M Dash - 3rd, 400 M Relay - 3rd; Victoria Roe - 800 M Relay - 4th, 400 M Relay - 3rd; Diana Vera - Discus - 5th; Linsey Vallery - Shot Put - 1st, Discus - 1st.

Steers win Christoval Invitational

The Robert Lee High School golf teams traveled to San Angelo to play in the Christoval Invitational Tournament at the Bentwood Country Club on March 24, 2008.

The Steers golf team won the Tournament. The Steers were led by Logan Philley's 77 and Brody Dillard's 79. Philley tied for medalist honors and Dillard tied for 3rd in the medalist competition. The team shot a 333 to best Iraan's 350 and Bronte's 351. There were 13 teams in the field. Other scores for Robert Lee were Haden Dillard 87, Cameron Hodge 90, and Mason Ross 92.

The Robert Lee II team finished 10th with a 393 score. Scores were: Taylor Percifull 93; Foster Allen 95; Cody Brosh 96; Blake Millican 112; and Josh

Tennison 109.

The Lady Steers finished 5th with a 480 total. Lady Steers scores were: Kasie Skinner 116; Mandy Mendoza 119; Briana Brisbin 120; Skyler Rainwater 125; Emilee Yanez 141; and Kacee Roberts 135.

The boys and girls teams will begin District play on Monday, March 31st, at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene and the final round being held at Big Spring Country Club the next week, April 7.

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Seeking God

If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. • 2 Chronicles 7:14

God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. • Psalms 53:2

Seek After God With Your Whole Being

But if from thence, thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. • Deuteronomy 4:29

And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. • Jeremiah 29:13

Seek God Early In The Morning

I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me. • Proverbs 8:17

Seek God Continuously

Glory ye in His holy name: Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually. • 1 Chronicles 16:10-11

The Results Of Continuously Seeking God

Evil men understand not judgment: But they that seek the Lord understand all things. • Proverbs 28:5

The Consequences Of Not Seeking God

And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord. • 2 Chronicles 12:14

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Rawls named All West Texas

Dakota Rawls, a 6'3" freshman, was named to the Class A Div 2 All West Texas basketball team. He is the son of Rocky and Terri Rawls of Bronte.

Bronte ISD awarded State Farm grant

State Farm has awarded Bronte ISD a \$3,000 grant for the State Farm Youthful Driver Safety Program. The PALS class at Bronte ISD came up with ideas to help pursue ways to educate teens about safe driving. Automobile accidents are the number one cause of teen deaths. Texas ranks number one in automobile accident fatalities in teen drivers. State Farm is hoping to provide funds for student led programs to help educate and prevent automobile accidents. There are a number of distractions for teen drivers, from cell phones to changing music. The PALS class at Bronte ISD is hoping to make students aware in Coke County and other places to help prevent teen accidents. This project hits close to home. Chris Brown, a senior at Bronte High School, is still in the hospital after his vehicle ran off the road in the middle of the afternoon last November and hit a tree. It is believed that Chris was tired and fell

asleep. Many of us have done the same thing. There is no way to completely avoid all accidents, but with the State Farm award and the Bronte ISD PALS class working on this project, hopefully, something positive will arise for teen drivers.

Representatives from State Farm will award the check to the Bronte ISD PALS class next Thursday, April 3 at 11:15 am in the school auditorium. The community is invited to attend.

ACT Prep Workshop set

There will be an ACT Workshop Monday, March 31, 5:30 pm - 9 pm at Ballinger High School. The workshop is designed to help students prepare to take the ACT test and will be conducted by the Cargill Company.

Payment will be required for the workshop, plus the optional study guide is available. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please sign up with Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor by Friday morning, March 28. For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman at 473-2521.

Priority FAFSA Deadlines

Individuals planning on entering college in the fall of 2008 need to check with the college(s) they are planning on attending and verify when the priority deadline is for turning in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Although college financial aid offices will continue to accept FAFSA applications after priority deadlines, certain grants and scholarships may no longer be available. For example, those students planning on attending Angelo State University, the priority deadline is April 1, 2008. For more information, call the

financial aid office of the college you or your son or daughter plans on attending.

Bronte Longhorn Yearbook on sale

The 2008 Bronte Longhorn Yearbook is now on sale. Books are \$30 and if you would like a name tag, those are an additional \$2.50. Payment made by March 28 will ensure you a copy, otherwise, it depends on the if the publisher prints extra copies.

There are still extra 2007 yearbooks available if you are interested. Please come into the Elementary or High School office or just send the \$30 and a note with your child to give to their teacher.

TSTC Announces Discovery Day

Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater is hosting a Discovery Day on Saturday, March 29 from 10 am until 2 pm. Interested students and their parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about TSTC. Prospective students and their families will get tours of programs, a complimentary lunch, a tour of the dorms and the student union building, as well as the bookstore. Call (325) 235-7300 or visit www.westtexas.tstc.edu and reserve your space today.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Leadership San Angelo Alumni Association will be awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to one senior student from the surrounding San Angelo area. Applications are available in the Bronte HS counselor's office. The deadline to apply is May 9, 2008. Applications

must be turned into the counselor's office at Bronte High School.

SAT Test Information

The SAT Reasoning Test will be offered on May 3, 2008 at San Angelo Central High School or Abilene High School, among other locations. Students must register by April 1 in order to avoid late fees. There is a fee for taking this test, which will include the essay portion of the test. Individuals may register online at www.collegeboard.com or pick up a registration packet in the HS counselor's office. Please remember that fee waivers are available for students who receive free or reduced lunches. Please see the counselor for these waivers. Free SAT study guides are also available.

Bronte Scholarships Available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship are available to graduation seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net or may be

picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 8, 2008. The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2521.

BHS announces Counselor's Corner

The Bronte I.S.D. counseling office has launched a new web page on the BHS web site. It is called "Counselor's Corner" and is accessible from the home page at <http://bronte.netxv.net/>. On the page students, parents, and community members will find a variety of information.

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School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Mar. 31**
Cereal, apple sauce, toast, jelly, juice, milk
- Tuesday, April 1**
Blueberry muffins, toast, jelly, juice, milk
- Wednesday, April 2**
Sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk
- Thursday, April 3**
French toast sticks, syrup, juice, milk
- Friday, April 4**
Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Mar. 31**
Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, rosie apple sauce, milk
- Tuesday, April 1**
Pigs in a blanket, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, fruit jello, milk
- Wednesday, April 2**
Taco salad, cheese, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, sliced peaches, milk
- Thursday, April 3**
Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup, Texas toast, milk
- Friday, April 4**
Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk

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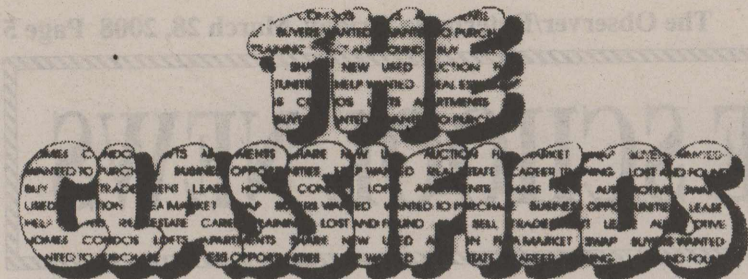
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COKE COUNTY SHERIFF
Randall Jacks (Dem.)

FOR SALE

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2 or 3 BR/1BA, needs work. 117 W. 10th, Robert Lee. \$19,500. 325-651-1131 or 325-212-1239.

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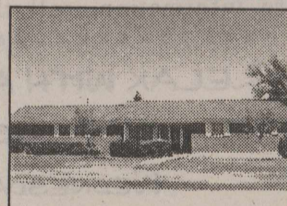


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Bacteriological samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of coliform bacteria. Our water system is required to submit 1 bacteriological sample each month. Failure to collect all required samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

If you have any questions regarding this violation, you may contact Coke County Water Supply Corporation at 325-453-2078.

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...Counselor's Corner
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Information includes graduation plans, Texas Scholars program, information on dual-credit classes, local, state, and national scholarships, tips for winning scholarships, scholarship search sites, how to apply for college, the financial aid process and links, military and Selective Service information, parenting tips and links for

elementary and high school parents, links to TAKS study guides and a testing calendar, monthly planners for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, information on aptitude and college entrance exams as well as links to test prep sites and sites that have information on careers. There are also many links to other local and state, and federal agencies. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor at 473-2521.

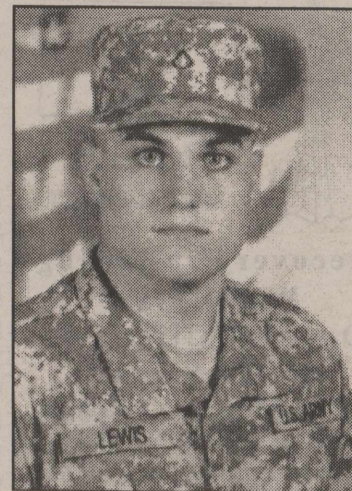
Letter to the Editor

(The following is a thank you that was received by Zac Lewis, a soldier who was deployed overseas and the grandson of Pat Gunnells. Also, so far there have been a total of 124 boxes sent to troops overseas!)

I wanted to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the soldiers. Care packages are extremely important to soldiers' welfare. Also, the power of prayer is awesome, especially when you see that

it really works. The Lord blessed me the whole time I was deployed. I just wanted to thank you all for the prayers you gave over the troops. I wish there was some way I could repay you all for the blessings you gave to us. Your town is extremely blessed with good-hearted people. Thank you very much for everything you guys did for the troops overseas. Remember Psalm 91 for our military brothers and sisters who are still deployed.

Thank you!
Zac Lewis



Zac Lewis

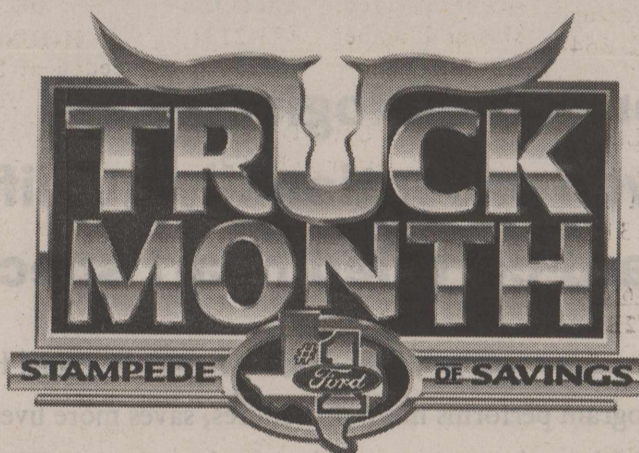
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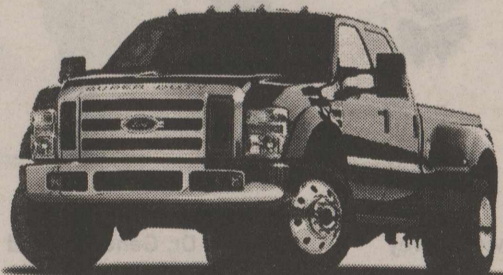
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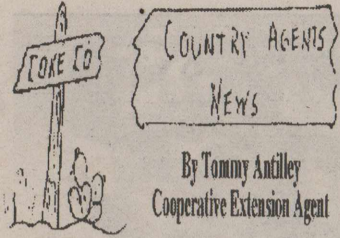
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Recovery following Wildfires - Opportunities Out of the Smoke

With the recent devastating wildfires around the county, numerous producers have lost fences, forage in pastures but luckily not many livestock. Even though where the fires went through, it completely in most cases appeared to have destroyed all available forage, with the recent rain showers we have experienced, it still offers a good opportunity for new and more vigorous growth of native pastures.

Due to good moisture and hopefully more this spring and summer, these pastures can actually grow back better than they were if producers do a little planning. Just as with a prescribed burn, the fire will aid in getting rid of some noxious plants and some brush species and with good moisture will cause a flush of new growth of native forage plants that will be stronger and more nutritious. But as with a prescribed burn, there needs to be some prudent decisions made to ensure this regrowth will be lasting and actually improve your pastures.

If at all possible, producers who are lucky enough to have some other source of grazing should defer these burned pastures at least through most of the growing season. This will allow the grasses to reestablish and grow to maturity and produce seed that will aid in re-seeding the pasture. Continuous grazing of these burned pastures will only continue to replenish the amount of available forage as the young tender re-growth will be grazed harder by livestock and some will be pulled out of the ground.

If you do not have enough alternative forage, there have been reports through Farm Bureau of producers that have been willing to donate hay to burn victims. The only problem with this free hay is some is not of the best quality and most of these producers will not pay for the freight. Contact the local Farm Bureau office for more information.

Another opportunity that arises from wildfires is the possibility that you can perform treatments of brush species with very good results. Especially on prickly pear, pear that has been damaged by fire either prescribed or wildfire can be treated with a much reduced rate of chemical to gain excellent results at a much reduced cost. Even mesquites have been shown to be easier to kill fol-

lowing fire. Just make sure they are treated at the correct time and stage of growth.

County Trapping Program

At the present time, the association is in need of continued support by all landowners to maintain the county predator control program. This program is funded by dues from landowners and the county. We have had to ask the county for increased assistance due to a decline in the producers that have supported the program. They have agreed to help keep this invaluable program if we can increase our collection of monies to assist them.

To be able to maintain an effective predator control program, it will require participation from all landowners. Predators not only affect

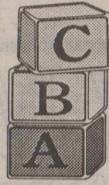
sheep and goats, but are detrimental to wildlife populations and if they continue to increase they can and will attack our cattle herds. These monies not only fund the county trapper, but also allow us to utilize the predator management program trouble shooter, aircraft and other state assisted methods of control. You only have to look to the north of us where they have dropped predator control and the predators have taken over.

Even if you do not own livestock and are managing for wildlife, predator control is an essential management tool. Coyotes prey on whitetail fawns and mature bucks that have been weakened by the rut. With the price that a mature buck will bring, predator control that saves only a few fawns that

could develop into trophy deer is money well spent.

Dues for 2008 are set at 8 cents per acre per year with a minimum of \$50.00 for smaller landowners. Dues may be sent to: Livestock and Wildlife Protection Association, 13 E. 7th St., Robert Lee, TX 76945 or dropped by the Coke County Extension office in the courthouse.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office at 325-453-2461.



Look Who's New!

Maggie Mae Immel Paige and Natalie Immel are happy to announce the arrival of Maggie Mae on

February 22, 2008. Maggie weighed 6lbs. 1oz. and was 19" long. Rachel (Shook) and Jeff Immel of Wimberley, Texas are the girl's parents. Grandparents are Cathy and Bob Immel of Wimberley and Judy and Tommy Shook of Robert Lee.

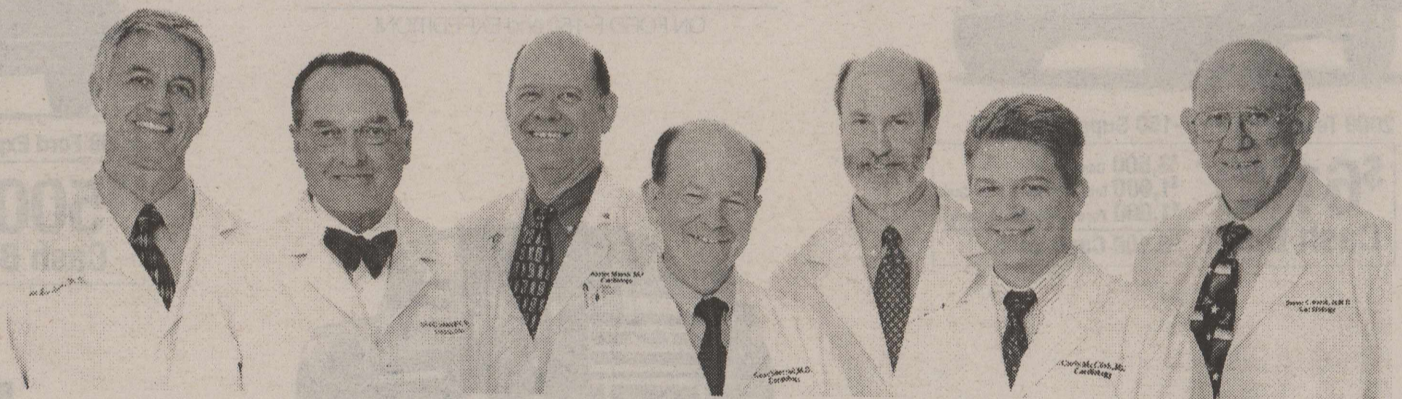
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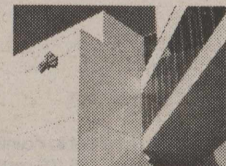
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