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Holiday closings

Various Coke County offices and businesses will be closed on Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day.

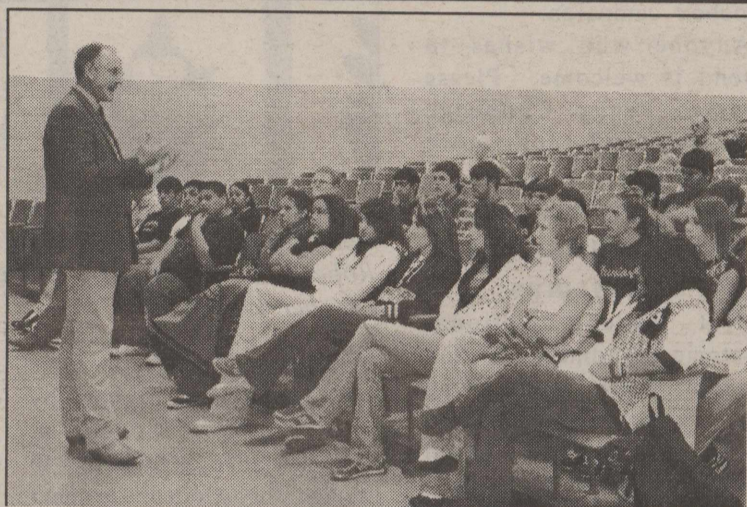
They include the Coke County Courthouse and Robert Lee City Hall. The Robert Lee landfill will be open on Saturday. Beginning November 1, Winter schedule will be implemented and the landfill will be open on the first and third Saturday of each month. The regular schedule will resume March 1.

BHRC Auxiliary to meet

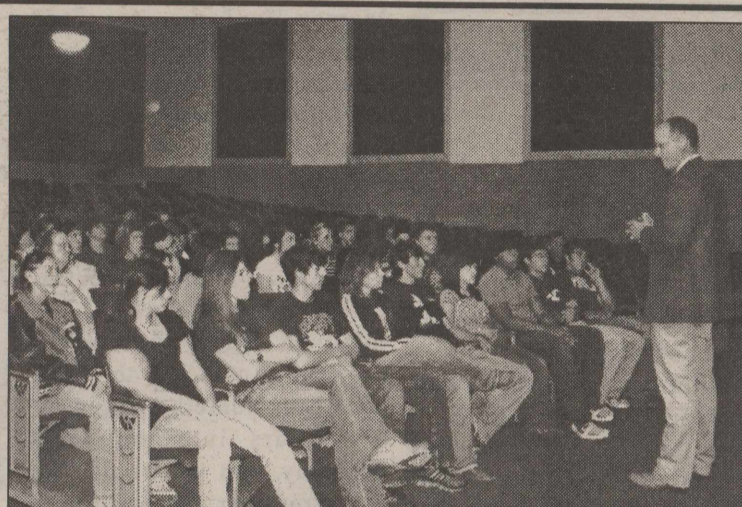
The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will meet at 1 pm on Thursday, October 16 in the living room at Bronte Health and Rehab Center. It's time to begin planning for the holidays - Halloween, Thanksgiving, and yes, Christmas!! Everyone is welcome to join this group to lend support to residents and their activities. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. For more information, call Janet Wommack at (325) 473-5388 or Lanette Fletcher at (325) 473-6791.

November 4 General Election information

By Mary Grim, County Clerk
The last day for registering to vote has now passed and we are fast approaching voting early by personal appearance. The first day to vote early in person is October 20 and the last day is October 31. We will hold early voting in the County Clerk's office Monday - Thursday, from 8 am to 5 pm and on Fridays from 8 am to 1 pm. Early voting in Bronte



Conaway visits! Congressman Mike Conaway visited with Robert Lee High School students (left photo) and Bronte High School students on Monday, October 6.



will be at the First National Bank, October 21-22 and October 28-29 from 9 am to 1 pm. Please remember to bring your voter registration card or some form of ID when you come to vote. Cell phones are not allowed in the polling locations, so please have them turned off or leave them in your car.

If you would like to vote by mail, please call the Clerk's office at 453-2631. The last day we can receive an application is October 28.

Polling locations on election day will be announced at a later date. Your election judges and clerks have worked so many elections in the past and are more than willing to assist you with the machines. They are not tricky as some have claimed. The judges and clerks can't vote for you, but will help if asked. Also, please do not walk into a polling place and announce who you are voting for, this is electioneering and is a Class C misdemeanor. All write-in candidate's names are posted in each voting

booth. I would like to thank all the election judges and clerks who help with the elections and would encourage anyone interested in helping to contact the Clerk's office.

I would also like to mention that all voters in Precinct #3, who fall into the Water Valley School District, will be able to vote in the Trustee Election and Election To Ratify School Tax Rate.

If you have any questions on the elections, please call the Clerk's office at the above number.

Robert Lee City-Wide Fall Cleanup

The City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services will sponsor a City-wide Fall Clean-Up. The event is scheduled for Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18.

This free service is offered to the residents and business owners of the City and is an opportunity to get rid of clutter and unwanted items.

There will be no curbside service. Roll-off dumpsters will be located at the County

Precinct 3 Yard located on Coke Street between E. 6th and 7th Street. This location will be open on Friday, October 17 from 9 am - 3 pm and on Saturday, October 18 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Items that will be accepted are appliances, household and yard items. Absolutely NO tires, batteries, household trash, wet paint or chemicals. Appliances must have refrigerant removed.

Brush, tree limbs, and wood material need to go to the landfill. Take advantage of the free disposal offered at the City Landfill during this clean-up event. The Landfill will be open, weather permitting, from 9 am - 12 noon on Saturday, October 18.

For more information residents are encouraged to call City Hall at 453-2831.

Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27 hole, 2 person, select shot, golf tournament on October 18, 2008, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. Tee off time, 9 a.m. For more information, call 473-2156.

Hunting and Fishing Guide slated for Oct. 24

The 2008 Coke and Surrounding Counties' Hunting & Fishing Guide will be published in the October 24 edition of the Observer/Enterprise. The deadline for pictures and editorial copy is Friday, October 17.

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 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 surrounding counties.

Speed limit enforced at Humble Road area

The Commissioners Court of Coke County has passed a resolution to allow the posting of a 35 mile per hour speed limit for Humble Road and a portion of Double Barrel Road to the entrance of Ingram Materials. Local law enforcement will assist in patrolling the road.

The County Court has also noticed an increase in the vandalizing and removal of certain traffic signs and county road signs. These acts of destruction cost the tax payers of the county funds that could be used elsewhere. According to The Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 472.021, the tampering of warning signs such as barricades, signs, construction warnings or detours, has a fine up to \$1,000.00 and/or confinement in the county jail.

The removal of road name signs, according to The Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 251.161, is a misdemeanor offense, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.00.

The owner of a vehicle who damages a county road or bridge as a result of negligent operation of a vehicle may be liable for the cost of repairs. This includes the willful destruction of the surface of county roads after wet weather.

Coke County Football

ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Rochelle Hornets

7:30 pm • Friday
October 10 • Rochelle

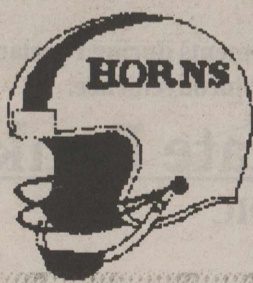


BRONTE LONGHORNS

vs.

Baird Bears

7:30 pm • Friday
October 10 • Bronte



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Obituaries

Brice

Bessie Mae Brice, 78, of Robert Lee entered the kindom of Heaven with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, September 25, 2008.

Visitation was held all day on Saturday, September 27, at the funeral home. Funeral services were held at 2 pm Sunday, September 28, at Victory Assembly of God, officiated by Irving Smith. Burial followed in Paint Creek Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Bessie was born January 24, 1930, in Robert Lee. She was a lifelong resident of Robert Lee, where she attended church faithfully and raised her family. Bessie was a devoted mother and grandmother and will be missed greatly by all of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, S.B. and Vela Plumlee; two sisters; one brother and one daughter, Kay Sizemore.

Survivors include her daughters, Shirley Strakos and husband Dany of San Angelo, Judy Snowden and husband Harvey of Odessa, Darlene Kelly and husband Tim of Ballinger, and Pam Gandy and husband Eddie of San Angelo; brothers Sam Plumlee and wife June of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Bud Davis and wife Midge of Corbett, Oregon; sisters Eugenia Smith of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Trudi Green of Sun Lakes, Arizona; grandchildren Amy, Shawn, Brandy, Christa, Shellie, Cody, Aaron and Sarah; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family request that memorials be made to Victory Assembly of God Building Fund.

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Hunters Barbecue tickets available

Tickets are now available for the 20th Annual Hunters Barbecue set for Saturday, November 1, 2008, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets for their hunters at the following locations in Robert Lee:

Massey Hardware, Key Feed Store, Mountain Creek Mercantile, or Wink Insurance. Donations may also be mailed to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

For more information contact Robert Wink, Chairman, at 453-2713 (office) and 453-2003 (home). According to Wink, "our deer hunters bring a lot of dollars into the local economy, and we would like to express our appreciation to them for their continued support."

In addition, there is always a place for local folks to help with the appreciation barbecue, whether you want to volunteer as a cook, server, ticket taker, the set-up or clean-up crews. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Robert Wink at (325) 453-2713 or 453-2003.

RLBC "Special Gathering" set

There will be a "Special Gathering" at Robert Lee Baptist Church, 22 W. 11th St., Sunday evening, October 12, 2008 beginning at 7 pm and ending at 8 pm.

This gathering will be to see a DVD and hear information about the

Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign with the Samaritan's Purse ministry.

This ministry is overseen by Franklin Graham and is partnered with Billy Graham ministries. Special guests will be Kirk and Vera Kirkpatrick from San Angelo who are long time organizers of the Operation Christmas Child program.

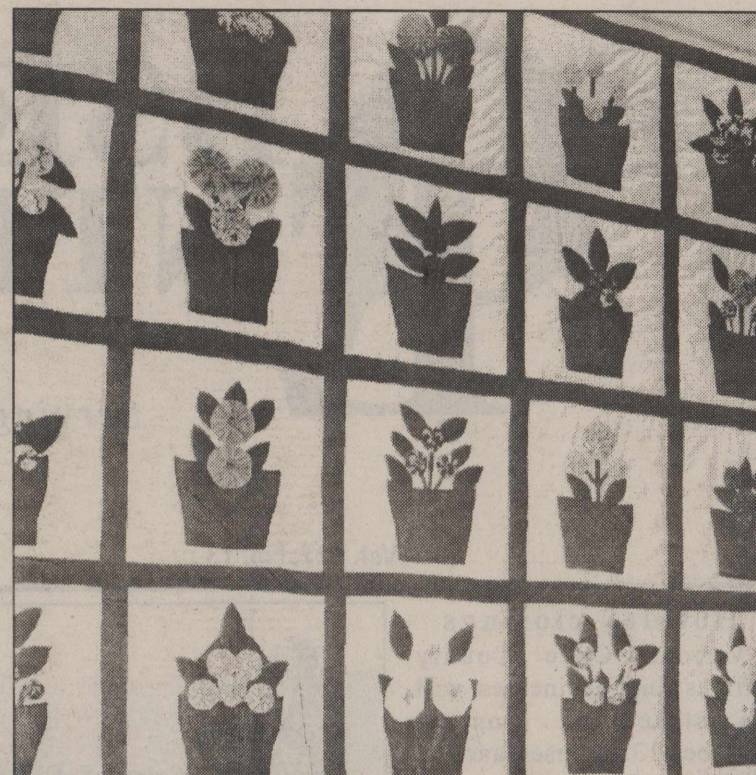
This will be a time of gathering some great information for you, your church or organization to utilize in participating with Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign.

Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. Please contact Peggy Coppedge 325-453-4637 for more information.

Fort Concho seeks re-enactors for Christmas

Fort Concho National Historic Landmark in San Angelo, Texas, seeks living history re-enactors to participate in the annual Christmas at Old Fort Concho event on Friday-Sunday, December 5-7. Since the early 1990s, hundreds of men and women portraying various military and civilian roles have camped on the site's Parade Ground or inside the historic barracks, taking part in a "Winter Rendezvous" that recreates the 1800s of the western frontier. Soldiers, settlers, scouts, Native Americans, traders, period musicians and more bring the sights and sounds of the nineteenth century alive. Participants are not required to camp out, but plenty of space is available for tents and period lodging.

The fort will offer free meals, wood/hay/water, and a free weekend pass for each



First Place! This quilt by Bonnie Roberts of Robert Lee won first place in the new quilt division at the eighth annual Robert Lee Street Affair Quilt Show this past Saturday, October 4.

participant's family use, acres of displays, family Participants must register by events, entertainment, contacting Fort Concho at merchants and artisans, and (325) 481-2646 or by e-mail to special exhibits. The fort is Livinghistory@fortconcho.com. located just south of downtown San Angelo. All re-enactors can enjoy the

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Dale Patterson, Pastor
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11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

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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. Corey Cornutt, 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
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Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
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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
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10:50 am Worship
Wed. 6 pm Choir

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Wed. 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. 5 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

HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of this bank will be

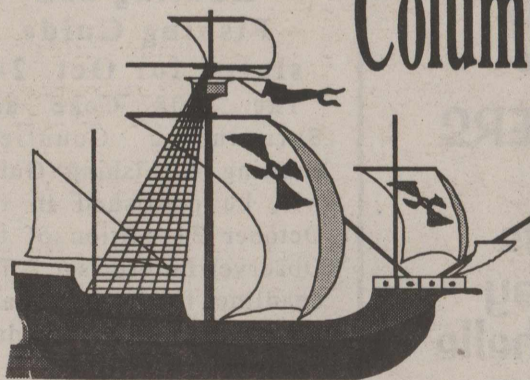
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McCutchen - Webb exchange vows

Morgan Lee McCutchen and Jarrett Gilchrist Webb were married Friday, August 8, 2008, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Dave Jackson, cousin of the bride, of Sugar Land, Texas, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Melinda McCutchen of Bronte. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barrett, Lois Walls and Jeff Randall McCutchen.

The groom is the son of Mark and Barbara Webb of Belen, New Mexico. He is the grandson of Mrs. Phyllis Gilchrist of Artesia, New Mexico, Mrs. Blanche Webb of Omaha, Nebraska, and the late Creighton Gilchrist and Bill Webb.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father.

Serving her sister as Maid of Honor was Ashley McCutchen of San Angelo, Texas. The flower girl was cousin of the groom, Charlee Sharack of Omaha, Nebraska.

Jason Webb, brother of the groom, of Hamilton, Kansas, served as Best Man. Ring Bearer was Preston Gantt of Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Morgan is a 2002 graduate of Bronte High School and a 2005 graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. She currently serves as editor of the Observer/Enterprise in Robert Lee.

Jarrett is a 1993 graduate of Belen High School in Belen, New Mexico. He is the owner of All Around Construction in Blackwell.

The couple makes their home near Blackwell.

Visitors top 100 at the Old Coke County Jail

More than one hundred visitors registered at the Old Coke County Jail on Saturday, October 4, during the Robert Lee Street Affair.

Thanks to hardy volunteers (most ancestors of hardy pioneers), visitors were treated to tours of the cells and a few pictures were made of visitors in cells and with the hanging noose. Volunteers were also on hand to point out various historical events connecting Coke County past with the present. Several family photo boards were presented showing historical homes and buildings and family lineage. A photo board of "Our Town" captured all businesses and governmental buildings in Robert Lee.

Does anyone know that there were more than ten schools in the Silver area in the past? The history of these schools has been researched and photographs showing students and buildings are part of the



Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Webb

display.

The Old Jail (1907) stabilization project is progressing as funds allow. An outline of the plans for the preservation of Coke County history will be detailed in the Observer at a later date. Plans are on-line at robertleetexas.com.

A photo shoot of anyone wanting to prove that they "spent time" in the Old Jail is being planned.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library's annual fall sale is scheduled for Friday morning from 8 am - 12 noon on October 31. Also, Saturday, November 1, the sale will begin at 9 am and run through the afternoon around 2 pm, or when the last potential customer is spotted on Austin Street.

Many romance paperbacks will be on sale as well as some very nice hardback gently read books. The biography collection has been weeded and the collection moved into the front room next to the large print books. Biography fans will find some interesting people among the books to be sold.

Also, preparations are underway for the children's Trick or Treat walk about town for Friday, October 31. Students from Head Start, brothers and sisters, and any children under the age of five are welcomed to join the parade. Meet at the Coke County Library around 9:45 am.

The annual Trick or Treat walk takes the children into Robert Lee's government offices and businesses where the kids are treated with Halloween goodies generously provided by grownups. The kids have a good time, too.

As a concerned citizen of Coke County, it is imperative that each of us vote in the upcoming general election.

There are three candidates running for the office of Coke County Sheriff. Please take the time to check out the qualifications of each of the candidates. If a true look at these qualifications are studied, you will find that the most qualified candidate is Wayne McCutchen, a 20 year member of the Coke County Sheriff's Department. He is honest, sincere and dedicated and fully qualified to be sheriff of Coke County.

On or before November 4, please cast your ballot for write-in candidate Wayne McCutchen. Your vote and support for Mr. McCutchen will be appreciated.

**Thank you for your consideration,
Richard Hembree**

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Art Show! There were several entries in the student's division of the annual Robert Lee Street Affair Art Show. Results of the student's division are as follows. Second grade - 1st) Jordan Wade - Seeds of the Sun, 2nd) Corbin Drennan - Military; Fifth grade - 1st) Troy Wade - Pictograph, 2nd) Sarah Wade - Reflections, 3rd) Kodi Drennan - The Crucifixion.

Stand By Your Pan

By Mark Sides, RLVFD Chief

The holidays are fast approaching, and a busy kitchen can have its own share of distractions without outside ones. How often has someone come to your door or a child interrupts you while you are cooking, causing you to forget about that chicken sizzling on the stove - until smoke fills the house?

You may say that you only leave the kitchen for a few moments. Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. There's really no safe period of time to step away from a hot stove.

A cooking fire can quickly turn deadly. Too many homes are destroyed, and people killed or injured by fires that could have been easily avoided. Please heed these simple safety rules.

1. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food. If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

2. When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay at home, and use a timer to remind you.

3. Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles (e.g. pot holders, towels, rags, curtains, food packaging, etc.)

4. Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around the stove.

5. If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is out. If in doubt, get out of the house and call the fire department.

6. Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby. If a fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you're wearing the mitt). Turn off the burner, and slide the pan off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, keep the lid on the pan until the pan is cool. If the fire does not go out, get out of the house and call the fire department.

7. NEVER attempt to extinguish a grease fire by pouring water on it. NEVER try to use flour as a fire extinguisher. Either one can cause severe injury or death.

8. If an oven fire starts, turn off the heat, and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. If the fire does not go out, get out of the house and call the fire department.

9. Keep ABC type extinguishers in or near the kitchen, and take the time to learn how to use them.

10. Frequently test your smoke detector, and replace drained batteries.

We firefighters would like to be in your kitchen, but only when you invite us for a good, home-cooked meal.

August greatly improves quarterly rainfall report

by Hal Spain, Publisher

The month of August was a bell ringer as far as rainfall goes in Coke County. As you can see by the accompanying graph, rainfall totals for August ranged from nearly five inches to almost 8 inches, depending on your location.

Those third quarter figures

are going to help push us up over our annual rainfall average in most areas of the county. Our normal average precipitation ranges from 18 to 20 inches per year. It's a good thing I included the word "average" in that statement, along with "normal", because there are few "normal rainfall years" in Coke County.

For example, at this time last year, you can tell from the graph that we had up to 40+ inches in some areas by the end of the third quarter. Then Mother Nature chose to take a break for the next six months, and we were back in the drought again until the second quarter of 2008.

We have been dry for about the past three weeks, and then Sunday night we got a front in that left from 1 to 1.4 inches generally throughout the county. It was a good, slow rain that is going to help get our wheat and oat crop up and going. It's also kind'a nice to get a break from watering the yard for a week or so.

For rainfall information from your part of the county, refer to the accompanying graph for third quarter numbers. Once again, thanks a bunch to our rainfall

County Rainfall Totals				
	July	August	September	Total for Year
Edith Area • Dee & Dessie Kendall				
2007	3.30	11.05	.90	32.06
2008	1.50	6.40	1.75	22.30
Valley View Area • Bobby and Jeffie Roberts				
2007	3.06	8.65	1.92	32.67
2008	.52	6.01	1.73	18.69
Divide Area • Dolores McCabe Seal				
2007	2.96	6.99	1.01	29.66
2008	2.88	4.95	2.17	19.21
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2007	3.50	7.50	1.80	44.35
2008	.95	7.92	2.16	25.23
Bob Blackwood • 4 miles E. of Robert Lee				
2007	2.30	9.62	2.11	34.53
2008	.25	7.81	2.32	20.57
Bronte Area • Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg				
2007	2.98	10.04	1.36	40.17
2008	.47	8.43	2.05	20.64
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2007	2.65	7.70	.80	41.15
2008	.30	7.80	2.30	22.40

cooperators who record these numbers and send them in religiously each and every quarter.

**Deadline is
Tuesday
at 2 pm**

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HOMETOWN HARDWARE
 in Bronte

The Turbulent Tongue

James 3:1-12

- Bit** - A small bit controls a large animal.
- Rudder** - A small piece of wood steers a huge ship.
- Fire** - A small spark unleashes a destructive force.
- Animals** - We can tame animals.
- Poison** - The venom of a snake kills its prey.
- Spring** - A spring can produce only fresh water.
- Fig Tree** - Bears only one kind of fruit.
- Tongue** - Be used for both good and evil.

The tongue shows us that we can stumble and do it often. The tongue is one way to becoming mature and fully developed in Christ-like character. Maturity can be measured by the rule of the tongue.

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare. The tongue of the wise makes knowledge appealing, but the mouth of a fool belches out foolishness. • Proverbs 15:1-2 (NLT)

The tongue controls, rules and guides the body.

Hiding hatred makes you a liar; slandering others makes you a fool. • Proverbs 10:18

Wise words satisfy like a good meal; the right words bring satisfaction. The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. • Proverbs 18:20-21

The tongue is unruly, that is, restless, uneasy and unstable. It is a tongue that blesses God and curses men. It is not fitting or right for a believer's tongue to be untamed. A fountain cannot yield both salt and fresh water and so our tongues should not produce both words of blessing and words of cursing. Only an evil tongue could do this.

Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies! Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. • Psalm 34:13-14 (NLT)

Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble. • Proverbs 21:23

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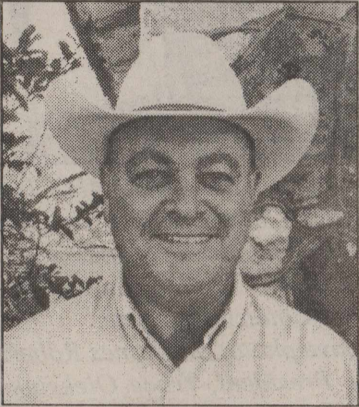
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Political Profiles



Wayne McCutchen

Wayne McCutchen is a write-in candidate for Coke County Sheriff in the November 4th general election. He has been a member of this department for almost twenty years and now serves as Chief Deputy.

Wayne's family roots run deep throughout Coke County. Both of his parents were born and raised in Coke County, his mother at Silver and his father at Hayrick. He is married to Melinda, his wife of twenty-seven years and a 1980 Coke County graduate. The McCutchens returned home to Coke County to raise their children. The couple has two daughters, Morgan and Ashley, who started school here and graduated from Bronte High School in 2002 and 2005, respectively. Morgan graduated from Angelo State University in 2005 and serves as editor of the Observer/Enterprise. She recently married Jarrett Webb. Ashley is a student at Angelo State University pursuing a degree in communications.

A true believer in the motto "To Protect and Serve", Wayne sees his position as a law enforcement officer as more of a calling, rather than a job or even a career. The safety and security of Coke County citizens is a grave responsibility to him.

Over the last two decades, Wayne has oftentimes been the one called when a crisis develops or tragedy strikes. He's dealt with family violence, burglaries, automobile accidents, child abuse, death notifications, etc. He's done this with honor, integrity, dedication, and a deep sense of compassion. On the other hand, Wayne is known for his sense of humor. This trait serves him especially well as he interacts with Coke County's young people or when a tense situation needs to be defused. Though known as a nice guy, people know where he stands and where he draws the line. Because he treats those with whom he comes in contact in a professional capacity with dignity, he

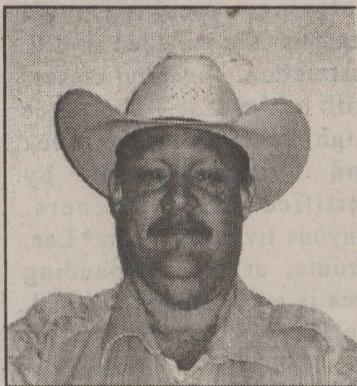
usually comes away with their respect and cooperation.

With years of law enforcement training under his belt, Wayne is a fully certified peace officer in the State of Texas who has been offered many opportunities to work with other departments. He never accepted one of those positions because he feels a loyalty to Coke County. As he will tell you, "I've never had a desire to be a police officer anywhere other than Coke County. The people of Coke County are the ones I wish to serve."

Through his experience in the department, Wayne is knowledgeable in all aspects and duties required of the sheriff, from budgets to scheduling and personnel. He knows what it takes to protect this county - a county with two cities, one community and two lakes - with limited manpower and limited funding.

As those who have worked with Wayne will tell you, he has a remarkable work ethic and very little patience with colleagues who do not. If elected as Sheriff, he promises the citizens of Coke County that they will have a professional and courteous law enforcement office. He, along with his officers, will strive to keep Coke County a safe and peaceful environment in which to live and work.

If you vote for Wayne, you can rest assured you are voting for experience, stability, responsibility and loyalty to all the citizens of Coke County.



Randall Jacks

When Randall Jacks was asked as a young adolescent at age 15 what he wanted to be as an adult, it was a very simple answer even then. Randall's reply was a Police Officer.

Randall's career objective in law enforcement has always been to increase his knowledge as a police officer through training, education, street experience, communications with other law enforcement entities, and civilians. The training and skills received will allow him to better serve the police

agencies, city, state and local government bodies and foremost, the community and its citizens.

Randall attended Alvarado High School, graduating in 1983. Randall also attended Tarrant County Junior College and Hill Junior College in Cleburne with studies focusing upon Criminal Justice and advanced sciences. Randall attended the Texas A & M Extension Services police academy held at Carswell Air Force Base, Ft. Worth, and graduated in May 1985 with a Basic Peace Officer certification. Randall has continued his education and in 2006, earned the Master Peace Officer certification, the highest law enforcement certification there is. Randall has completed 1500+ hours of law enforcement training holding 60+ documented licenses and accreditations, receiving 8 letters of Commendation for Outstanding Service Above and Beyond.

Fast forward in Randall's career to present day and you find Randall Jacks with experience of working with

various state and federal agencies, narcotics interdiction and investigation, and while working with the US Treasury Department as an Assistant Security Specialist, realized his real calling and love was in "Local" law enforcement, giving him the opportunity to interact with the citizens he lives among and serves. Randall, being a 4 year veteran of the Coke County Sheriff's office, proudly making Coke County his home, is asking for your support in the November 4 General Election as Coke County Sheriff.

Randall believes citizens deserve to have a Working Sheriff, one fully involved and cooperating with the cities and county government departments and commissioners court.

When you make a choice for Sheriff on November 4, choose a working Sheriff that will represent and serve all of Coke County.

Holt graduates from Texas State

Texas State University-San Marcos has announced that Brandi C. Holt, a resident of Sterling City, received a bachelor's degree in agriculture at commencement exercises held May 9 and 10 at the university.

Depression May Lead To Suicide; How You Can Help

Depression is the most common form of mental illness, yet few people feel comfortable helping a loved one living with the illness.

"As common as it is, it's surprising that many people still believe that it's something in which you can snap out of - that it's a weakness," West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith said. "We all need to know how to respond to anyone who we think is depressed or who tells you that they are so depressed that they don't want to live anymore."

Tools to help people living with depression and their families will be available during a free depression screening on Friday, October 10, National Depression Screening Day. National Depression Screening Day is held once a year by participating agencies to spread awareness and to provide information on depression.

West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital have hosted a free Depression Screening in Big Spring each year since 2000, providing free evaluations and consultations to people who think they may be depressed, Smith said.

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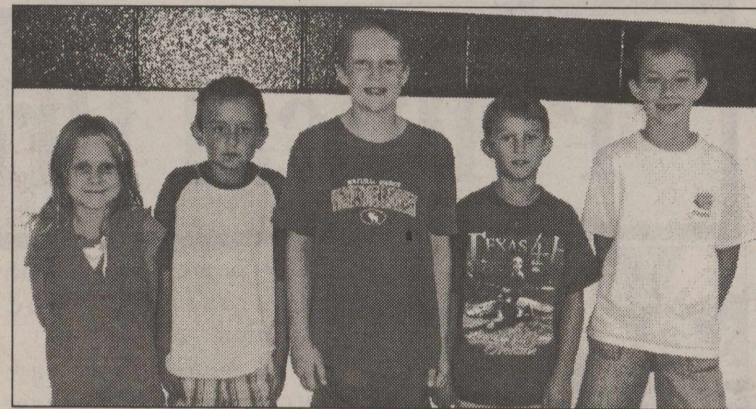
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



4H Officers! The Robert Lee Junior and Senior 4H Clubs recently elected new officers. Officers for the Senior Club (left photo) are Blake Millican - President, Emilee Yanez - Vice President, Kacee Roberts - Secretary, Molli Hinderliter - Council Delegate and Mason Ross - Council Delegate.

Officers for the Junior Club (above photo) are James Roberts - President, Blaine Yanez - Vice President, Trace Oleksiuk - Secretary, Sarah Wade - Council Delegate and Kiara Burns - Council Delegate.

PAST and PLAN test to be administered at RLHS

The PAST/NMSQT will be offered to all juniors during regular school hours on Wednesday, October 15, in the Robert Lee High School library. PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test, one of the college entrance exams. The test also gives

students a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. The school is providing this opportunity for all juniors at no charge.

The PLAN test will be offered to all sophomores during regular school hours on Thursday, October 16, in the high school library. The PLAN test is a great way for students to get familiar with and prepare for the ACT, one of the college entrance exams. The PLAN program helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years. PLAN can help all students—those who are college-bound as well as those who are likely to enter the workforce directly after high school. An interest inventory will also be administered to match careers to interests. The school is providing this opportunity for all sophomores at no charge. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Blackout pep rally set

The Robert Lee High School blackout pep rally is set for Thursday, October 16 at 8:30 pm (or immediately following the JV football game) in the high school gym. Glow necklaces and bracelets are on sale. All Robert Lee football supporters are urged to wear black on Friday, October 16 to "Blackout the Coyotes!"

RLHS Beta Club News

The Robert Lee High School Beta Club has elected officers for the 2008 – 2009 school year. They include Garrett Blair - President, Jeremy Martinez - Vice-President, Norma Rojas - Secretary/Reporter and Mason Ross - Treasurer.

The new member induction ceremony will take place Tuesday, October 14, at 7 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium. Inductees include sophomores Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard, Blake Hewitt, Logan Philley, Skyler Rainwater, Kacee Roberts, Jorge Rostro and Luke Sheldon.

Family members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend.

RLHS schedules Veterans Day Program

The Robert Lee Independent School District would like to invite all Coke County military veterans to the annual Veterans Day Program scheduled for Tuesday, November 11 at 10 am in the school auditorium.

In an effort to properly recognize our honored guests, we are requesting all veterans planning to attend to please contact the Robert Lee ISD at 453-4555 in advance. Please let the school district know of your plans as soon as possible so that we can make the appropriate arrangements.

Scholarship Opportunities

Al's Formal Wear is granting two (2) \$2,500.00 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Applications are available at all Al's Formal Wear stores until June 10, 2009. For store locations please call 1-877-730-TUX or go online to

www.alsformalwear.com for more information.

The Burger King Scholars Program is offering \$1,000.00 scholarships to all eligible high school seniors at www.bk.com/scholars. The access code is BKS. In order to apply, seniors must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher, be actively involved in community service activities, demonstrate financial need, and work part-time an average of 15 hours per week or 40 weeks per year.

Howard College to offer free ESL classes

Howard College will be offering free English as a Second Language classes to residents of Coke County beginning in October. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes provide instruction for non-native speakers of English. ESL instruction ranges from providing basic language and life skills for complete beginners to helping advanced students refine their English in preparation for higher education, vocational training, or a career. Reading, writing, listening, speaking, and grammar are included in ESL instruction. Evening classes will be held at Robert Lee High School twice a week and will be taught by certified ESL teachers. Anyone living in Robert Lee, Bronte, or the surrounding area is encouraged to attend. No ID required. Please call the Robert Lee School at 453-4555 if interested, as

there must be a minimum number of students in order for classes to be provided.

Howard College ofrecerá clases de inglés para los residentes del condado de Coke. Las clases comienzan en octubre. Las clases se extienden de la lengua básica y las habilidades de la vida para los principiantes a los estudiantes avanzados con la oportunidad para que refinen su inglés con objeto de una educación más alta, de la formación profesional o de una carrera. La lectura, la escritura y la gramática se incluyen en la instrucción del ESL. Las clases serán en la secundaria de Robert Lee dos veces por semana. Si esta interesado llame por favor a la escuela de Robert Lee al número 453-4555. Debe de haber un mínimo de 10 estudiantes para que las clases sean proporcionadas.

Horatio Alger Scholarship

The Horatio Alger Scholarship annually awards more than \$12 million in college scholarships and grants, making it one of the nation's largest scholarship providers. Scholarships are provided to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Scholarship criteria also include high school graduation in spring/summer of 2009, commitment to pursue a bachelor's degree, and United States citizenship. Students may submit online applications at www.horatioalger.com/scholars. The deadline to apply is October 30, 2008.

School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, October 13**
Juice, pizza, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, October 14**
Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, October 15**
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Thursday, October 16**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Friday, October 17**
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, October 13**
Bean chalupa, salad, Spanish rice, mandarin orange/pineapple salad, milk
- Tuesday, October 14**
Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, orange, milk
- Wednesday, October 15**
Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, salad, pears, milk
- Thursday, October 16**
Burrito, salad, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Friday, October 17**
Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, peaches, milk

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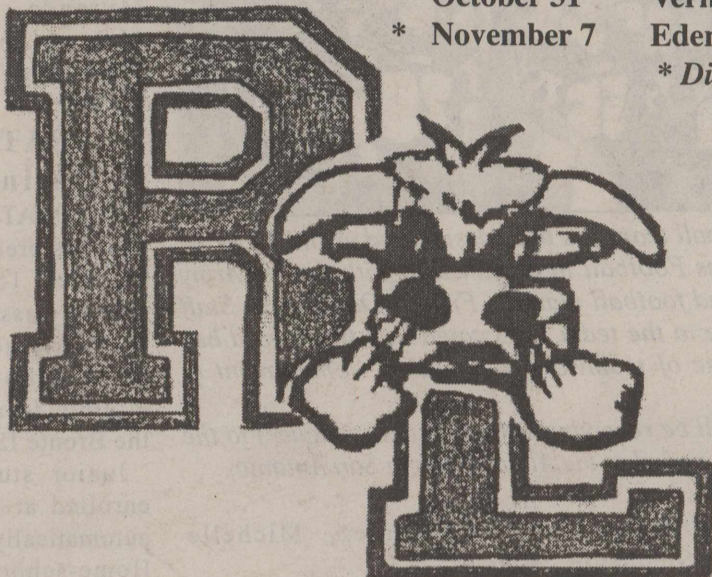
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ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

				RLHS	
August 29	Highland	There	7:30	8	44
September 5	Panther Creek	Here	7:30	58	12
September 12	Garden City	There	7:30	60	66
** September 19	Rankin	Here	7:30	61	44
September 26	Sterling City	Here	7:30	64	106
October 3	OPEN				
* October 10	Rochelle	There	7:30		
* October 17	Richland Springs	There	7:30		
* October 24	Santa Anna	Here	7:30		
* October 31	Veribest	There	7:30		
* November 7	Eden	Here	7:30		

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**Friday
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- Josh #8
- Tanner Harmon #
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Team of the Week! The Bronte Longhorn football team has been designated as the 1A Army Strong Team of the week. Dave Campbell's Texas Football in conjunction with the US Army presented the award to the Longhorn coaches and football team on Friday, October 3. Staff Sergeant Foster was on hand to present a plaque to the team. He stated that this award has been bestowed upon the Longhorn team because of teamwork, dedication, commitment to excellence.

The Longhorn football players and coaches will be receiving 100 free ticket vouchers to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Saturday, January 3rd at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

BJH/BHS

Honor Roll

1st Six Weeks

12th Grade

A Honor Roll

Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Ty Mackey, Will Macon, Sam Rawlings, Reece Springer

AB Honor Roll

Lahne Burns, Shannon Dellar, Geoffrey Ehl, Israel Cecilio, Eddie May, Johnnye Michael, Nicole Reed, Larry Rosales

11th Grade

A Honor Roll

Louie Martinez, Bill Miller, Rob Rosson, Jacob Scott

AB Honor Roll

Wayne Aaberg, Chelsea

Cook, Jonathan Dannheim, Ryan Everheart, Stephanie Frasier, Fernando Fraune, Ryon Gentles, Kasey Glover, Jason Horton, Crawford James, Chelsea McGinnis, Chelsea Meek, Ashley Royall, Shelbi Waller, Kim Womack

10th Grade

A Honor Roll

Cheyenne Boyd, Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Heath Richey

AB Honor Roll

Kaycee Baker, Kayla Cagle, Terron Charles, Rachael Deller, Skyler Ellis-York, Ally Franco, Benny Fuentez, Kim Nixon, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, Kelsey Sedden

9th Grade

A Honor Roll

Leah Jones, Mackenzie Gibbs, Kim Lee, Harley Wallace

AB Honor Roll

Shelby Amendt, Katie Austin, Jordan Baumann, Austin Brackeen, Lauren Burns, Creed Coalson, John Dellar, Beau Grigg, Austin Mertz, Kaitlin Moore, Caleb Parks, Leticia Pena, Jill Scott

8th Grade

A Honor Roll

Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Mikayla Fraune, Kyle Kelton, Caleb Rosson, Jael Williams

AB Honor Roll

Cindy Davila, Mario Delarosa, Nathan Fillman, Mason Hoyt, Carson James,

Erika Puentez, Michelle Rhodes

7th Graders

A Honor Roll

Rachel Everheart, Ty Lee, Megan Yackley

AB Honor Roll

Stetsen Emfinger, Bailey McGlothlin, Nathaniel Rosales, Marisa Sanchez, Courtney Wyatt

BJH/BHS

Perfect Attendance

1st Six Weeks

12th Grade

Chris Brown, Lahne Burns, Israel Cecilio, Ariel Coalson, Shannon Dellar, Geoffrey Ehl, Ty Mackey, Taylor McMullan, Reece Springer

11th Grade

KC Barber, Trent DeRonde, Ryan Everheart, Fernando Fraune, Ryon Gentles, Jason Horton, Crawford James, Louie Martinez, Chelsea McGinnis, Bill Miller, Jacob Scott, Shelbi Waller

10th Grade

Ginny Caston, Terron Charles, Rachael Deller, Skyler Ellis-York, Benny Fuentez, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Shandee Vaughn

9th Grade

Katie Austin, Creed Coalson, John Dellar, Beau Grigg, Mackenzie Jones, Kimberly Lee, Caleb Parks, Brenda Perez, Jonathan Reyes, Jaylon Seales, Aaron Sharp, Vaughn Stilley, Harley Wallace

8th Grade

Randall Barnett, Kaitlyn Braswell, William Clark, Suzette Diaries, Randon Eubanks, Kyle Kelton, Erika Puentez, Michelle Rhodes, Caleb Rosson, Paige Royall, Ethan Sedden, Zachary Taylor

7th Grade

Fred Arthur, Grady Barnett, Rebecca Dugan, Stetsen Emfinger, Rachel Everheart, Cecil Flores, Deedra Harkins, Myranda Kenny, Coby Malone, Johnathan Moore, Fernando Perez, Candice Sutton

PSAT/NMSQT

testing session

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on Wednesday, October 15, 2008. This testing session is available for all students including home-schooled students eligible to attend school in the Bronte ISD.

Junior students currently enrolled at Bronte ISD will automatically be registered. Home-school students will need to register for the test:

- Visit <http://www.nationalmerit.org> to register online.

- After registering online contact Mrs. Timmerman at the BISD High School - (325) 473-2521.

For additional information contact BISD counselor Mrs. Timmerman - (325) 473-2521.

College Financial Aid night planned

Bronte ISD will host a free college financial aid orientation on Tuesday, October 21 at 6 pm in the school library. The program, presented by a representative from the Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center and Angelo State University will last about an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. A drawing will be held for a \$200 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent.

For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman, counselor, at 473-2521.

There will also be a Project Graduation meeting following the financial aid presentation.

New Guaranteed Tuition Program for Texas A&M

Texas A&M University President Elsa Murano recently announced that the university would pay tuition for any incoming student whose household income is less than \$60,000.

"Despite our efforts to keep tuition increases as low as possible, many of our students find it difficult to pay for college without mounting significant amounts of debt in the form of student loans," Murano said. These scholarships will provide much-needed relief to our middle-income students and their families now and into the future."

Students at A&M will be eligible for their first four years of school if they fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, Scholarships and Financial Aid annually.

Any aid that the student already receives from the school or from outside sources will count toward the fund, and the university will make up the difference. For more information please go online to www.tamu.edu or call 979-845-3741.

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, October 13

Holiday

Tuesday, October 14

Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Wednesday, October 15

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, October 16

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, milk

Friday, October 17

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, October 13

Holiday

Tuesday, October 14

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, sweet corn, orange smiles, flour tortilla, milk

Wednesday, October 15

Pigs in a blanket, pork & beans, tator tots, pineapple, orange salad, milk

Thursday, October 16

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, apple crisp, milk

Friday, October 17

Tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, baby carrots w/ranch, baked chips, milk

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September 19	Irion County	There	7:30	32	26
September 26	Hamlin	There	7:30	42	21
October 3	OPEN				
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Rowin Rauls #10
Chase Harris #52
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Larry Rosales #70
John #60
Steph #72
Candice #55

...Screening

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But the screening can be just as helpful to people who may be living with someone they believe may be depressed.

"We have so much information and a great number of people with whom they can talk to," Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon. "The people we have helped in the past are just so relieved to have someone sit down with them for five or 10 minutes and give them their full attention and answer any question in which they may have about the illness."

Many times, spouses accompany participants to the free screenings, Smith said. "They are just as eager to get help, sometimes even more so than the person who may be depressed. It's a disease that affects the entire household."

West Texas Centers and Big Spring State Hospital have three objectives for National Depression Screening Day:

1. Provide screenings for people with depression.
2. Help participants recognize the warning signs of depression, which may lead to suicide.
3. Make information available to participants and their families who may be at risk and to provide information on where to access additional care.

The free depression screenings will be held in multiple locations throughout West Texas on Friday, October 10. In Big Spring, screenings will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on the first floor conference room. West Texas Centers also is providing screenings in Winters, Sweetwater and Brownfield.

Attendees will be presented with a brief explanation of the screening and a questionnaire asking a variety of questions regarding many of their thoughts and feelings.

Following completion of the questionnaire, a mental health worker will review the answers and confer individually with each participant, Smith said.

A diagnosis for depression or other mood disorders will not be made during the screenings and the screenings should not be considered a substitute for a doctor's diagnosis.

A list of resources will be made available for people who need additional assistance, including educational materials as well as a list of treatment providers.

West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital will offer the screenings, which are confidential and open to people of all ages, including

children. However, parents may be asked to complete corresponding questionnaires for their children.

Locations for the screenings on October 10 include:

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, First floor classroom, 10 am to 2 pm;

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital, 200 E. Arizona St., Sweetwater, 1st floor-ER classroom, 9 am to 3 pm;

North Runnels Hospital, 7821 East Highway 153, Winters, 1st Floor, 9 am to 3 pm.

West Texas Centers for MHMR is the designated mental health provider in 23 counties in rural West Texas. Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed psychiatric hospital for people living in 57 counties in West Texas.

For more information on the depression screenings, please call 432.816.9257.

Rural communities find strength in numbers

"Networking" is not just a buzz word when it comes to Texas Midwest Community

Network (TMCN). It is the foundation upon which the regional organization serves its 43 member cities in 25 counties surrounding Abilene and San Angelo. Through networking the organization identifies how to best serve its members and through networking local leaders learn about successes and opportunities that benefit their respective communities.

Since 1994 TMCN has been working to help communities help themselves. The regional organization focuses on community development, marketing for economic development and tourism, events for leadership development and resource connections, and communication with legislators on issues and concerns in the region. These focus points are accomplished through networking.

TMCN hosts the 15th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, October 15, at the San Angelo Convention Center. The conference brings community leaders together from throughout the region. City and county

officials, economic development professionals and board members, chamber of commerce volunteers and student leaders are encouraged to attend to experience first hand how to help communities grow and prosper.

For complete details on solution seminar topics and speakers offered at the conference go to the agenda on the Texas Midwest website at texasmidwest.org/08schedule.pdf.

Pre-registration for the conference covers all activities and the conference luncheon. Walk-in registration is available with a discount for 5 or more from one community or organization is also available. For information call 325-795-8626 or e-mail tmcn@tmcn.org.

Being Neighborly

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TMCN is building a big neighborhood in the region. When a community needs information (a cup of sugar) or ideas (a recipe) to complete a project, they know which neighbor to call because they have become acquainted through TMCN. For example, if a community wants to initiate a clean up or beautification project, there are communities in the region that have done it.

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Or perhaps a city needs to define their vision and set goals for the future. There are cities in the region that have gone through the process. TMCN provides a way to meet the neighboring community leaders and know who to call.

Founders of TMCN were keenly aware of the need to pull together as a region simply by being neighborly. In addition to "borrowing" and "sharing", neighbors can also "join together" to make something happen; much like a backyard barbecue or potluck dinner for the neighborhood. You bring one dish and enjoy a whole meal.

- When community leaders come together to talk about local issues, problem solving is an end result. TMCN provides networking opportunities for this to happen.

- When communities pool resources to market for economic development and tourism, efforts are maximized and cost is minimized. TMCN provides this service.

- When county and community leaders come together to identify issues and deliver their list to legislators, the voice is louder and the message is stronger. TMCN organizes this effort.

Communities are realizing that a more effective approach to today's and tomorrow's challenges is working collectively instead of individually. It's just being neighborly.

Strength in numbers

TMCN member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman,

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TMCN is recognized state-wide as a unique and effective regional organization striving to enhance the economic well being of its member cities. For more information about TMCN go to www.texasmidwest.org or call 325-795-8626.

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Free ACT and SAT study guides are available in the counselor's office at BHS as well as study manuals in the BHS library.

All high school students are encouraged to visit these sites but in particular junior and senior students who plan on taking the SAT or ACT test. Current junior student are encouraged to sign up for the spring administration of either test. Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor, will meet with the juniors in the spring to help get them signed up for the test. Please note that any junior or senior who currently receives free or reduced lunches may take either test two times for free. Waiver forms are in the counselor's office.



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