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Cold front brings much needed moisture to the county

by Hal Spain, Publisher

I don't know how many times I've used that headline in a rain article over the years, but it seems to me that I've used it quite a few times. For the past two winters, at least, every time we have gotten a rain, we needed it badly.

Whatever happened to our wet winters of a few years ago. For the past couple of years, it has refused to rain, any from September through February and into March. Blame it on La Nina or whatever, but the oldtimers will tell you that a little moisture in the wintertime is worth more than several inches during the heat of the summer.

The good news is that it was pretty cold when this front came through, with temps ranging from nearly freezing at night to around 40 during the daytime. And the moisture came slow enough that every drop went into the ground, and there was no hot wind to blow it away the next day.

I've got some patchy reports from around the county concerning amounts. I'm pretty sure about most of these reports, just don't hold my feet to the fire, cause I'm getting second and third hand information.

Most everyone got a good inch during the spell, with reports of Sanco and south of Robert Lee ringing the bell by getting up to two inches, which was the most I heard. The City of RL got up to 1.5 inches, and we measured 1.25 out by Lake Spence.

The City of Bronte got a good 1.2 inches, with areas north of Bronte up to 1.4 or 1.5 inches. East of Bronte got the same result as in the city limits, about 1.2 inches total.

As wonderful as it was, we are already looking for some more to make up for all the dry weather since September.

I have been seeing a few bluebonnets poking their heads out around the county. We're not going to have many this year, but please do us all a favor and don't mow them till after they go to seed. If you mow them just

because they don't look good this year, then you will guarantee that you won't have a good crop from now on. They may look a little ragged during the last of May and the first part of June, but if you wait to mow them until they lose their seed, they'll come back strong when conditions are favorable.

What few bluebonnets we have this year seem a little early; so you may not have to wait until the last of May to mow these areas. The biggest factor in when to mow is whenever the seeds start falling to the ground. If you wait until after then, we'll all have something to look forward to in years to come.

Sorosis Club to host

Spaghetti Dinner

The Bronte Sorosis Study Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 22 immediately following church services (12 pm) at the First Baptist Church. All proceeds will go to Relay For Life. Everyone is invited to come and eat. Also, there will be to-go plates available for those who cannot stay and eat. Donations will be accepted for each plate.

"Team Boo"

Bake Sale slated

"Team Boo" will be hosting a bake sale at Super H in Robert Lee on Saturday, March 28. They will also be selling raffle tickets for their Robert Lee sports package containing: 2 RL season tickets all home events, 2 RL stadium seats, 2 RL insulated drink mugs, 2 RL T-shirts, Steer necklace, and an RL fleece blanket made by Team Boo.

Please come out and support their efforts in raising funds for cancer research and the Coke County Relay for Life!

Hamburger Meal Deal set for March 29

The Cabbage Patch Kids of Bronte will have a "Hamburger Meal Deal" Sunday, March 29. The meal will include a hamburger, vegeta-



First Installment! Coke County Historical Commission members display the first check in the amount of \$39,900, for the restoration of the old Coke County Jail. These funds are the first installment of a \$250,000 endowment from the Robert Cole Johnson estate, which is represented by Charles and Joy Blake.

On hand for the presentation were local members and guests, including Phelan Wrinkle, Fran Lomas, Donna Ash, Billy and Eula Blair, Bobby Blaylock, Allan and Bonita Cartrite, Beth Prather, Pat Carwile, and Mark Sides.

Tony Resendez, from Brady, Texas, and Jamie Tankersley, San Angelo, Texas, were also present to accept these funds for the RC&D Area Commission. The funds will be used to prevent further deterioration to the jail structure.

bles, chips, and cookie. The cost will be a minimum donation. All donations will be given to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. It will be held at Longbranch BBQ in Bronte at 11:30 am.

For more information contact one of the Cabbage Patch Kids: DeAnn Grigg, Jeanna Lee, Stacy McGinnis, Kathy Reyes, Veronica Rodriguez, Jackie and Benny Corley, Sue and Eddy Spiller, or Bette and Jerry McCutchen.

Street Affair Rummage and Bake Sale set

It's a fundraiser! Everyone who enjoys the Street Affair, a one-time-a-year event, is asked to help. Clean out those things you no longer need and donate them to the Street Affair cause. Drop-off locations for items include Designs by Toni, Massey Auto and Hardware and Amazing Hair Salon and Gifts. The Street Affair Committee is having a

Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 4, at the Wojtek Building (Old Ben Bessent Chevrolet building) in Robert Lee. The use of the building is being donated by Dale and Sue Wojtek. Everyone is encouraged to donate baked goods and items for the rummage sale to make the Street Affair successful. All donations left over will be donated to Christians In Action.

Relay For Life Food Drive

This year the Coke County Relay For Life is sponsoring a canned food drive to use during the luminaria ceremony. Canned goods will be used in the luminaria bags instead of sand along with battery-operated candles. Approximately 400 bags are estimated so this number of canned goods is also needed. Collection boxes will be located at the following locations until March 31: Hall's Super Save and Town and

Country in Bronte; Cindy's, Mt. Creek Mercantile, Allsup's, and Super H in Robert Lee; Bronte ISD; Robert Lee ISD and several of the local churches. After the Relay, all of the canned goods will be donated to the Coke County Food Pantry.

If you donate a canned good at Mountain Creek Mercantile, in exchange, they will give you a "bottomless" cup of coffee or a fountain drink.

The luminarias will line the track and will be lit during a special ceremony at 9:30 Friday night, April 3, at the Robert Lee ISD football field. Luminarias can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 in Honor of a cancer survivor or in Memory of someone that has lost their battle with cancer. Luminarias may be purchased from any Relay For Life team member or by contacting Katie Drennan, 453-2343 or Stacy Kelton at First National Bank in Bronte, 473-2911 or DeeAnna Harmon at Robert Lee State Bank, 453-2545.

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Obituaries

Ybarra

Ernest Lara Ybarra, 60, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at his residence.

Visitation was held all day Friday, March 13, 2009. Graveside service was at 2 pm, Saturday, March 14, 2009, at Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Ernest was born on June 7, 1948, to Jim Ybarra and Pauline Lara Ybarra. He loved Robert Lee and was a life long resident and he knew everyone there. Anytime a new business opened he was his own welcoming wagon. Ernest was very involved in his community. He enjoyed helping young children work with their FFA livestock projects. He was also in charge of the Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. In his spare time he loved to golf.

Ernest never met a stranger and was a friend to all. He always had a smile on his face and a story to tell to make everybody laugh. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Ernest is survived by his father, Jim Ybarra of Abilene; his mother, Pauline Balderas of Cleburne; his daughters, Cecilia Ybarra of Robert Lee, April Lane of San Angelo; his brothers, Dave Balderas, John Balderas and wife, Pauline, Rudy Balderas and wife, Lesa all of San Angelo, Michael Balderas of Cleburne; his sisters, Virginia Gutierrez and husband Mike of Cleburne, Anita Minjarez and husband Carlos of Crowley, Rosa Sanchez and husband, Lupe of Bronte. He is also survived by his brother, Sam Ybarra of San Angelo; his sisters Dora DeLeon, Bertha Martinez both of Abilene, Mary Ybarra, Betty Rangel, Lee Ybarra, Rosa Corona of all of San Angelo, Sally Echeveria of Cisco and Vivian Lopez of San Angelo; his grandchildren, Brandon Torres, Isaac Hodges, Hayley Torres all of Robert Lee, Ryan Lane, Braden Lane, and Autumn Blevins

all of San Angelo. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many good friends.

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Funderburg

Mr. Earl Funderburg, age 70, of Colorado City, died Sunday afternoon in a local hospital. Graveside services were held at 11 am Wednesday in Colorado City Cemetery with the Rev. J.K. Wood officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Funderburg was born June 8, 1938 in Eskota, Tx in Nolan County to James E. and Anna Long Funderburg. He married Lillie Majors on September 18, 1994, in Snyder. He owned and operated Funderburg and Company, Inc. in Silver, Texas, since 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie Funderburg of Colorado City; a son, Jimmy and wife Tracie Funderburg and granddaughter Milina of Westbrook; a daughter, Bobbie Jo and husband Jerry "Bubba" Frizzell of Tuscola and grandchildren Jordee, Halee and Dailey Frizzell and Ashley Funderburg and great grandson Braylen Williams; three step children; David Raschke and wife Diane of San Angelo and grandchildren Mercede, Dylan, Riley and Morgan, Shirley Smith and husband Gary of Snyder and grandchildren David Smith and wife Kamie, Alan Smith, Jacob and Kegan Scifres and great-grandchildren Raelee and Hayden Smith; Stacie Goswick and

husband Raymond of Westbrook and grandchildren Wesley and Miranda Goswick; brothers, Don Funderburg and wife Betty of Sweetwater and Roland and wife Christene of Abilene; his sister-in-laws Winnie Funderburg of Brownwood and Bonnie Funderburg of Sweetwater and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James "Jr" and Kenneth Funderburg, both in 2008.

The family received friends at 6 pm - 8:30 pm, Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Death Notices

Murphree

Fred Oliver Murphree, 87, of Robert Lee died Saturday, March 14, 2009, in Shannon Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 2 pm, Monday, March 16, 2009, at the Bronte Church of Christ in Bronte, Texas. Graveside service was held at 2 pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at the Gaines County Memorial Cemetery in Seminole, Texas. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his daughters, Donna L. Wood and husband, Mack of Seminole, Texas, Sandra J. Dushane of Andrews, Texas, and Carol A. Hardaway of Robert Lee; five grandchildren, Jim Wood and wife, Gale of Seminole, Texas, Tommy Wood of Seminole, Texas, Dana Hopkins of Seminole, Texas, Steve Dushane and wife, Katrina of Andrews, Texas, and Dwayne Dushane and wife, Sherry of Andrews, Texas; ten great-grandchildren; and 5 1/2 great-great-grandchildren.

Attention Crafters in Coke County

Bronte Chamber of Commerce is having a Craft Fair on June 6, 2009. The Community Center on East Oliver will be the site for the event. There is a small charge for the indoor booths

(10'x10'). Set up time for vendors is 8 am, time for fair is 10 am. For more information or an application, call 473-2604 or 473-2093.

Why we Relay...

Coke County Relay For Life will be Friday, April 3. The event will begin at 7 pm and run through Saturday, April 4 at 7 am and will be held at the Robert Lee ISD football field/track. The following explains what Relay means to the participants.

Relay For Life starts at dusk and ends the next morning. The light and darkness of the day and night parallel the cancer patient undergoing treatment. The Relay begins at sunset, which symbolizes the time a person is diagnosed with cancer. As the evening progresses, it gets colder and darker - this represents the patients struggle as they endure the emotions of being a cancer patient.

The time between 1 am and 2 am represents when the cancer patient starts treatment. They become exhausted, some sick, not wanting to go on, possibly wanting to give up. As a participant in the Relay, you have been walking and feel much the same way. Like the cancer patient, you cannot stop or give up.

The time around 4 am to 5 am symbolizes the completion of treatment for the cancer patient. Once again, they are tired, but they know they will make it.

The sun rising represents the end of treatment for the cancer patient. They see the light that life will go on. The morning light brings on a new day, full of life and excitement for new beginnings. As a participant, you will feel the brightness of the morning and know that the end of Relay is close at hand.

When you leave the Relay, think of the cancer patient leaving their last treatment. Just as you are exhausted and weak, so is that person, but there is hope in the new day! The money raised at Relay will support patient services, life-saving research, education, and advocacy efforts...and that is why we Relay!

Remember: There is no finish line until we find a cure! And together we can make a difference.

There is still time to get your friends, family or co-workers together and start a team! Teams are made up of 8-15 people with a small registration fee per person. Contact Judy Blair, 453-2380, Lanette Fletcher, 473-6791 or DeeAnna Harmon 453-2545 for more information.

**Area Churches
 invite you to worship**

Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 (325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2360

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

(325) 473-3281
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 5 pm Youth

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th and Chadbourne
 Robert Lee

(325) 453-2417
 Steve Peyton, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunay School
 11 am Worship
 5:30 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354

Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm
 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th • Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist Church
 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. 6 pm Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson

Joe Hodges, Pastor
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

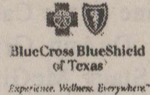
Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2208

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

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

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Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale slated

The Sorosis Study Club has again voted to provide all of the advertising for the Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale and yes, it's that time again! Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of May (May 3) at 8 am.

If you want to participate and have a garage sale, please call City Hall at 473-3501 and they will add your location to the city maps that will be given away the day of the garage sales. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and sell, sell, sell! Remember to call Bronte City Hall and get your name on the map.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please call Pat or Tammy at 473-3501.

Visit Coke Co. Relay for Life Website

The Coke County Relay For Life has its own webpage. Check it out at www.relayforlife.org/cokeco.tx. There you can find more information about the upcoming Coke County Relay For Life to be held on April 3-4, 2009. You can also find out about teams, sponsors, fundraisers, local relay pictures and more!

Steer Validation Tag Deadline

It is once again time to plan for the 2009-2010 Texas Steer Validation. Any Coke County student who is planning on exhibiting a steer at next year's major shows needs to have their steer validated with the state. Please contact Garrett at the extension office at 453-2461 to place an order for tags. Tags must be paid for when ordered. Orders are due Friday, April 10, 2009, by 5 pm.

CCRTA enjoys noon luncheon meeting

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, March 16, 2009. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

William Hood, president, presided at the meeting. He informed members of the

RTA news in relation to the current Texas Legislative session. He urged members to keep in contact with legislators. Hood also asked members to contact non-member retired school personnel and ask them to join our ranks. The message to them is "RTA needs your support and the more members will lead to more persuasion ability with our legislature."

President Hood read a thank you letter from the Robert Lee Elementary Library with signatures of all the students who enjoyed the books sent to them from the unit. Members voted to make donations to the Bronte Project Graduation and to the Robert Lee Project Graduation.

Twenty-four members and guests attended the luncheon. Members present were C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Jamie Boren, Harrell Foshee, Janice Foshee, Judy Gibbs, June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, Rhonda Hood, William Hood, Sug Lawhon, Ida Lou Oliphant, Beth Prather, Gerald Sandusky, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack. Guests present were Cheryl Cornutt, Corey Cornutt, Ada Rothermel, Anna Rothermel, LeAnn Rothermel, Ryan Rothermel, Brenda Smith, and Gary Smith.

Coke County bussinesswoman wins Ballinger apple pie contest

Smells of freshly baked apple pies filled the large reception area and kitchen at the new Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger recently as 24 apple pies competed for honors and cash prizes.

Shirley Denton of Winters, and owner of Shirley's Place in Bronte, took the grand prize \$200 and first place in the adult division, with her "All American Pie" covered with pie crust stars. Denton

attributed her pie baking to 52 years.

Judges for the contest, Youth Minister Myron Halford, Runnels County Clerk Elisa Ocker and Ballinger radio station KRUN's Dawn Anderson, evaluated the pies on overall appearance, crust, and taste using a multiple point system and then combined their scores to determine the winners.

Gayle Underwood, the funeral director at the host funeral home presided over the auction after the awards. Most of the families donated their pies to the auction for the benefit of the Ballinger Youth Girls Softball Association, which produced over \$200 for their use.

Aldridge retiring from Ivey Motor Company, Inc.

After 33 years as Service Manager at Ivey Motor Company, Inc., in Robert Lee, Ray Aldridge is retiring. The end of March 2009 will see the end of an era at the local Ford dealership, as Ray has been part of the crew there since 1976. In reflecting on the past 33 years, Ray expressed the following sentiments, "Thank you to all my friends and customers. Thank you for the years of loyalty. It was an honor to serve you all."

As of April 1, Kevin Roe will be the new Service Manager at Ivey Motor Company, Inc.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library will hold its semi-annual book sale on Friday, April 3, from 9 am to 12 pm and on Saturday, April 4, from 9 am to 3 pm.

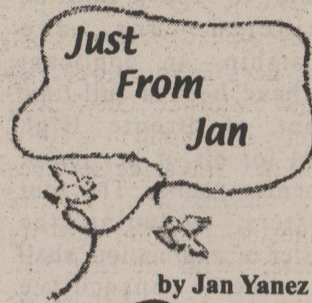
Many really good fiction books have been donated to

the Library recently. Donated books that are not incorporated into the Library collection are put in the book sale. If the books do not sell in the Coke County Library sale, they will be taken to San Angelo for the Tom Green County sale.

The paperbacks will sell for 10¢ each and most hardbacks will be on sale for 10¢ to 25¢ to \$1 depending on condition of books.

The funds received from the sale will be used to support the summer reading program.

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



by Jan Yanez

AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

10 Spring Cleaning Tips for your Web Site

Not many of you might of realized that today is the first day of spring. That means that soon the birds will start chirping, the grass will turn green and summer will be coming up pretty quickly. So as with any other Spring tradition, it is now time to start thinking about Spring cleaning.

How do you do spring cleaning with your web site though? Well here are ten spring cleaning tips for your web site or online business that might help you get started.

1. Update Any Scripts and Plugins.- Look at WordPress, Joomla and any other scripts or services you have installed and see if it is time to give them an upgrade. You should be doing this more often than every spring but now is a good time to check and make

sure.

2. Do Your E-mail Addresses Work? I recently got an e-mail from a friend who told me, "Sorry I didn't get back to you I just figured out I had major problems with my e-mail account". Send yourself a dummy message to make sure you don't fall into the same boat.

3. Clean up Your Sidebars. This 'bit of advice would be mainly for blogs. I have seen some people become really addicted to having sidebar widgets and gadgets. If you have more than five per sidebar, might be time to ditch some or at least make them look pretty again.

4. Review your Terms of Service. Make sure your terms of service and acceptable use policy are up to date and include everything you wish to include there. You may have made some changes to your web site and business since the last time you reviewed it so check it out now to make sure all your bases are still covered.

5. Check and Update your Sitemaps. If you have a Google Webmaster Tools account, it might be a good time to login and check to make sure Google didn't find any errors, which would keep them from indexing certain parts of your web site.

6. Is Your Contact Information Correct? Check out your contact page and make sure that the numbers, e-mail addresses and postal addresses listed there are up to date and show the correct information.

7. Renew Your Domains. When does your domain name run out of date? Might need to check and also be sure that you have all your hosting bills paid up too. This also makes for a good time to upgrade your hosting account to one with a few more perks.

8. Test Your Web Site Links. Are all your web site links working? Check your error logs in your various stats packages to see where people are finding 404s and try to fix all the broken links or non-existent pages you can find.

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**MOUNTAIN CREEK
MERCANTILE**

1/4 mile east of Robert Lee
453-2731

Menu

Monday, March 23
Chicken Fry

Tuesday, March 24
Anniversary
Baked Chicken

Wednesday, March 25
Stuffed Bell Peppers

Thursday, March 26
Beef Enchiladas

Friday, March 27
Roast Turkey
& Dressing

Please Come
The Time of Your Life

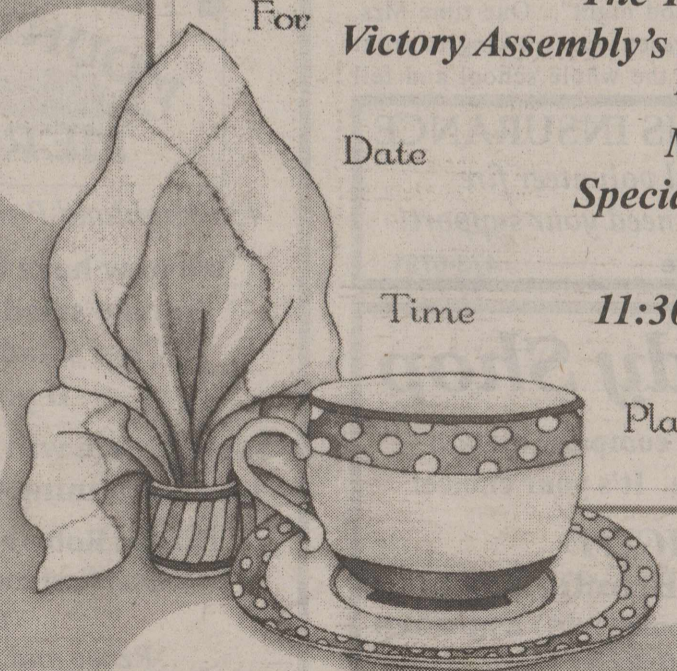
For **Victory Assembly's 3rd Annual Ladies Spring Tea**
13 years and older

Date **May 2, 2009**

Special Speaker/Prizes

Time **11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Place **Robert Lee Recreation Hall**
RSVP Betty Smith • 453-2662



BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Tour Angelo State University

Angelo State University is hosting a Discover ASU Day, Saturday, March 28, from 9:30 am until 2 pm. The event will provide information about the university, a tour of the campus, and also an opportunity to talk with professors and organizations. Discover ASU Day is free and high school students and/or their parents/guardians may also attend. A free lunch is included. Register online at www.angelo.edu or call 942-2058 to register.

Bronte Scholarships Available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship are now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under scholarships or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 14, 2009. The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor.



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, March 23**
Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, March 24**
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly
- Wednesday, March 25**
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
- Thursday, March 26**
Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk
- Friday, March 27**
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, March 23**
Chicken fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, onions and peppers, flour tortilla, rosie applesauce, milk
- Tuesday, March 24**
Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, apricot halves, Texas toast, milk
- Wednesday, March 25**
Tacos, cheese, lettuce and tomato, pinto beans, mixed fruit, taco shell, milk
- Thursday, March 26**
Corn dog, tator tots, pork and beans, peach, milk
- Friday, March 27**
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef and vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup, cornbread, milk

For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2521.

FNB-SC Scholarship available

The First National Bank of Sterling City will fund one \$4,000 scholarship to a graduating senior at Bronte High School. One thousand (\$1,000) per year will be funded - \$500 per fall and spring semesters. To be eligible to apply and be considered for the scholarship, an applicant must have been a full-time student of Bronte High School for his or her junior and senior years. The four semesters, including the semester of application, shall have been consecutive semesters at BHS. The student must have at least an 85 high school average for his or her four-year high school career. The student must be enrolled in the accelerated/advanced curriculum section at BHS. Applications are available in the counselor's office at BHS or on the BHS Counselor's Corner web page under "Scholarships".

All applications must be returned to The First National Bank of Sterling City - Bronte location, no later than 3 pm on March 31, 2009. For additional information, please contact the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2521.



Rose Whitehurst

by Darby Duncan
Mrs. Rose Whitehurst lives in Tom Green County with her husband and child Emily. She does not have any grandchildren. She has two dogs. Mrs. Whitehurst has a brother and two sisters.

Mrs. Whitehurst went to high school in Alpine, Texas. She attended college in

Alpine and San Angelo, Texas. She says the reason she started teaching is because she loves to learn. She has been in education for 22 years. Her favorite subject to teach is reading.

Mrs. Whitehurst's favorite food is Mexican food. She prefers chocolate for dessert. She likes the colors pink and purple. Her favorite seasons are fall and spring. She likes dogs. Her favorite shape is a circle. Her favorite sport is volleyball. Her favorite book is Charlotte's Web. Her favorite vacation spot is anywhere in the mountains. Her favorite hobby is reading.

Her family makes her happy. Her favorite saying is: "Life is a journey."

Her most embarrassing moment is when she slipped on ice in front of her friends.

We are glad Mrs. Whitehurst works at Bronte ISD.

Tana Pyssen

by Whitney Boyd

Mrs. Tana Pyssen lives in Tom Green County with her husband and one dog that she loves very much. She has one daughter who is attending college at Texas Tech University. Mrs. Pyssen has one brother.

Mrs. Pyssen attended high school at Wall where she played basketball and ran track. She received her degree in 4 years at A.S.U.

Mrs. Pyssen was inspired to teach by her 4th grade teacher. She likes being around kids. She has been teaching for 18 years and loves to teach math and science. This is Mrs. Pyssen's second year to teach at Bronte ISD.

Some of Mrs. Pyssen's favorite things are seafood, banana pudding, dogs, the color green, springtime, the shape of any type of circle, basketball, and the book Hatchet. Mrs. Pyssen's hobby is to go fishing. She is the happiest when others are happy. Her favorite quote is "Always kiss me good night". One time Mrs. Pyssen was walking in front of the whole school and fell

down. She says that was the most embarrassing moment of her life.

I love Mrs. Pyssen and I am glad that she will be my 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teacher.

Alan Richey

by Lance Burns

Mr. Alan Richey is married to Karen and has two kids named Heath and Heather. He has two dogs named Spike and Ruby. He has a sister, and he lives in Coke County.

Mr. Richey attended Ballinger High School. He went to many colleges such as Angelo State University, University of Texas Permian Basin, Sul Ross, STU, UTSA, and Lamar. It took him four years to get his degree. During high school and college he played football and basketball.

He wanted to work at the school because he needed a job and they offered him one. His love of sports inspired him to take their offer. He was a teacher for 14 years. His favorite subject to teach was Government. He became a superintendent 13 years ago. He decided to become a superintendent because he enjoyed every aspect of the school.

His favorite food and dessert is shrimp and ice cream. His favorite color is maroon. His favorite season is summer. His favorite animal is a dog. His favorite shape is a square. His favorite sports are a tie between football and basketball. His favorite book is Attitude is Everything. His favorite vacation spot is Jamaica. His favorite hobby is water sports. Seeing students succeed is what makes Mr. Richey happy. His favorite saying is "This Too Shall Pass". He said that there were to many embarrassing moments in his life to list.

We are glad that he is at Bronte ISD.

David Bedford

by Hannah Brackeen

Mr. David Bedford lives in Coke County with his wife Misty and their three children: Brooke, Brittany and Tanner. They have three cats. Mr. Bedford also has

two brothers.

He attended high school at Duncan, Oklahoma, and attended college at Abilene Christian University. It took him five years to receive his degree. He ran track and played basketball in high school and college.

Mr. Bedford wanted to start teaching so he could coach basketball. His high school math teacher inspired him to start teaching. He has been in education for seventeen years. His favorite subject to teach is math.

Mr. Bedford's favorite food is a ribeye steak. Pecan pies and chocolate chips are his first choice for dessert. His favorite color is green. He doesn't have a favorite season because he says each one is special in its own way. His favorite animal is a dog. He likes the shape of a square. He loves football. His favorite book is Lonesome Dove and his favorite vacation spot is Cozumel.

His hobby is hunting. Mr. Bedford's family and friends make him happy. His favorite saying is "Winner, winner chicken dinner".

Mr. Bedford's most embarrassing moment was one time after school his students told him he had a rip in the back of his pants.

We love Mr. Bedford. We are glad he is at Bronte ISD.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLISD School Board meeting held
On Monday, March 11, 2009, a regular meeting of the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members Present: K. Roe, J. Roberts, T. Reed, T. Sawyer, W. Washam, B. Brosh, I. Torres

At 6 pm the meeting called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Kevin Roe.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2009, and February 16, 2009, meetings seconded by Brandi Brosh. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the financial report given by Robin Allen and to pay the bills seconded by Tod Reed. Motion Carried.

Roger Henderson gave elementary and high school principal's reports... 127 enrolled in elementary; 97% ADA for February. 108 enrolled on the secondary campus; 96% ADA for February. Wayne Simpson gave a special programs report for both campuses.

Steve Ellinger with Cadco Architects-Engineers, Inc. was there to present the plans and drawings for RLISD Construction Project.

Scholarship Procedures and Guidelines for Robert Lee Education Foundation were discussed. No action was taken.

Tom Sawyer made a

motion to adopt all textbooks on the conforming state list for 2009-2010 school year. Motion seconded by Irma Torres. Motion Carried.

Superintendent's report included enrollment numbers, wind project update, update on budget process, H.B. 1273, upcoming dates for bidding and update on Small Schools Coop Director Search.

The Board recessed from open session at 7:25 pm, entered into closed session at 7:27 pm and reconvened into open session at 7:50 pm.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to accept Superintendent Hood's recommendation to renew contracts of classroom teachers as listed for the 2009-2010 school year. Wayne Alexander, Stephanie Brady, Jeff Brisbin, Patty Byrne, Kelli Crain, Audrey Devoll, Katy Drennan, Frankie Gartman, Maranda Hood, Leslie Matthiesen, Sterling Myers, Kathy McCown, Brandon McDowell, Kevin Meek, Sheri Millican, Amber Palmer, Denise Roberts, Tammy Roe, Elena Sanchez, Sandy Sawyer, and Celeste Service. Motion seconded by Irma Torres. Motion Carried.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to post the position of Head Football Coach and possible Athletic Director seconded by Tod Reed. Motion Carried.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be a Called meeting on April 13 or 15, 2009, and a regular meeting will be held on April 20, 2009, at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Teacher of the Year nominations accepted

"Teacher of the Year" nominations Nominations for the Texas 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year (TOTY) are being accepted through April 30, 2009 at www.teacher.com. The TOTY Award is a recognition of excellence in teaching sponsored by Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to the teacher's school. The

state winner will also be eligible for the National award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Teachers, administrators, students and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 315,000 accredited teachers.

Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com. To nominate an educator, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year.

Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by licensed members of the Unitrin family of insurance companies, as authorized by law.

How The Web Can Improve Your Child's Performance In School

Kids these days spend a good portion of their time tapping away on computers, surfing the Web, and messaging friends. Now they can use their home computers for much more. They can access online resources that can help them get ahead academically.

In these competitive times, many parents are seeking ways to help kids catch up at school, keep up and get ahead. They need to look no further than their computers for easily accessible and affordable learning resources.

Indeed, children who regularly use computers perform better in school, according to research by The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, which studied kids in 30 countries. The study revealed that students who used computers for more than five years scored well above average.

"Most kids today already are spending a lot of time

online. The key is to help them make good use of it by finding educational resources that can give them an academic edge," said Justin Serrano, president of SCORE! Educational Centers, Inc., a leading provider of after-school and online learning programs for children in grades K through 9.

"Whether kids are struggling in school or need additional academic challenges, online learning programs are valuable tools that won't break the bank," he added.

Here are several online educational resources and learning programs that kids can access from their home computer:

* Reading Comprehension: Local libraries often have free online reading programs for children. To find out if your local library such programs go to www.publiclibraries.com.

* Online Learning: When it comes to reading and math, online programs can deliver instruction and support any time anywhere. For instance, the SCORE! Online Program (www.scorelearning.com), has more than 1,000 hours of fun lessons, delivered through a curriculum that adjusts to your child's changing skill levels. And students receive unlimited access to the online curriculum for the duration of the program. This means they can proceed at their own pace and schedule, and can login anywhere. In addition to offering affordable after-school programs SCORE! is helping parents save for college through a partnership with UPromise, which sets aside some of the costs of after-school programs into college savings accounts.

* Science, History and Art: Explore the world without leaving home. The Smithsonian, the national museum and education complex, offers two Web sites

where children can play while learning about science, nature, history, art, and culture. Visit www.smithsonianeducation.org/student and www.si.edu/kids.

* Current Events: Many news sites that adults visit are not necessarily kid-friendly. There are several news and current events sites geared especially for kids, parents and teachers, such as studentnewsnet.com and sciencenewsforkids.org.

Surprisingly, the majority of most children's learning takes place outside the classroom. According to Computers for Youth, a nonprofit organization, only 13 percent of children's time is spent in class.

For more information on online educational resources, visit www.scorelearning.com.

"Computers can help equip children with the tools they need to succeed academically, as long as parents are involved in their choices," stressed Justin Serrano, president of SCORE! Educational Centers, Inc.

The online learning programs can be accessed by children across the country and can also be supplemented by in-center tutoring programs in your community, such as those from SCORE! Educational Centers, which operates nearly 80 centers in eight states and the District of Columbia.

Send your news in through the internet.

Email: CokeCoObserver@aol.com

Please send articles in the body of the email and photos as a jpeg attachment.

School Menu

Breakfast
Monday, March 23
Juice, sausage & biscuit, cereal, milk

Tuesday, March 24
Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Wednesday, March 25
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Thursday, March 26
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Friday, March 27
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch
Monday, March 23

Pizza, salad, corn on cob, breadstick w/sauce, cinnamon apple, milk

Tuesday, March 24
Ravioli, salad, tator tots, orange, milk

Wednesday, March 25
Hot dog, chili & cheese, fritos, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Thursday, March 26
Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, peas, sliced bread, peaches, milk

Friday, March 27
Turkey & ham sub, pickles, salad, baked chips, pears, milk

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 Councilmember: Paula McWright (Two-Year Term)
 Councilmember: Jennifer Stango (One-Year Term)
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Gerald Sandusky, Mayor
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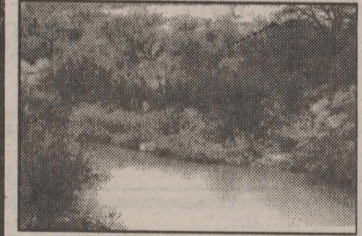
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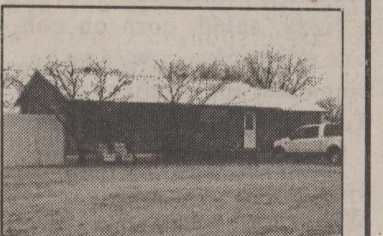
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On February 9, 2009 at a duly called Council meeting, the City Council ordered a Special Election to be held on May 9, 2009. The Special Election will be to authorize the Robert Lee 4A Economic Development Corporation to transfer funds to the Robert Lee 4B Economic Development Corporation to be used to participate in the renovation of the park swimming pool. As required, the Election was submitted on March 12, 2009, to the United States Attorney General for preclearance consideration. Copies of the Order of Election and preclearance submission are available for public review during business hours at the City Hall located at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. Any persons wishing to make comments for consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:

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El ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Robert Lee, Tejas, anuncia esta nota de acuerdo con 28 C.F. 51.28 (g) de la siguiente manera:

En el 9 de febrero de 2009, en el llamo debidamente el Concilio la reunion, el ayuntamiento ordeno que una Eleccion Especial ser tenida en el 9 de mayo de 2009. La Eleccion Especial sera de autorizar el Robert Lee 4A la Corporacion Economica del Desarrollo a transferir los fondos al Robert Lee 4B la Corporacion Economica del Desarrollo para ser utilizada para tomar parte en la renovacion del piscina del parque. Como requerido, la Eleccion se sometio en el 12 de marco de 2009, al Ministro de justicia de Estados Unidos para la consideracion de preclearance. Las copias de la Orden de la sumision de la Eleccion y preclearance estan disponibles para la revision publica durante horas de negocia en el municipalidad localizo en 6 E. 7th del sur, Robert Lee, Tejas. Cualquier persona que desea hacer los comentarios para la consideracion del Ministro de justicia de Estados Unidos pueden someterse tan comentarios a:

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9. How Out of Date is Your "About Us" Section? Checking out my own about us page on one of my other web sites I see I pretty much haven't updated it since the launch of the site. Always good to keep this up to date because well, this is how people lean more about you and what you do.

10. Spell check Your Web Site Content. How many grammar errors can you find on your web site? If you don't want to read through everything you have posted - you might try just going through a few of the most popular ones and making sure they are correct. Bad spelling really peeves some people, so best not to get on anybody's bad side.

Insurance coverage you shouldn't do without

By Jason Alderman

Some people looking to reduce expenses drop or trim their insurance coverage, gambling that they won't become sick, have a car accident or suffer a fire or other catastrophe. Unless you've got unlimited savings, however, forgoing adequate insurance could place you just one unexpected event away from financial disaster.

Here are insurance policies no household should be without:

Medical. This is the most critical - and unfortunately, the most expensive - coverage you need. When comparing plans, consider:

* Are your doctors in their provider networks? If not, can you afford the out-of-network charges or are you willing to find new doctors?

* Do they restrict specialized services you might need like maternity benefits, out-

of-state coverage, mental health coverage, etc.?

* If you choose catastrophic coverage to lower premiums, can you afford the high deductible in case of an accident or major illness?

* If your employer doesn't offer medical insurance, can you obtain coverage through your spouse's employer?

Homeowner/renter. Faulty plumbing, fires, theft and home-accident lawsuits are only a few catastrophes that could leave you without possessions or a place to live. A few tips:

* "Actual cash value" coverage repairs or replaces belongings, minus deductible and depreciation, whereas "replacement cost" coverage will replace the items in today's dollars. Depreciation can significantly lower values, so replacement coverage is often worth the extra cost.

* Jewelry, art and computers usually require additional coverage.

* Consider additional liability insurance, especially if you have significant property, investments or savings.

* Review your coverage periodically to account for inflation, home improvements, new possessions, change in marital/family status, etc.

Car insurance. You probably can't even get a driver's license without demonstrating proof of insurance. Consider these coverage options:

* "Liability" pays if you cause an accident that injures others or damages their car or other property.

* "Uninsured motorist" pays for damage caused to you or your car by an uninsured motorist.

* "Collision" pays for damage to your car resulting from a collision and "comprehensive" pays for damage to your car caused by things like theft, vandalism and fire. However, they only pay up to the actual cash value (ACV) minus deductibles. Because

the ACV for older cars is low, repairs often cost more than the car is worth; therefore many older-car owners drop these coverages and increase liability instead.

* Common ways to lower premiums include: Raising deductibles; discounts for good drivers, exceeding age 55 or installing security systems; comparison shopping; and buying homeowner and car insurance from the same carrier.

Life insurance. If you're single with no dependents, you may get by with minimal or no life insurance. But if your family depends on your income, you should probably buy coverage worth at least five to 10 times your annual pay. A few other considerations:

* Many employers offer coverage, but if you're young

and healthy you may be able to get a better deal on your own.

* After your kids are grown you may be able to lower your coverage; although carefully consider your spouse's retirement needs.

Long-term disability insurance is also extremely important - especially if you're single - since other sources of income may not be available in the event of serious illness or disability. To learn more about disability insurance, visit Practical Money Skills for Life, Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/unexpected).

Insurance is there to protect against unforeseen circumstances; don't risk your financial future by gambling that you're immune to accidents, large and small.

How To Reach God

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

I Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

I John 2:23

Whoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (But) He that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

I John 5:12

He that hath the son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

How To Love And Please God

John 14:23-24

Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love Me, he will keep my words: And my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: And the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent me.

I John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: And His commandments are not grievous.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

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Fire prevention and control

This fire season, perhaps landowners should take a "defensive driving" perspective on fire prevention and control.

In most cases the people traveling down the highways and county roads are not going to be worrying about the landowner's grass.

So as landowners with something to protect, you need to take a lesson from the defensive driving courses. You need to be watching out for them, and taking evasive actions. With the drought conditions that have set in across much of the state, that means thinking in terms of mitigation, fuel management and prescribed burning, he said.

AgriLife Extension range management and beef cattle specialists tell us that land owners need to think about fuel management - shred it, graze it, burn it down - to keep from getting in a situation where fire can do significant damage.

As a tool in fuel management, removing that fuel is important. Whether it's a welding spark, thrown cigarette or hot box on a railroad, if the fuel is not there, the fire won't have a chance to grow and spread.

The Texas Forest Service has urged citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to

low pressure fronts that drop humidity levels and produce high winds.

Tom Spencer, Forest Service predictive services department head, said these conditions could lead to wildfires that spread quickly, pose containment problems and endanger public safety.

Spencer warned that while some precipitation has fallen, prolonged drought conditions have not improved, and freezing temperatures only cause drought-cured grasses to become even drier.

The Forest Service's Predictive Services Department forecasts that through the month of March, fuels, such as grasses and trees, are expected to remain critically dry.

The wildfires on the winter-cured grasses in West Texas can spread up to 2 1/2 mph with flames reaching six to 10 feet in length.

Some tools that land owners can use to mitigate and lower the risk are:

- Make sure the roadside ditches are mowed adequately along their property line. Contact the highway department if necessary.

- Prescribed burning can be an option to manage brush and high grasses, where burn bans are not in effect. The Forest Service has an updated list of counties enacting burn bans at:

<http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png>

- Establish fuel breaks (fire lanes) along fences, roadways and between buildings and fields.

- When welding, be sure the work area is free of grass and debris, have a spotter and a water source handy.

- More information about protecting against and preventing wildfires can be found at: <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/>

How Much Sleep Should You Get Nightly?

It's just like your mother always told you: you need your rest.

Individuals who get less than seven hours of sleep per night appear about three times as likely to develop respiratory illness following exposure to a cold virus as those who sleep eight hours or more, according to research recently reported in the "Archives of Internal Medicine" journal.

Previous research indicated that those who sleep approximately seven to eight hours per night have the lowest rates of heart disease illness and death. However, there had been little direct evidence that poor sleep increases susceptibility to the common cold.

Researchers at Carnegie Mellon University now have found this link after studying sleep and colds for four years. Not only is less sleep linked to increased likelihood of getting a cold, the more efficiently you sleep helps. People who spend less than 92 percent of their time in bed asleep are five and a half times more likely to become ill than those whose efficiency is 98 percent or more.

"A possible explanation for this finding is that sleep disturbance influences the regulation of pro-inflammatory cytokines, histamines and other symptom mediators that are released in response to infection," suggest the authors of the study.

The results of the study indicate that seven to eight hours of sleep per night is a reasonable target.

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