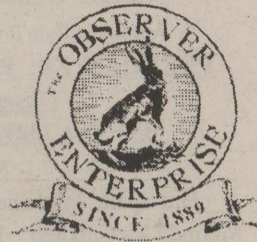


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Holiday Closings

Several Coke County offices and businesses will be closed today (Friday, April 10) in observance of Good Friday. They include the Coke County Courthouse, Bronte City Hall and Robert Lee City Hall. Robert Lee trash service will run as scheduled and the landfill will be open on Saturday, April 11, weather permitting.

BHRC to host

Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday, April 10 at 3 pm, the Bronte Health and Rehab Center will host a Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1 year through 3rd grade.

Sunrise Services set for

Coke County

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation will host an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 12 at 7 am. All denominations are welcome and refreshments will be served. A Sunrise Service will also be held in Robert Lee on April 12 at 7 am at the grassy lot next to the First United Methodist Church.

Annual Spring Fling set for April 17

The Bronte United Methodist Women will be having their annual Spring Fling on Friday, April 17, at 3 pm. Geraniums, begonias, petunias, lantanas, marigolds, vincas and purslane will be for sale, along with tomato and pepper plants. Casseroles and desserts will be available as well.

Poker Run

coming to Bronte

The communities of Bronte, Winters, and Ballinger have been asked to be a stop for a Poker Run on April 18. The Forgiven Ministries Church in San Angelo is helping put on the Poker Run for The Republic of Texas Independence Celebration. Bronte might have over 500 motorcycles visiting our community during the day. The stop will be at the Texas Theater, where water and cookies will be available for the riders. If you would like to bake cookies for the event, they may be dropped off at Bronte City

Hall on Friday, April 17 any time between 8 am and 12 noon.

Germania meeting slated for April 20

Glenn-Bivins Insurance will have its annual Germania meeting on Monday, April 20, at 6:30 pm at the Robert Lee Masonic Lodge. All Germania members are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be light refreshments served, followed by a short meeting. If you have any questions, you may call Glenn-Bivins Insurance at (325) 473-6791.

Robert Lee City-Wide

Spring Cleanup

The City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services will sponsor a City-Wide Spring Clean-Up. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25. 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 Street and E. 7th Street. This location will be open on Friday, April 24 from 9 am to 3 pm and on Saturday, April 25 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Items that will be accepted are appliances, household and yard items. Batteries will be accepted this year. Absolutely NO tires, 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 to 12 noon on Saturday, April 25.

For more information call City Hall at 453-2831.

Bronte Chamber Banquet set for April 25

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Fish Fry and Banquet on Saturday, April 25 at 6 pm at the Bronte Community Center.

The theme for this year is "Let's Shine in 2009", and it



Relay For Life! Coke County held their 5th Annual Relay for Life at the Robert Lee High School football field this past Friday night, April 3. Over \$35,000 was raised to help support the American Cancer Society's efforts in the areas of research, education, and patient services. A total of 159 people making up 13 teams participated in this year's Relay For Life. For more on the Relay, see page 6 of this week's edition of the Observer/Enterprise.

is a once-a-year opportunity for the entire community to come together and catch up on current events in Bronte and the surrounding area. The evening will feature musical entertainment and a meal of fried catfish, potato salad, pinto beans, coleslaw, drinks and dessert for \$7.00 a person. Highlight of the banquet will be the naming of this year's recipients of the Citizen, Students, and Educator of the Year, along with recognizing other accomplishments, new residents, and local business owners. An auction will benefit the Chamber's scholarship fund and help support Chamber initiatives throughout the year. Chamber members are currently soliciting donations to the auction — those wishing to donate items to this effort are encouraged to call Don-Ann Wheeler at 473-2093 or Peggy Kemp at 473-2604.

The annual fish fry is a much-anticipated event for young and old alike. Come out and join us for good food, fun and fellowship as we work to "Shine in 2009!"

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.

Ft. Chadbourne seeks volunteers

Fort Chadbourne Days is a fun and educational event portraying life in the 1850's. The Fort Chadbourne Foundation is offering a chance for high school students to volunteer in their communities. High school volunteers are needed for helping keep the grounds trash free, restrooms supplied, tables clean, help take tickets at some of the stations, and help with hayrides to see the buffalo. Fort Chadbourne will send a certificate to the school for each student's volunteer time to go in their file for when they apply for college. Volunteering in your community looks good on your scholarship application and this is a great time to help

within the community. This event is the Fort's hardest event and help is needed. Please contact your school counselor or the Fort Chadbourne Foundation at (325) 743-2555.

Better hurry to see bluebonnets

County Bluebonnet Brigade Chairman John Stephens wants to remind area residents that time is limited to see this year's crop. Due to the dry weather, the bluebonnets are limited to an area mainly out Hwy. 158 from Robert Lee to Wildcat Marina. Jimmy Bickley also reported some good bluebonnets in his yard and at selected locations throughout Robert Lee. This year's crop is unusually early due to the drought, and most will be gone by the end of April, unless, as John says, "we get some rain this week-end. That could extend this year's crop a while longer."

BHS Class of '55 reunion set

The Bronte High School Class of 1955 will have their reunion May 16-17 at the San Angelo Inn (Radisson Hotel), 4401 Rio Concho Drive, in San Angelo. For more information contact Stanley Phillips at (512) 258-6267 or Harold McCutchen at (325) 473-5201.

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Carper

Linda Mae Carper, 55, passed away in the early hours of Thursday, March 26, 2009, at her home in Bronte, Texas.

She is survived by sons, Robert Daniel Pullen and his wife Shannon, Franklin Eddie Pullen Jr. and his wife Stephanie; daughter, Felecia Schantel Hiley and her husband David; grandchildren, Dalton Pullen, Dakota Pullen, Daniel Pullen Jr., Emily Pullen, Shea Pullen, Samantha Hiley, and Alison Hiley; mother, Jaunell Carper, brothers, Danny Carper, Butch Carper, and Bill Carper; sisters, Debra Copeland and Tanja Carper; and numerous nieces and nephews, most notably Mica, Natasha, and Coby Carper

and their children, Crystal, Tiffani, Hannah, Shaylee, and Morgan.

Memorial services have already been completed and Linda was laid to rest at the Fort Chadbourne Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all those who have passed well wishes, sent flowers, food, and monetary support in this time of grieving. It has meant a lot to each and everyone who is a part of Linda's family. Now go mother of mine "Sleep with the Angels", watch over us, keep us safe, and we will see you again soon.

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Positions available on EMS Advisory Board

The West Coke County EMS advisory board has revised their by-laws and is

adding 2 additional members of the community to the board. This board meets every month to discuss matters regarding the EMS services in West Coke County to ensure that the EMS service is functioning at its absolute maximum potential. Any interested party can contact Fran Lomas at 453-2894 or any member of the EMS service.

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.

Obituaries



Glascock

Peggy Powers Glascock, 77, of Bronte, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

Peggy was born December 29, 1931, in Norton to David LeRoy and Katie Julia (Walker) Powers. She was a member of the Methodist Church and was employed as a bookkeeper for many years. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was devoted to her family and dearly loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also had a special place in her heart for the puppies. Peggy was a sports fan and had a special passion for volleyball. She enjoyed all the Texas teams, especially the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Rangers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dorothy Niles; and brothers, Leland ("Skeeter") Powers and Bruce Powers.

Peggy is survived by her three daughters, Brendi Gentry and husband, David, of Norton, Kathy Powers of Bronte, and Kim Canney and husband, Eddie, of Alba; a brother W. O. ("Cowboy") Powers and wife, Dot, of Dale; four grandchildren, Melinda Gentry, Julia Gentry, and Aimee Watkins, all of San Angelo, and Justin Jordan of Irving; and three great-grandchildren, McKenna and Davashtian Manley and Desiree Watkins, all of San Angelo. Also surviving are numerous nephews and nieces.

There was a time of visitation for family and friends on Saturday, April 4, from 6 pm to 7 pm at Lange Funeral

Home in Ballinger. Funeral services were Sunday, April 5 at 2 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger, with Rev. Joe Chamness officiating. Burial followed in Ballinger Evergreen Cemetery.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Bronte Volunteer Ambulance Service, Meals on Wheels of Bronte, or the American Cancer Society.

Services were under the direction of Lange Funeral Home. Guests may register at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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 (325) 473-4811
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 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
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 (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 Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 5:30 pm Choir Practice

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 Wed. 7 pm

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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

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 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne
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 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
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 Wed. 6 pm

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 601 W. 10th • Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist Church
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 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
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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting

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 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

St. James Catholic Church
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 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Coalition members meet with Bronte Lions Club

About a half dozen members of the Multi County Coalition met with the Bronte Evening Lions' Club on Tuesday, April 14. A good group of about thirty Lions and guests listened and asked questions concerning the proposed "clean" coal plant east of Sweetwater.

The coalition is a group of individuals who are opposed to the new plant for a number of reasons, the major one being the enormous amount of water this project will require. Placing a "water-hog" industry such as this in an arid area like Sweetwater just doesn't make much sense, according to this group. The coalition believes this project will jeopardize Oak Creek Lake and damage Sweetwater's underground aquifers.

David Hall, who is one of the organizers of the group, led a very informative session concerning the facts surrounding the new proposal. Hall stated that Sweetwater is currently pumping over 1 million gallons of water out of Oak Creek Reservoir on a daily basis. The new coal plant requires up to 10 millions gallons of water/day, and Sweetwater has committed to supplying 2 million gallons/day. Residents are concerned that they are already pumping too much water from Sweetwater's well water sources (underground aquifers). That leaves only Oak Creek Lake to make up the difference in what the City of Sweetwater has committed to the new project.

Mr. Hall also discussed some other negative aspects of the proposed coal plant. The electricity the coal plant produces will be in direct competition with the tremendous amount of windmill generating facilities that are

already online in the area. The coal plant group will have to wait for new transmission lines to the area before their electricity can be carried to the metropolitan areas. In the likely case that there is too much electricity being generated for the transmission lines to carry, it is the windmill powered product that will have to shut down generation, because the coal plant may only be operated at full capacity.

He also explained that the new plant is scheduled to be a 900 megawatt facility, making it one of the largest in the nation. Also of concern is the amount of ash that the new plant will have to dispose of, and possibly the biggest environmental concern, the amount of mercury that will be released into the atmosphere.

Hall encouraged everyone present to get involved and join the coalition, which is a non-profit group with no dues. Their sole purpose is to stop the development of the proposed plant. For additional information concerning how to join the coalition or contact the organization, you may email multicounty@gmail.com.

Local elections set for May 9

Several local taxing entities will be conducting elections on May 9 to determine who will serve in leadership capacities. Each election or cancellation is discussed below:

The Bronte Independent School District has six candidates who have filed for 3 positions on the board of trustees. Incumbents Jeff Schoenfield and Wayne Coalson will be joined on the ballot by Ericka Knight, Kay Styles, Kyle James and Doug Tounget. Early voting by



Lions Club Meeting! The Bronte Evening Lions Club met Tuesday evening, April 7, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Providing the program were members of the Multi-County Coalition, a group of individuals who are opposed to the possible new "clean" coal plant set for Sweetwater.

personal appearance will be conducted at the school from April 27 through May 5, between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, with election day voting to be held at City Hall on May 9.

In the Bronte City Council election, Misti Bedford and Paula McWright have filed for two spots on the council for 2-year terms. Jennifer Stango has filed for a 1-year term. As there are no contested positions for the City of Bronte election, it has been cancelled.

Incumbents Gary Payne and Troy Wimberley have both filed for re-election to the Robert Lee City Council. Also filing for election is Janie Munoz. There are no contested positions in the Robert Lee City Council election.

Also on the City of Robert Lee election ballot is a proposition authorizing 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. Early voting by personal appearance will begin April 27, and run through May 5, between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, Monday - Thursday and 8 am - 1 pm on Fridays. It will be held at the Coke County Courthouse, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee. Additionally, on April 30 and May 5, the early voting polling place will be open from 8 am until 8 pm.

The East Coke County

Hospital District has three positions to fill and have had three file for election. They include Doris Sims, Alonzo Robbins and Beverly Sims. There are no contested positions in this election.

The West Coke County Hospital District has two positions available on the board. Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall have filed for these positions. Since there are no contested positions, the board recently voted to cancel their election.

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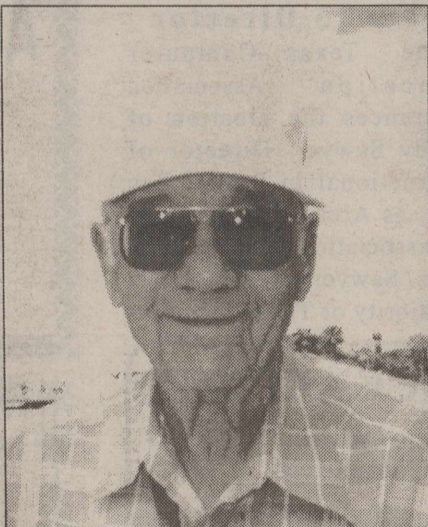
My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give to them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. • John 10:27 - 29

Words cannot express the love poured out to us during our time of sadness. We appreciate each and every one of you and all of the hugs, kind words and prayers you have given us during this difficult time; they have helped sustain us.

Thank you to all who joined us for the family visitation, it meant so much to us to see you there. Our broken hearts were also comforted by the overflowing church and the precious words spoken by Jason Martin and Allan Cartrite.

A final testimony of Ernest's life was when the pallbearers passed by him on the way out of the church; all of them touched him, patted his hand or leaned over to give him one last hug. Even though we cannot bear to let him go...Ernest's smiling face will be forever with us. We all loved him!

*Allen and Carole Clendennen and family
Jim and Becky Clendennen and family*



ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Easter Egg Hunt! Robert Lee Head Start students enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt at the Mini-Park in Robert Lee on Wednesday, April 8.

Head Start pre-registration set

Head Start will be accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year for 3 and 4 year olds on Monday April 20 and Tuesday, April 21 from 2 pm - 6 pm. Head Start is located at 820 Commerce Street in Robert Lee.

What to bring:

- 1) Proof of all income (Preferably 2008 1040/W2, TANF, SSI, child support, check stubs, or lettr from employer)
- 2) Child's birth certificate

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, April 13

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Tuesday, April 14

Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk

Wednesday, April 15

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Thursday, April 16

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Friday, April 17

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 13

Bean chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Tuesday, April 14

Chicken salad or peanut butter and jelly, tator tots, carrot sticks, strawberries, milk

Wednesday, April 15

Hot dog, chili and cheese, fritos, pork and beans, banana, milk

Thursday, April 16

Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, pears, milk

Friday, April 17

Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, fruit cocktail, milk

- 3) Child's shot record
- 4) Food stamp Case Number (if applicable)
- 5) Proof of Medicaid, CHIP or Private Health Insurance (If applicable)

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, by 5 pm.

Robert Lee HS golf results

The Steers and Lady Steers completed the first round of the District 12-A Tournament held at the Shady Oaks GC in Baird last Monday (4-6-09). The Steers hold a 25 shot lead after the first round, after shooting a 325 team total to second place to Garden City's 350.

Logan Phillely led the Steers and all medalists with a two-over par 72. Haden Dillard was second in the individual race with his 83. Mason Ross was tied for third with his 84. Cody

Brosh shot 86 and Foster Allen rounded out the Steers team scores with an 89. Josh Tennison shot 98 and Blake Millican finished with a 110.

The Lady Steers are also in a position to qualify for the Regional Tournament as they finished the first round in second place with a 414 team total, ten shots behind leader Garden City and eleven shots ahead of 3rd place Sterling City. The top two teams will qualify for Regional.

Lady Steers scores included: Meagan Ross 101, Mandy Mendoza 101, Briana Brisbin 104, Becca Saucedo 108, and Sarah Walker 128. Kacee Roberts competed as a medalist and also shot a 128. Ross & Mendoza are tied for 5th in the medalist competition.

The District Tournament will conclude on Monday, April 13, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Sawyer elected as Area 15 Director

The Texas Computer Education Association announces the election of Sandy Sawyer, Director of Instructional in Robert Lee ISD, as Area 15 Director of the association.

Ms. Sawyer was elected by a majority of TCEA members

and will serve as Area 15 Director for fiscal years 2009-2011. Her election was announced in early February, 2009 and she will assume the duties of Area 15 Director on April 1, 2009. Ms. Sawyer will serve two years as Area Director.

As Director, she will be responsible for TCEA activities and events in TCEA Area 15, which corresponds to Texas ESC Region XV. She will also serve on the TCEA Board of Directors, which, along with other elected officers, governs the association.

Ms. Sawyer is a current member of TCEA, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, and the Texas Tech Alumni Association. She led the first Concho Valley Technology Conference; co-sponsored a two-day Joomla/Moodle workshop with Region XV; is co-leader of the robotics team; and teaches webmastering and digital graphics at Robert Lee ISD.

The Texas Computer Education Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to furthering the integration of technology into curriculum and instruction. It has more than 9,000 members in the state of Texas.

Egg hunt was held in the mini-park beside the library for students of the Robert Lee Head Start program on Wednesday. With the eggs and the kids and the bluebonnets, the park was hoppin'. To watch these students, with their teachers help and encouragement in the hunt, is the best show in town.

Just From Jan

by Jan Yanez

AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Prom Safety

Locally and Nationwide, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury for adolescents between the ages of 15 and 20 years old. Things influencing the crashes include speed and alcohol use. Prom season can become a time when for teens, risk taking behavior and poor judgment is increased, which puts them at greater risk of injury. It is our hope some of the information provided can help guide teens, parents, schools and communities, decisions in making this season a safer prom season for all.

Safe Prom Checklist

- * Who will drive?
- * Where will the teen be?
- * What are the phone numbers?
- * Does your teen know who to contact in case of emergency?
- * Do they have a safe ride number to call?
- * Does your teen know of the situations they may encounter such as being offered alcohol or drugs, being offered a ride by an intoxicated driver, encountering strangers and do they have a plan to handle those situations?
- * Are there designated check in times?
- * Do they understand the importance of wearing a seatbelt and not speeding(if they are driving)?

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Check Out Coke County Library

semi annual book sale was held last Friday and Saturday. Many really good books were donated for the sale and many really good folks came to the sale to buy books. The proceeds of the sale are used to support the summer reading program.

The Coke County Library appreciates the support of the readers of Coke County.

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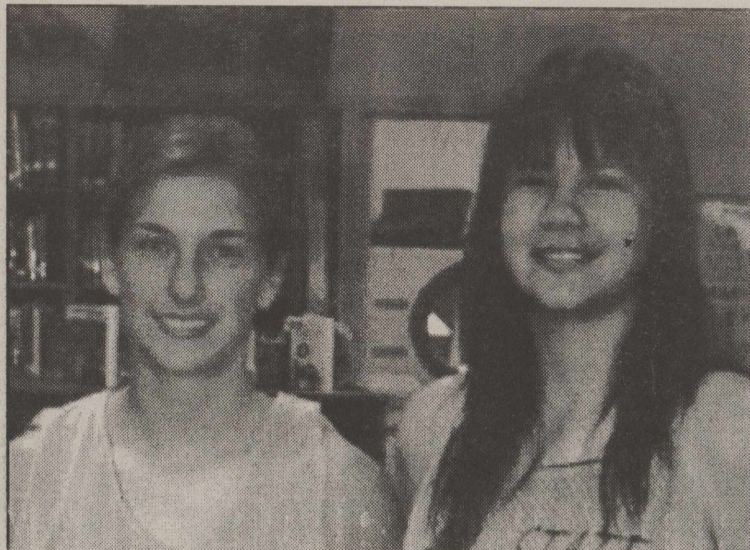
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Select Basketball Team! Chelsea McGinnis and Kaycee Baker, Bronte Lady Longhorn basketball players, recently participated in a basketball tryout in Waco. Both young ladies were selected to represent Texas on the Junior Nationals Select Basketball Team. The competitions will be held this summer in Illinois.

Lady Longhorns win at SC track meet

The Bronte Lady Longhorns track team won the Sterling City track meet on Saturday, March 28. Results are as follows.

Discus - 2nd) Kaycee Baker; Shot Put - 2nd) Kaycee Baker; High Jump - 3rd) Shandee Vaughn, 4th) Kimberly Lee; Long Jump - 3rd) Shandee Vaughn; 400m Relay - 1st) Jill Scott, Kimberly Lee, Chelsea McGinnis, Chelsea Cook; 100 m Hurdles - 3rd) Stephanie Frasier, 4th) Chelsea McGinnis; 100 m Dash - 2nd) Chelsea Cook; 800m Relay - 2nd) Jill Scott, Harley Wallace, Shandee Vaughn, Chelsea McGinnis; 400m Run - 2nd) Kimberly

Lee; 3rd) Jessie England; 300m Hurdles - 2nd) Stephanie Frasier, 6th) Harley Wallace; 200m Dash - 2nd) Kaycee Baker, 3rd) Shandee Vaughn; 1600m Run - 3rd) Ginny Caston; 1600m Relay - 1st) Jill Scott, Jessie England, Chelsea Meek, Kimberly Lee.

Bronte HS golf beings district play

The first round of the District 13-A Golf Tournament was held Monday, April 6 at Tin Cup Country Club in Merkel. The Bronte boys placed first with a 332. Scores are as follows. Team I - Lahne Burns 80 (tied 3rd medalist); Dakota Rawls 82 (tied 5th medalist); Jason Horton 85; Kerwin Rawls 85; Ernesto Casillas 97.

Team II - Jose Perez 93; Beau Grigg 97; Creed Coalson 100; Heath Richey 106; Skyler Ellis 110; Austin Brackeen 129 (medalist).

The Bronte girls had three medalists - Kayla Cagle 126; Mackenzie Gibbs 130; and Cheyenne Boyd 126. The second and final round will be held on Monday, April 13 at Maxwell Municipal in Abilene.

Bronte District UIL Academic results

On Monday, March 30, the District 13-1A Academic UIL meet was held at Stamford High School with 12 schools participating; Bronte, Miles, Eula, Cross Plains, Albany, Baird, Stamford, Hamlin, Haskell, Roscoe, Winters, and Rotan.

The following are the results for Bronte:

Ready Writing - 3rd) Mackenzie Gibbs (Regional Qualifier at Abilene Christian University, Saturday, April 25); Mathematics - 6th) Bill Miller; Computer

Applications - 6th) Heath Richey; Mathematics Team - 3rd) Bill Miller, Fernando Fraune, Shelby Amendt, Rob Rosson; Calculator Applications Team - 5th) Rob Rosson, Kerwin Rawls, Skyler Ellis, Crawford James; Accounting Team - 5th) Shelbi Waller, Chelsea Cook, Jacob Scott, Chelsea Meek; Social Studies Team - 6th) Will Macon, Dakota Rawls, Eddie May, Trent DeRonde; Spelling Team - 7th) Katie Austin, Jill Scott, John Deller.

BJH girls track finishes season

The Bronte Junior High Girls Track completed their track season in Cross Plains at the District track meet on Thursday, April 2.

In strong winds and cool temperatures, the Lady Shorthorns finished fourth in their division. Results from the meet are as follows.

2400 M. Run - 2nd) Jael Williams; 400 M. Relay - 3rd) Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley, Erika Puentez, Kaitlyn Braswell; 800 M. Run - 3rd) Rachel Everheart; 800 M. Relay - 2nd) Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley, Erika Puentez, Kaitlyn Braswell; 400 M. Dash - 2nd) Brooke Bedford, 3rd) Rachel Everheart, 4th) Michelle Rhodes; 300 M. Hurdles - 6th) Candice Sutton; 1600 M. Run - 5th) Jael Williams; 1600 M. Relay - 2nd) Brooke Bedford, Rachel Everheart, Erika Puentez, Kaitlyn Braswell; Triple Jump - 5th) Erika Puentez; Discus - 1st) Cindy Davila. Four other Lady Shorthorns competed in the 7th grade division and their results are as follows: 200 M. Dash - 3rd) Rebecca Duggan, 6th) Marisa Sanchez; Shot Put - 5th) Rebecca Duggan; Long Jump - 3rd) Rebecca Duggan; Triple Jump - 2nd) Marisa Sanchez; 400 M. Dash - 6th) Deedra Harkins.

Bronte holds Longhorn Relays

Last week the Longhorn Relays were run in Bronte with ten teams representing their schools. This marked the fourth meet of the year for the Longhorns and was the last meet before district, which was held Thursday, April 9 in Roscoe. The Bronte boys placed first,

Lady Longhorns placed second and the JV Longhorns also placed second. Results are as follows.

Varsity Boys
High Jump - 1st) Dakota Rawls, 3rd) Rob Rosson; Triple Jump - 1st) Jacob Scott; Discus - 4th) Beau Grigg; Shot Put - 5th) Trent DeRonde; Long Jump - 3rd) Jacob Scott; 3200 M Run - 5th) Geoffrey Ehl; 400 M Relay - 1st) Jacob Scott, Dakota Rawls, Lahne Burns, Rob Rosson; 800 M Run - 6th) RC Everheart; 110 M Hurdles - 1st) Rob Rosson, 2nd) Louie Martinez; 800 M Relay - 1st) Ernesto Casillas, Jacob Scott, Lahne Burns, Kerwin Rawls; 400 M Run - 2nd) Dakota Rawls; 300 M Hurdles - 1st) Rob Rosson; 5th) Louie Martinez; 200 M Run - 2nd) Jacob Scott; 1600 M Run - 6th) Geoffrey Ehl; 1600 M Relay - 2nd) Ernesto Casillas, Lahne Burns, Kerwin Rawls, Dakota Rawls.

JV Boys

Pole Vault - 1st) Jordan Baumann; High Jump - 3rd) Kaleb Parks; Triple Jump - 1st) Creed Coalson, 3rd) KC Barber, 4th) Chase Harris; Long Jump - 5th) KC Barber, 6th) Jordan Baumann; Discus - 2nd) Austin Brackeen; 400 M Relay - 2nd) Jordan Baumann, KC Barber, Chase Harris, Creed Coalson; 110 M Hurdles - 2nd) John Deller, 3rd) Conner Clark; 100 M Dash - 3rd) KC Barber, Kaleb Parks; 400 M Dash - 2nd) Chase Harris, 5th) Jordan Baumann, 6th) Arlis McMullan; 300 M Hurdles - 2nd) John Deller, 3rd) Conner Clark; 200 M Dash - 3rd) Kaleb Parks, 4th) KC Barber; 1600 M Relay - 2nd) Kaleb Parks, Jordan Baumann, Creed Coalson, Chase Harris.

Varsity Girls

Long Jump - 3rd) Shandee

Vaughn; Shot Put - 6th) Leticia Pena; Discus - 2nd) Kaycee Baker, 6th) Kassie Fillman; Triple Jump - 1st) Chelsea Cook; Pole Vault - 2nd) Jill Scott; High Jump - 4th) Shandee Vaughn, 6th) Kimber Lee; 100 M Hurdles - 2nd) Stephanie Frasier, 4th) Chelsea McGinnis; 100 M Dash - 1st) Chelsea Cook; 800 M Relay - 1st) Jill Scott, Kaycee Baker, Shandee Vaughn, Chelsea McGinnis; 400 M Dash - 2nd) Kimber Lee, 3rd) Jessi England, 5th) Chelsea Meek; 300 M Hurdles - 2nd) Stephanie Frasier, 6th) Shelbi Waller; 200 M Dash - 3rd) Kaycee Baker; 1600 M Relay - 2nd) Jill Scott, Jessi England, Chelsea Meek, Kimber Lee.

Scholarship deadline approaching

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. The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2521.



- Breakfast**
Monday, April 13
Cereal, fruit, toast, milk, jelly
Tuesday, April 14
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
Wednesday, April 15
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk
Thursday, April 16
Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, juice
Friday, April 17
French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk
- Lunch**
Monday, April 13
Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, corn, fruit, rolls, milk
Tuesday, April 14
Chicken fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, flour tortilla, milk
Wednesday, April 15
Tacos, cheese, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, peach cobbler, taco shell, milk
Thursday, April 16
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* Have you called the organizers of the event to see what is planned including numbers of attendees and who is invited, who will be monitoring the event.

* Will someone stay up to ensure their safe arrival home?

Stats You Need To Know

* Contrary to what you may hear or see, most teens aren't drinking. 81% of adolescents age 12 to 17 have chosen NOT to drink in the past year.

* You may be alive today because the legal drinking age is 21.

* The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates these laws have saved over 18,820 lives.

* Females process alcohol differently than males; smaller amounts of alcohol are more intoxicating for females regardless of their size.

* The same amount of alcohol is in a 12-ounce bottle of beer, a 12-ounce wine cooler, and a 5-ounce glass of wine.

* Even though youth are less likely than adults to drive after drinking, their crash rates are substantially higher.

* Alcohol in the #1 youth drug problem; it kills six times more people under 21 than all other illicit drugs combined.

* 70 percent of teens killed on prom weekends are not wearing seatbelts.

* Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury in teenagers nationwide.

* High School students who drink are seven times more likely to have had sexual intercourse and are less likely to use condoms increasing their risk of unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted

diseases.

Relay For Life is big success

The 2009 Coke County Relay For Life was held this past weekend. The event is designed to celebrate survivors, remember those who have battled cancer and to fight back against this dreaded disease and they did just that!

Over \$35,000 was raised to help support the American Cancer Society's efforts in the areas of research, education, and patient services. A total of 159 people making up thirteen teams participated in this year's Relay.

It is estimated about 90 survivors walked the opening lap to start the Relay. They were joined by several caregivers who walked also.

The Girl Scouts Troop #5193 worked and worked to get all of the luminaria bags out with the canned goods inside. The high winds made it difficult to keep the bags standing, but the girls kept a watchful eye and kept the bags upright. Approximately 500 bags and as many or more cans were used. All the canned goods were donated to the Coke County Food Pantry. The luminaria bags completely encircled the track and spelled out 'HOPE' in the visitor stands. The luminaria ceremony was at 9:30 pm and was very moving. Over 115 names were read out "In Honor" and 220 names "In Memory". The ceremony also included 3 songs, a poem read by cancer survivor Gaylon Pitcock and 4 large commemorative luminarias were lit for "Celebrate", "Remember", "Fight Back" and "Hope" as recognition of the Relay For Life's 25th year anniversary. These luminarias were lit by cancer survivors Julie Springer, Donna Poehls, DeeAnna Harmon and caregiver, Kristy Hooten.

A Fight Back ceremony held on Friday night at 11 pm told many ways to fight



Support the Troops! Sunday, March 29, was a special day at Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. The congregation had the privilege of witnessing the presentation of a flag that had flown in Afghanistan. SSG BC Hardin (far right) presented the flag in recognition of the congregation's material and prayerful support of the troops. He also presented a certificate of appreciation to Kenneth and Inez Harper and Pat Gunnells (far left). It seems to all at Southside Church of Christ that this honor is that which is shared with all of Coke County, for there are so many more people than just those at Southside Church of Christ whose gracious generosity supports the sending of goodie boxes to the troops. As SSG Hardin confirmed, these gifts of the heart are exceptional morale boosters for those who receive them. All Coke County residents are encouraged to keep sending goods and prayers to the troops in acknowledgment of our appreciation for their sacrifices.

back against cancer including getting a cancer screening test such as a mammogram, Pap test, colonoscopy or PSA test; quitting smoking; eating right and getting more exercise or even just using sunscreen.

Early in the evening, some of the entertainment included J.C.'s Kids Club choir; the Lone Star Cloggers from San Angelo; The Divots band; Bro. Steve Peyton and his son, Sam; and Brandi Brosh. Many games and activities went on throughout the wee hours of the night including, to name a few, a scavenger hunt, hat decorating contest, several different types of races and ending with a rooster crowing contest at 6 am. At 6:30 am, the Robert Lee/Silver Lion's Club served a wonderful breakfast to about 90 participants that

had stuck it out all night long. D.J., Tommy "Tommy Boy" Stubbs from Kickin' Country 103.1, was on hand to keep things lively throughout the night. Among other things, at 3 am, he had all of the team participants get on the track and do the Chicken Dance as they were walking around the track!

Some of the contest winners include the following: Best Campsite and Decorations - Motley Crew (Chad Harris and Ramona Taylor, Team Captains); Night Owl Award - Team Boo! (Robert Lee Junior High - Amy Sheets, Team Captain); Best New Team - (tie) Team We Care (Robert Lee

Care Center - Mary Rodriguez, Team Captain) and Pac - Man (First United Methodist Church - Robert Lee - Beverly Bell and Debra Brashear, Team Captains); Best T-shirt Design - Pac-Man; Top Online Fundraising Team - Prayin' for a Cure (Kenda Rasco, Team Captain) and Top Fundraising Team - Orange Crush (Robert Lee State Bank-Valerie Howard, Team Captain). The Super-Team Trophy, which is an overall award based on a point system for fundraising and participation, went to Rocky '09 (Rhonda Hood, Team Captain).

Lots of planning went into organizing the event by the following committee: Sponsorship/Underwriting -Carla Wojtek; Teams - Judy Blair;

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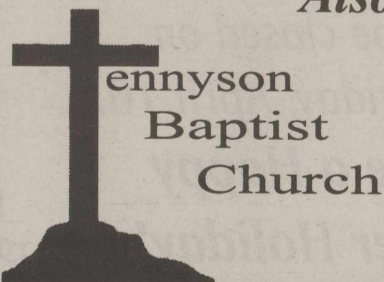
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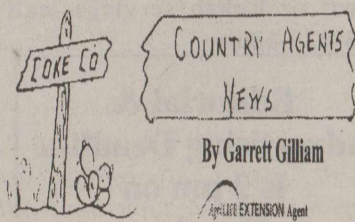


Accounting/Registration - Brenda Skinner and Cynthia Dillard; Luminarias - Katie Drennan; Online - Kenda Rasco; Activities and Entertainment - Denise Roberts and Kacee Roberts; Survivors - Lynn Green and Glenda Draper; Logistics - Roger and Kathy Henderson and Lupe Torres; Event Co-Chair - Amy Sheets and Event Chair - DeeAnna Harmon.

Overall, the event was deemed a success and again thanks to everyone in both communities of Bronte and Robert Lee that participated in any way; donated time, money or canned goods or just came to see what it was all about!

WCC EMS Memorials

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Spring Lawn Care

As the grass greens up, many homeowners are anxious to get out and start working on their lawns. A little patience and care at this point will reward the gardener with a fine lawn later.

For instance, the sight of new grass growing often inspires the homeowner to run out and spread fertilizer to help the young blades along. This is actually the opposite of recommended practices for fescue and bluegrass lawns. The proper time to feed grass is in the fall, when the roots that will sustain the plants through the summer are actively growing. Even if the fall feeding was missed, any spring feeding should be limited to a light feeding (1/2 pound of actual nitrogen, i.e., 5 pounds of 10-10-10, per 1000 sq. ft.) after the initial flush of growth has subsided, probably sometime in May or

June. Lime, on the other hand, should be applied in early spring, if soil tests show that it is necessary. Most lawn grasses grow best at soil pH's of 6.0 or 7.0, so have your soil's pH analyzed every two to three years to be sure you are staying in that range. The soil test results will include recommendations on how much lime to apply.

The best time to establish a new lawn from seed is in the fall, but many homeowners will need to reseed patches of lawn that have been damaged during the winter. Seed sown during March and early April will have a chance to grow successfully if it is well watered and cared for, from seeding on through the heat of summer. It is a good idea to fertilize newly seeded grass using a high phosphorous fertilizer (for example, 25 pounds of 5-10-5 per 1000 sq. ft. when patch seeding) which will foster root growth. The grass will be strong and healthier if you can water daily until the plants are established. Water approximately once a week throughout the summer, for the tops of the grass may look great, but the roots are not as long and dense as those of the grass in an established lawn.

There are many varieties and types of grass seed from which to choose. Your county cooperative extension agent can supply you with a publication which discusses

selection of turfgrasses in Virginia. When your lawn requires its first cutting, be sure not to cut too short. Mow to about two inches during the spring, then raise the cutting height another half inch when summer arrives. Mow frequently so that no more than one third of the grass blade is removed at one time.

Along with the grass, several undesirables are probably growing in your lawn. The best prevention for a weedy lawn is to provide such great growing conditions that the turf grows out the weeds. If the weeds are sparse, use that early spring energy to hand pull some of those perennial weeds. There are chemicals that can be used if you have more weeds than energy. If you choose to use herbicides, be sure to apply them when they have maximum impact on the weed population. Follow label directions closely for information on time of application and safety precautions.

Apply preemergent herbicides between the middle of March and the middle of April to control crabgrass. Crabgrass generally emerges about the time of dogwood bloom, and the preemergent herbicides used to control it will not affect crabgrass that is already up and growing.

Spraying for dandelions is most effective in fall, but spring spraying of a broad-leaf weed killer will control many of them. Be sure to

spray when the weeds are actively growing rather than during drought conditions. When spraying any herbicide, use a different sprayer from the one which you use to apply insecticides or fungicides. Mark it "HERBICIDE" so it will not inadvertently be used for other purposes, which may result in herbicide residues damaging valuable plants.

March is still a little early for dethatching and insect control, so after taking care of the few necessary lawn chores for early spring, you can relax and save your energy for summer mowing.

We the People


By Jim Clendennen
In the past few months I have written a few articles concerning the situation our nation is now facing. Many, many people have thanked me for writing the articles and ask "what can we do?". Well, now is the time to quit

thinking about doing something and to begin doing it. There will be "Tea Parties" all across the nation on April 15th. Since last August our nation has run up massive debts that will be paid by us, our children, our grandchildren and theirs, through crushing taxes and inflation. Congress has, without debate, passed numerous unconstitutional laws that will change our economic social structure. There will be a "Tea Party" in San Angelo on April 15 at the Tom Green County Courthouse. It kicks off at 5:30 pm. If you truly believe our Republic is worth saving, be there.

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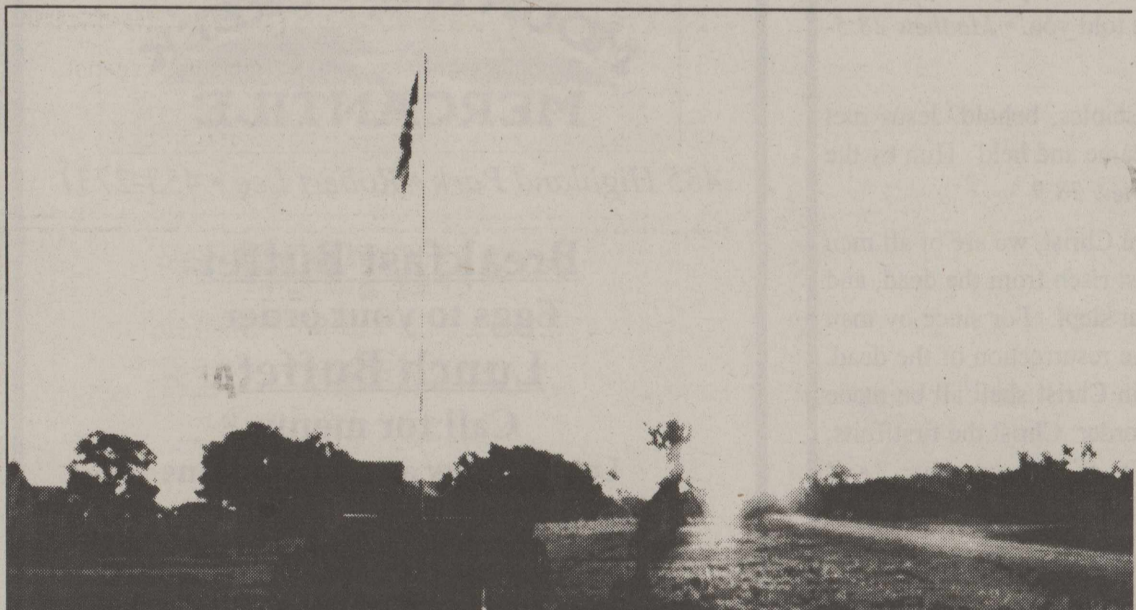
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RL Swimming Pool update

Work is underway on the Robert Lee swimming pool in the Coke County Park.

The 1957 pool has been maintained by the county commissioners over the years for the enjoyment of the kids, adults, and visitors in the area.

Underground aging placed the pool in a bad situation. To meet state and federal regulations and to open the pool in May, the county needed to act fast. A two-year plan to renovate the pool area is underway. The first stage is to repair the underground plumbing and to line the pool. The second stage will be to refurbish the dressing rooms and concession area.

In order to help pay the considerable expenses, a vote is being held to transfer sales tax economic development funds from the Robert Lee Corporation 4A to the Robert Lee Corporation 4B. The Proposition appears on the city council ballot along with the three city council candidates.

The swimming pool replacements and repairs are costly. The total amount is expected to reach \$300,000. In an effort to ensure a summer opening, the Economic Development Sales Tax board has agreed to release up to \$100,000 that has accumulated in the fund's account. The EDC4A funds have accrued due to the restrictions placed upon expenditures by the state legislature. The funds have accumulated because they can be used only for job creation. The board determined that with the economy like it is, it is unlikely that a business or manufacturer is likely to open a business in our area any time soon. The thinking was that the money would be well spent to provide a safe place for summer activities. Another asset of a pool is that the water can be used to fight fires if needed.

Because of the rulings of the state, this proposal must appear on a ballot for approval by the citizens of Robert Lee. It is hoped that a FOR will result in support for releasing the money to repair the swimming pool. Our neighbor, Bronte, faced a similar situation last year and the citizens there voted to transfer the funds from their Corporation A to Corporation B to help fund the swimming pool.

The initiative will be on the May 9, 2009, ballot at the time that the city council election will be held. Early voting takes place from Monday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 5, from 8 am to 5 pm at the Coke County Courthouse.

A vote FOR the the proposition during early voting or on May 9 at the Coke County Courthouse will help assure

that the children, visitors, and adults in Robert Lee will have a safe summer activity.

UTPB offers free tuition

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) has recently unveiled The Falcon Promise Program which offers free tuition and fees for students who are Texas residents from families making \$60,000 per year or less. UTPB also offers \$2,000.00 freshman grants to students who graduate in the top 50% of their graduating class. For more information about the UTPB Falcon Promise, grants, or scholarships, please call the Financial Aid Office at (432)-552-2620 or e-mail finaid@utpb.edu.

Spring Chicken Affair set for April 26

Sunday, April 26 – that's the date a delicious fried chicken dinner and toe tap-pin' entertainment will be "served up" under giant tents at the annual Spring Chicken Affair benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The occasion is the 27th annual Spring Chicken Affair set to begin at 11 am on Knickerbocker Road behind San Angelo National Bank to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Sponsors of this popular fundraiser are San Angelo National Bank, H-E-B Food Store, Foster Communications and the San Angelo Restaurant Association who provides the expertise and personnel to serve the Sunday-after-church fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets are available in advance at San Angelo National Bank, H-E-B, the



Relay For Life! The 2009 Coke County Relay For Life had quite a turnout at their event on Friday, April 3.

Foster complex and the Rehab Center. Tickets also will be sold at the event.

For those who can't stay and enjoy the activities, take-out service will be available. Also, thanks to Home Motors Towing Service, volunteers will deliver plates of food to homebound individuals within the San Angelo city limits who have no transportation or have physical limitations which prevent them from attending. Call Rehab at 223-6414 to arrange for delivery.

This year's featured entertainer will be the Zach Edwards Band of Big Lake who is wowing audiences with their edgy blend of country and rock music. Their new "Cowboy Crew" CD also features licks by players from Darren Kozelsky's band, Jason Bolen's Stragglers and Joey Green.

"In 26 years, the Spring Chicken Affair has raised

more than \$600,000 for the Center, thanks to the generous support of sponsors, vendors and the thousands who attend each year," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "All of us at Rehab are deeply grateful to everyone responsible and we invite the Center's friends from the Concho Valley to come join the fun as serving lines will be open until 2 p.m."

Events such as the Spring Chicken Affair make it possible for the Center to serve all who seek its services, regardless of their financial

circumstances. For more information about the event or Rehab services, call 325-223-6300.

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He's Alive

And the angel answered and said unto the women, fear not ye: For I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: For He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him; Lo, I have told you. • *Matthew 28:5-7*

And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, all hail. And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshipped Him. • *Matthew 28:9*

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order; Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. • *1 Corinthians 15:19-23*

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BHS Class of '64 holds reunion

The Bronte High School Class of 1964 met in Fredericksburg April 4-5 for their 45th reunion at Country Cottages. It was a wonderful and relaxing time of sharing what has been going on in each of their lives since the last reunion five years ago. The class has been meeting every five years since graduation but decided since they are all getting older, it might be a good to meet every year. Those attending were LaJan (Kiker) Walters, Jacksonville, Florida; Jan (Wilkins) Phillips, Houston, Texas; Charles Coppock, Jacksonville, Texas; Billy and Shirley (Caulder) Turner, Dover, Oklahoma; Jim and Shellie Wells, Goldthwaite, Texas; Vernon and Gale (Mackey) Sartain, San Angelo, Texas; Weldon and Roberta Broussard, Eastland, Texas; Marilyn (Glenn) Bivins and Wendell and Jeanna (Denman) Lee of Bronte.

Global economy gets personal

By Jason Alderman

By simply flapping its wings, a butterfly in the Amazon rainforest can set off an atmospheric chain reaction that will eventually trigger a tornado in Texas – or so says a popular, if highly implausible, explanation for how small actions can cause ripple effects far outside their domain.

There's a financial "Butterfly Effect" taking place across the globe right now: We've seen how U.S. housing foreclosures are impacting economies halfway around the world; and because laid-off workers here and abroad are buying fewer luxury items, whole factories in China are closing.

Clearly the "global economy" is here to stay, so we all need to learn how to anticipate and plan for the impact that seemingly unrelated events can have on our own finances. But the challenge many people face is how to learn more about personal – and global – finances so they can protect themselves.

That's why several years ago Congress officially designated April as National Financial Literacy Month. In the coming weeks, organizations around the country will sponsor events and provide educational materials designed to provide people with the tools they need to establish and maintain sound personal finance habits.

One such event is the Third Annual Financial Literacy and Education Summit being hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Visa Inc. on

April 20, 2009. This free, web-accessible roundtable brings together an international group of public policy, non-profit agency and private sector financial experts to discuss the significant economic challenges facing people of all ages around the world.

According to Charles L. Evans, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, "The goal of this year's Summit is to examine how various regions of the world approach financial education and how, in light of the global crisis, we can apply best practices to ensure that consumers have the necessary tools and resources to make wise financial decisions."

Some key questions that will be addressed at this year's Summit include:

* Given the current state of the global economy, what are the most pressing personal finance issues people face today?

* What financial literacy program successes can we learn from and what challenges do we face?

* What specific measures have been successful in alleviating financial illiteracy in other countries and what role should U.S. policymakers play in adapting applicable solutions?

The Summit will be moderated by personal finance expert Jean Chatzky, the best-selling author who serves as finance editor for NBC's "Today Show" and is a contributor to "The Oprah Winfrey Show." To register to watch the webcast of this important summit, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2009.

In the meantime, there are numerous resources you can tap to further your and your children's financial education, including:

* The JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial

Literacy offers a clearinghouse of more than 700 books, pamphlets, DVDs and other materials on financial literacy topics aimed at children from K-12 (www.jumpstartclearinghouse.org).

* The National Foundation for Credit Counseling provides an extensive collection of tips for people facing serious debt-related financial challenges (click on "Consumer Tips" at www.debtadvice.org).

* Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), Visa's free personal financial management site, features interactive tools, articles and other resources for children, adults and educators on topics ranging from understanding credit issues to family budgeting to retirement planning.

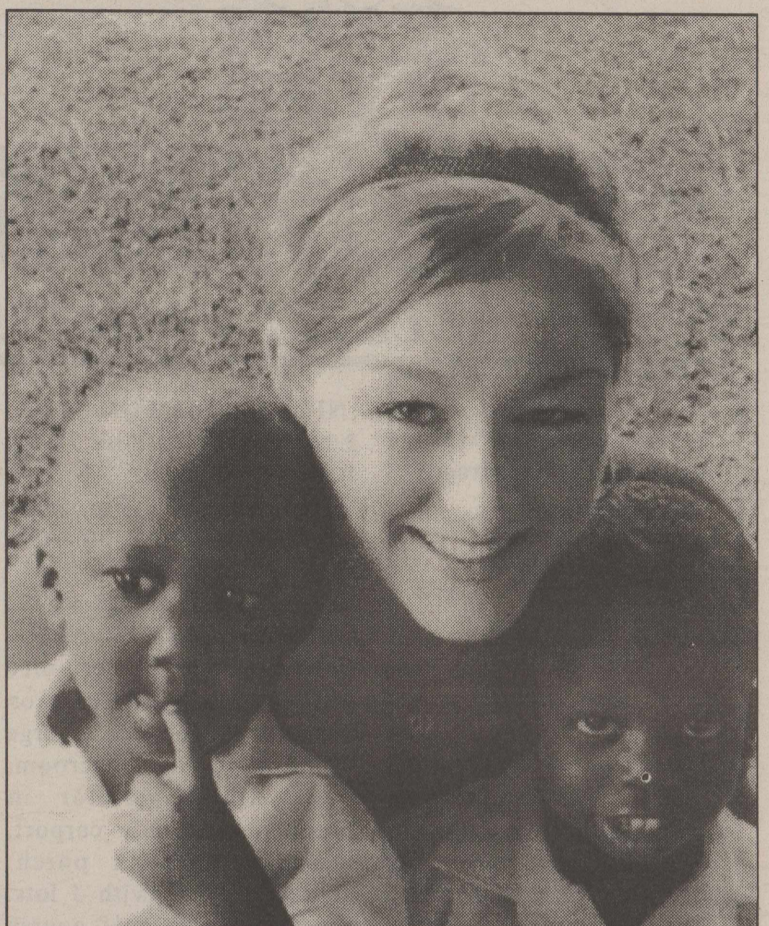
Don't get paranoid about Amazonian butterflies, but do pay attention to what's going on in the global financial market.

Spring Is Here and So Is Allergy Season

Many of us look forward to the warmer, breezy, sunny days of spring, but the season also brings with it the dreaded itchy eyes, scratchy ears and throat, and sneezing for allergy sufferers.

"Tree pollen blown around by the wind is the allergen people will react to first this season, sometimes before you see the buds," explains Dr. Catherine Monteleone, an associate professor of medicine at the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and a board-certified allergist. "Patients already are complaining about symptoms, including runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing, itchy eyes, ears and throat, wheezing and shortness of breath."

People may continue to experience such symptoms



Traveler! Rebecca Rawlings, a Bronte High School graduate, will be graduating on May 17, 2009, from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and will be applying to graduate school in Occupational Therapy. She was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2008 Term with a grade point average of 3.82. Rebecca traveled to Peru and Bolivia in January 2008 to study art and culture. This past January, she interned with Rafiki Missions at their orphanage in Kampala, Uganda, in East Africa. Rebecca said it was an amazing experience in which she worked hard and learned a lot about the wonderful people of Africa. Rebecca is the daughter of Kary Rawlings of Bronte.

into June, a reaction to grass pollen, not blooming flowers. "But how much grass pollen is produced will depend upon the weather this spring. Dry, windy days cause pollen to spread and result in more severe allergy symptoms," she says.

Those beginning to experience symptoms should turn to appropriate medications before symptoms become severe.

"Don't wait until you're miserable," Monteleone warns. "Try over-the-counter medications and, if those don't work, see your doctor, who can prescribe medication that may be more

helpful. Don't give up on treatment because there is something out there that will help."

Allergy sufferers should try to avoid exposure to allergens. Keep your car and house windows closed. When going outside, wear sunglasses to shield your eyes from pollen and do outdoor activities later in the day, because pollen is released early. When you get back home, shower, wash your hair, and change clothing because pollen will stick to you.

Otherwise, avoid anything that may cause irritation, such as strong perfumes or tobacco smoke, advises Monteleone.

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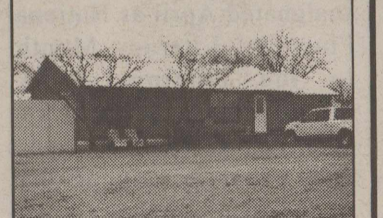
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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (Aviso de eleccion general)
 To The Registered Voters of the City of Robert Lee, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados de Robert Lee, Texas:)
 Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 9, 2009 for voting in a general election to elect Three Council Members to regular terms. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas
 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Mary Grim, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Mary Grim, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.)
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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2009, for voting in a Special election 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.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 A.M. hasta las 7:00 P.M. el 9 de mayo, 2009, para votar en la elección especial para autorizar el Robert Lee 4A la corporación Económica del Desarrollo transferir los fondos al Robert Lee 4B la Corporación Económica del Desarrollo para ser utilizada para tomar parte en la renovación del piscine del parque.)

Location of Polling Places: (Direcciones de las casillas electorales)

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But while more than twice as many Labs were registered last year than any other purebred pooch, the Bulldog continues to amble

its way up the list. The breed made news last year by returning to the AKC's Top 10 for the first time in more than 70 years and now has advanced two spots to land in eighth place.

"The playful Lab may still reign supreme, but the docile and adaptive nature of the Bulldog is gaining ground as a family favorite," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "It's no surprise to learn that this devoted family companion is still

growing in popularity."

Here are the current top 10 most popular dogs in the country:

1. Labrador Retriever; 2. Yorkshire Terrier; 3. German Shepherd Dog; 4. Golden Retriever; 5. Beagle; 6. Boxer; 7. Dachshund; 8. Bulldog; 9. Poodle; 10. Shih Tzu.

Both big and small dogs shared the list this year, with the four larger breeds all renowned for their popularity as loving family companions. Indeed, the Labrador

Retriever, German Shepherd Dog, Golden Retriever and Boxer are known for their versatility and intelligence, making them good companions.

The AKC has noted some interesting trends over the past decade. The Bulldog is among the breeds that have increased in popularity most significantly, along with four of its relatives: Miniature Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier and the Bullmastiff.

Among breeds significantly

on the decline are the Lhasa Apso, Rottweiler, Schipperke, the Basset Hound and the Miniature Pinscher.

"Today dogs serve man in very diverse roles -- from guide dog to bomb detection K-9 -- but most of all, dogs are companions that ground us to nature in a busy and increasingly technological world," said Peterson.

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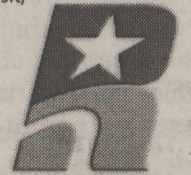
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- ★ State Farm Ins., Greg Bratcher,
- ★ Agent - San Angelo
- ★ Robert Lee ISD

★ In Memory of all who have lost the battle with cancer

Bronze Sponsors

- ★ First National Bank in Bronte
- ★ Super H Grocery - Robert Lee
- ★ WEB Construction - Robert Lee
- ★ Glenn-Bivins Insurance - Bronte
- ★ Bronte Hometown Hardware LLC
- ★ Bob Frazee's Texas Best
- ★ Deflooding - Bronte
- ★ McGlothlin Ranches
- ★ Hall of Fame Wildlife Studio - Bronte
- ★ In Memory of Charlene Williams

- ★ Hall's Super Save Foods - Bronte
- ★ B & K Processing - Bronte
- ★ HEB - San Angelo

Bottled Water

- ★ Texas Communications
- ★ **Luminaria Ceremony**
- ★ The Caston Company LLC -
- ★ Robert Lee
- ★ This 'n That Shops - Robert Lee &
- ★ Bronte
- ★ Massey Hardware - Robert Lee
- ★ Wildcat Taxidermy - Robert Lee
- ★ Askins Propane - Robert Lee
- ★ Concho Realty
- ★ Mayfield Paper - San Angelo

Cancer Fact Signs

- ★ Ivey Motor - Robert Lee
- ★ Clawson - Parker Heating & Air -
- ★ Robert Lee
- ★ Mr. Boots - San Angelo
- ★ Shaffer Funeral Home & Pioneer
- ★ Memorial Park
- ★ All Texas Grubbing - Robert Lee

Balloon Release

- ★ Blossoms-n-Bloom - Robert Lee
- ★ First United Methodist Church
- ★ UMW - Bronte

Hamburger Supper

- ★ Robert Lee Care Center

- ★ Dr. Pepper/Pepsi Bottling Co. -
- ★ San Angelo
- ★ Mrs. Baird's Bakery - San Angelo
- ★ Frito-Lay - San Angelo

Program

- ★ FedEx Office - San Angelo
- ★ **Friends of the Relay**
- ★ Amazing Hair Salon - Robert Lee
- ★ D.J.'s Merle Norman - Robert Lee
- ★ A Little Touch of Heaven - Robert Lee
- ★ Rangel's Restaurant - Robert Lee
- ★ Taylor Farm & Ranch - Robert Lee
- ★ Mt. Creek Mercantile - Robert Lee
- ★ Cindy's, Allsup's - Robert Lee
- ★ Mt. Creek RV - Robert Lee
- ★ First United Methodist Church -
- ★ Robert Lee
- ★ Longhorn Salon - Bronte
- ★ Shalon's Floral - Bronte
- ★ Longbranch BBQ - Bronte
- ★ Olive Garden - San Angelo
- ★ Henry's Diner - San Angelo
- ★ Holiday Inn Express - San Angelo
- ★ TinselTown - San Angelo
- ★ Target - San Angelo
- ★ O'Girls Creations - San Angelo
- ★ Dr. Phillip Kothmann/The Brace
- ★ Place - San Angelo
- ★ Ranch House Meat Co. - Menard.