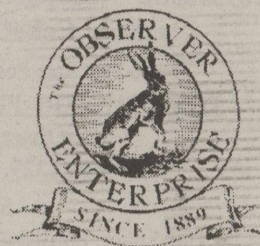


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BISD elects three school board members, voters pass fund transfer in Robert Lee

As a result of Saturday's local elections, one incumbent and two new candidates have been elected to serve on the Bronte Independent School Board of Trustees. Incumbent Wayne Coalson (103 votes) was reelected to the board, with newcomers Doug Tounget (116 votes) and Ericka Knight (104 votes) elected to serve in the remaining two spots. Also receiving votes were incumbent Jeff Schoenfield (95 votes), Kay Styles (67 votes), and Kyle James (53 votes). Coalson, Tounget, and Knight will be serving full three year terms, with Shane Kelton (149 votes), who was elected to a one year unexpired term.

In the City of Robert Lee election, incumbents Troy Wimberley (48 votes) and Gary Payne (46 votes), were returned to the council, with newcomer Janie Munoz (48 votes) elected to serve in the remaining council post in an uncontested election.

Voters approved the proposition on the ballot by a 65 to 0 margin, which will result in the transfer of funds from the Robert Lee 4A Economic Development Corporation to the 4B Corporation. These funds will be used to participate in the renovation of the park swimming pool at Robert Lee.

In the Bronte City Council election, Misti Bedford and Paula McWright filed for 2-year terms on the council,

and Jennifer Stango filed for a 1-year term. As there were no contested positions on the city council, that election was cancelled and the candidates were confirmed in their positions.

The East Coke County Hospital District had three positions to fill, and three filed for the election. They include Doris Sims, Alonzo Robbins, and Beverly Sims. As there were no contested positions, the election was cancelled, and these three have been confirmed as the new board members.

The West Coke County Hospital District had two positions available on the board. Incumbents Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall filed for these positions. Since there were no contested races, the board voted to cancel their election and confirm these board members.

Robert Lee ISD had three places on the board for full 3-year terms. Incumbents Tom Sawyer, Jr., Wes Washam, and Brandi Brosh all filed for reelection. Since there were no contested positions, these three candidates have been confirmed to the board, and the election was cancelled.

Multi-County Coalition meeting set for tonight

Are you interested or concerned about what happens to your water supply? Then plan to attend the Multi-



Medalists! In addition to the state golf title, the Steers also took home two of the three top medalist awards, as Logan Philley (left) was top medalist by seven strokes over the field, and Mason Ross improved his score by 27 strokes from last year's performance to win the bronze medalist title.



Twice as Nice! For the second year in a row, the Robert Lee Steers golf team have won the state golf tournament. This year's title came with an amazing 34 stroke margin over second place Gruver. Team members and their scores include (from left to right): Foster Allen 85-86-171; Logan Philley 69-71-140; Mason Ross 75-77-152; Haden Dillard 84-80-164; Cody Brosh 91-91-182; and Coach Wayne Alexander.

County Coalition meeting tonight (Friday, May 15), at 6:30 pm at the Bronte Community Center. For more information, call Dale or Sheila Burnett at (325) 235-1314.

CCRTA meeting slated for Monday

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 18. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

This will be the last meeting until September and dues are due at this meeting.

BHRC Auxiliary to meet Thursday

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will meet at 1 pm on Thursday, May 21, in the living room at Bronte Health and Rehab Center. Dues for the next year are due this month. They will be making plans for the July 4th hot dog supper, fund raising auction, and fireworks. Everyone is welcome to join this group to lend support to residents and their activities. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. For more information, call Janet Wommack at 473-5388 or Lanette Fletcher at 473-6791.

Attention Crafters in Coke County

Bronte Chamber of Commerce is having a Craft Fair on June 6. 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.

Veterans Memorial Committee still accepting names

Please be advised that the Veterans Memorial Committee is still accepting the names of veterans, any branch of service is accepted. Please send their information and \$100 to the new address: PO Box 33, 265 W. Main, Bronte, TX 76933. At the present time, they have six names waiting to be engraved on the marker located by the Depot in Bronte. They need four more names in order to call the engraver. They also accept memorials in memory of loved ones. For more information call Bobby or Melissa Blaylock at 473-2326 or Brenda Hines at 473-5331.

Coke County Newspaper Project

The Coke County Historical Commission has been provided the use of the Wojtek Building to work on the "Newspaper Project". The kick-off meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, at 9 am. The goal is to arrange paper copies of the Observer/Enterprise into chronological order so they may be transferred to microfilm by the West Texas Collection at Angelo State University.

Newspapers will be moved into the building as soon as possible. Work is being done

to set up tables, get supplies, and set up a procedure to put the papers in order.

An organizational/work day has been set for Tuesday, May 19, at 9 am at the Wojtek Building. Anyone with a couple of hours a week (or more) that can be donated to this project is encouraged to come to this meeting for information and training. If unable to attend this session, come any time to help out. Volunteer hours count when making grant applications.

This project is important to Coke County. Future generations must know how families and events of the past and present combined to make Coke County the best place to be. With enough volunteers, this project is projected to take no more than three months. Help save Coke County's history.

Bronte has new community website

The Bronte Economic Development Board, City of Bronte, and the Bronte Chamber of Commerce have combined their efforts to develop a web site for Bronte. City ordinances and application for utility service are available on the site. The web site has a calendar of events, information on civic clubs and organizations, churches and business directory. You can also sign up to receive the Chamber of Commerce newsletter. To have your business, club or meeting listed, please contact Tammy Thorn at 473-3501. www.brontetexas.org.

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Obituaries

Sowell

Roland Ray Sowell went to be with his Lord, Friday, May 8, 2009. Visitation was all day Sunday, May 10, 2009, at the funeral home from 9 am - 8 pm. Graveside services were at 2 pm on Monday, May 11, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte with John Driggers officiating. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Roland was born June 7, 1933, in Brownwood, Texas, to Tommie and Alice (Bennie) Sowell. He met and married his wife Wanda Jean Hester in Coke County on April 14, 1951. Roland was a man of few words. He was a very hard worker and always occupied his time staying busy. He worked for the Texas Highway Department for many years before retiring. Roland also served as Fire Chief of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

Roland was preceded in death by his wife Wanda Jean Sowell, three brothers and one sister.

Roland is survived by his children David and Donna Scott of Vernon, Dana and Carolyn Sowell of Buffalo Gap, Calvin and Debbie Garvin of Clyde and Darrell and Debbie Sowell of Bronte; 10 grandchildren

and 16 great-grandchildren and a beloved mother-in-law Daisy Sims.

The family request in lieu of flowers that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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**Check Out
Coke
County
Library**

The Robert Lee Head Start students will be honored by the Coke County Library Story Hour graduation ceremonies at the Bryant Mini-Park Gazebo on Wednesday, May 20, at around 9:45 am. This yearly event honors the students and teachers who have worked hard during the year to develop skills for elementary school. Everyone is invited to join in to cheer the students (and the teachers) on.

Beginning Monday, June 1, 2009, the Coke County Library will hold a weekly drawing for four free shaved ices or ice cream cones from Rhonda and Judy's Place for Coke County students. Four readers will be eligible for a gift certificate each week during the Friday morning drawings. Each returned book is good for an entry in the drawing. Pick your flavor of book...then pick your flavor of treat at Rhonda and Judy's Place.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-



Ride for a Cure! There were 51 pre-paid entries, with a total of 53 participants, at the Ride for a Cure in Robert Lee recently. A group of 24 motorcycles, with 33 riders, traveled 140 miles from Robert Lee through Bronte, Winters, Tuscola, Buffalo Gap, Coronado's Camp, the wind farms in Nolan Community and Blackwell. The riders then returned to Robert Lee for a late brisket dinner/late lunch. A total of \$620 was accumulated in donations from the event.

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

"We the People"

By Jim Clendennen

Thomas Jefferson would have plenty to write about if he were alive today. Here is a lightly paraphrased letter reprinted from the year 1816.

"I am not among those who fear the people. They, and not the rich, are our dependence for continued freedom. And to preserve their independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debt, as that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessities and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our calling and our creeds, we must come to labor sixteen hours in the twenty-four, give the earnings of fifteen of these to the government

for their debts and daily expenses; and the sixteenth being insufficient to afford us bread. We must live then, on oatmeal and potatoes; have no time to think, no means of calling our mismanagers to account but be made glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow sufferers. Our land-holders, too, retaining indeed the title and stewardship of estates called theirs, but held really in trust for the treasury. This example reads to us the salutary lesson, that private fortunes are destroyed by public as well as by private extrava-

gances. And this is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle in one instance, becomes a precedent for the second; that second for a third; and so on, till the bulk of society is reduced to be mere automatons of misery, to have no sensibilities left but for sinning and suffering. Then begins the war of all against all, which is mistaken for the natural, instead of the abusive state of man. The fore-horse of this frightful team is Public Debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train, wretchedness and oppression."

-----Thomas Jefferson, letter to Samuel Kercheval, Monticello, July 12, 1816

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(325) 473-4811
Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy

Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor

Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte

(325) 473-2331
Bro. 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. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne

Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Steve Peyton, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
5:30 pm Choir Practice

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Frank J. Daniels, Preacher

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11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
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Portis Ribble, Minister

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

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Joe Hodges, Pastor
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Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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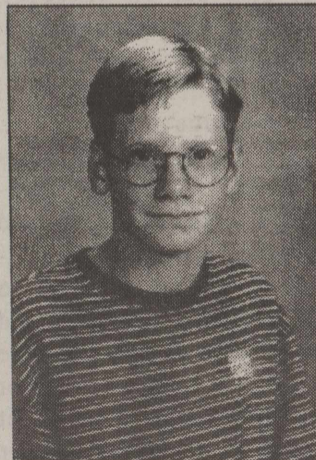
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(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Rosemary Ten Eyck honored on 80th birthday

Rosemary Ten Eyck of Blackwell was honored May 8 on her 80th birthday with a surprise luncheon held in the Fellowship Hall of the Blackwell Methodist Church with 30 guests attending. Special guests included close friends Dale and Mollie Cole of Odessa.

A beautiful floral centerpiece decorated the head table, a gift from Sue and John Dean of Lake Wales, Florida, formerly of Blackwell. The party was arranged by Mary Burnett, Sue Sweet and Bobbie Varnadore. A good time was enjoyed by all with a lot of reminiscing and fun cards brought by each guest.

Those attending included Rosie, hostesses - The Coles, Mary and Cliff Burnett, Laura and Jerry Rozzlee, Kay and Paul Gothard, Dona and Bobby Sanderson, Jane and Bob Battle, Sue and Sonny Sweet, Lana Goodman, Larry Oden, Heather and Lilee Sanderson, Judy and Stanton McGlaughlin, Laura Pieper, Jan Hall, Shirley Lemley, Debbie Cornelius, Betty Cole, Sheila Hayes, Diana Parker and Lillie Burwick.

Cattle Theft Bill passes Texas Legislature

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) recently applauded the Texas Legislature for their final approval of a bill to increase the penalty for livestock theft in Texas. SB 1163, introduced by Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) and Representative Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham), unanimously passed the House, and is now on its way to the Governor where it will be signed into law or vetoed. "Texas is the number one cattle producing state in the nation, but the penalty for cattle theft in Texas is more lenient than the neighboring states of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana," TSCRA President Dave Scott, of Richmond, Texas, said.

"Cattle theft in Texas has more than doubled during the past year. To protect this \$15 billion a year industry, Texas needs a stricter penalty. SB 1163 does that by increasing the penalty for cattle theft from a state jail felony to a third degree felony," Scott continued.

In 2007, 2,400 head of cattle were reported stolen to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. In 2008, that number jumped to 6,404. Under current law theft of less than 10 head of cattle, horses or exotic wildlife is a state jail felony.

TSCRA was founded in 1877 by a small group of ranchers to fight cattle theft.

TSCRA has 29 Special Rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma to combat and investigate cattle theft.

Prior to 1993, livestock theft was classified as a third degree felony. In 1993 the Texas Legislature created the State Jail Felony category, also known as a fourth degree felony. Livestock theft has risen since the law was changed in 1993, largely due to the number of repeat offenders who are let out on state jail felony probation.

New credit scoring formula rolls out

By Jason Alderman

In the old days, if you paid cash for everything and carried no debt, you were considered a great prospect for a mortgage or car loan. Fast forward a few decades and the rules have changed considerably.

Today, your ability to borrow is largely determined by your credit score, a three-digit number lenders use to calculate how likely you are to repay debt.

A new version of FICO, the most widely used credit-scoring formula, has begun rolling out. FICO is named for Fair Isaac Corporation, whose proprietary software is used by the three leading credit bureaus. Under the new version, FICO 08, weighting factors used to determine scores will change as lenders gradually adopt the new system.

FICO Public Relations Director Craig Watts explains, "As consumers' credit habits change, we adjust our scoring formula to more accurately reflect information found in credit bureau records."

A few FICO 08 highlights:

* It continues to grade scores from a low of 300 up to 850 for stellar credit risks.

* Unpaid collections, judgments and tax liens where the original debt is under \$100 (like small library fines,

parking tickets or medical bills) are no longer factored in so they won't ding your credit score.

* One-time credit setbacks, like a charge-off or car repossession, won't impact your credit as seriously, provided your other accounts remain in good standing. However, persistent late payments likely will be penalized more heavily.

* FICO 08 still factors in a certain amount of "authorized user" activity (adding a spouse or child to an account to make credit conveniently available). However, you can no longer pay a credit repair agency to "piggyback" on a stranger's strong credit record to improve your own score.

* FICO 08 is more sensitive to how much of your available credit you use; so if your lender lowers your credit limit, you might suddenly be tapping a higher percentage of available credit and be penalized.

If you maintain credit cards you seldom use, lenders may adjust their credit limits or close them altogether, thereby lowering your overall available credit - and possibly, your credit score. One strategy: Make occasional small charges on these cards so lenders will be less inclined to close the accounts. Just be sure to pay off balances each month, otherwise you'll defeat the whole purpose.

Because not all credit bureaus (and thus, their lender clients) are adopting FICO 08 at the same time, it may not always be apparent which factors are being used to assess your creditworthiness. However the following guidelines will always help you maintain a sound credit score:

* Stay well below your overall and individual credit card limits.

* Never exceed credit limits or make late payments -

that could damage your credit score and result in greatly increased interest rates.

* Carefully review your credit reports. You can order one free report annually from each of the three major credit bureaus at www.annualcreditreport.com. Look for errors and fraud that could lower your score.

* You can also estimate your score using the free FICO Score Estimator at What's My Score, a financial literacy program run by Visa (www.whatsmyscore.org/estimator.)

Health Officials Encourage Organ Donor Registration

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has launched a new campaign to boost organ, tissue and eye donor registration. With nearly 9,000 people in Texas waiting for life-saving organs, health officials say there is a critical shortage of organs available for transplants. DSHS is urging people to register online at the state's official Web site for organ donor registration, www.DonateLifeTexas.org, or at their local driver license office.

"Talk to your family. Go online. Learn about organ donation," said Evelyn Delgado, assistant commissioner for Family and Community Health Services. "It only takes a few minutes to sign up, and you just might save someone's life." Last year more than 500 peo-

ple in Texas died waiting for organ transplants.

The campaign, which begins this month and runs until August, uses radio and television advertising, community outreach and Web sites to encourage people to register as organ donors.

The official statewide registry of donors is called The Glenda Dawson Donate Life - Texas Registry. More than 270,000 people in Texas are registered.

"We'd like to see that number grow," Delgado said. "The registry is still fairly new. Many people support the idea of organ donation but have not taken the steps to register."

The registry is named in memory of State Rep. Dawson, a kidney transplant recipient, who championed the cause of organ donation. The Texas Legislature mandated the creation of the statewide registry, which began Sept. 1, 2006, and stipulated in May 2007 that it be renamed in Dawson's memory.

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| <p>Monday, May 18 Meatloaf</p> <p>Tuesday, May 19 Chicken Pot Pie</p> <p>Wednesday, May 20 Country Fried Pork Chops</p> <p>Thursday, May 21 Chicken Parmesan</p> <p>Friday, May 22 Beef Tacos/ Cheese Enchiladas</p> | <p>Monday, May 25 Hamburger Steak/Chicken Fried Steak</p> <p>Tuesday, May 26 Creamy Chicken Alfredo</p> <p>Wednesday, May 27 Stuffed Bell Peppers</p> <p>Thursday, May 28 Stuffed Chicken Breast w/ Spinach & Ricotta Cheese</p> <p>Friday, May 29 Steak Fingers/Chicken Fingers</p> |
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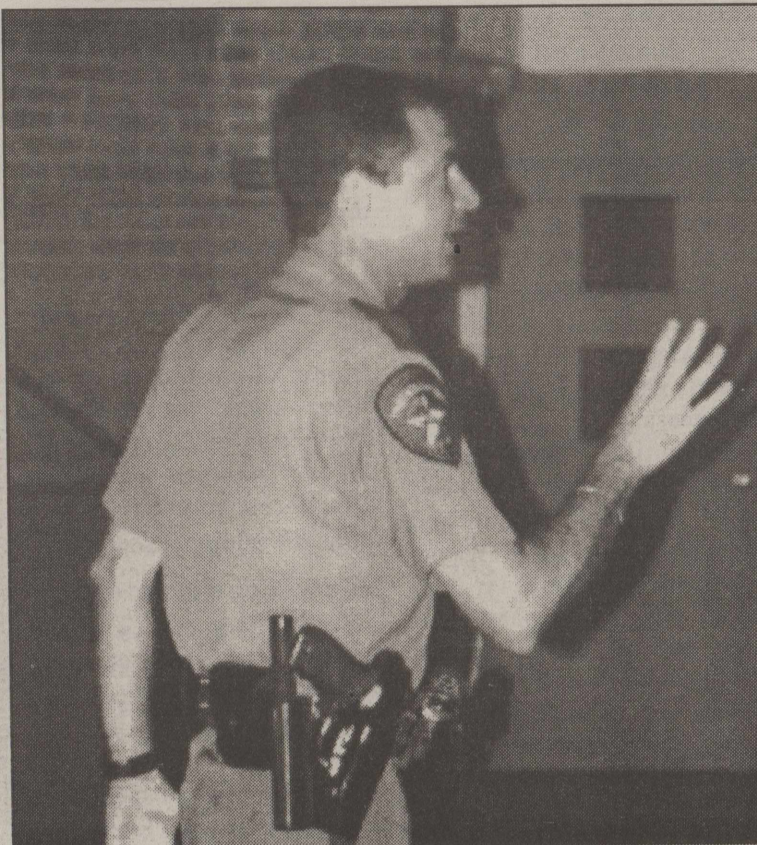
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Ag Day! The Bronte Elementary Fourth Grade, along with teachers Michele Bearden and Shaye Coalson, attended the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day on April 1, at the Coke County Park in Robert Lee. One thing they enjoyed seeing was a trailer load of hay baled by John Stephens.



Safety Assembly! Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Shawn Baxter spoke to the Bronte Elementary students about summer safety this past Tuesday. He also talked to the students about being safe around strangers, water safety, and bicycle and pedestrian safety. The students received a coloring book at the assembly.

Awards Assembly set for May 21

The Bronte Junior High and High School academic awards assembly will be held on Thursday, May 21, at 9 am in the auditorium. Parents and community members are invited to attend. Please contact the high school office at 473-2521 with any questions.

BHS Class of '55 reunion set

The Bronte High School Class of 1955 will have their reunion this weekend, 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 473-5201.

Texas A&M Camp Arch deadline today

The College of Architecture at Texas A & M University at College Station will be hosting Camp Arch this summer from July 12 - 18. This summer camp is designed to give current high school students the opportunity to experience the professions of Architect, Construction Management, and Visual Designer. The deadline to apply is May 15. Please see Mrs. Timmerman for more information and an application or visit <http://camparch.tamu.edu>.

Coleman County Electric Scholarship

The Coleman County Electric Cooperative provides financial assistance for qualified individuals who are seeking an institution of higher education.

The scholarship is available to high school seniors, who will be attending a college, technical school or university as a freshman in the State of Texas. Other qualifications are: you must be a child of a member, a grandchild of a

member, or child of a legal guardian who is a member of Coleman County Electric Cooperative. The applicant must be residing with the active member and be enrolled in a high school located within the Coleman County Electric Cooperative service area.

Applications are available at Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc, located at 3300N Hwy 84 Coleman, Texas 76834 or you can obtain an application by printing it from our web site at www.colemancountyelectcoop.org. The application must be typed or printed and completed in its entirety. Attach one billfold size picture to the application and be sure to sign and date the end of the application, student's signature and parent's signature with the date. All applications must be turned into the cooperative's office no later than May 29, 2009. Contact Tony Williams at 325-625-2128 for any questions concerning the application.

The eligible applicants will be chosen by a drawing to be held in July at the cooperative's annual meeting. There will be seven separate drawings, one for each school listed in the Cooperative's service area.

The scholarship is \$500 payable to the qualifying college, technical school, or university. The winner of the

scholarship must be registered as a full time student and provide the cooperative with the name, address, phone number, and student identification number of the school they are going to attend. The scholarship will be made payable to the school's scholarship and financial aid office which will be added to the students account.

Wildlife

Summer Camp

Do something different with your summer! The Texas Brigades is seeking students age 13-17 with curiosity and enthusiasm about wildlife, habitat, and conservation. Each Texas Brigade camp is a five-day program focusing on one of four educational curriculums: Bobwhite Brigade (quail), Buckskin Brigade (deer), Feathered Forces (quail and turkey), or Bass Brigade.

Applications for the 2009 camp season are now available online at texasbrigades.org.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and

fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations.

Six camps take place this year at locations across Texas.

- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Carrizo Springs, June 14-18.
- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman, June 20-24.
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Pleasanton, June 28-July 2.
- Bass Brigade, Mexia, July 13-17.
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany, July 19-23.
- East Texas Feathered Forces, Nacogdoches, July 26-30.

Each camp consists of intense, interactive, and hands-on learning from some of the top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas.

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School Menu

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Monday, May 18

Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, May 19

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Wednesday, May 20

Sausage pattie, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Thursday, May 21

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Friday, May 22

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 18

Chicken nugget, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, roll, milk

Tuesday, May 19

Frito pie, cheese, corn, tossed salad, corn chips, milk

Wednesday, May 20

Pigs in blanket, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, banana pudding, milk

Thursday, May 21

Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, fruit, bun, milk

Friday, May 22

Nacho grande, refried beans, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomato, fruit, nacho chips, milk

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Butter Making! Bobby and Jeffie Roberts demonstrated butter making to local students at the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day on April 1.



Ag Day! The Robert Lee Fourth Grade, along with their teacher Denise Roberts, were taught the importance of agriculture from the Mobile Learning Barn and Sutton Page, fieldman with Texas Farm Bureau.

Each camp needs adult volunteers to serve as Leaders every summer. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and mentor youth. You will have the opportunity to aid a younger generations' consciousness of their responsibility to and understanding of their natural world. Not only are you enriching the lives of the participants, but you too will benefit from the experience.

Fun Educational Activities For Summer

It's time for summer fun for you and your children. But don't just ward off summer boredom -- enjoy fun activities together that can keep kids' minds sharp in the process.

"When school is in recess during the summer, parents become their child's primary teacher. But parents don't have to be experts in family literacy to read effectively with their children or mathematicians to play games that help them develop arithmetic skills," says Sharon Darling, president and founder of the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL). "There are many things you can do together this summer that

can stimulate kids' minds without them even realizing they're learning."

Here are some suggestions for fun educational summer activities from the NCFL and educators who have won the non-profit organization's Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year over the previous 13 years:

- * Tie family outings to books. Create an activity around a book that you read with your child. Have the child look at the pictures and tell the story in his or her own words or create a song about the book. Then, follow up with a related outing. If the book is about animals, take a trip to the zoo or the park. Go to the beach or a lake if the book has scenes taking place near or on the water.

- * Have your children illustrate stories and engage them in dialogue about their artwork. Keep an album of their artwork so the family can continue to talk about it and so children can see their progress.

- * Take advantage of the warm weather and grow a garden together. You don't need a large space, even a window garden will suffice. Pick flowers or vegetables that will grow quickly so children can see fast progress.

- * Bring science home by borrowing science experiment books from the library and then trying them together. Pick some that take advantage of the warm weather.

- * Make summer car trips educational. Play games where children count objects, match shapes or colors that they can see from the car windows.

- * Sing with young children every day to help them make transitions. Make up songs



Ag Day! Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau held their Ag Day for local school children at the Coke County Park in Robert Lee. Those assisting with the event included (from left to right) director John Stephens, fieldman Sutton Page, insurance agent Russell Davis, director John Jacobs, director Bobby Roberts and (not pictured) Jeffie Roberts.

that talk about daily activities such as waking up in the morning, walking down the street, going to the store or going to the beach. This can help prepare them for participating in family activities and even for making the transition to attend school.

For more ideas visit www.familit.org.

"Children imitate and emulate their parents, so it's important they see parents reading for pleasure and that there are printed materials in the home," says Darling.

"Parents are their children's instill in them a lifelong love first and most effective of reading, learning and teachers. It's up to them to thinking."

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, May 18

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Tuesday, May 19

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Wednesday, May 20

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Thursday, May 21

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Friday, May 22

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 18

Pizza, salad, corn, breadstick w/sauce, peaches, milk

Tuesday, May 19

Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, roll, pudding, milk

Wednesday, May 20

Grilled cheese, soup, pickles, orange, yogurt, milk

Thursday, May 21

Fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, strawberries, ice cream, milk

Friday, May 22

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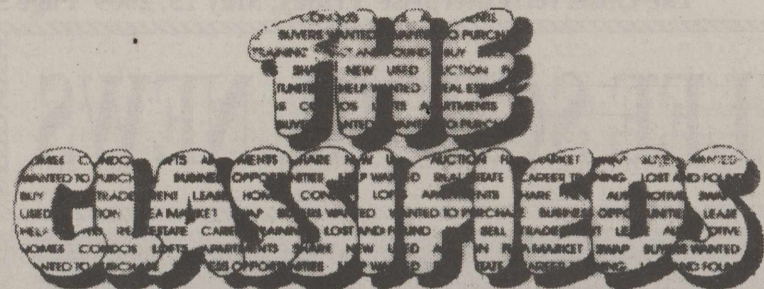
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AND LEVIED UPON AS THE PROPERTY OF Kevin Love and Kara Love and that on the first Tuesday on June 2009, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Courthouse door, of Coke County, in the City of Robert Lee, Texas between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said property.

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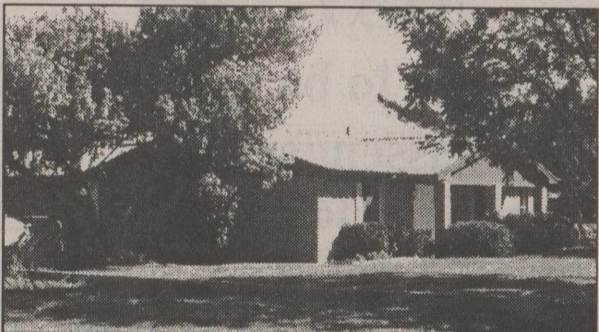


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