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## Midnight Madness Softball Tourney set for tonight

A Midnight Madness Softball Tournament will be held tonight, Friday, July 31. It will begin at 7 pm at the softball field in Robert Lee. For more information, call Kim at (254) 214-5716.

## RL Slogan Contest ends today, Friday, July 31

Get a cup of coffee or a glass of tea and find a good place to compose and enter a slogan for Robert Lee to use in newspaper stories, brochures, travel magazines and our own Texas Midwest Community Network book. Much information about writing slogans appears on Google or any other search engine. Be sure to check to see that the slogan submitted is original.

Entries should be printed or typed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and can be mailed to PO Box 637, dropped off at the Coke County Library, or dropped in the book return box on the porch of the Library. Name, address, and phone number should also appear on the entry. The contest ends July 31.

A selection committee will meet in August to determine the slogan most suited to marketing and a \$50 EE Savings Bond will be awarded by the Robert Lee State Bank.

## RL Cemetery meeting set

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association (Robert Lee Cemetery) will meet Monday, August 3, at 5:15 pm in the Masonic Lodge building in Robert Lee.

Everyone interested in the care of the Robert Lee Cemetery is urged to attend. For more information call (325) 453-2957.

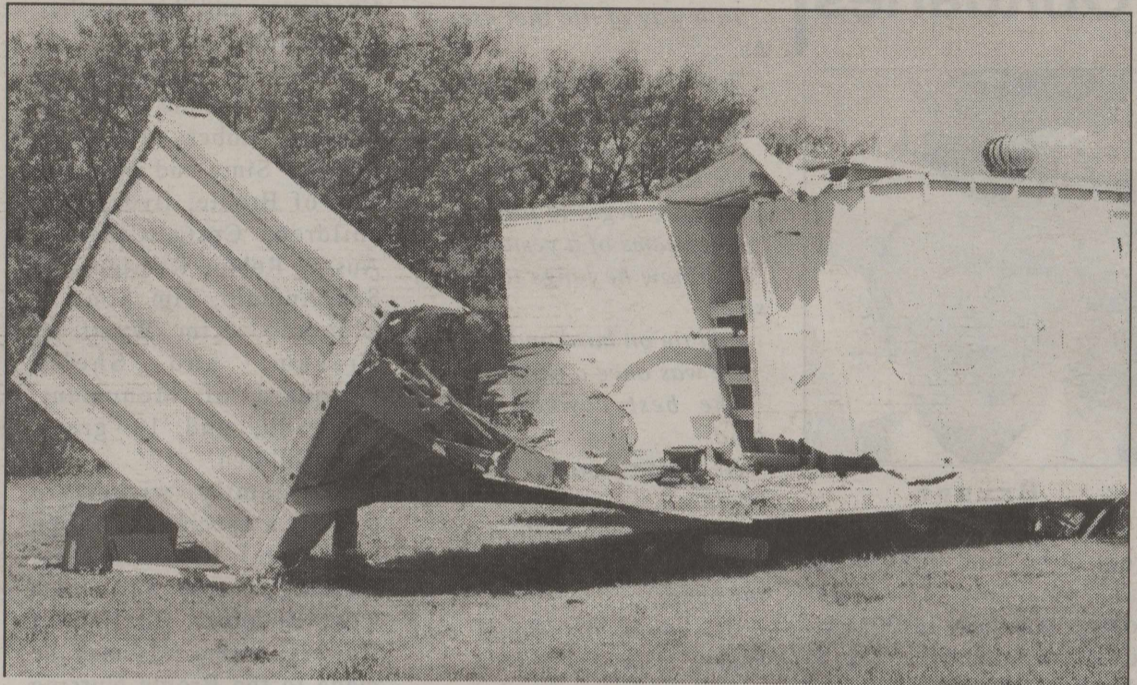
## 4-H Shooting Sports safety class set for Monday

Coke County 4-H will be having its Shooting Sports Safety class on Monday, August 3, at 6:30 pm at the Coke County Courthouse in the Commissioners Courtroom. If you plan on doing shooting sports this year with the 4-H club, please attend this class.

The first scheduled practice will be Monday, August 10, at 6:30 pm at the Red Canyon Shooting Range. If you have any questions, please call the extension office at (325) 453-2461.

## Representative Mike Conaway to visit RL

U.S. Representative Mike Conaway will be in Robert Lee for a question and answer session. This will be held in the Coke County Commissioners Courtroom on Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 8:45 am and lasting until



**Water Office receives unwelcome visitor!** Around lunch last Thursday, July 23, the Coke County Water Supply office at 10390 W. Highway 158 was paid a visit by a wayward dump truck. The driver, Marky Burch, approximately 43 years old, was performing his job as a contract tire tester for Goodyear Tires, when he experienced such an attack of sneezing from his bronchitis that he passed out, left the roadway, and traveled through the fence at Circle R, through about fifty yards of brush, through the portable storage behind the water supply office (above), and ended up in the Ross' vegetable garden.

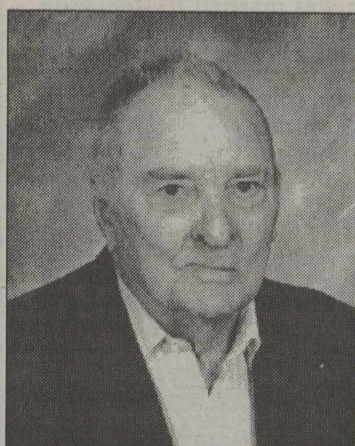
Burch, who refused medical treatment at the scene, was seemingly unhurt, except for the hole in his wallet caused by the traffic ticket he received courtesy of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

about 9:20 am.

If you have questions regarding healthcare, gun control, etc. please come by and visit with the representative.

## Red Hat Club to meet Tuesday

The Coke County Red Hat Club will meet Tuesday, August 4, at 11 am, at the Longbranch BBQ in Bronte. Please note the change of day for this month only.



children: Sherry Robbins Jackson, Stefanie Robbins Keele, Steve Robbins and Luke Robbins, ten great grandchildren: Kaleb, Cody and Kaycee Jackson, McKenna, Marshall and Grayson Keele, Rachel and Garrett Box and Jackson Robbins. Carolyn and Kay Robbins are proud to be his daughters-in-law.

## Carroll Robbins celebrates 100th Birthday on July 26

Carroll Robbins celebrated his 100th birthday with a large number of family and friends present at the Bronte Health and Rehab, July 26.

Carroll was born to Jettie Kirkland Robbins and L C (Bus) Robbins July 21, 1909, in the Hayrick Community. He was the third of eight children. He and brother Portis Robbins are the remaining members of the family. He attended the Old Hayrick School and was a member of the Methodist Church that met in the same school house. A life long Methodist, he has been a member at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte since the Hayrick Methodist

consolidated. As a young man, he worked for his Uncle Jim Robbins in Ft. Stockton. In 1936 he leased the Nicholas place at Ft. Chadbourne. He married Lillian Kiker June 3, 1937, and they made their first home there. In 1941, they had a son Ronnie and in 1942, the second son Alonzo was born. Carroll ranched his whole life except for a short period when he built and ran the Blue Haven Motel in Rotan, Texas. The land and cattle called him back to Bronte where he has remained. His life mate Lillian passed away in October of 2007.

Carroll has four grand

Since they did not meet in July there will be a lot to catch up on. Please join them to visit and eat and have some good fun. The Red Hat Club has no rules and pay no dues. They always welcome new members or visitors.

If you would like to car-pool or need a ride, call Janet at (325) 473-5388 or Betty at (325) 473-8953.

## Coke County dance slated

The time has changed for the Coke County dance. It will be held from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm on Tuesday, August 4.

Join everyone for dancing, visiting, eating and having lots of fun. For more information call (325) 453-2678.

## Babysitting Basics Class scheduled for August 4

A babysitting class will be offered for kids age 11-15 on August 4 from 9 am until 11:30 am. The class will include instruction on child and sitter safety, basic first aid, choking, and CPR (not a certification program). The class is free and is being offered by the Wesley Nurse at the First United Methodist Church. The class size will be limited to 10. For more

information or for parents who would like their child to attend the class, please contact Misty McGlothlin, RN, at (325) 473-2069. Parental consent will be required for children to participate in the class.

## RL implements Outdoor Watering Restrictions

The City of Robert Lee requests water users to conserve the use of water through the summer months in order to avoid additional watering restrictions.

There shall be NO outside watering between the hours of 10 am to 6 pm.

Questions may be directed to City Hall at (325) 453-2381.

## Lamb and Goat Tag Validation Orders due by August 28

All lambs and goats to be exhibited in any major shows, including the county show must be validated. Lamb and goat tag validation orders must be turned in to the county office by Friday August 28, before noon. If you have any questions, please contact the County Extension office at (325) 453-2461 for more information.



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## Obituaries



### Bryant

Tommy Wayne Bryant, went to be with the Lord at 8:07 pm, July 21, 2009. Tommy was born in Winters, Texas, on August 6, 1937, to Ida Farrell Miller and Connie Bryant. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1966. He married Sherry Lee Bannert on May 18, 1962. Tommy loved hunting with hounds and ranching. He always loved a good chicken fight and will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Lee Bryant of Robert Lee, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law; Toni Lynn and Randy Rainwater of Robert Lee; one son and daughter-in-law, Jack Waylon and Shonna Bryant of Fort Stockton, Texas; six grandchildren, Chase, Randall, Skyler, Christopher, Trevor and Tristan; two great-grandchildren, Chelsea and Caden.

Tommy was preceded in death by his eldest son, Tommy Wayne Jr.

Graveside services were held Thursday, July 23, 2009, at the Robert Lee Cemetery with Rev. Ray Aldridge officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger, Texas. www.heritagefamilyfuneralhome.com.

Below is a poem that Tommy's granddaughter, Skyler, wrote for her grandfather.

**"One Last Trail"**

*Well his days are getting shorter,  
 And his saddle's getting cold.  
 His trail's just about over,  
 And his pony's getting old.  
 But he's still got his memories,*

*And that helps him to hang on,  
 To a way of life that used to be,*

*But now is dead and gone.  
 As he rolls his ole pony,  
 To the end of the hall,  
 He stares out the window,  
 As tears begin to fall.*

*He dreams of a yesteryear,  
 And how he longs to rope a steer,*

*And tie on hard and fast.  
 He was once a hero,  
 The best cowboy in the land.*

*He once soared like an eagle,  
 But now can hardly stand.*

*As he rolls himself back to his bunk,  
 He grabs his boots and spurs,*

*And removes his hat one last time,  
 To say a prayer to help the hurt.*

*And like the way of life that used to be,  
 But now is dead and gone,  
 His prayers have now been answered,*

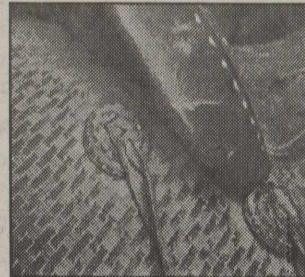
*And he is finally moving on.  
 And as he heads down one last trail,*

*A smile comes to his face.  
 As he rides off into the sunset,  
 To his final resting place.*

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### Craig

Ira Lee Craig, 86, retired farmer and rancher in the Blackwell area, died at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center in Bronte on Saturday, July 25, 2009. Graveside services were held at 4 pm on Sunday, July 26, 2009, at the Blackwell Cemetery.



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He was born on October 10, 1922, on a farm northwest of Blackwell. He was the second son born to Jasper Milton Craig and Pearl Patterson Craig. He married Charlene Lasswell on September 6, 1941, in Robert Lee, Texas. Lee served in the Army Air Corps from 1941-1945 receiving 7 Battle Stars. He was a Nolan County Commissioner for 16 years and was the owner of Craig Water Well Drilling Co. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Blackwell, Texas.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Charlene, and his brother, Floyd Craig.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Cook and husband, Robert of Boerne, Beverly Sims and husband, Ron of Bronte; five grandchildren, Craig Cook of Austin, Robbie Rodriguez of San Antonio, Tim Sims of Eldorado, Kim Wyatt of Graham, and Shelly Marquard of Monument, Colorado; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express a special thank you to the staff of the Bronte Nursing Home and Vista Care Hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bronte Nursing Home.

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### Boykin

Dawn May Lucas Boykin passed away on July 20, 2009, at her home in Boerne, Texas.

She was born in Brunswick, Victoria, Australia, on April 8, 1925, to Madge and Charles Lucas. She was married to Benjamin

Alfred Boykin on November 27, 1943.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin Charles and Jo Ann Boykin of Robert Lee, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn and Billy Bob Highsmith of Boerne, Texas, and Rosanna and Kevin Webb of Lake Kiowa, Texas; grandchildren, Madelon Highsmith, Charles and Meredith Highsmith, Keith and Andrea Webb, Chasa and Chris Bezner, Ben Rahm, and Tracy and Todd Johnson; great-grandchildren, Samara and Elizabeth Bezner, Tyler Coover, Autumn, Lane, and Jessie Webb, Hannah and Macey Highsmith, Zane, Jonah, Laddie and Hannah Johnson, Sarah, Christian, and Julia Rahm; and sisters, Billa Bloomfield and Norma Morgan and brother-in-law Bill Morgan, and a host of nieces and nephews in both the United States and Australia.

Her parents and brother, Chassa, preceded her in death as well as her husband, Benjamin Alfred, in 2004 and daughter, Lynnette in 1992.

Read Dawn's story and see photos at: <http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/dawnboykin/homepage.aspx>. You may also view obit at [www.olingermortuaryservice.com](http://www.olingermortuaryservice.com)

At this time there will not be a Funeral Services; a celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

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## Coke County burn ban lifted

On July 27, the Coke County Commissioners Court lifted the county wide burn ban. Due to recent rains, the Commissioners Court feels that the burn ban could be lifted at this time. However, the Court is asking everyone to take extreme precaution while burning.

If you are doing a controlled burn, please call the Sheriffs' Office at 453-2717, the Robert Lee Care Center at 453-2511 and the local Fire Department to let them be aware that you will be burning.

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

## "We the People"

By Jim Clendennen

Davy Crockett, before he was a hero of the Alamo, was a congressman, representing Tennessee. With few exceptions, congressmen then were just as eager to spend the public money for their own or their friends' benefit. Crockett was the exceptional congressman, for he knew the public treasury should only be used in accordance with the Constitution. Here is a speech Crockett made concerning a bill that would have appropriated public money to the widow of a former associate of many of the Congressmen. After Crockett's speech, a vote was taken and the bill, assumed to be a slam dunk, failed.

## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291  
 Preacher John V. Driggers  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811  
 Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2360  
 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

**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
 101 Houston • Robert Lee  
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354  
 Sun. 10 am • Worship  
 11 am & 6 pm • Service  
 Wed. 7 pm

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176  
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
 Portis Ribble, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2482 • pecanbaptist.org  
 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 & 7 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
 Joe Hodges, Pastor  
 (325) 473-2040  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2208  
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting



"Mr. Speaker, I have as much respect for the memory of the deceased, and as much sympathy for the suffering of the living, if suffering there be, as any man in this house, but we must not permit our respect for the dead or our sympathy for a part of the living to lead us into an act of injustice to the balance of the living. I will not go into an argument to prove that Congress has no power to appropriate this money as an act of charity. Every member upon this floor knows it. We have the right, as individuals, to give away as much of our own money as we please in charity; but as members of Congress we have no right so to appropriate a dollar of the public money. Some eloquent appeals have been made to us upon the ground that it is a debt due the deceased. Mr. Speaker, the deceased lived long after the close of the war; he was in office to the day of his death, and I have never heard that the government was in arrears to him.

"Every man in this House knows it is not a debt. We cannot, without the grossest corruption, appropriate this money as the payment of a debt. We have not the semblance of authority to appropriate it as a charity. Mr. Speaker, I have said we have the right to give as much money of our own as we please. I am the poorest man on this floor. I cannot vote for this bill, but I will give one week's pay to the object, and, if every member of Congress will do the same, it will amount to more than the bill asks."

**Check Out  
Coke County  
Library**

The winners of the Coke County Library Summer Reading Drawing for Friday, July 24, were Katrina Hancock, Oscar Ramirez and Omar Ramirez.

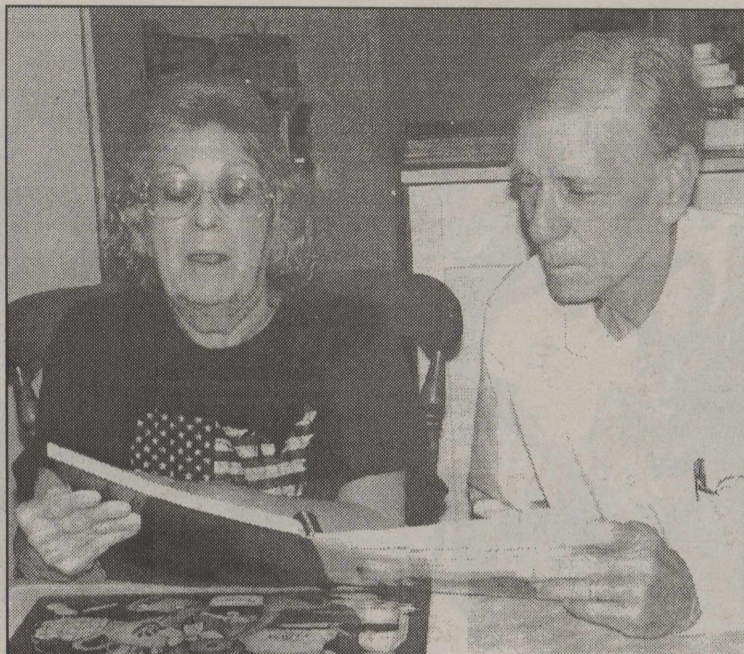
**WCCHD Board meeting minutes**

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met July 27, 2009, in regular session in the conference room of the Robert Lee Care Center. Members present were Mary Bessent, Dessie Kendall, Marilyn White, and Pat Stephens. Roger Alexander, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present. President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:32 am, declared there was a quorum, and gave the invocation. There were no visitors.

Absent Board member, Mike Lomas, was excused from the June 24 meeting, and the minutes from that meeting were approved.

In the staffing update,



**"Classmates, Schoolmates and Teammates"!** Bill Carwile's book, "Classmates, Schoolmates and Teammates", is a story of what happened to many of Bill's friends since their Green Mountain and Robert Lee High School days. The book is dedicated to the memory of the late Coach Charles Dennis, who coached the Steers in the 1950's. Bill is pictured above presenting a copy to Sheila Dennis, widow of Coach Dennis. Some copies of the book are still available by calling Bill Carwile at 453-4626.

Roger reported he had hired a part time LVN, and made some in-house employee changes. At this time, the facility is fully staffed. He also informed the Board the facility would be sending some Robert Lee High School students to CNA school, and two CNA's would be taking classes to become certified as Med-Aids. He continues to be very pleased with the quality of care the residents receive from the very competent and loving staff at the facility.

In accounts receivable, the Board voted to write off some uncollectable debts in order to remove them from the books.

In public relations, the need for a brochure to advertise the physical therapy unit available at the Care Center was discussed, as well as the need for an active website. Roger will make some inquiries into this. Roger shared with the Board that the new furniture, including the beds, have been received and put in the resident's rooms. New wooden-look blinds for the windows are in the process of being hung. New shelves have been installed in the kitchen, and the work on the

adjacent (old clinic) building is complete. Board Member Marilyn White is especially pleased with the new look of the building, particularly since a portion of it houses the Coke County Food Pantry, and Marilyn puts in many volunteer hours there. Capital projects for the coming year were discussed, and a budget workshop was held in conjunction with the regular meeting.

The financial report was discussed and approved.

In his administrator's report, Roger informed the Board CMS had called with a list of new requirements for nursing homes, so he held an in-service meeting last week to inform the employees of the changes.

The Board went into executive session at 12:05 pm and returned to regular session at 12:19 pm. No action was taken.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next Board meeting will be Aug. 31, 2009. As always, the public is invited and encouraged to attend, or to visit the Care Center, enjoy time with the residents, have a cup of coffee, and visit awhile. The meeting adjourned at 12:20



**Collins - Mahaffey engagement announced!** Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Jeannie Hatch) Hutchison of Austin, Texas, and Mr. Joe Collins of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Paige Collins, to Steven Anthony Mahaffey, son of Mrs. Craig Bachmeyer and the late Mr. Craig Bachmeyer of Bergheim, Texas.

Courtney is the granddaughter of the late Louise Roe Hatch and the great niece of the late Polly Roe Holland, both of Robert Lee. The late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collins of San Angelo, Texas, are Courtney's paternal grandparents. Steve is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Bachmeyer of San Antonio, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Dickehut of Del Rio, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Wimberley High School in Wimberley, Texas. Courtney graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Government. She is currently employed by HillCo Partners in Austin, Texas.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Boerne High School in Boerne, Texas. Steve graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Management. He is currently employed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy in Austin, Texas.

Courtney and Steve will be joined in marriage December 12, 2009, in San Angelo, Texas.

pm, and the Board members enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

**Lauren Hammerton named to Dean's List at Texas State**

Lauren Michelle Hammerton, daughter of Sheila (Roberts) and Jim Farrar of Houston and Bob

Hammerton and granddaughter of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee, was named to the Spring 2009 McCoy College of Business Administration Dean's List at Texas State University with a 4.0 GPA.

Lauren has been a student at Texas State University in San Marcos for 3 years and is scheduled to graduate this December.

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**Reunion!** The children of Luther (Luke) and Eula McCutchen and their families (right) gathered for a reunion July 9-11 in Bronte. Luke and Eula's children include (above photo, clockwise from top left) Marlon McCutchen, Harold McCutchen, Keith McCutchen, Rita (McCutchen) Abbott and Jerry McCutchen.

**BHS fall sports practices to begin**

Bronte High School fall football practice will begin on Monday, August 3 at 7:30 am. Fall volleyball practice will begin on Monday, August 3 at 8 am.

**BHS Band to start summer practice**

The Bronte High School band will begin its summer band on Monday, August 3. Marching practice will take place from 10 am to 11:30 am, with a lunch break from 11:30 am to 12 noon. Music playing will begin at 12 noon and end at 1:30 pm. This schedule will continue from Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7, and Monday, August 10, through Friday, August 14.

"Meet the Longhorns" has not been definitely scheduled, but will probably take place on August 18.

The first band performance will be the Friday of the first week of school. It is essential that all band members be in attendance as much as possible. It is understandable that there are volleyball practices, games and tournaments, as well as football two-a-days. This schedule has been created to allow as little conflict with athletics as possible.

Mr. Ratliff, the new band teacher, has had many years of successful teaching and brings a wealth of experience to help with the Bronte bands.

**BHS 20-ish Year Reunion slated**

The Bronte High School Class of 1989 and anyone else who attended Bronte High School or graduated around that time is invited to a reunion September 25-26. The festivities will begin with the pep rally and game on Friday, September 25. On Saturday, September 26, there will be a picnic lunch with BBQ brisket and all the trimmings and some socializing in the Bronte Park from 11 am - 3 pm. Saturday evening will conclude with a get-together at Perini Ranch in Buffalo Gap.

If you plan on eating, please RSVP by Tuesday, September 1, to Michele

Bearden at [michelebearden@gmail.com](mailto:michelebearden@gmail.com) (no dashes). Pass the word!

**Free Immunization Clinic scheduled**

There will be a free immunization clinic Friday, August 14, from 4 pm - 7 pm at the Bronte Elementary School for children ages 0-18. A parent or guardian must accompany children under age 18. Parents only need to bring their child's immunization record with them. No appointment is necessary. The clinic is sponsored by the Care Van which is provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Big Country Immunization Clinic. Contact Misty McGlothlin, RN at 473-2069 for more information or questions.

**Luther and Eula McCutchen Family Reunion**

By Vicky McCutchen

Who would have ever thought a family reunion could be so much fun? As the Eula and Luther McCutchen family began to gather on Friday evening, July 9, 2009, at Keith and Vicky's home in Bronte, not one person ever imagined how three days would affect their lives forever.

In March, Brooke McCutchen Sanford decided that it was important for family to stay in touch. Her ultimate goal was to have a family gathering and make it the most fun and memorable occasion that everyone could enjoy. She began to call her dad and Uncle Jerry on the phone to discuss the events and thus the glorious event took us all on a path to a recollection of times past, competitive events, delectable food, and a reunion of family members. A t-shirt was designed by Bette McCutchen with input from



family members. Family members began making plans to attend. Shane McCutchen, son of Marlon and Joann McCutchen, traveled the farthest from Michigan and other family members traveled from Abilene, Kilgore, Sterling City, Wink, San Angelo, El Paso, Paradise, Andrews, and Bronte, all in Texas.

Competition began on Saturday morning after a Fiesta breakfast provided by the Larry and Rita (McCutchen) Abbott family. The teams were announced along with the week-end schedule of events beginning with a croquet tournament at the home of Keith and Vicky McCutchen and a come and go Mexican pile-on was served. Throughout the day many other activities continued including homemade ice cream, spades, washer pitching, watermelon seed thumping, 3 on 3 volleyball, ping-pong, swimming relays, and domino competitions with each team awarded points for each place. Saturday evening ended with a hamburger meal at the home of Jerry and Bette McCutchen. Seating arrangements at the home revealed the order of birth in each family. This made for some momentous conversation at each table! The meal followed with a gathering on the porch full of stories of old times from each of Eula and Luther's children and their families. Amy (Abbott) Moore and Susan Abbott brought their guitars and beautiful gospel melodies resounded from high on the hill, which was a favorite activity of Luther and Eula in days past.

Early Sunday morning,

Gina and Harold McCutchen and family prepared a buffet breakfast resembling a banquet! A pie cooking contest concluded the morning and more volleyball, domino, croquet, washer pitching and cards were enjoyed by all until lunch. Marlon and Joann provided the Subway style lunch which appealed to all, since sandwiches are a family favorite. A power point presentation, provided by Brooke (McCutchen) Sanford, carried the family down memory lane reminding everyone present how blessed they were to be members of the most extraordinary family, the family of Eula Maud (Phillips) and Luther Franklin McCutchen.

This yearly event is already in the early planning stages for next year and who knows what activities will be included? Without a doubt, this event will carry on the strong McCutchen family ties with memories in the making because after all, "There's no place like home".

**Coke Co. Sheriff attends Training Conference**

Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen recently attended the Sheriffs' Association of Texas 131st Annual Training Conference at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, July 19-22, 2009. Over 1,500 people were in attendance, including Sheriff McCutchen's wife, Melinda, and former Coke County Sheriff, Rick Styles, and his

wife, Kay. The first Sheriffs' Association of Texas Conference was in 1878. Held annually in various cities across the state, this event allows Sheriffs, Deputies, Federal, State, and City law enforcement officers to network and discuss different issues that affect law enforcement across the state and nation. This year, participants received training on a variety of topics including: 81st Legislative Session; Evidence Room Audits; Investigation of Police Involved Shootings; Forensic Hypnosis; Jail Overcrowding, and Health Care in the County Jails of Texas among other topics. Participants also had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the latest in crime fighting tool and technology at more than 240 exhibitor booths.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas (SAT) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of local law enforcement in Texas. Through the support of their members, SAT provides training, legal/technical information, and other critical resources to Peace Officers in Texas. SAT also offers scholarships to Peace Officers and their children who wish to continue their education. In addition, they honor Fallen Officers with their Lost Lawman Memorial. For further information on the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and how to join as a member, visit [www.txsheriffs.org](http://www.txsheriffs.org) or call (512) 445-5888.

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**RL Mini Cheer Camp slated**

The Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp, taught by the RLHS Cheerleaders, will be held August 3-7 from 9 am - 11 am at the Robert Lee High School Tennis Courts. For more information, contact Maranda Hood at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

**Fall football practice to begin**

Robert Lee High School fall football practice will begin Monday, August 3, at 7 am.

**RL pre-registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten set**

Robert Lee Elementary School will be conducting pre-registration for all Pre-K and Kindergarten age students on Monday, August 10, from 5 pm until 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Additionally, all parents with elementary students of any age who are new to the district are encouraged to attend.

For pre-registration, parents are asked to bring immunization records, birth certificates, and social security cards for each child. For students who are new to the district, also bring the child's last report card from the previous school. For questions call Robert Lee ISD at (325) 453-4555.

**RL pre-registration of new JH/HS students slated for August 13**

Robert Lee Junior High/High School will be conducting pre-registration for all students new to the district, grades 7-12, on Thursday, August 13, from 11 am until 1 pm in the high school office. For pre-registration, parents are asked to bring immunization records, birth certificates, and social security cards for each child as well as transcripts, withdrawal records, report cards, if available, from their previous school district.

All returning junior high and high school students will receive a letter in the mail this week along with a tentative class schedule, a schedule for possible class changes, and instructions on how to obtain parking permits for students who will be driving a vehicle to school.

For any questions call Robert Lee ISD at (325) 453-4555.

**Harmon-Sparks reunion held**

The families of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon and the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks gathered Saturday, June 6, for their 70th Annual Reunion. There were 96 relatives and friends of the family present.

The late Thomas (T.R.) Harmon was the son of Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon. The late Amanda Elvira (Mandy Sparks) Harmon was the daughter of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks. The family of T.R. and Mandy Harmon present for the 70th reunion were: Milton (Bill) Harmon; Kenneth and Inez (Harmon) Harper; Foy and Lawana Askins; Bobby and Jeffie Roberts; Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts; Suzann Johnson; Daniel Nowlin; Kandace Skipworth; Bill and Linda Burns; Joe and DeeAnna Harmon; and Olean Stricklan, all of Robert Lee; Alf and Dorothy Harmon; Randle Harmon; John and Dorene Bearfield; Jerrel and Lavelle Harmon; Brint, Robin, Brynson and Logan Harmon; Ardie and Linda Harmon; Jackie and Darlene Boyd; Tom, Kristi and Brittany Briley and Cayla Millican all of San Angelo; Shannon and Bailey Grimes of Meridian, Mississippi.

Also present were Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City; Jerry Harmon of Weatherford; James and Blanche Harmon of Benbrook; Sharon Rohmfeld of Rowena; Judy Holle of Ballinger; Joe and Julie Ann Harmon of Southlake; Doug, Marlane and Cameron Burns of Ft. Stockton; Clint, Sharon, Kelcie, and Shayla Harmon of Midland; Jim and Sheila Farrar of Houston; Ryan and Crystal Stanford of Carrollton; and Lauren Hammerton of San Marcos.

Anther descendent of the late Joe C. and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon present was their granddaughter, Shirley Harmon-Lay of Midland. She is the daughter of the late George and Ruby Harmon.

Descendents of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks present were family members of the late Bronk and Ethel Sparks were Murvil and Lois (Sparks) Hemphill and Sandy Robertson of Gatesville; Charline (Clawson) Castori, daughter of the late Charlie and Dona (Sparks) Clawson, of Naples, Florida, and Charline's son Alex Castori of Los Angeles, California; Deryl Joyce Miller Bishop of Brady, granddaughter of the late John Henry and Abbie (Sparks) Donnelly. Abbie (Sparks) Donnelly was a half sister to Mathew Marion Sparks. Family members of the late Luther and Violet Sparks present were Marion Sparks, Wanda (Sparks) Jones, Bobby, Marsha and Bobby Joe Jones, Karen McGill and Brenda McGill, Stephanie Borrego, Andy Santana and two children, Linda Thomas, Andrew Borrego, Blaine Ballerline and Cristi Ballerline, Carol



**First Cousins!** On June 6, the 70th Harmon-Sparks reunion was held in Robert Lee. First cousins in attendance included (back row, left to right) Randle Harmon, Louise (Sparks) Drennan, Marion Luther Sparks, Shirley (Sparks) Thomas, Pauline (Sparks) Coxey, Shirley Harmon-Lay, Terry Sparks, Wanda (Sparks) Jones, (front row, left to right) Milton "Bill" Harmon, Charline (Sparks-Clawson) Castori, Lois (Sparks) Hemphill, Inez (Harmon) Harper and Alf Harmon.



**Grandchildren!** The grandchildren of Thomas R. and Amanda Harmon gathered together for a photo at the 70th Harmon-Sparks Reunion. They include (back row, left to right) Judy (Harmon) Holle, Sharon (Harmon) Rohmfeld, James Harmon, Jerrel Harmon, Bill Burns, William Joe Harmon, Ardie Harmon, Doug Burns, (front row, left to right) Jerry Harmon, Suzann (Burns) Johnson, Darlene (Harmon) Boyd, Jeffie (Harmon) Roberts, Dorene (Harmon) Bearfield and Lawana (Harmon) Askins.

Dennis, Arlis Fryar and Joshua Fryar, Dakota Lindstrom and Chad Lindstrom all of San Angelo; David and Louise (Sparks) Drennan of Ballinger; Don and Shirley (Sparks) Thomas of Cape Fair, Missouri; Pauline (Sparks) Coxey of Sterling City; and Terry, Jana and Jacob Sparks of Bryan.

Jeffie Roberts welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She thanked everyone for helping make the reunion a great success as it is a team effort. James Harmon gave a report on the progress of the new Pecan Baptist Church and the large stained glass window purchased by the family of the late Thomas and Amanda Harmon in their memory. James had a display of pictures of the church and stained glass windows. He reported the church is complete and in use. A dedication celebration is being planned for September 12.

The group enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch. Several stayed for an evening meal, also. There was

a lot of visiting, picture taking and swimming. It was a special reunion since so many of the Sparks families were able to come this year and join the many Harmon cousins and families. The 71st reunion is being planned for sometime in June 2010.

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**TO ALL THE FINE PEOPLE**

from Robert Lee and other cities that either attended or sent condolences for my father, Roy Clawson Sr. (Froggy). My family and I deeply appreciate all your shows of affections.

Thank you very much,  
Roy Clawson, Jr.  
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**NOTICES**

**ESTATE OF MADINE BURGESS, DECEASED**  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF

**COKE COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Madine Burgess, Deceased, were issued on July 14, 2009, in Docket No. 09-1720, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to: Shirley Fletcher Gavit. The residence of Independent Executrix, Shirley Fletcher Gavit, is in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, the address is:

c/o Carter, Boyd & Lisson  
515 W. Harris, Suite 100  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRONTE PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE #349 VIOLATION NOTICE TO ABATE**  
TO: Melissa Reyes  
PROPERTY: 401 North Washington  
Lots 6 & 7, Block 6, OT, Bronte  
VIOLATIONS; Failure to keep weeds and grasses at a

height of less than twelve (12) inches over all the property. Allowing an accumulation of rubbish, trash, discarded items and items that hold water for mosquitoes to breed.

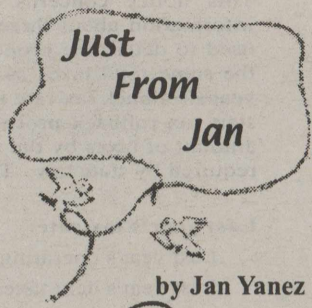
**ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ABATE NUISANCE:** Mow weeds and grasses over entire property. Removal of rubbish, trash, discarded items and items that hold water for mosquitoes to breed.

**DEADLINE FOR ABATING NUISANCES:**

August 20, 2009

**REQUEST FOR HEARING:** Request must be made in writing in 10 days from date of publication and addressed to Municipal Court Judge, P.O. Box K, Bronte, TX 76933. IF NO ACTION IS TAKEN TO ABATE THE NUISANCE VIOLATIONS, THE CITY SHALL ABATE SUCH NUISANCES AND ASSESS THE COST AGAINST SUCH PERSON OR ESTATE. The City will also enter upon your property at 30 day intervals during the active growing season.

BY: CITY OF BRONTE  
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If we don't keep water in balance, it can lead to

dehydration. For our bodies to function properly, we must replenish its water supply by consuming beverages and foods that contain water.

But how much water should we drink each day? How much should we take in through food? Do we need 8 glasses a day?

Approximations of water needs for average healthy adult living in a temperate climate come

from looking at how we lose and take in fluids. Every day, we lose water through our breath, sweat, urine, and bowel movements (typically about 2.5 liters are lost each day). Food accounts for about 20 percent of total fluid intake per day, so we need to replenish the remaining 2 liters (8-9 cups) by consuming water or other hydrating beverages.

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By Me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

By Me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me.

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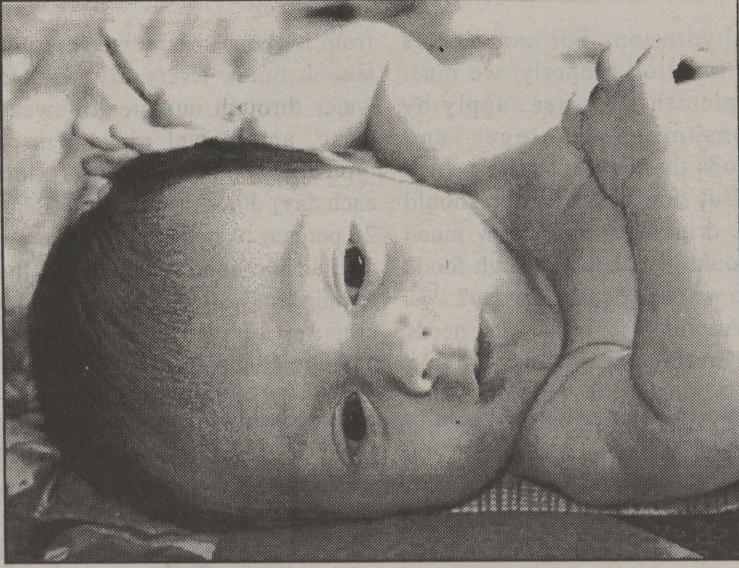
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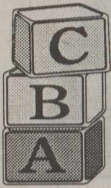
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**Bryson Kash Crawley**



**Look Who's New!**

**Bryson Kash Crawley**

Kaleb Crawley of Lubbock is proud to announce the birth of his baby brother, Bryson Kash Crawley, born at 8:06 a.m. on July 10, 2009, at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in Lubbock. Bryson weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. Bryson's parents are Austin and Elaine (Gibbs) Crawley. Proud grandparents are Bill and Judy Gibbs of Robert Lee.

**...Dehydration**  
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Note: Men may need to consume slightly more than women - up to 3 liters (13 cups).

These guidelines are rough estimates and don't take special circumstances into account.

Actually, water needs depend on many factors, including your health status, your size, how active you are, and where you live. For instance, when you exercise, you need to keep hydrated. An extra 1 or 2 cups of water should suffice for short bouts of exercise, but intense exercise lasting more than an hour (for example, running a marathon) requires additional fluid. How much additional fluid is needed depends on how much you sweat during the exercise, but 13 to 26

ounces (or about 2 to 3 cups) an hour will generally be adequate, unless the weather is exceptionally warm. Hot or humid weather can make you sweat and requires additional intake of fluid to help lower your body temperature and replace what you lose through sweating.

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**2009 Property Tax Rates in COKE COUNTY**

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for COKE COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>		
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,271,463	\$ 357,572
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 44,882	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,316,345	\$ 357,572
Last year's tax base	\$ 319,013,402	\$ 316,127,663
Last year's total tax rate	0.412630 /\$100	0.113110 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,306,333	\$ 354,606
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 296,928,404	\$ 294,073,718
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.439948 /\$100	0.120584 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.560532 /\$100	
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>		
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,261,793	\$ 354,606
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 296,928,404	\$ 294,073,718
= This year's effective operating rate	0.424949 /\$100	0.120584 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.458944 /\$100	0.130230 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.007130 /\$100	0.003681 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.466074 /\$100	0.133911 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.599985 /\$100	

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If COKE COUNTY adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.560532 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2008 taxes by \$1,676.

**Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered	\$1,848,378

**Schedule B: General Fund - 2009 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
AIR CONDITION	\$20,350	\$967	\$0	\$21,317
Total Required for 2009 Debt Service				\$21,317
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009				\$21,317
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2009				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$21,317

**Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED	\$370,670

**Schedule B: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - 2009 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
PCT 1 HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$5,000	\$450	\$0	\$5,450
PCT 3 HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$5,000	\$450	\$0	\$5,450
Total Required for 2009 Debt Service				\$10,900
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009				\$10,900
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2009				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$10,900

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 13 E 7th ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945

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