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Rep. Conaway to visit Bronte

U.S. Representative Mike Conaway will be in Bronte for a question and answer session. This will be held at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center on Wednesday, August 12, at 1:40 pm.

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

"Oldies But Goodies" Car Show slated for Aug. 15

An "Oldies But Goodies" Car Show will be held Saturday, August 15, in downtown Bronte. Cars will be on display until 2 pm. The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will also have a fundraiser lunch at the Depot. They will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers.

For more information, call Bronte City Hall at (325) 473-3501 or visit online at www.brontetexas.org. Come out and celebrate the "good old days" when people and cars were classics!

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.

Dry Cleaning service provider has changed

Dry Clean Super Center in San Angelo is now the new dry cleaning service provider for Coke County. You can still drop off your dry cleaning at Shirley's Resale in Bronte, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. To assure your cleaning will be back on the next service date, drop off before 11 am. Clothes can also be dropped off at DJ's Merle Norman Cosmetics in Robert Lee. They will be picked up Wednesday and delivered Friday afternoon. For more information, contact Shirley's Resale at 473-7371.

Funding Available for Texas

Grassland Owners
Grassland owners in south Texas, the area hardest hit by the state's drought, will be given priority consideration to participate in the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), a \$4.2 million pro-



Conaway in Coke County! What Congressman Mike Conaway termed his largest group of constituents for a town hall meeting (approximately 40 to 50) showed up at the courthouse in Robert Lee last Tuesday morning, August 4. Following a short discussion of the proposed national health care program, Conaway responded to questions from the large group. Most of the group were very attentive; however, a couple of residents were vocal in expressing their disgust with the "socialistic" direction of the nation and the inability of Congress to address these issues.

Despite the controversy, Conaway assured everyone present that he would represent all the people in his district, even those disgruntled constituents who staged the surprise attack.

gram in Texas.

"While GRP is open to anyone who owns grassland, we are giving priority consideration to drought areas so ranchers can protect their land resources through rental agreements or perpetual easements," said Don Gohmert, state conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas.

Extreme or exceptional drought has been designated

in 78 counties in south Texas by the U.S. Drought Monitor. Landowners in these counties can sign-up for GRP to be compensated to defer cattle grazing until grassland conditions improve.

"South Texas is the driest area in the entire country," said Juan Garcia, Farm Service Agency (FSA) state executive director for Texas. "By enrolling in GRP, landowners can defer grazing, protect their land and natural resources and be compensated."

GRP is a continuous sign-up program, but landowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to be eligible for the 2009 funding cycle, which ends in September.

The NRCS and FSA administer GRP, a voluntary program reauthorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to protect grazing uses and other related conservation values by restoring and conserving eligible grasslands and certain other lands through rental agreements and easements.

The enrollment options for GRP include:

- * Permanent easements - USDA makes payment based on the fair market value of the property less the grazing value.

- * Rental agreements - 10, 15, or 20-year duration, USDA pays 75 percent of the grazing value in annual payments for the length of the agreement.

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First Place! The "SS" team won first place at the Midnight Madness Softball tournament held this past weekend in Robert Lee. Team members include Vanessa (Fowler) Guevar, Amber Guevar, Timber Guevar, Paxton (Fowler) Martin, Charlie Fowler, Mark Fowler, Christy Fowler, Tammy (Fowler) Taft, Sam (Fowler) Taft, Robbie (Fowler) Ruff, Josh Neasbitt, Earl Mendez and Jason Dickey. All but two of the team members are descendents of Robert Lee pioneers, W.H. and Bama Wyatt and Sam and Helen Fowler.

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Obituaries



Clark

Bobby Joe Clark, 75, passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2009, at his residence. Visitation was Thursday, August 6, 2009, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm until 8 pm. Funeral service will be at 10 am on Friday, August 7, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Bobby Joe retired from Rexene Co. in 1992 and moved to Oak Creek Lake in Blackwell. The last 25 years he devoted a lot of time with the Shriners. He was Potentate for the Suez Shriners in 2000 and really enjoyed the fellowship of that organization. He also loved playing in the Oriental Band.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Brenda Clark, and his granddaughter, Amber Norsworthy.

Bobby Joe is survived by his wife of 55 years, Pat Clark; daughters, JoAnn Bullard and her husband Bob, Angelia Beene and her husband Mike; son-in-law, Dexter Sargent; grandchildren, Jason Bullard, Bambi Truitt and her husband Cody, Justin Bullard and his wife Tammy, James Sargent, Bryan Beene; and sister, Bess Tucker. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Suez Travel Fund, 2915 Loop 306, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

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...Grassland Funding

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Land that is privately owned is eligible for GRP. The land must be grassland for which the predominant use is grazing. Land that has been historically dominated by grassland and provides habitat for animal or plant populations of significant ecological value, or land that contains historical or archeological resources is eligible. Land previously enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program is eligible for GRP. Publicly owned land is not eligible or land already under protection from conversion to non-grazing uses is also not eligible.

For more information about GRP and conservation programs that may be available for conservation technical and financial assistance, visit the nearest USDA Service Center or visit the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

State awards federal stimulus funds to Concho Valley region

Understanding the enormously positive and cost-effective impact weatherization can have on a home, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced major awards to two nonprofit organizations designed to generate a wide array of jobs that will help jump start the state's construction industry, while increasing

home energy efficiency for low income households, reducing their cost burden, and creating a healthier environment.

TDHCA awarded \$2.1 million in federal stimulus funding to the Concho Valley Community Action Agency to weatherize the homes of low income residents living in Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green counties. Additionally, the nonprofit Rebuilding Together San Angelo received \$500,000 to operate a local weatherization program of its own at the local level.

These awards were part of a \$288 million award made by the Department to 66 cities, counties, and eligible nonprofit organizations across the state to weatherize the homes of an estimated 40,000 low income Texans. The awards were made through the Department's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and were provided on a one-time basis to the state through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

This allocation represents a significant portion of the total \$326.9 million allocated to the state, the balance of which TDHCA will award in 2010. The Recovery Act provided approximately \$314 million more in funds than what TDHCA typically administers each year for weatherization activities. By comparison, the Department annually weatherizes approximately 3,700 homes using current funding levels of approximately \$13 million. However, all WAP funds associated with the stimulus package must be expended by September 30, 2010.

"The state has been given an extraordinary opportunity to make an enormous difference in the everyday lives of Concho Valley residents," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director, "actions that will lower their



All-Star Football Game! Josh Gallegos, a 2009 graduate of Robert Lee High School, takes a moment to celebrate with family, including his mother, Juanita Gallegos, after the 2009 Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Division I All-Star Game in Lubbock on July 18. Josh was also cheered on by his dad, Joel Gallegos, and his brothers and sisters, as well as Robert Lee ISD coaches Kerry Gartman and Brandon McDowell.

energy consumption, create healthier surroundings, and reduce the state's overall demand for energy. At the same time, these funds will create construction jobs and produce fees and taxes for local economies. We are moving quickly to take advantage of this opportunity, but we also pledge to ensure these funds are administered in a responsible, accountable manner at the state and local levels."

WAP is designed to help low income customers control their energy costs through the installation of weatherization materials and consumer education. Income eligible households spend 12.2 percent of their income on home energy costs, compared an average of 3.7 percent. Households assisted through WAP typically save over \$400 on utility costs each year, savings can be enjoyed for as long as 15 to 20 years.

Area Churches

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

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(325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm

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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
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(325) 453-2417

Steve Peyton, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship

5:30 pm Choir Practice

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11 am & 6 pm • Service

Wed. 7 pm

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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

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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 & 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

St. James Catholic Church

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

...Housing Funding

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Primary efforts focus on caulking; weather-stripping; the installation of ceiling, wall, and floor insulation; patching holes in the building envelope; duct work; and the possible repair or replacement of energy inefficient heating and cooling systems.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is the funding source for this one-time allocation of weatherization funds. In addition to the substantial increase in funds, the Recovery Act contains two provisions that will extend TDHCA's ability to reach those in need.

Under the Recovery Act, the income limit for eligibility increases from 150 percent to 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines. TDHCA currently sets its income limits at 125 percent to ensure these funds, which are normally quite limited, reach deeper pockets of need.

Additionally, the Act raises the monetary cap that may be spent on each household from \$2,500 to \$6,500. The Department, which combines WAP funds from DOE and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, currently caps assistance per household at \$4,000.

For more information about weatherization efforts eligible under the Act, or to learn more about WAP in general, please visit the section's Web site at www.tdhca.state.tx.us/ea/wap.htm. To contact the nearest contract service provider, use a land-based phone and call (888) 606-8889; callers will automatically be routed to the WAP provider serving their county. Cell phones will not make this automatic connection.

As stimulus funds flow, there will be a variety of procurement opportunities and new jobs created. All fund recipients must post any procurement opportunities on the Department's Web site at www.tdhca.state.tx.us/recovery/bids.htm. Also, as TDHCA administers these funds, it will provide regular reports on job creation.

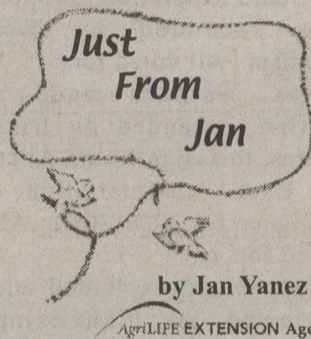
Roe named to Dean's List at Kettering University

Alan Roe of Robert Lee has made the Dean's List at Kettering University for the spring 2009 semester. Roe is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.

The Dean's List at Kettering University is an honor earned by students, who in a given term, have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 out of a possible 100, have received no grades below 85, and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.



Last haircut! Diane McGlothlin completes her final "do" for customer Bette McCutchen of Bronte on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. McGlothlin is closing the Longhorn Salon after four years in business in Bronte. There is some concern that getting your hair done locally will be increasingly difficult, as most of the stylists in Bronte have retired or plan to get out of the business.



Grilling Essential: Food Thermometers

Keep your friends and family safe this grilling season by making sure food is cooked to a high enough internal temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause illness.

You cannot determine if food is fully cooked just by looking at it. The only way to make sure your food has reached a safe minimum internal temperature is to use a food thermometer. Before using any food thermometer, read the manufacturer's instructions!

The best types of food thermometer for grilling are:

Digital instant - read (thermistor)

- *Reads in 10 seconds
- *Place at least 1/2" deep
- *Can measure in thin and thick foods

Thermometer - Fork Combination

- *Reads in 2-10 seconds
- *Place at least 1/4" deep in

the thickest part of food

*Sensor in tine of fork must be fully inserted

*Can be used in most foods, convenient for grilling

Tips for using a Food Thermometer

*These thermometers are not designed to remain in food while it is cooking.

*To ensure safety and prevent overcooking, check the internal temperature of the food toward the end of the cooking time, before the food is expected to finish cooking.

*The food thermometer should be placed in the thickest part of the food and should not be touching bone, fat, or gristle. Check the temperature in several places to make sure the food is evenly heated.

*Clean your food thermometer with hot water and soap before and after each use!

Be sure to include safe food handling in your cookout plans!

Clean - Wash hands and surfaces often.

Separate - Don't cross-contaminate!

Cook - Cook to proper temperature.

Chill - Refrigerate promptly!

Safe minimum internal temperatures



Fashion Show! Jungle Fever was the theme at this year's District 7 4-H Fashion show. Ninety-one contestants from 21 counties make up the district event. Representing Coke County were junior 4-H members Sarah Wade (left) from Robert Lee and Darby Duncan from Bronte. These girls took top honors in the fashion show. Placing third in the single garment category was Darby Duncan and in the dressy category Sarah Wade took fourth place. Congratulations to these young ladies!

*Ground Beef - 160 degrees Fahrenheit

*Poultry (including ground poultry) - 165 degrees Fahrenheit

*Beef, veal, lamb steaks and roast - 145 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Scholarship! Shannon Deller, a 2009 graduate of Bronte High School, received one of the 2009 Robert Lee - Bronte Eastern Star Chapter No. 187 \$500 scholarships. Shannon is the daughter of Dael and Glenda Lindsay of Bronte. She plans to attend Angelo State University and major in Animal Science and minor in Biology and Chemistry.



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.

RLISD Board Meeting minutes

On Monday, July 27, 2009, a regular meeting of the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Wes Washam.

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

At 6 pm, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Wes Washam, and

a quorum of members were present.

Invocation and pledge was led by Jeffie Roberts.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2009, meetings, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

President Kevin Roe arrived at 6:15 pm and assumed his duties.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report given by Supt. Hood, to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Construction update from W.B. Kibler Construction was given by Dale, Bill and Tyler. All construction is going as planned.

Matt Lewis, President and CEO of San Angelo Area Foundation, presented facts about the Foundation.

President Roe called a recess at 7:17 pm in order to tour the construction site of the new building. W.B. Kibler Construction personnel conducted the tour.

President Roe called the board to order and reconvened business in Open Meeting at 8:07 pm.

Supt. Hood stated there were no changes since last meeting to be made in the Principals' reports.

Supt. Hood presented the PDAS Calendar for 2009-2010 and recommended the approval. Tom Sawyer made the motion to approve the PDAS Calendar for 2009-2010, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Supt. Hood reviewed the purpose of the District Appraisers for PDAS. Irma Torres made a motion to approve the current administrators, including the superintendent, as District Appraisers for 2009-2010. Brandi Brosh seconded the motion. All voted for.



Multi-County Camp! There were 102 4-H members who participated in the multi county 4-H camp. 4-H members from Coke, Sterling, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, and Shackelford counties traveled to Buffalo Gap for a fun time. Members from Coke County included Zach Skinner, James Roberts, Jael Williams, Kourtney Kelton, Kyle Kelton, Aaron Cervenka, Charisa Caston, Kodi Drennan, Alexis Mendoza, Sarah Wade, Troy Wade, Hanna Hamrick, Madison Wright, Blaine Yanez, Hunter Hamrick and Dalton Ogle.

Supt. Hood presented to the board the changes and reviewed the Robert Lee ISD Faculty and Student Handbooks for 2009-2010.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the Robert Lee ISD Student Code of Conduct for 2009-2010 as presented by Supt. Hood, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the Extracurricular Code of Conduct for 2009-2010 as presented by Supt. Hood, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to approve the RLISD Acceptable Use Policy for Students and Faculty as presented by Supt. Hood. Motion was seconded by Wes Washam. All voted for.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to approve the recommendation by Supt. Hood to award the Food Service Bid to Ben E. Keith and Gandy's Dairies. The motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood conducted a budget workshop for the 2009-2010 Budget.

Discussion on the proposed tax rate for 2009-2010 was held. Brandi Brosh made the motion to approve a proposed tax rate: M&O \$1.04; I&S \$.44 to total \$1.48 as recom-

mended by Supt. Hood. Motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to extend the 2009-2011 Depository Contract with Robert Lee State Bank by Board Resolution. Motion was seconded by Wes Washam. All voted for.

Wes Washam made a motion, seconded by Irma Torres, to assign Robin Allen as User Administration + Designee for 2009-2010. All voted for.

Supt. Hood explained and reviewed the Equalizing Wealth for the 2009-2010 school year based on Chapter 41 (Robin Hood) of the Texas Education Code. Wes Washam made a motion to approve Supt. Hood's recommendation to select Option 3 and/or Option 4. Tom Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted for.

Three bids were received for the Low Voltage Package Proposals, with only one submitting a bid on the entire package. Wes Washam made the motion, seconded by Tom Sawyer, to award the contract to Santa Rosa Construction. All voted for.

Irma Torres made a motion,

seconded by Brandi Brosh, to approve the Small Schools Cooperative Special Education Shared Service Arrangement. All voted for.

Wes Washam made a motion, seconded by Brandi Brosh, to accept the resignation of Kelli Crain. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion, seconded by Irma Torres, to offer Mary Ann Hill a one year probationary contract as Elementary/Title I Teacher. All voted for.

Next regular School Board Meeting was set for Monday, August 17, 2009, at 6 pm.

A Special Called Meeting was set for Thursday, August 27, 2009, to set the Tax Rate and adopt the Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35

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Camp! The Bronte High School Varsity Cheerleaders attended a UCA camp this past week and walked away with several honors. Chelsea McGinnis was named All American and Stephanie Frazier and Lauren Burns were recognized as superior All American nominees. Stephanie Frazier, Kelsey Sedden, and Harley Wallace were recognized as superior jump off nominees. The team received 2009 Superior Camp Champions as they were the only team to receive superior ratings during the week on all evaluations, 2009 Extreme Camp Champion, and Dance Camp Champion. The team members are: seniors, Stephanie Frazier and Chelsea McGinnis; juniors, Kelsey Sedden and Shandee Vaughn; and sophomores, Lauren Burns and Harley Wallace. The mascot is Cheyenne Boyd and cheer coaches are Melissa Burns and Casey Morgan.



Reunion! Bronte High School Class of 1969 members, met July 24-25, for their 40th class reunion. The classmates enjoyed hot dogs and did a lot of reminiscing on Friday evening at the Bronte Community Center. On Saturday, they met at the BHS Art Building for a brisket plate lunch, a game of Jeopardy 1969, a tour of the school, viewed a DVD of the BHS staff members from the 1940's to 2000 and, last but not least, each classmate made a silk screen shirt to commemorate the occasion. Classmates in attendance included (front row, left to right) Dale Freeman, Melody Holcombe Neely, Bennie Oglesby Hensley, Ginger Murtishaw Eubanks, Sharon McCutchen Givens, Tony Holland, David Denman, (back row, left to right) Tim Ward, Joy Cervenka McDougall, Ron Cooper, Steve Williams, Randy Caperton and Manfred Thompson. Several family members and friends also attended the activities. Manfred had the fortitude to get the interest in a class reunion started and contacted as many class members as possible. Ron cooked the hot dogs, brisket, chickens and sausage and arranged the events for Saturday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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@ymail.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.

BISD Board of Trustees meeting held

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees meeting, held June 11, was opened with prayer by Shane Kelton.

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 7:08 pm in the Board room. Those present at the meeting were David McWright, President; Quinda Feil-Duncan, Paul Williams, Doug Tounget, Shane Kelton, Wayne Coalson, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present: David Bedford, Keith McCutchen. Ericka Knight was absent.

Shane Kelton made the motion to approve the previous minutes, Doug Tounget seconded. All approved.

David Bedford reported on the TAKS preliminary reports for secondary school; scores "look good" and are improving. Two students placed at the state track meet, and the jazz band scored a two at state competition.

Facilities update - Floor

covering: Callaway's Carpets proposed approximately \$1876/room for 6 classrooms; the Library would cost \$10,167. Motion to act on the proposal for the 6 classrooms was made by D. Tounget, seconded by Quinda Duncan. All voted for.

- Auditorium Ceiling: Wayne Coalson suggested replacing missing tiles on existing ceiling. Tabled for further review.

- Glasswork in library is still under review by Mr. Richey.

- Football field: Jesse McClure proposed building 3 handrails at a cost of \$500. Shane Kelton suggested that Mr. Richey provide Request For Proposal to the Board, with line items for a variety of options including, but not limited to, renovation of the old stadium and/or construction of a new stadium.

- Seal coat high school parking lot: Motion to seal coat, fill cracks, and stripe high school parking lot not to exceed \$10,795 was made by Quinda Duncan, seconded by Doug Tounget. All voted

for. Mr. Richey briefed the Board on "Update 85" from the Texas Legislature.

Lunchroom prices 2009-2010: Mr. Richey recommended leaving the pricing the same as last year; the school currently subsidizes lunch prices a total of approximately \$15,000/year. Motion to leave prices the same as last year made by Shane Kelton; seconded by Paul Williams. All voted for.

The board discussed approving Burl Lowery, CPA, engagement letter not to exceed \$12,600. Motion made by David McWright and seconded by Wayne Coalson to approve letter and terms. All voted for.

Mr. Richey updated the board on the following:

- Financial update: BISD has expended 59.58% of the budget at this time.

- Summer project update: \$13,800 proposal to demolish the old agriculture classrooms; looking at possibilities of moving Art and/or Recreation hall in the current building.

Motion was made by Shane Kelton and seconded by Quinda Feil-Duncan to enter into closed session at 8:10 pm. All voted for.

Came out of closed session with no resolutions or recommendations at 8:25 pm. Alan Richey informed the board of Ellis Miller's resignation.

The First Baptist Church requested the use of a school bus. BISD local policy prohibits the practice of loaning out school buses.

Quinda Feil-Duncan made the motion to pay the June 2009 bills; Paul Williams seconded. Five voted for. Abstain: Wayne Coalson

Motion to adjourn was made by Shane Kelton and seconded by David McWright. All voted for.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

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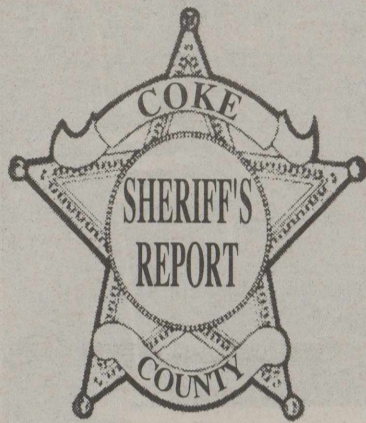
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**July 2009
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Dispositions**

McMullan, Lyndan, Theft by Check >\$20 <\$500, 7-2-09;
 Suiter, Christopher, Boating w/Intoxicated, 7-4-09;
 Flanagan, Casey, DWI, 7-4-09;
 Nickels, Jason, Possession of Marijuana >2oz <4oz, 7-4-09;
 Pollard, William, DWI, 7-18-09;
 Ochoa, Isidro, Out of County Warrant, 7-19-09;
 Fountain, Bryan, Possession of Dangerous Drug, 7-24-09;
 Frazier, Michael, Assault Family Violence, 7-25-09;
 Ogden, Charles, Purchase/Furnish Alcohol to a Minor, 7-31-09.

**County Court
Dispositions
7-2-09**

The State of Texas vs. Christopher Larue, Charge: Assault Family Violence, Plea: Dismissed.

**District Court
Dispositions
7-8-09**

The State of Texas vs. Michael Cobb, Charge: Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle, Plea: 180 days State Jail, Restitution \$1603.69;

The State of Texas vs. Derek Thomas, Charge: Assault Family Violence, Plea: 270 days County Jail;

The State of Texas vs. Randle Hambricht, Charge: Arson, Plea: Dismissed, 12.45 with separate case

The State of Texas vs. Randle Hambricht, Charge: Deadly Conduct, Plea: 7 Years TDCJ run concurrently;

The State of Texas vs. Randle Hambricht, Charge: Assault on a Public Servant, Plea: 7 Years TDCJ run concurrently

The State of Texas vs. Randle Hambricht, Charge: Retaliation, Plea: 7 Years TDCJ run concurrently

**County Court
Dispositions
7-15-09**

The State of Texas vs. Lauren Donelson, Charge: Theft by Check >\$20 <\$500, Plea: 60 Days Jail, Court Cost \$284.00, Credit for 34 Days;

The State of Texas vs. Chad Cruz, Charge: Evading Arrest, Plea: 60 Days Jail, Court Cost \$228.00, 76 Days Jail Credit;

The State of Texas vs. Lyndan McMullan, Charge: Theft by Check >\$20 <\$500, Plea: 30 Days Jail, Court Cost \$298.00, 14 Days Jail Credit;

The State of Texas vs. Cathy McGinley, Charge: DWI, Plea: Fine \$1000.00, Court Cost \$403.00;

The State of Texas vs. Harold Brown, Charge: Driving while License Invalid, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$228.00

The State of Texas vs. Cody Hammersley, Charge: Terroristic Threat - FV, Plea: 30 Days Jail, Court Cost \$228.00.

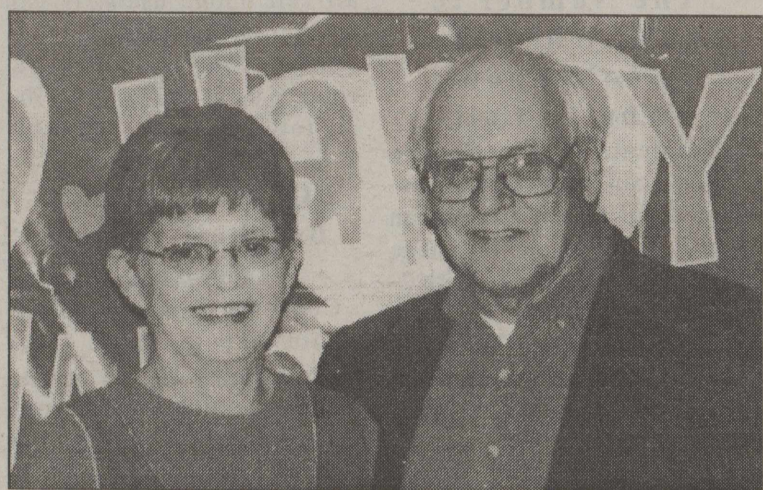
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Winners of the July 31 drawing at the Coke County Library are Justice Saucedo, Cloe Minjarez, A. J. Minjarez, and Sabrina Barton. Certificates are ready for the winners to receive a free shaved ice or ice cream cone at Rhonda and Judy's.

The Library has received some very nice donations of hard back books, books on tape (cassettes) and paperbacks. Patrons are welcomed to view the collections at any time.



CEO! Sherry Suluk (above left) has been appointed the CEO of Eastpointe Community Credit Union in Eastpointe, Michigan. She has been with the credit union for the past 19 years and has held the positions of Teller, Head Teller, Loan Officer, Collector and Vice-President. Sherry is the sister and sister-in-law of Jack and Pat Clement (above right) of Robert Lee.



The library appreciates all the parents and care givers who arranged for children to come to the library to maintain their reading skills and continue on a life-long learning journey. A grand drawing will be held August 7 and all names submitted throughout the summer will be eligible for the drawing.

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

**UBS needs
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on hand. O Negative blood is vital to the blood supply in the Concho Valley because it can be safely transfused into any recipient-irregardless of their blood type. If someone is in an accident and needs blood immediately to stay alive and there is not time to blood type the patient - they can be safely tranfused with O Negative blood type.

You can donate at the United Blood Services donation center at 2020 W.

Beauregard in San Angelo. Hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 12 pm-6 pm; Wednesday and Friday 8 am - 2 pm; and Saturday 9 am - 1 pm.

UBS also has mobile blood drives in Robert Lee. You can also call the Robert Lee Baptist Church at (325) 453-2724 or the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church at (325) 453-2417 for information about their scheduled blood drives.

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He answered and said unto them, well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, this people honoureth Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And He said unto them, full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. • Mark 7:6-9

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart: and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

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The Area Information Center, 2-1-1 Texas of the Concho Valley, based in the offices of the Concho Valley Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley is staffed by trained Information and Referral Specialists. Each specialist assesses the callers and can also follow up with callers to ensure that they have been properly served or if there is still a need for further assistance.

2-1-1 Texas is part of a national effort to help promote self-sufficiency by making information about services much easier to find. Across the state, 25 Area Information Centers have been established to collect and maintain a database of local resource information. Each center has the ability to connect callers to different 2-1-1's across the state depending on the caller's need. Every center continues to expand its database of government agencies, food pantries, career services, after-school programs, counseling services, and many other nonprofit resources in each of their regions.

We continue to work on making 2-1-1 accessible for

all cell phone users. If you have problems accessing 2-1-1 from your phone, please contact us at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666.

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Coast to Coast Baseball would like to invite local players (ages 10-18) to one of their upcoming tryout events. At the tryout, the staff will evaluate your skills in four areas; hitting, fielding, arm strength and speed. Players who are accepted to the program may choose to represent the USA in competition in Puerto Rico, or work with top college coaches and pro scouts at their Arizona or Florida Camp and Showcase events held at a MLB spring-training complex.

In addition to the tryout, an instruction hitting camp will be held the same day. The goal of the camp is to help players improve hitting fundamentals as well their mental approach at the plate. Events will be held at:

University of Dallas at Irving, Texas, on Monday, August 10 at 10 am;

St. Edwards University at Austin on Saturday, August 15 at 10 am;

McMurry University at Abilene on Saturday, August 29 at 10 am;

Spring Westfield High School at Spring, Texas, on Wednesday, August 12, at 10 am;

and Pittman-Sullivan Field in San Antonio on Saturday, August 22 at 10 am.

For more information, players and parents can visit the website. Register for one or both events on the website at www.CoastToCoastAthletics.com or call the office at (740)-373-4455.

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Community Sale! The Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee held a Community Sale to support the Soldier Project. Proceeds, which totaled \$1008, goes to the mailing and purchasing of items for gift boxes to United States military serving overseas. Each mailing costs around \$250 so every bit counts!

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