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County receives much needed moisture over the weekend

A stalled out cold front provided a wet weekend for Coke County. Beginning Friday, September 11, and continuing through Sunday, most parts of the county got a good, slow, and much needed soaking.

As with most of our rainfall this year, amounts were varied depending upon your location. The west side of the county was the big beneficiary this time, as rainfall amounts up to three inches fell over the weekend in the Robert Lee area, with most totals on the west side from 1.5 to 2 inches. Rainfall amounts on the west side were spotty, however; with some areas of Robert Lee and just north of Robert Lee receiving 1/2 inch totals for the weekend. The east side of the county also received around 1/2 inch in the Bronte area, with a greater amount falling on the river area east of Bronte.

The rainfall was timely, following a very dry month of August. Most of the county had a wonderful month of July, when up to six inches fell during what is usually one of the driest months of the year. August and the first part of September were dry, making us appreciate this past weekend that much more.

Although we didn't receive much running water, residents have much to be thankful for because of this last front. Small grains and hay crops should get a big boost from these showers, and pastures should have some time to grow some grazing before frost. Yards and gardens will get a big boost, as most residents will have an opportunity to cut down on their watering for at least a week or so, which will also benefit our aquifers.

This is also an optimum time for bluebonnets, as they are emerging during the fall season. Depending on how much rain we get in the next few weeks and during the winter and early spring, we should have a good start on a bountiful bluebonnet season. The county has missed having a good bluebonnet crop

for the past two years as a result of dry weather during the fall and winter months.

County Republican chair position open

Kathy Pentecost has stepped down from her position as Republican County Chairman for Coke County.

Without a party chairman, the county will be unable to conduct a Republican Party primary election.

Anyone interested in serving as County Republican Chairman is asked to contact County/District Clerk Mary Grim at 453-2631 for more information.

EECAS to distribute booster seats and helmets

The Bronte Ambulance Service will be distributing new booster seats and bicycle helmets on Saturday morning, September 26, beginning at 9:30 am at the Bronte City Hall to local residents on a first come-first served basis.

These will be installed and include use instructions by Safe Kids Coalition to comply with the new Child Safety seat laws. These will be free to local residents with proof of residency and quantities are limited.

Blackwell Ranch Rodeo slated for Sept. 26

The Blackwell Riding Club is hosting a ranch rodeo on Saturday, September 26, beginning at 5 pm. Events include penning, doctoring, muggin, cow milking and branding. There will also be a boot scramble for the kids. A concession stand will be available and the Cadillac Cowgirls will be performing.

If you would like to enter a team or would like more information, contact Diane McGlothlin at (325) 450-5149 or mcglothlinranch4@netzero.com.

Midnight Madness tourney slated for Oct. 2-3

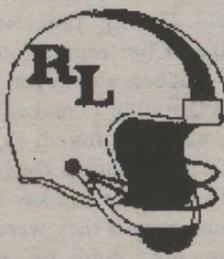
A Midnight Madness softball tournament will be held on October 2 - 3 at the Robert Lee Park. The first game will begin at 10:30 pm.

Coke County Football

BRONTE LONGHORNS
vs.
Irion County Hornets
7:30 pm • Friday
September 18 • Bronte



ROBERT LEE STEERS
vs.
Rankin Red Devils
7:30 pm • Friday
September 18 • Rankin



All games will be 55 minutes. For more information, contact Brandy Southerland at (325) 453-2617 (home), (325) 763-5121 (cell), Samantha Padgett at (325) 453-4525 or Brandi Brosh at (325) 453-2831.

A concession stand will be open and all proceeds will go to the Robert Lee Little League Association.

On Saturday for added fun during the tournament, take time to go downtown and check out the Street Affair. They will have everything from food, arts and crafts, games and so much more. There will also be a dance from 6 pm until 12 am.

RLISD homecoming set for October 9

The Robert Lee High School homecoming will be October 9. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2 pm.

The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "Everybody's Famous in a Small Town". The parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held at 2:50 pm. The football game will be against the Rochelle Hornets.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 5

Secretary of State Hope Andrade is reminding Texans that the deadline to register to vote in the November 3 Constitutional Amendment election is Monday, October 5.

"The deadline is approaching, but there is still time to register if you have not

already done so," said Andrade. "It only takes a few minutes to fill out a voter registration application - or to update information if you have moved - to be eligible to cast a ballot in November."

Voters will decide on eleven proposed amendments put forth by the 81st Legislature.

Texans can review ballot language, explanatory statements regarding each proposed amendment and a sample ballot for the Nov. 3 election at the Secretary of State's Web site: www.sos.state.tx.us.

Individuals who have yet to register may obtain an application from many county offices, post offices and libraries or may download an application from the VOTEXAS Website: www.votexas.org. A person may also check their registration status on the Web site or by calling the Secretary of State's voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

Texas residents are eligible to vote if they are a United States citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, not a convicted felon (unless sentence, probation, and/or parole have been completed), and not declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.

O/E has new e-mail address

As a service to you, our readers, customers, and contributors, we are changing our email address for the Observer/Enterprise. The new email address is: o-e@wcc.net.

This will replace our old email address: cokecoobserver@aol.com. As you can

tell, the new email address is much simpler to spell over the phone, and we expect to get better results with our West Central Net connection than we have been receiving with AOL.

Please change your records to the new email address as soon as possible. We will begin using the new address immediately; however, the old address will still be available for a few weeks until we make the gradual conversion.

Thank you for your patience in this matter and your continued support.

Farm Safety and Health Week set

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau joins our County Judge, The Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies and the National Safety Council in promoting accident prevention during Farm Safety and Health Week, September 20-26. According to the National Safety Council Injury Facts, Agriculture is the most dangerous industry in the United States.

The theme of this year's national event is "Rural Roadway Safety: Alert, Aware & Alive". The focus is on the importance of protecting the lives and livelihood of farmers and ranchers while sharing public roads.

An important safety issue for motorists and agricultural producers is travel over the road with tractors, self propelled equipment and towed equipment. Agricultural equipment is becoming bigger.

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Obituaries



Coleman

Goldie Gray Coleman, of San Angelo, passed away on September 14, 2009, at her home after a short illness.

A funeral service was held at 2 pm, Thursday, September 17, 2009, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas.

Born in Rowena on May 4, 1921, to Sam Gray and Lucy Hadley Gray, Goldie was their only child. The family moved to Bronte when Goldie was one year old. She spent her childhood working on the family ranch and exploring the wide open spaces of West Texas on her horse Penny, who Goldie claimed as a childhood confidante, sharing her dreams aloud as she rode through the vast pastures. The only thing Goldie liked better than being outdoors was education, and she often passed time by playing school, using an old cistern as a chalkboard to teach her imaginary students their lessons. This childhood game foreshadowed a career in education that defined her adult life.

Goldie once said, "I think I was a successful teacher because I knew what students needed to learn and how they needed to learn it because I had had to learn it, too. I had to learn before I could teach them and I never forgot how that felt."

For more than 50 years, home economics teacher Goldie Coleman prepared students with the skills they needed to build strong families and lead healthy, productive lives. Upon her graduation from North Texas

State Teachers College (now known as the University of North Texas) in 1942, she began teaching in Miles, a position she held for 29 years. Working on a 12-month contract, Goldie was a year-round part of her students' lives. During the school year, she taught all the home economics classes, teaching many of the girls for three out of four years of their high school education. During the summer, she visited her students in their homes, supervising projects ranging from tailoring and foods to yard improvement and interior design. She also sponsored the Future Homemakers of America chapter, helping many of her students earn State Chapter Degrees.

In an era where women were judged "by the straightness of their seams and the quality of their Jell-O salads," Goldie instilled the lessons of leadership, inspiring young women to make their homes and communities places of progress. Goldie emphasized healthy eating habits and the role of strong families in building strong communities long before these topics became the subjects of talk shows and headlines.

Joyce Wilde, a former student who is now a noted designer, said, "Mrs. Coleman stayed busy exposing us to the world outside of Miles. She understood that one day we would be leading our families, our schools, our

churches and our communities. Mrs. Coleman believed that in our own way we could make a difference."

Never one to accept the status quo, Goldie was one of the first teachers to establish a boys' home economics class. Goldie also helped her students enjoy a well-rounded high school experience by sponsoring activities as diverse as the drill team, the junior-senior banquet, and one-act plays.

In addition to teaching at Miles, Goldie also taught at Cisco for two years and in Lubbock for one year, while her husband, Dawson completed his education at Texas Tech University. Goldie also earned a master's degree from Texas Tech.

In the mid-70s, the Coleman family moved to San Angelo. Goldie began teaching home economics at Angelo State University. For 18 years, she taught apparel design, beginning sewing, tailoring and elementary foods. During that time, because of her reputation as a fine teacher, she never had a class that didn't "make."

She said, "I loved every minute of teaching. Dawson used to tease me and say that I'd teach even if they weren't paying me. And he was right."

Goldie was also active in her churches and professional organizations such as the Texas State Teachers Association, the Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. In 1992, she was named Outstanding Home Economist of Texas, and in 2008, she received the Eva Camuñez Tucker Award in honor of her outstanding contributions to San Angelo.

Of course, as Goldie noted, her biggest reward came from the people she taught. "I taught because I really enjoyed watching people learn something. I liked to laugh with them. After all this time, I don't have hobbies, I have people."

Goldie Coleman was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Dawson.

Goldie is survived by her beloved son Randal Gray "Randy" Coleman of San Angelo, and by several treasured friends, whom she loved as sisters: Vaniece Jacoby, Edith Lowe and Clementena Parker Hannah.

As Goldie's health began to fail last week, Vaniece and Edith continued their longstanding tradition of coffee-fueled chats. Sitting on the edge of the Goldie's hospital bed, they laughed over the jokes that they'd shared for years.

Vaniece recalled that Goldie liked to tease her, introducing her to people by saying, "This is Vaniece Jacoby. I didn't like her so much at first because she acted like she knew as much as I did."

Another running joke between the friends involved Goldie's love of entertaining and her noted tendency to have things done her way. Vaniece and Edith were often enlisted to help Goldie prepare for her famous parties,

and when Goldie was divvying up the jobs, she'd tease Edith by saying, "Edith, I need you to take care of this. I believe you can do it." Then Goldie would pause for comic effect and add, "No, never mind Edith, you don't ever do anything right. Let's just wait for Vaniece."

Upon hearing of Goldie's passing, Clementena, friend for over 80 years who now lives in Washington D.C., remembered Goldie used to say there would be no rest for her in heaven, because she knew God would make her responsible for teaching Home Ec. to the angels.

The Coleman family would like to thank all those who assisted Goldie, especially Dr. Raymund Untalan, who not only provided excellent health care, but had the understanding and compassion to honor her wishes, and Angela Perez, Rose Beard and Hospice of San Angelo, who gave her comfort and maintained her dignity during her last days.

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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

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
5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
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Sun. 10 am • Worship
11 am & 6 pm • Service
Wed. 7 pm

St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

Southside Church of Christ
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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
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

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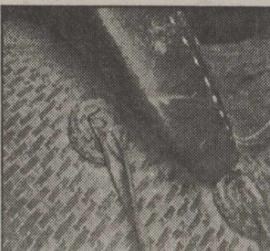
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Donate a Texas Sage

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association is working to beautify the Robert Lee Cemetery with Texas sages. Approximately 80 additional Texas sages are needed to finish this project.

If you are interested in donating to buy a sage, please contact Jeffie Roberts at 453-2957; 130 Buffalo Creek Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

If your donation is in memory of someone, please include the person's name. The sages will be planted in the spring of 2010. The Cemetery Association runs only on donations and memorials.

Donations and memorials currently received include the following.

Jack Brewer

Nina Brewer

Vaughan Davis

Peggy Davis

Birdie Fikes

Wes and Farrell Jean Washam

Bryce Fikes

Wes and Farrell Jean Washam

Marvin Stewart

Wes and Farrell Jean Washam

H. Lamont and Leola Scott Family

Horace and Mary Scott

Sheppard Family

Terry and Linda Eaton family

Curtis and Lula Walker

Bobby and Joyce Walker

John Mark Washam

Wes and Farrell Jean Washam

Jamie P. Washam

Donation

Shirley White

Sanchez - Holik united in marriage

Michele Garcia Sanchez and Adam David Holik were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall, Texas, with Father Hubert Wade officiating.

Michele is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Sanchez, Jr. of Robert Lee, Texas. She is a 2005 graduate of Robert Lee High School and a 2008 graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Business. Michele is employed by Martin & Herring Insurance Associates, L.L.P. Trimble-Batjer Health Affiliates.

Adam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Holik of Wall, Texas. Adam is a 2002 graduate of Wall High School. He is self-employed as a farmer and rancher in Wall.

The bride's attendants were Nicole Sanchez of San Angelo, sister of the bride, who served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Kari Hudspeth of College Station, Jennifer Garcia of Lubbock, Katie Lee of San Angelo, Jennie Canon of San Angelo, Lindsey Roe of Lubbock, Jessica Garcia of

Wink and Elizabeth Holik of Dallas. The flower girl was Abigail Garcia, cousin of the bride, of Tyler.

The groom's attendants were best men Simon Holik and Erik Holik of Wall, brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were Jason Holik of Wall, Trey Holik of College Station, Curtis Wilde of Wall, Josh Holik of Wall, Michael Holik of Laredo and Zachary Sanchez of Robert Lee. The Ring bearer was Lex Dusek, cousin of the groom, of Wall.

Ushers were Chase Plagens of San Angelo, Joseph Thomas of San Angelo, Clint Halfmann of Nebraska and Brandon Halfmann of San Angelo.

Michele and Adam spent their honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Michele and Adam now reside in Wall.



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Holik

...Farm Safety Week

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As farms become larger in size and spread out over more area, farmers are spending a lot more time traveling with their tractors and equipment on public roads. Agricultural equipment on the road can be hazardous to both farmers and motorists. When the farm tractor is traveling at a much less rate of speed than the motorists, there is not much time for the motorist to react and avoid an accident.

How can the motorists help avoid accidents with farm equipment?

*Avoid a colision by slow-

ing down immediately when you see agricultural equipment on the road.

*Be alert for agricultural equipment with SMV emblems, reflectors or flashing lights.

*Expect to see more agricultural equipment on roadways during the busy agricultural seasons, such as planting and harvest time, but be alert for farm equipment on the road at any time of year.

*Be careful when trying to pass equipment, as the opera-

tor may not see or hear you. Be patient; do not pass the slow moving equipment unless it is absolutely safe to do so.

*Pass with caution, as the equipment may be longer and wider than you think.

*Be aware of possible left hand turns into fields.

How can the farmer avoid accidents with motorists?

*Use SMV emblems to show that your equipment is traveling 25 mph or less.

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...Farm Safety Week

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*Keep SMV emblems clean and un-faded. Replace when necessary.

*Being in compliance with the SMV regulations can protect your liability.

*If your towed equipment obscures the SMV emblem or lights on your tractor, place SMV emblems and lights on your towed equipment.

*Check your SMV emblem, marking tape and lights before road travel. Make sure everything is in place and functioning properly.

*SMV emblems are placed with the triangle pointing up, in the center of the vehicle, two to six feet above the road.

*Use flashers and turn signals to indicate your location and intentions.

*Use reflective extremity marking tape to show the size of farm equipment.

*Pull over and allow traffic to pass, when it is safe to do so and you can pull off the road entirely. Do not wave the other driver on, you might be held liable if they have a motor vehicle crash.

*Try to avoid or minimize road travel when it is dark or during times of bad weather or poor visibility.

*Use an escort vehicle if moving large equipment on the road.

*Consider installing service roads in your fields along busy highways to eliminate travel on the highway wherever it might be feasible to do so.

FUMC to host "Trunk or Treat"

The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will be hosting "Trunk or Treat" again this year on the evening of October 31. Put on your grocery list a bag or two of candy to be given away to the kids on the night of the Trunk or

Treat and bring it to the church sometime before then. Volunteers will be needed to help make this ministry to our community children a success.

If you would like to participate in any way, please contact Pastor Steve at 325-453-2417 or 325-763-8235.

Owners of lost cow sought

On August 12, a cow was lost out of a trailer on Highway 277 near Bronte. The owners were able to pen this animal in the Rawlings' pens on Mesquite. Once penned, the cow escaped onto the Lee Ranch on the Colorado River. She is once again in custody. However, no one involved remembers the owner's name.

If you have any information on the owners of this animal, please contact the Sheriff's Department at (325) 453-2717.

FUMC-RL congratulates Bible Study class participants

For the past year, the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee led an adult Bible Study titled "Disciple Bible Study". The 34-session study takes participants completely through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. This year's graduates included Carol Arledge, Linda Arledge and Kathleen Wright. These same three are now starting the next step in the Disciple Bible Study series by focusing on the Prophets of the Old Testament and the Letters of Paul in the New Testament. Pastor Steve Peyton is very proud of these three "students of the Word"!

Be cautious posting personal information online

By Jason Alderman
I have friends who swear by online social and professional networks like Facebook, MySpace and LinkedIn. Where else can

you reconnect with long-lost former classmates, post vacation photos for friends around the world, share your resume with potential employers and perhaps even find love - all, without leaving your couch?

Although the Internet has made reaching out easier than ever, whenever you share personal information, a few cautions are in order. With your kids preparing for a new school year, this might be a good time to have a quick Privacy 101 discussion. And, since people over 30 are the fastest-growing social networking demographic, parents might benefit as well.

Keep in mind:

Email is forever. Deleting an email from your computer doesn't mean it no longer exists. Chances are your email provider - or employer, if sent from work - will retain a record for years to come. Plus, recipients won't necessarily

delete the email and may in fact forward it to others. Worst case: Your words could even be used as evidence against you in court; so think twice before posting derogatory comments about people or employers.

Haunting photos. You've read about people who posted photos on their homepages they later regretted. It's one thing for parents to learn about youthful indiscretions this way, but colleges and employers increasingly conduct online searches of potential candidates and use such information to rule them out for consideration.

Not to instill paranoia, but even photos or information about you that someone else has posted can turn up in such searches. My rule of thumb: If you wouldn't want your grandmother to see it, don't do or say it.

Too much information. Many people post personal or nostalgic information about themselves on their profiles

- first pet's name, childhood addresses, favorite pizza topping, etc. Keep in mind that many websites where you do business (like banks) ask these kinds of security questions to ascertain your identity before you can log in.

Identity thieves have been known to mine this information and combine it with a stolen credit card or Social Security number to open bogus accounts or even forge passports. Avoid posting:

- * Current and past addresses
- * Phone numbers and email addresses
- * Birth date
- * Personal information like the above examples that might be asked for security questions
- * Upcoming vacation schedules (you could be targeted for a break-in)

Also, never use this type of information in your passwords.

One last - and serious - reminder: Sexual predators increasingly are using the Internet to target both child and adult victims by posing as peers or friends.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Written by Rick Styles, Published & Edited by The Bronte Chamber of Commerce

LONGBRANCH BAR-B-QUE

106 N. State Street, Bronte, Texas
(325) 669-5117



Rick and Kay Styles bought the old Texaco Station, located at the main intersection of Bronte at 106 N. State Street, in 1999. A short time later Rick started setting up his barbeque pit and selling barbeque sandwiches in the parking lot. About a year later, Rick and Kay began fixing up the inside of the old gas station and built a large barbeque pit with a shed over it, and started opening for business during deer season and sometimes for lunch on Sundays.

Rick's dad, AC Styles, was the one that got him started in the barbeque business and he's sure glad he did. It seems that AC was a great barbeque cook himself, and when AC and the rest of the family would gather for Thanksgiving at Rick's house, AC would set up Rick's barbecue pit to make some barbeque and head to Highway 277 to sell brisket to all that stopped.

Rick named the restaurant Longbranch Bar-B-Que because he's a big *Gunsmoke* fan. As you may notice when you walk into the restaurant by all of the *Gunsmoke* memorabilia that's hung on the walls, along with the videos of *Gunsmoke* being played on the television in the dining area.

Rick and Kay are currently opened on Monday and Tuesday for lunch. However, starting in November, the Longbranch will be open only on Friday and Saturday evenings for dinner, from 5 pm until 9 pm. Rick comments that "if he's going to be down there all day, he might as well start cooking breakfast too!" So, starting in November, the Longbranch will be open for breakfast burritos and coffee on Friday and Saturday mornings from 5 am to 9 am.



Rick says "y'all better hurry down" because he was telling his 8 year old grandson that the Longbranch would be his someday. His grandson said "Oh good, because I'm going to sell pizza!"

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Although software is available to help you track your children's online activities, you can't follow them 24/7. Have the "don't talk with or email strangers" discussion with your kids as soon as they start using computers.

These are only a few of the precautions you and your kids should take when using social networking sites to protect your personal information and prevent identity theft. For more tips, visit Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/security).

Beyond The Lunchbag: Getting Kids To Eat More Fruits And Vegetables

The secret to getting kids to eat more fruits and vegetables is to have the right foods available for school lunches, dinners at home and after-school snacks -- and to make them fun and colorful.

Most parents try to get kids to eat healthy simply by making sure their lunchbags and dinners include vegetables and fruits. But adding produce into a child's diet is about more than trying to get them to embrace mealtime foods that are good for them.

"You need to make sure your child's food is more than just healthful -- it needs to be tasty and fun," says Stan Stuka, Associate Business Manager, Dole Fruit Bowls. "Making the right foods, such as colorful fruit cups, readily available for between meal snacking and at after-school events encourage healthier eating."

Here are some tips on how to add more fruits and vegetables into children's diets:

- * Stock-up on the right foods in your fridge and cupboard. If you regularly buy fresh, pre-cut, frozen and canned vegetables and fruits, it's a lot easier to include them in meals and snacks. Get kids involved in shopping for produce, by encouraging them to choose their favorites.

- * Incorporate fruits into snacktime. Make sure kids are getting healthful snacks, no matter if they are at home or an after-school activity or sporting event. Pre-packaged fruit cups, such as Dole Fruit Bowls, do not require refrigeration and allow kids to enjoy bite-size pineapple, mixed fruit, peaches or tropical fruit no matter where they are.

- * Increase the amount of vegetables and fruits in mealtime recipes, such as stuffing, casseroles and side dishes. Try adding different mixes of apples, pears,

Nashville! Alyssa Bagley, a 17 year old senior at Permian High School in Odessa, is currently singing and recording in Nashville. She is working with great writers, such as Liz Rose, the Warren Brothers and Deborah Allen. Alyssa is the daughter of Jimmy and Mariann Bagley and the granddaughter of James and Ruby Bagley, Mickey Abalos and the late Willie Abalos.

Alyssa will be performing on Saturday, October 3, at the Street Affair in Robert Lee. You can hear Alyssa's new music at www.myspacemusic.com/alyssabagleymusic.



peppers, mushrooms, celery, etc. Toss cut or grated veggies into entrees, sides, and soups. Add fruit to cereal and blend frozen fruits into smoothies. Make sure lunchbags include colorful fruits or vegetables and consider cutting them into fun shapes or bite-size portions.

- * Lead by example. Parents should regularly snack on fruit and eat their vegetables at mealtimes. Choose vegetable sides instead of French fries at restaurants. Opt for fruit or nuts when snacking on family road trips, instead of bags of chips. Make your after-work snack low fat and vegetable or fruit-based.

Above all, get creative and try new ways to introduce healthful foods into your family's routines.

How do you and your family like to enjoy fruit beyond mealtimes? At the park on the jungle gym? While stuck in traffic? At the after-school soccer game? You can share your tips on how and where your family enjoys fruit cups at www.DoleChallenge.com, and be automatically entered into a contest where you and your child's school can win cash prizes. The contest ends on October 2 and winners will be chosen weekly.

"Healthful snacks have never been easier to take with you. There are more all-natural, on-the-go snacks available than ever before, so there are so many places and ways kids and parents can enjoy a little fruit," says Stuka.

Avoiding Online Scams When Buying a Car

Shopping for cars online is easier than ever, which is why an estimated 90 percent of people use online resources when hunting for vehicles, according to industry experts. However, with this convenience comes a growing number of scams putting vehicle shoppers and sellers at risk, and greater need to protect yourself against online fraud.

A new Harris Interactive survey sponsored by AutoTrader.com, the Internet's largest auto classifieds marketplace, finds that two out

of three Americans worry about online fraud, and nearly one in three has either already fallen victim to an online scam or knows someone who has.

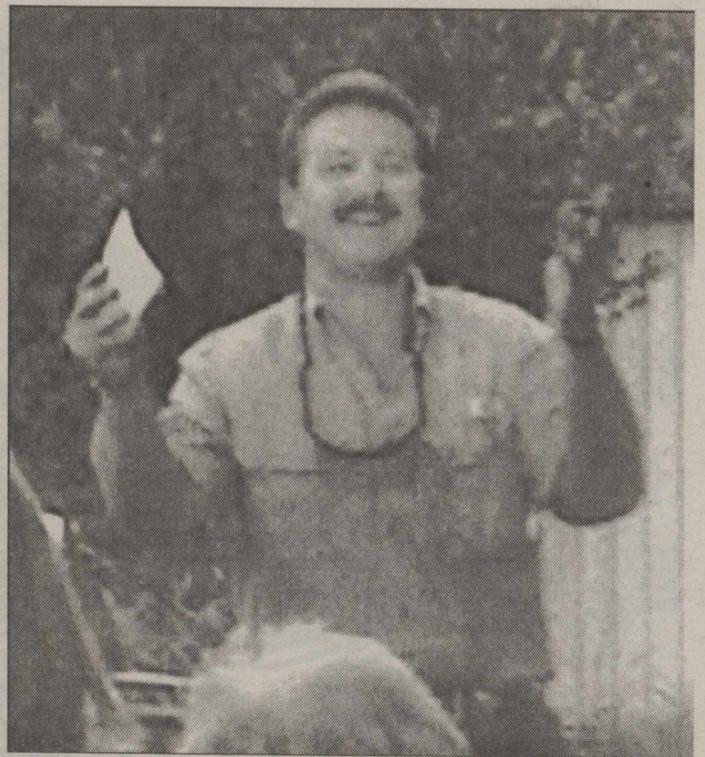
Despite worries, many surveyed are not well educated on protecting themselves, with only one in eight saying they feel "very confident" they know enough to avoid online fraud.

Sid Kirchheimer, nationally renowned fraud expert, author and the AARP Bulletin's "Scam Alert" columnist, advises consumers to learn about protecting themselves before researching or making any major purchases online.

"It's easy for the average consumer to be duped into an online scam, especially when dealing with a high-ticket item like a car," he says. "People need to know how to recognize common scams and what they can do to easily avoid them and stay safe."

Kirchheimer offers the following tips:

- * Mind your money (and other paper): If shopping for a car online, ensure its existence by getting photocopies of vehicle title and registration, and a vehicle history report from a company like Carfax to note its location and accident and repair history. Never wire money to buy a car, and when selling one online, wait until the bank says the "money has been collected" on deposited checks from the "buyer." It's not enough to hear "the check has cleared." Never provide sensitive information like Social Security, credit card or



Congressional Candidate! Chris Younts, San Angelo businessman, visited with around 30 people Tuesday evening, September 15, at the county park pavillion in Robert Lee. Younts is stepping in the ring to take on incumbent Congressman Mike Conaway for the 11th District seat in Washington. Chris Younts was an organizer of the San Angelo TEA party, which held events on April 15 and July 4 of this year. Younts, a rancher and farmer, served in the San Angelo Fire Department for 10 years and is now in the insurance business. For more information, visit his website at ChrisYounts.com.

- checking account numbers via email before inspecting the vehicle and striking a deal.

- * Watch for scammers and "too good to be true" deals: Beware of ads urging the need for a quick sale at an incredible discount; research realistic prices on similar cars or other big-ticket items to learn general market prices. Be suspicious of "sob story" reasons for quick and cheap sales. Two common scams are the fake soldier departing for Iraq or the recently divorced woman needing cash.

- * Know with whom you're dealing: Many online classified sites like AutoTrader.com only advertise items for sale and don't get involved in transactions. Other sites help facilitate transactions. If a seller claims to be using a transaction service from a site you know, make sure that site actually offers that service by visiting it yourself.

- * Use the phone: Don't rely only on e-mails when negotiating in cyberspace. Although there's no guarantee scammers will provide legitimate phone numbers, phone contact can weed out foreign scammers placing bogus online ads.

- * Don't click on emailed links: Scam Web sites often resemble well-known banks, retailers and escrow services. Links in emails to these sites allow scammers to steal your money when you enter payment information. You're safer accessing a site by visiting its home page than by clicking a link in an email from a stranger.

- * Beware of overpayment or complicated payment schemes. Don't agree to plans where the buyer asks to send a check for more than the sale price, requesting the seller refund the difference. Be suspicious of buyers who propose making payment through friends or agents.



Talent Show in Bronte!

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RSVP deadline is Saturday, September 19. Auditions will be held at the **Texas Theater** on Saturday, September 26, from 1 pm to 5 pm. Contestants must bring their own equipment or accessories. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. The Chamber has the right to refuse any entry for any reason. All proceeds will benefit the Chamber of Commerce. Contact Don-Ann at (325) 245-8686 or Peggy at (325) 473-2604.

A "Family Oriented" event sponsored by The Bronte Chamber of Commerce.

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Dogies! The Robert Lee Junior High School Dogie cheerleaders get ready for their first pep rally on Thursday, September 10. The girls helped cheer on the Dogies against Garden City.

RL Steers drop game to Garden City Bearkats

By Tom Sawyer

Robert Lee took another loss Friday night against the Garden City Bearkats. This is the second week in a row that it has rained almost the whole game. The rain is great but let's brave the weather and get out to help cheer on the Steers. A very tough schedule is still ahead so let's show these athletes we're behind them.

Scoring Summary

1ST Quarter

Garden City - 17 yard pass with 9:11 left, PAT kick good;

Garden City - 11 yard pass with 6:51 left, PAT kick

failed;

Garden City - 11 yard pass with 1:40 left, PAT kick good

Bearkats - 22, Steers - 0
2nd Quarter

Garden City - 38 yard run with 8:53 left, PAT kick failed;

Garden City - 36 yard run with 6:37 left, PAT kick good;

Garden City - 3 yard pass with 4:15 left, PAT kick failed;

Garden City - 34 yard pass with 4:01 left, PAT kick good;

Garden City - 2 yard run with 2:32 left, PAT kick good

Bearkats - 58, Steers - 0
Game called by mercy rule
Steer Stats

Stetson Nesbit - 6 carries, 0 for 3 passing, and 1 tackle; Blake Hewitt - 1 tackle; Cooper Hinderliter - 5 carries for 11 yards;

Justin Gartman - 3 carries, 1 for 1 passing for 5 yards, and 3 tackles;

Haden Dillard - 1 reception for 5 yards, and 2 tackles;

Blake Millican - 7 carries for 6 yards;

Joe Estrada - 3 punts for an average of 30 yards.

The Steers travel to Rankin this Friday, so let's make the trip for the team.

GO GET EM STEERS!
STEER PRIDE!!!!

FUMC-RL to host
5th Quarter

The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will be sponsoring the 5th Quarter after the Robert Lee vs. Veribest home game on Friday, October 30.

If you would like to assist in the activities, food, etc., please contact Pastor Steve at 453-2417, 763-8235, or stvendpeyton@yahoo.com.

4-H Banquet

slated for Sunday

The 2008-2009 4-H awards banquet will be held Sunday, September 20, from 3 pm until 4 pm at the Lady of Guadalupe fellowship hall in Robert Lee. 4-H members will receive their project awards.

RL Class of 2012 to sell Pizza Kits

The Robert Lee High School Class of 2012 will be conducting a Little Caesar Pizza Kit Fundraiser through Friday, September 18. For more information, call 453-4671.

RL Project

Graduation selling 50/50 raffle tickets

Robert Lee Project Graduation is hosting a 50/50 Raffle Ticket fundraiser. Winner takes home the cash prize. The prize is half of the amount collected from ticket sales. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the senior class or any 2010 project graduation parent class officer. The drawing will be held at the Street Affair on October 3, at 5 pm.

RLISD set to take an "Exemplary" picture

Only three of the forty-three schools in Region XV earned the state's top academic rating for the 2008-2009 school year. One of the select three, Robert Lee ISD, will be capturing their Exemplary rating on Monday, September 21, by taking a group picture of all students and faculty in the center of the football field during school picture day. The photo, which will feature all staff and students wearing school furnished "Exemplary" tee shirts in



Moment of Silence! One of the Robert Lee High School cheerleaders pauses for a moment of silence during their pep rally on Friday, September 11.

orange, black, and white, will be taken at approximately 10:30 a.m. Members of the staff and student body will form an "RL" at midfield for the snapshot which will be featured in the 2009-2010 year book. The idea came from Mrs. McCown's year book staff who had seen a similar assembly of students and staff members in old year books.

Only about 8% of schools across Texas earned the prestigious "Exemplary" rating from the Texas Education Agency. In order to achieve the top rating, all student groups in the Robert Lee ISD achieved a passing rate of 90% on all subject areas of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The administration of RLISD praises the staff and students on this outstanding accomplishment.

The public is invited to

attend the gathering, which will take place after all individual and fall sports pictures are taken on Monday, September 21, at approximately 10:30 am.

RL Project Graduation 2010 meeting held

Robert Lee Project Graduation Class of 2010 had their first meeting on Thursday, August 20, at the Robert Lee City Pool at 7 pm to discuss plans for the upcoming year. Officers elected included President - Jan Yanez, Vice President - Rachel Hinderliter, Treasurers - Wyndell Brosh and Kelly Millican, and Secretary/Reporter - Sue Ann Nesbit. Class members enjoyed swimming at the pool.

To advertise,
call 453-2433!

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, September 21

Donuts, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 22

Muffins, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 23

Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, September 24

Burrito, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, September 25

Pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 21

Chicken Ala King, rice, egg roll, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, September 22

Beef taco pie, salad, corn, chocolate pudding, milk

Wednesday, September 23

Rib B Que, salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, roll, milk

Thursday, September 24

Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, peas, wheat bread, peaches, milk

Friday, September 25

Sub sandwich, salad, pickles, tator tots, orange, milk

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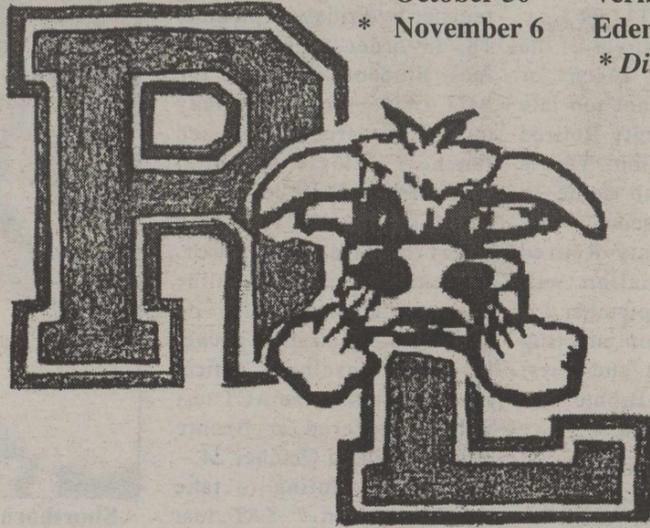
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

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 Sealy Flats. Bring your lawn chairs and drinks.

BHS Class of '49 to hold reunion

The Bronte High School Class of 1949 will be celebrating their 60th reunion Saturday, September 26, with a reception from 2 pm to 5 pm in the Community Room of the Bronte Housing Authority. Light refreshments will be served.

Members of the class of 1948 are being issued an invitation as special guests, but any friends of the group are certainly welcome. Due to the fact that both classes have several deceased members there will be a short memorial service in

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, September 21

Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, September 22

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Friday, September 25

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 21

Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit, cookie, milk

Tuesday, September 22

BBQ chicken, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fruit, cornbread, milk

Wednesday, September 23

Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, frozen fruit bar, milk

Thursday, September 24

Chicken fajita, refried beans, seasoned corn, flour tortilla, apricot, milk

Friday, September 25

Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, pink panther cake, milk

remembrance.

If you need more information, call Bobbie Arrott at (325) 473-4021 or Wanda Stevens at (325) 743-2784.

Notice to school system retirees

Notice to the retirees of the school system - recent or long-term. It is not too late to join Coke County Retired Teachers Association. This is your invitation to come to this Monday luncheon!

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, September 21. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

SASSRA Ambassador Program expanding

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association announces the Ambassador program is expanding and will be conducting interviews Sunday, October 4, 2 pm at the Spur Arena for non-equestrian Ambassadors. The young ladies selected will be between the ages of 14 to 24.

For more information on this new phase of Ambassadorship go online to sanangelorodeo.com to print the application and guidelines or call the Stock Show office at (325) 653-7785.

For those interested in the Drill Team, tryouts are scheduled Sunday, November 1, at 2 pm.

ACT Workshop slated for Sept. 22

Ballinger High School will be hosting an ACT workshop for high school students on Tuesday, September 22, from 5 pm until 8 pm in the Ballinger High School cafeteria. This workshop is being made available to area high school students as a service to provide students with relevant, practical information on how to increase ACT scores. The workshop covers what will be on the test and how to master the techniques. The workshop will be facilitated by Chad Cargill. More information about his workshop is available on his web site at www.chadcargill.com. Students may sign up by Friday, September 18, in the counselor's office at Bronte High School. For more information, students or parents may call Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor or Mrs.

Arrott, Ballinger counselor at 365-3547.

ACT/SAT Test Dates

Students wanting to take the October 24 ACT test must register by Friday, September 18, in order to avoid late fees. Students may take the ACT twice for free if they qualify for free or reduced lunches. Please see Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor, for a fee waiver form and verification number. Students may register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet in the counselor's office. Please note that the ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on October 24.

Students wanting to take the November 7 SAT test must register on or before Wednesday, September 16, in order to avoid late fees. Fee waivers are available for students who are on free or reduced lunches. Please see BHS counselor, Mrs. Timmerman for a waiver.

Free study guides are also available in the counselor's office for both the ACT and SAT tests.

Concho Valley College Night slated

Angelo State University will be hosting a college night for high school students on Tuesday, September 29, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in the Houston Harte Center on the ASU campus. Approximately 50 colleges and universities will have informational booths set up to talk to prospective students and/or their parents and hand out materials. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Scholarship info for seniors

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund has released its online application. Students must be a graduating senior, a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen and have plans to enroll full-time in a degree seeking program at a two or four year U.S. accredited institution. For more information and an application, please visit www.hsf.net. The deadline to apply is December 15, 2009.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding \$3 million a year in scholarships



Shorthorn Football! Nathaniel Rosales races down the field to gain more yards as the Shorthorns go on to demolish the Rotan Yellowhammers on Thursday, September 10.

to 250 deserving students. Seniors may apply online at www.coca-colascholars.org. The deadline to apply for scholarships is Saturday, October 31, 2009.

Any senior who has participated in at least one sport during their high school career may apply for the Wendy's Heisman Award online at www.wendysheisman.com. One female and one male athlete from each participating high school will be selected to receive the award. The first 41,100 applicants will receive a FREE Wendy's gift card. The amounts of the cards are randomly assigned and range from \$5 to \$50 and will be sent out in November. Applications must be received by Thursday, October 1, 2009.

Bronte High School has subscribed to www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com as a resource for seniors and their parents to access a list of national scholarships available. The list is updated monthly and is very user friendly. Bronte High School students have been provided with the user name and password to access the site. Parents may call the counselor's office at (325) 473-2521 for the user name and password.

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September 18	Irion County	Here	7:30		
** September 25	Hamlin	Here	7:30		
October 2	OPEN				
* October 9	Baird	There	7:30		
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 Zera Fields
 10-1twp

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 Love,
 Angie Basquez
 10-1twp

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BRONTE ISD
 is accepting proposals for masonry work. For specifications contact the Superintendent's office at 325-473-2511. Proposals are due by Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 2:00 pm. Bronte ISD reserves the right to accept/reject any or all proposals.
 10-1tc

AN ORDINANCE
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR.
 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE:
 SECTION 2. That the budget, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit A is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the City's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010.
 PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 10th day of September, 2009

APPROVED:
 Gerald Sandusky
 Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Pat Martindale,
 City Secretary
 10-1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of IRA LEE CRAIG, Deceased, were issued on September 9, 2009, in Cause No. 09-1722.

pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to:
BEVERLY KAY CRAIG SIMS.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Beverly Kay Craig Sims,
 Independent Executor
 c/o Benjamin W. Clayton
CLARK & CLAYTON, L.L.P.
 Attorneys at Law
 711 Hutchings
 P.O. Box 482

Ballinger, Texas 76821
DATED September 9, 2009.
BENJAMIN W. CLAYTON
 State Bar No.: 24001895
 P.O. Box 482
 Ballinger, Texas 76821
 Telephone: (325) 365-4604
 Facsimile: (325) 365-8375
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WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
 is accepting bids to replace approximately 50 double windows at Robert Lee Care Center. The replacement windows should be double pane and energy efficient. Bids will be accepted until October 12, 2009, at 10:00 am. The District reserves the right to accept which ever bid they desire or to accept none. Contact Roger Alexander at 325/453-2511 to make appointment to measure windows.
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ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER
 A 24-hour nursing and rehabilitation center with a 20-bed Alzheimer unit is currently accepting applications for the following position:
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NOTICES

ORDINANCE #1192

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE DOES HEREBY AMEND SECTION G AND SECTION I ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES.

SECTION G: COLLECTION CHARGES

The following rate schedule is hereby implemented as stated in Exhibit A of the Solid Waste Contract between the City of Robert Lee and Duncan Disposal:

(a) Premises inside city limits used for private residences, single mobile home sites and/or locations, shall be charged a base rate of \$14.24 per month per family unit as to occupied residences, apartments, and units, with one collection per week.

(b) Premises outside city limits used for private residences, single mobile home sites and/or residences, shall be charged \$15.32 per month with one collection per week.

(c) Premises used for commercial, business, and/or public purposes not receiving sanitation container service as described herein shall be charged \$14.24 per month with one collection per week.

(d) Charge for additional carts shall be \$9.07 per month, with one collection per week.

(e) Base rate may be adjusted monthly based on the previous month's cost of diesel fuel as published by the Department of Energy - Gulf Coast Region.

SECTION I: CONTAINERIZED SYSTEM

The following rate schedule is hereby implemented as stated in Exhibit A of the Solid Waste Contract between the City of Robert Lee and Duncan Disposal:

(a) Public, private, business and/or commercial locations and sites, including certain private residences receiving a 3 yard sanitation container system shall be charged the following rate with one collection per week:

3 yard container 1x per week - \$40.14

3 yard container 2x per week - \$63.99

(2x per week is special rate established when service was reduced to 3 yard containers and one collection per week.) This ordinance was duly passed by affirmative vote and shall take effect with the utility billing issued for the month of October, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of September, 2009.

CITY OF ROBERT LEE

ATTEST:

Joe V. White, Mayor

Kay Torres, City Secretary

10-1tc

ORDINANCE NO. 1191

ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Robert Lee, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of the City subject to taxation, a tax of .380406 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

For the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund), .380406 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

The tax rate adopted will increase total taxes in the City of Robert Lee by 0%.

SECTION 2. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2009, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2010, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to assess and collect such taxes employing the above tax rates.

This ordinance was passed on the 14th day of September, 2009, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Robert Lee, there being a quorum present, by 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Approved: Joe V. White, Mayor

ATTEST: Kay Torres, City Secretary

10-1tc

ORDINANCE #1190

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of September, 2009.

APPROVED: Joe V. White, Mayor

ATTEST: Kay Torres, City Secretary

10-1tc

AN ORDINANCE

LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bronte, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.398316 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

For the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund), \$0.398316 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

SECTION 2. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2009, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2010, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. All taxes shall

become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the City assessor and collector of the City of Bronte is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City of Bronte shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the General Fund of the City of Bronte. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 10th day of September, 2009, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bronte, there being a quorum present, by 5 yeas 0 nays, and approved on the date above set out.

APPROVED:

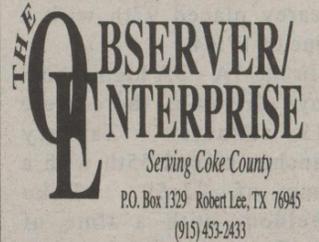
Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST: Pat Martindale, City Secretary

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Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. • *Isaiah 55:6*

Thus says the Lord who made it, the Lord who formed it to establish it. (The Lord is His name): Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know. • *Jeremiah 33:2-3*

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! • *1 Chronicles 16:8-9*

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RL Cross Country results told

The Robert Lee ISD cross country teams competed at Angelo State University on September 12. Results are as follows.

There were a total of 156 junior high girls running in their division. Bianca Huapilla placed 88th with a time of 14:17. Sydney Sheldon placed 127th with a time of 14:55 and Jesse Sheets was on her heels, earning 128th place also with a time of 14:55.

In the high school girls 1A - 3A division, a total of 159 girls competed. Erika Percy placed 97th with a time of 17:44.

In the 1A - 3A high school boys division, there were 119 runners. Zachary Sanchez placed 55th with a time of 23:59. Luke Sheldon, with a time of 24:18, placed 63rd. Jose Fabian placed 72nd with a time of 24:43.

Stress Relieving Tips In 60 Seconds Or Less

By the time you finish reading this story, you could have stared at the shapes of the clouds in the sky, enjoyed an indulgent snack or sent a long overdue e-mail to a close friend. More importantly, that 60-second break could keep your mental health and wellness in check.

With 92 percent of Americans looking to "take a break" from their daily routine according to a recent study, people need an escape, even if it's brief. Many individuals don't realize how empowering a short break can feel -- or how to go about setting aside the time.

"Finding time to treat the 'you' in yourself is important to maintaining a balanced life, especially during these hectic times," says Stephanie Marston, lifestyle expert, speaker and accomplished author on topics surrounding life balance techniques. "Some people just need a little help getting started."

Marston recently partnered with Kellogg Company to develop a list of these quick, stress-relieving tips as part of its launch for Kellogg's Cinnabon Snack Bars. Enjoying a sensible but indulgent snack is one of many simple ways to hit the reset button on the day. These short breaks can take place between meetings, waiting to pick up the kids or on the way to the next appointment.

Other relaxing "Cinnaminutes" include:

- * Sing out loud to your favorite song while driving home from work.

- * Smell something refreshing like lavender.

- * Indulge by serving yourself your morning tea or

coffee in a pretty cup.

- * Check out your favorite blog or Web site before diving back into your task.

- * Spend some time today rereading a book you loved as a child.

- * Post an inspiring quote on your computer or mirror, where you'll see it every day.

- * Say or do something nice for someone you don't know.

The full list of Kellogg's "Cinnaminutes" can be found at www.KelloggCinnaminutes.com.

"There are plenty of ways to combat stress," Marston continues, "but no one is going to force a minute on you to relax. Keep your mental health top of mind by writing yourself a note, scheduling time for breaks or even taping up this story at your desk as a reminder."

Five Tips For Dressing For Success

Regardless if you are going on a job interview or you already have the job, make sure you dress the part.

Neatness and dressing appropriately are the two golden rules for both white and blue collar workers. It's all about looking professional -- even on casual Fridays!

Here are some important dressing tips for the workplace:

- * **Dress Right For Job Interviews.** Dress conservatively for an interview for an office job. Men should wear a solid color, conservative suit with a long-sleeve dress shirt, staid tie, dark socks and professional shoes. Women should wear a conservative suit, coordinated blouse, light hosiery and go easy on both jewelry and make-up. When dressing for a blue collar or service job interview, go business casual: meaning, slacks and shirt in reserved colors. Looking good makes you feel good and exude confidence.

- * **Never Be Rumped!** Nobody wants to hire, promote or have customers meet a messy employee. Crisply pressed clothes project a professional image and show you pay attention to detail. Use a clothing iron with a pointed tip and a double-pointed soleplate, such as the Panasonic 360 Quick Iron, to smooth out tight spots like collars, buttons and cuffs. These spots are the first things people notice and you don't

want them wrinkled.

- * **Grooming Matters.** Especially when you wear casual clothes, grooming has an impact. Your hair should be tidy, you shouldn't skip that shower and men should be cleanly shaved or have a well-trimmed beard. Business casual isn't grooming casual!

- * **Fix It Fast.** Late for a job interview and rumped? Clothing get wrinkled in your luggage? If you're in a hurry, use the steam setting on an iron and gently hover over wrinkles, smoothing out the warm fabric with your hand. If a complete ironing is needed fast, use an iron with a bigger surface area, more steamholes and a double-pointed soleplate, such as the Panasonic 360 Quick, which will cut 25 percent off ironing time. Always travel with a sewing kit to repair hems and reattach buttons.

- * **Save on Dry Cleaning and Still Look Great.** Dry cleaning is costly and adds another errand to your list. Some items labeled dry clean only, like sweaters, can be washed at home in a garment bag on the gentle cycle using gentle detergent. If shirts and slacks aren't dirty, just wrinkled, return them to

perfect condition with a precision iron. Other ways to avoid dry cleaning include using various settings on your iron, such as for silk, or smoothing out the front crease of your pants with your iron after working all day. You'll extend the life of these items by dry cleaning them less frequently.

Pay attention when you're complimented. If a co-worker says you're looking good or asks if you lost weight, take note of your outfit and repeat that look again.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 3, 2009

PROPOSITION 1

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

PROPOSITION 2

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

PROPOSITION 3

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

PROPOSITION 4

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

PROPOSITION 5

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

PROPOSITION 6

HJR 116 would amend the constitu-

tion to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

PROPOSITION 7

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

PROPOSITION 8

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

PROPOSITION 9

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use

the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

PROPOSITION 10

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

PROPOSITION 11

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

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