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## Whatever happened to La Nina?

by Hal Spain, Publisher  
Okay, so it's toward the end of June. After a wonderful start (up to twelve wet inches of rainfall in some places during the first two quarters of 2010), we seemed to be reverting back to a generally dry summer weather pattern.

For one thing, we had suffered through about thirty hot days in June without a significant rainfall for the most part.

The weather forecasters were predicting our area back in a La Nina weather pattern, which is the dry one (the wet weather pattern is El Nino). And the third reason we were thinking hot and dry is that summertime has proven to us to be mainly hot and dry. Pastures and hay crops were curling up their toes due to the dry weather, and the outlook wasn't too rosy, unless you just happen to like extreme wildfire conditions.

Just when we thought we were in the soup for the summer, so to speak, the last four days of June started a complete turnaround in our moisture situation. It rained

pretty generally at least three of the last four days of June. Most areas of the county received from at least one to four inches of rain by June 30.

Then the hurricane rains hit Coke County, and we got another four days of rain through July 4th. All told, most of us didn't see the sun for about eight days from June 27 through July 4. It has rained so many days at my place I can hardly remember the totals anymore. But I'll give it my best shot. According to my rain gauge, I had .6, .5, and .9, for a total of two inches the last four days of June. Since July 1 arrived, I have had .6, .5, .1, and 1.1, for a total of 2.2 inches since the first of July.

The first thing I'd like to point out about the accompanying table from our weather cooperators is that their July totals so far are not included in their results, because the second quarter ended on June 30. Not everybody has gotten the big totals in the first few days of July, but I did hear from Dolores McCabe. She reported a total of 16.19 inches during the first two



**Bronte Health & Rehab Center Auxiliary Auction!** Lanette Fletcher is shown with the over fifty items auctioned Sunday evening during the BHRC annual 4th of July celebration. The auction raised over \$4,300 for the auxiliary. Thanks to Bronte Health and Rehab Center, BHRC Auxiliary and community support, the fireworks display this year was truly spectacular. Due to the wet ground, the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department had to move the location of the display across the highway.

quarters of 2010, which is the least amount reported for this period on our chart of eight cooperators throughout the county. However, Dolores confirmed that they have had 5.64 inches of rainfall since July 1, which means that it didn't take them long to hurry up and catch up on the rainfall totals. That is the highest amount I have heard of in the county, as far as the hurricane rain goes (after July 1).

As to Lake Spence getting any water, I guess I just don't know what it takes to put water in our lake. Winton Milliff reported to me on Thursday, July 1, that it had rained five inches in Big Spring the night before. Lynn Denton told me that afternoon that he had talked to a lady on Beal's Creek, which is at the top of our watershed area near Big Spring, and she reported 6.5 inches during that rainfall. My wife Kim was driving through Big Spring on Friday, July 2, and she said it was raining cats and dogs there, which was the day after the big rain.

Since that time, I have been looking on the internet to find the USGS data on how much water Spence has caught, and the answer is not as much as we would like.

These figures indicate that we have caught about 600 acre-feet the past week, which is good, but nothing to write home about. And when you look on the net for how much the lake level has increased, you end up with a negative number; so unless I am doing something wrong, these figures are somewhat disappointing, considering the amount of good rains that fell on the watershed.

I don't want to end on a sour note; so let's be thankful for the timely moisture that we did get. Pastures and lawns are sopping, and you can tell by the way the grass has grown the past week that rainfall is much superior to all the water system irrigation that we can apply.

In addition to the benefit to our livestock, these rains were a lifesaver for our wildlife populations. This moisture should continue what we anticipate will be a bumper crop for our deer, turkey, and quail populations.

### Photo session slated before Robert Lee school is torn down

Anyone who attended the old Robert Lee School and wants to have their picture made on the front steps before it is demolished, will

have one last opportunity to do so. A session is planned for Saturday, July 10, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The RLHS Class of 1964 will provide refreshments. Bring your cameras and your smile.

### RL City Council meeting change announced

The Robert Lee City Council regular meeting of July 12 has been changed to July 19. City Council Meetings are at 7 pm at the City Hall and are open to the public.

### Golf tournament set for Saturday at Singing Winds in Bronte

The 2nd annual James Lee Memorial Red, White, and Blue Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held Saturday, July 10, at Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte.

The 3 Person, 27 Hole tourney has a tee time of 9 am. A barbeque dinner will be held after the tournament. Special prizes, door prizes, goodie bags, etc. are planned.

A limited number of carts will be available.

For more information, contact Shawna at (325) 473-2156.

## County Rainfall Totals

	April	May	June	Total for Year
<b>Dee &amp; Dessie Kendall • Edith Area</b>				
2009	1.20	2.60	3.55	9.25
2010	3.70	4.50	0.90	17.80
<b>Bobby and Jeffie Roberts • Valley View Area</b>				
2009	2.10	2.90	1.57	8.16
2010	2.78	4.71	3.01	16.24
<b>Dolores McCabe Seal • Divide Area</b>				
2009	1.54	0.97	6.39	10.96
2010	4.21	2.99	1.44	16.19
<b>Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte</b>				
2009	1.48	1.75	1.36	6.51
2010	2.11	4.33	2.20	17.33
<b>Charles &amp; Dorris Sonnenberg • Bronte Area</b>				
2009	1.99	1.66	1.75	7.47
2010	2.45	3.74	2.19	17.38
<b>Wayne &amp; Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte</b>				
2009	1.80	1.35	2.20	7.45
2010	2.87	3.69	4.09	19.40
<b>Paul Sheffler • 7 Mile Hill Ranch</b>				
2009				
2010	4.00	3.67	3.02	20.00
<b>Jerry &amp; Susan Wellborn • Pecan Creek Area West of Robert Lee</b>				
2009				
2010	2.35	1.65	2.55	15.70

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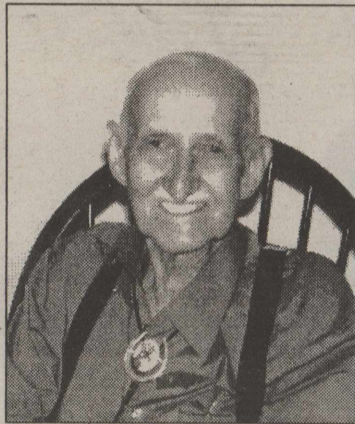
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**BHRC July 4th Celebration!** Doris Sims (from left, Ron Cooper and Nancy Cooper serve the crowd who braved the weather to attend the annual 4th of July celebration at Bronte Health and Rehab Center Sunday evening. Jasper Graves prepared brisket for the sandwiches which were served.

## Obituaries



### Austin

Isham M. Austin, Jr., 82, passed away on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at Shannon Medical Center.

Visitation was held all day Thursday, July 1, 2010, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm - 8 pm. Funeral service was at 10 am Friday, July 2, 2010, at the Robert Lee Large Recreation Center, officiated by Kenion Coleman and Warren Taylor. Burial followed at Sanco Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Isham was born on July 14, 1927, to Isham M. Austin, Sr. and Lila Byrd Austin (Cope) in Coke County, Texas.

Isham spent most of his days in Coke County. He was a talented carpenter. He was in the union and helped build Shannon Hospital. Isham was a hard worker and provided

well for his family. His family was very important to him and he put their needs above his own. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Isham is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mae Dell Austin; his parents; two brothers, Don Austin and Clint Austin.

He is survived by his children, Monty Austin and wife Neva of Robert Lee, Travis Austin and wife Norma of Texarkana, Texas, Connie Gettings and husband Ray of Bloomington, California, Venita Price and husband Dennis of Odessa; his brother, Stanley Austin of Porter, Texas; his sisters, Eva Ruth Taylor and husband Charles of Springfield, Missouri, Jane Bruckner of Ft. Worth; and eight grandchildren.

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### Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS set for July 19-23

Get your boots & hats ready and come to Robert Lee Baptist Church July 19-23 from 9:00-12:00.

A great day big yea-haw, foot stompin' good time will be had. There will be crafts, rec, snacks, bible study & loads of laughs. You might even learn a song or two.

For grades Pre-K thru 6. Pre-registration forms are being mailed, but if you don't get one, call 453-2826 or 453-2724 and we will mail the form to you.

Lookin' forward to a great Round-Up!

### Memorial Wall now at Bronte Health & Rehab

A new Memorial Wall is now at Bronte Health and Rehab Center. The public is urged to place a cross (not greater than 12" in size) on the wall in memory of a deceased loved one.

Please bring cross to Paula or Michelle or contact them for more information.

### Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department needs drinking water donations

Donations of bottled drinking water are needed for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. Recently, they have responded to a number of fires. The public has been

very generous with donations during the 2009 fire season, but with the extreme heat and number of calls, that water has been depleted.

Water can be taken to the fire station, you can call one of the firemen for pickup, or you can leave your donations at the courthouse. Your donations of drinking water will be much appreciated by some very thirsty firemen as they continue their efforts to protect Coke County.

### Low Impact Exercise Class now held in Robert Lee

A low impact exercise class is now available at the Robert Lee United Methodist Church on Wednesdays at 10 am until 10:30 am. The class will work on balance and fall prevention as well as upper body strengthening. The class is free.

## Area Churches Invite You to Worship

**Bronte**  
**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  
**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. Matt Pennington, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship

**Forgiven Ministries**  
 117 W. Main, Bronte  
 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm

**Coke County**  
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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**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**  
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Sun. 10 am • Worship  
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 Wed. 7 pm

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

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 508

9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee  
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685

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  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724

Danny White, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
 PQ 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  
**Tennyson**  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson

Ryan Buck, Pastor  
 (325) 473-2040

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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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**Mini-Cheer Camp slated for Robert Lee**

A Mini-Cheer Camp has been slated for August 9-13 from 9 am to 11 am at the RLHS Tennis Courts in Robert Lee. The cheers, chants, and sidelines are being taught by the 2010-2011 RLHS Cheerleaders for children in Pre-K through 6th Grade.

For more information, email Maranda Hood at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

**Robert Lee implements water restrictions**

The City of Robert Lee, in an effort to conserve water through the summer months will begin enforcing outdoor watering restrictions.

Beginning July 1, 2010 there shall be NO outside watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Questions may be directed to City Hall.

**Garage Sale for the Troops set for July 17th**

The annual Garage Sale for the Troops has been set for Saturday, July 17th. It will be held outside the Southside Church of Christ, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

If you would like to donate items for sale to benefit our military, contact Pat Gunnells at 453-5503.

**Bronte Class of 1965 slates**

**45 Year Reunion**

The BHS Class of 1965 will be having its 45-Year Reunion on Saturday, July 17, 2010, at the Bronte Housing Authority "Community Room". Between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., a special invitation to "stop by and say hello" is extended to the Class of 1965's Former Teachers & Schoolmates, Parents/Children/Grandchildren, and Friends. For more information, please call: Mary (Corley) Morrow (Bronte, 325-473-7044) or Marla (Rees) Brockett (Houston, 281-495-5660).

**Ladies night set for RL Pool**

The Robert Lee swimming pool is continuing to have Ladies' Night on Tuesdays from 6 - 7 pm. The turnout so far this summer has been excellent and all ladies in the community are encouraged to enjoy this time together.

For more information, con-

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tact Cathy Barnes at 473-1333.

**Brochure for City of Robert Lee currently being prepared**

A new brochure listing Robert Lee businesses and places of interest is being readied for publication. Any Robert Lee business interested in having their business address and phone number listed with no charge should call 453-2495, 453-2169, or 453-2831 to leave the information.

Most businesses have been accounted for, but any business or service new to the area wishing to be included is encouraged to call before July 15.

The brochure is available for new residents, visitors, area tourist destinations and local business counters. There is no charge to be included.

**Passport fees to increase**

Ever travel to Mexico to get your teeth fixed or visit relatives? If you do, or if you travel anywhere out of the country, the cost will increase as of July 13, 2010.

According to Mary Grim, County/District Clerk, passport fees will increase as of July 13. The amount of the increase will be approximately \$35 for passport books. Passport books are usually required to travel out of country by air or sea. The new fees will be \$135 for adults 16 and over, and \$105 for minors under 16 years of age.

For those who just need a passport card (for travel to Mexico, for example), the cost will increase to \$55 for adults and \$40 for minors. For additional information, contact County/District Clerk Mary Grim at 453-2631.

**Check Out Coke County Library**

Two more winners in the summer program at the Library have been picked. Mya Mitchell and Kaylee Mitchell's names were drawn for a free treat from Rhonda and Judy's stand on Commerce Street. Winners

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**Club responds to plea!** *If you need something, then sometimes all you have to do is ask. Such was the case last week when the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department requested that residents donate drinking water for the firemen and others involved in keeping our part of the county safe from wildfires. The '64 Study Club of Robert Lee responded with 20 cases of drinking water shown here. Pat Carwile made the presentation to Fire Chief Mark Sides on Tuesday, July 6.*

*The donation is in memory of a recent house fire at the Caryl and Sonny Benton residence on Dripping Springs Road (shown below). The old ranch home was built in 1940 by the Carwiles. Despite the best efforts of local firemen, the home was pretty much a total loss.*



from previous drawings, Samantha Emler, Hannah Stewart, Zane Avants and Zachary Avants, can pick up their winnings, too.

The non-fiction section of the library is undergoing some rearranging. It might be of interest to some readers that there are books on the martial arts, golf, football, fishing, and survival tactics under the 700's. Also in that category are drawing, painting, and sewing books. The Library has been adding new informational and instructional books each

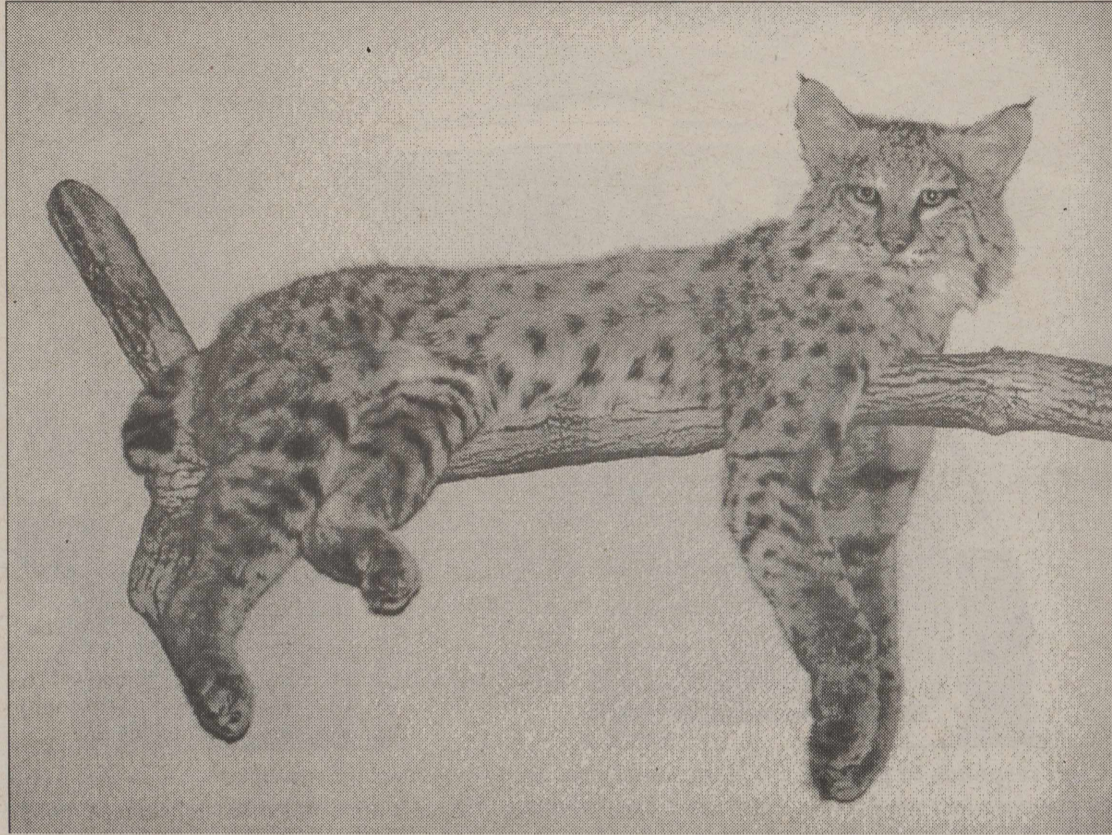
year. A reader interested in something besides fiction might find the non-fiction section rewarding.

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

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**Here Kitty, Kitty!** This thirty-four pound bobcat was taken by Jerry Wellborn in Sterling County last fall. It made a beautiful mount expertly crafted by Mark Wright at Wildcat Taxidermy in Robert Lee.

**'64 Study Club update**

Eighteen members of the '64 Study Club met Monday to plan their up-coming year of activities. The club was organized in 1964 and presently has 32 active members on roll. The object of this organization is to encourage education and culture and to cooperate in activities which may advance the welfare of the community.

The members have been active in the Robert Lee Street Affair, making donations to Robert Lee Fire Department and sponsoring the West Texas Rehab Telethon held annually at Ivey Motor Company. The club awards \$1000 scholarships each year to two Robert Lee High School seniors who are entering college. Also, they have a Christmas collection of food to be donated to the Food Pantry, and each November they sponsor a Birthday Party at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Along with the community activity, the members still find time for fun and fellowship throughout the year. Great Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations are always a special event.

Officers for the upcoming two years are: Jackie Walker, President, Caryl Benton, Program Chairman, Johnetta Lawrence, Social Chairman, Nita Duncan, Secretary, Pat Carwile, Treasurer, and Olivia King Parliamentarian.

**UBS appeals to public**

United Blood Services is urgently in need of O Negative blood. In spite of the fact that the number of donations have increased, supplies on hand of O Negative blood type remain LOW with less than 1.5 days supply in hand.

The requirements for donating are simple. You must be at least 16 years of

age; weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

To schedule an appointment or find a mobile blood drive near you, go to [www.unitedbloodservices.com](http://www.unitedbloodservices.com) or call them at 325-223-7500 or toll free at 1-800-756-0024. United Blood Service is located at 2020 W. Beauregard in San Angelo. Hours of operation are Thursday - Noon - 6 pm, Friday- 8 am- 2 pm, and Saturday-9 am - 1 pm.

**Bronte Chamber of Commerce minutes posted**

On the 7th day of June at 6:30 pm, the Directors of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce met to act on pending items. The meeting was called to order with the following members of the body present: Susan Williams, Ron Cooper, Paul Gohman, and Ronda Sedden. Melinda McCutchen and Corey Cornutt were absent. Tammy Thorn, Bronte Economic Development

Coordinator was also present.

There being a quorum present, the following items were discussed and decided as follows:

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Motion was made by Susan Williams to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ron Cooper. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Tammy Thorn presented a bill from Mediajaw Web Design & Hosting for the Community Web site. Susan Williams made a motion to pay the chamber's portion of the bill. Ron Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Susan Williams presented proposed changes to the Chamber by-laws. These changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

Paul Gohman brought up the need for an adult sponsor for the Teen Chamber. The Teen Chamber also needs to schedule a meeting to elect



**Bronte Reading Fair!** Following the Bronte Little Longhorn Rodeo held in May, Bronte Elementary 1st and 2nd graders invited the community to their reading fair. Each student chose their favorite reading character. They created a tri-fold board explaining why they chose their character, the genre of writing, some of their favorite things about the character, and a diagram comparing and contrasting themselves with their character. The students wore simple costumes representing their character and talked to community members about their character. It was a fun way to let people know about their favorite reading character.



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**Bill & Eula Fay Blair to Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary!** Bill and Eula Fay Blair will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary July 10, 2010, with a reception at Robert Lee Baptist Church, from 2-4 pm.

Bill Blair and Eula Fay Smith were married July 12, 1950, in Coke County.

They have two children, Roy & wife Judy of Robert Lee and Linda & husband Jack Porter of Duncanville; five grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

officers and discuss a project for next year. The Teen Chamber also needs to discuss a possible business to run.

A financial report was given.

Susan Williams stated that the Chamber needed a community project and suggested partnering with some businesses and purchasing an electronic sign to announce community events and accomplishments. More

research into this is needed.

It was decided to organize a community event to celebrate special features of Bronte in 2011. Different ideas were discussed such as a cook-off, talent show, festival, or movie in the park night. These will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The next Chamber meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2010, at 6:30 pm at the Housing community room.

### WHAT DO YOU SEEK AFTER?

No man can serve two masters: For either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: For they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you. That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, o ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or, wherewithal shall we be clothed?

For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: For your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. • Matthew 6:24-

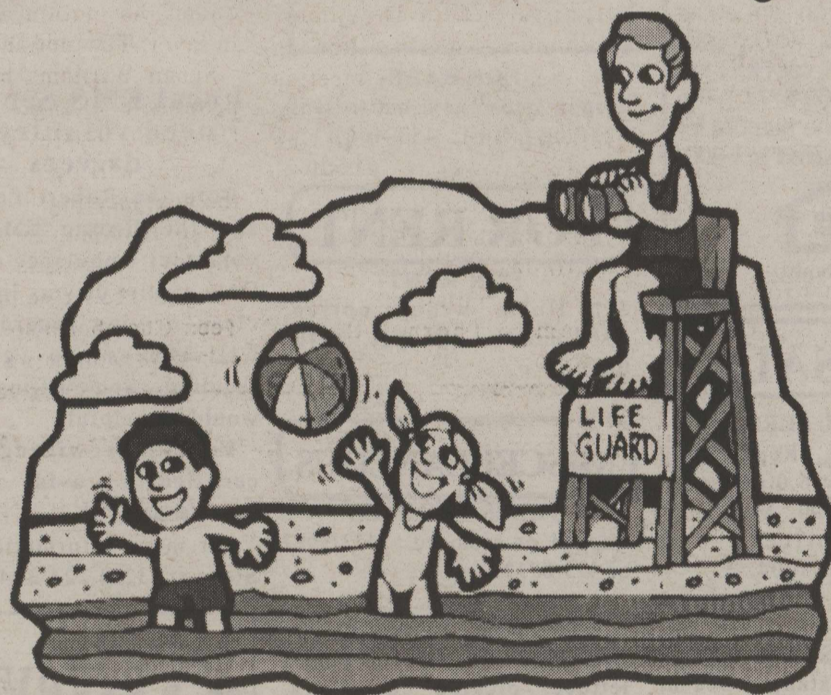
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**Ellis Island!** From 1892 to 1954, over 12 million immigrants entered the United States through the portal of Ellis Island. Located minutes from the tip of Manhattan Island and New York City, it now comprises 27.5 acres and is a popular tourist destination.

# Don't let your summer fun turn into summer tragedy!

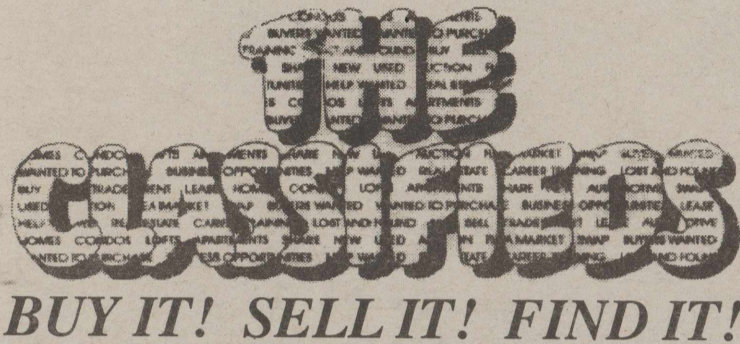


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**FOR SALE**

**COMPUTERS**  
New and Used. Repairs and upgrades. New 6.0 megapixel digital cameras \$90. Many new items 1/2 price! Ed Martindale, 473-3004.

05-tnc

**FOR SALE**  
1998 Ford Mustang. See at 106 W. 16th Street, Robert Lee, or call 763-6714.

50-3tp

**FOR SALE**  
1992 Prowler 5th Wheel Camper. Loaded - Good Shape. 10 E. 17th Street, Robert Lee. 453-9902.

50-2tp

**PRICE REDUCED**  
Houses For Sale. 205 S. Franklin, 209 S. Franklin, Bronte. \$17,500! (432) 693-2322.

50-5tc

**FOR SALE**  
'98 SeaDoo Jet Ski. See at 106 W. 16th Street, Robert Lee, or call 763-6714.

50-3tp

**Political Calendar**  
**The Observer/Enterprise**

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.

Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Roy Blair (Dem.)

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**  
Wendell Lee (Dem.)

**COUNTY TREASURER**  
Hal Spain (Rep.)  
Kathi Cox (Dem.)

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1**  
Jackie Walker (Dem.)  
Leroy Casey (Rep.)

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 2**  
Grady Coulter (Dem.)

**FOR SALE**  
2 twin beds, new mattresses. \$250.00 (firm). 453-4661.

51-2tp

**FOR RENT**  
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3/1 Home w/buy option, \$365/month, RLISD. 212-0036.

51-tnc

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**TREES TRIMMED**  
Topped or removed. 453-9902 or 473-8712.

43-tnc

**NATE'S PRODUCE**  
Has squash, cucumbers, plums, lettuce, pickled cucumbers, Double A BBQ sauce & seasoning salt. Sat. 9 till sellout. 901 W. 11th, Robert Lee. 234-0654.

51-1tp

**NEED A SIGN?**  
Banners, Graphics, Vinyl Lettering, Magnetic Signs and Vehicle Lettering. Juan Rangel, (325) 453-9010.

40-tnc

Bob Frazee's 944-0010  
473-6603

**Texas Best**  
Deflooding & Carpet Cleaning

24 hr. Emergency Water Damage Service

**PARKER PLUMBING**  
Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.

34-tnc  
**PET GROOMING AND BOARDING**  
The Dog House, 119 N. State, Bronte. Call anytime. 234-1599.

46-8tp  
**GENERAL CONTRACTING**  
handyman for roofing, plumbing, water heater installment, drain cleaning, house painting, concrete, masonry, fencing, welding, lawn mowing, tree trimming & removal. 453-2339.

37-tnc

**HELP WANTED**  
**CUSTOM MAID**  
Now hiring. Drug free workplace. Contact Launi Smith, 325-450-7990.

51-2twp

**GARAGE SALES**  
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Friday, July 9, 12 noon - 2, 302 W. 15th Street, Robert Lee. Furniture, clothes, TV. No Early Birds.

51-1tc

**GARAGE SALE**  
118 Key St., Bronte. Coffee/ent tables, ofc. chair, kit/classware, decor items, school supplies, books, etc. Sat., July 10, 8am-1pm.

51-1tc

**CARD OF THANKS**  
**JESSE'S RENTALS**  
Due to health problems, Jesse's Rentals will no longer be in the tool and equipment rental business. However, we will still have storage buildings for rent. We want to express our appreciation to all who did business with us.

Thank you,  
Jessie and Doris Sims  
51-1tc

**Local EMS Services need volunteers, drivers**

Both the Robert Lee EMS and the Bronte EMS need volunteer ambulance drivers. Only a valid drivers license, a clean driving record and a willingness to go are required. Some lifting ability would be helpful.

Volunteers willing to be certified to provide care are also needed.

For more information, call Steve at (325) 224-3047.

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drop box is located at

**HOMETOWN HARDWARE**  
in Bronte.

**ASH-MILLICAN-CARSON REAL ESTATE**  
453-5144 OFFICE • 21 E 6TH STREET • ROBERT LEE, TX  
JOE ASH • 473-0164 MARSHALL MILLICAN • 473-0437  
For information & photos, visit our web site at [www.amcwestexasranches.com](http://www.amcwestexasranches.com)

**Coke County ~ Ranch & Hunting Properties**  
**New Listing:** 210 +/- acres along Colorado River with live water creek. Some cultivation. Good Hunting.  
**New Listing:** 43 +/- acres, located at Silver, Texas. All pasture land with heavy brush. Good hunting. Good access. Electricity available. Good fences. 908 +/- acres, all pasture land, good cover, 3 BR/2BA home, excellent hunting.  
**New Listing:** 43 +/- acres, near Robert Lee, 3 surface tanks, wet weather creek, 57 ac. of cultivation, 40x40 shed, electricity, highway access, joins large hunting ranch, good hunting.

**We have Buyers, We need Land Listings.**  
**New Listing!** 3BR, 1 Bath, Metal Siding. Office Exclusive!

**College Natural Resource Scholarships Available**

The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAFF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer five \$10,000 Natural Resource-Excellence in Education Scholarships in the fall of 2010. The scholarships will be awarded to five freshmen at Texas universities who are majoring in natural resource related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, etc.

Completed applications must be postmarked by September 14th, 2010, and are available at <http://www.texas-wildlife.org>

"As our population has grown, the strain on our natural resources has grown proportionately," said TWAFF Trustee Charles Davidson. "Our future depends on our ability to manage our natural resources wisely, balancing the needs of man and nature. It just makes sense to identify our future leaders and support their educations. We all will benefit from their expertise in the years to come."

This is the fourth time that TWAFF and SALE have teamed up to offer scholarships to future natural resource professionals. Last year, the organizations provided four \$10,000 statewide awards. The program was expanded because of the overwhelming response. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be:

- A Texas resident;
- A graduate of a Texas high school;
- Enrolled in a Texas accredited college or university with a natural resource/agricultural degree program;
- Classified as a "Freshman" or in first year after high school in the accredited program;
- Majoring in a natural resource related field;
- A citizen of the United States and provide a valid social security number if chosen

Students must also maintain 12 hours per semester and a minimum 2.0 GPA per semester and 2.5 cumulative GPA.

The scholarships are awarded based on overall quality and on essay responses to a series of natural resource questions.

**Noel & Co.**  
11200 W. State Hwy 158  
Robert Lee • 453-2149

**Menu**  
Tuesday, July 13  
Spicy Orange Chicken  
Thursday, July 15  
Beef Tips  
w/Mashed Potatoes  
All meals served with homemade rolls and a side of dessert.

*Orders need to be placed by 4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, and picked up between 4 pm and 7 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*



**HILLCREST ADDITION!** 3 Bedroom 2 bath Home! Updated paint & Carpet! Formal Dining Room! Custom Oak cabinets in Kitchen! French doors! Privacy Fenced Backyard! \$104,900!!!

**UPDATES GALORE!** 2 or 3 Bedroom w/2 Baths! 3rd Bedroom has ceramic tile - could be Office or Den! Kitchen also has ceramic tile! Covered Patio in Back! Oversized Carport and outside storage! Privacy fence! \$74,900!!!

- 2500 +/- acres of Live Oaks, Hills, Meadows, and Water! Excellent Ranch for Livestock & Hunting. 3/2 farm house. Many ponds! Great Views! Conveying Owned Mineral Rights!
- 135 +/- Acres! Live Oaks! Wildlife! Good Cover! Several Ponds! Near Bronte!
- Spacious 3 Bedroom 2 Bath home! Bay Window in Living and Breakfast Room! Glassed In Sunroom! Large Backyard!
- Move In Ready! Brick Home with Metal Roof and Central Heat and Air! Chain link Fence Front and Back Yards! Carport and Extra Storage!
- Exceptionally Private! Edge of town with shade and view! 2 or 3 BR 1940's Wildcatter house. Original hardwood floors, ceramic tile, custom handmade solid oak cabinets, new paint, doors and windows. 20x30 four-car garage + two-car open garage. Barn and pens. Bring your horse! Motivated Seller!!

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**July 22 Forum in San Angelo to help create Texas' Statewide**

**Preservation Plan**

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has ambitious plans for the future of preservation in Texas. Every 10 years the THC, in collaboration with its partners, develops a Statewide Preservation Plan to help Texans preserve, protect and leverage their historic and cultural fabric for the betterment of local communities. The purpose of this new plan is to outline realistic and achievable goals and become an online tool for preservation with local applications, resources, best practices and links.

The THC is committed to involving the public as part of the Statewide Preservation Plan development process, by conducting planning forums throughout the state into July. A forum will be held in San Angelo July 22, from 1:30-4 pm at the Cactus Hotel.

Besides the forums, another way to get involved and follow the development process is to visit the recently launched Statewide Preservation Plan blog at [texasplan.wordpress.com](http://texasplan.wordpress.com).

The blog will serve as a tool to keep Texans informed and involved. It will feature the most up-to-date information on the planning forums. Designed to be an open dialogue about historic preservation, the blog will include challenges faced and opportunities that can be harnessed through a state-wide strategy.

For more information about the planning forums, or to RSVP to any of the meetings, contact Rebecca Orr at [rebecca.orr@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:rebecca.orr@thc.state.tx.us) or 512.639.9615.

**TDRA Launches Online Rural Policy Initiative**

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) is seeking policy recommendations and ideas that will improve the quality of life in rural communities. TDRA is asking that you contribute your ideas and suggestions online at <http://www.tdra.state.tx.us/index.php/Home/Policy+Recommendation>.

TDRA is seeking recommendations in four key areas: economic development, community development, healthcare, and housing. TDRA will offer these ideas and suggestions to the Texas Legislature at the beginning of the upcoming legislative session.

The agency is charged with identifying and prioritizing policy issues and concerns affecting rural

communities in Texas in consultation with rural community leaders, locally elected officials, state elected and appointed officials, academic and industry experts, and the inter-agency work group.

TDRA works to strengthen rural communities. The agency also serves as a central source for rural programs, services, and activities so that governmental resources are delivered efficiently and with best possible results for the state's rural residents.

As the state agency dedicated solely to rural Texas, TDRA makes the broad resources of state government more accessible to rural communities. TDRA was created by the 77th Legislature to ensure a continuing focus on rural issues, monitor governmental actions affecting rural Texas, research problems and recommend solutions, and administer rural-focused state and federal resources. TDRA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens. For more information, visit TDRA online at <http://www.tdra.state.tx.us>.

**The Land of Mesquite, Prickly Pear and Blue Bonnets**

The First Methodist Church of Robert Lee continues to have requests for their cookbook, which was first printed in 2004. They sold approximately 2200 books and considered this to be a successful and finished product.

They placed a small order of 200 books due to continuing requests for additional copies. The cost of printing the book has increased and they will be charging more money per book. The shipping charge has also changed.

If you would like to obtain a copy, you may call a member of the First United Methodist Church or: Dolores Roe, 453-2164; Marilyn White, 453-2026; Charlotte McKnight, 453-4683; or the Methodist Church Office at 453-2417.

*Send your news in through the internet.*

**Email: o-e@wcc.net**

*Please send articles in the body of the email and photos as a jpeg attachment.*



**Bronte Health & Rehab Center Auxiliary Auction!** A good crowd attended the BHRC annual 4th of July celebration Sunday evening. Over \$4,300 was raised from the fifty items auctioned.

\*\*\*\*\*foundation for Rural\*\*\*\*\*  
**IVEY MOTOR CO., INC.**

*Billy Wayne Roe - Owner*

**Annual 4th of July Golf Tournament**

Mountain Creek Golf Course - Robert Lee, Texas

**RESULTS**

**Individual Winners**

Place	Name	Score
1st	Ricky Ross	67
2nd	Darin Clawson	69
3rd	Jessie Flores	70
4th	Mason Ross	70
5th	Salomon Saucedo	70

**Team Scores**

1st Place	Bobby Joe Longoria / Kim Lynn	68
2nd Place	Clay Allen / Margaret Ballew	69
3rd Place	Adolph Holik / Bill Blair	70
4th Place	Don Hodge / B.W. Roe	70
5th Place	Kevin Dusek / Bill Ballew	70
6th Place	Dick Sims / Scotty Jackson	71
7th Place	Aaron Hood / Scott Antilley	71
8th Place	Benny Holik / Ricky Lynn	72

9th	Eddie Holik / Paige Mattingley	73
10th	Eddie Holik, Jr. / Mark Riley	73
11th	Jeff Brisbin / Ron Bivins	73
12th	Randy Flanagan / J.D. McClelland	74
13th	W. Henson / Pistol Hood	77
14th	Buddy Wallace / Donna Bivins	78
15th	Albert Dusek / Don Powell	78
16th	John Holik / Jim Aden	79
17th	Kevin Honse / Roy Blair	80
18th	Doug McPeek / Trey Sawyer	80
19th	Jesse Cerritos / Tyler Messer	81

**Dew Sweepers Tourney**

1st Place	Clay Allen	72
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Drawing won by Salomon Saucedo.

**Thanks to everyone who took time to come and play!**

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### Reunion set for Eldorado

The second annual West Texas Thinclad Geezer Reunion is set for July 24 in Eldorado. This event was inaugurated last year as a way for West Texas High School athletes from days gone by, to gather and reminisce about track meets in the area in the mid-twentieth century. Originally conceived for track athletes from the 1960's, it quickly evolved to include runners, etc. all the way from the 1940's to the 1980's. In 2009 fifty former tracksters showed up at the T 9 C Ranch just west of Eldorado for the first informal meal and lots of chatting. Seventeen area towns were represented and the visiting continued until midnight. Harriers from Abilene, Andrews, Brady, Christoval, Corpus Christi, Eden, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Gainesville, Junction, Lewisville, McCamey, Melvin, Mertzon, Ozona, Robert Lee, San Angelo, Sanderson, Sonora, Vernon and Wall count themselves as members of this diverse group and often attend various track events around the state together, even today.

The group would like to invite any interested persons to attend this year's gathering and enjoy this unique camaraderie. In addition to actual track meet participants, those who were fans of West Texas track are also invited to attend and meet some of these former athletes. Gates open at 1 PM and a meal is served at approximately 7 PM. Attendees are encouraged to bring appetizers, desserts, drinks, salads, etc. to help supplement the meal and for snacking throughout the day. There is no charge but a hat is passed around at the end of the day for those wishing to

help with expenses. There is a small fireworks show as soon as it gets dark.

Those planning to attend should notify Jim Runge at eoboc@hotmail.com by July 20 in order for adequate food to be prepared. Word of mouth is the only form of communication involved, so please pass the word and contact Runge for directions and/or other details.

### Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses caused by drought, above normal temperatures, and associated wildfires on January 01, 2009-December 31, 2009.

Coke County has recently been named a primary county by the Secretary of Agriculture and may be eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from each of the disaster designations.

Justin B. Holland, Frm Loan Manager, said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

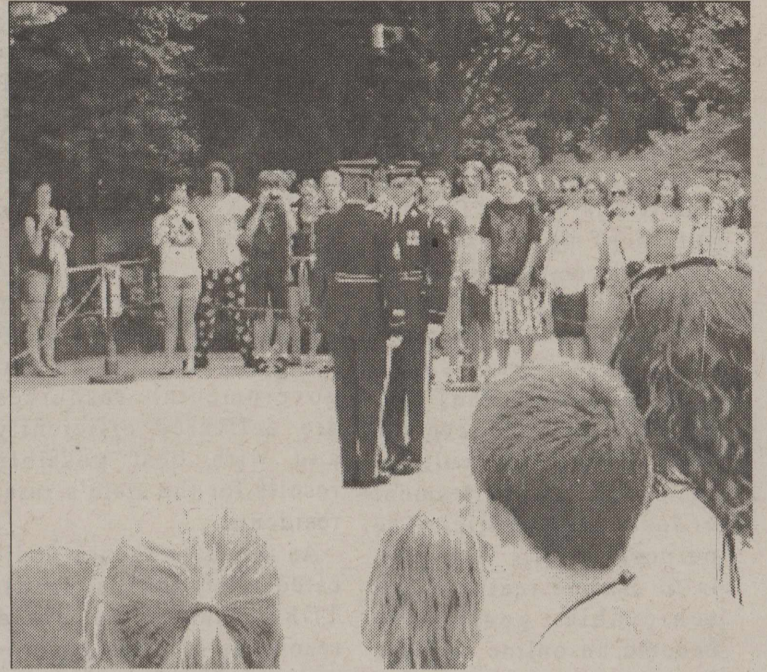
Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until December 13, 2010 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in

processing, with possible delays into the new farming season.

The FSA office in Sweetwater is open from 7:30 to 5:00, Monday through Friday.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to



**Changing of the Guard!** The Changing of the Guard (above) is a regular ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. The cemetery is the site of many of our country's fallen heroes.

To help our soldiers currently fighting, you can support the annual Garage Sale for the Troops to be held Saturday, July 17, from 8 am to 4 pm. The sale will be held outside the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. If you would like to donate items for the sale, contact Pat Gunnells at 453-5503.

**The Lincoln Memorial!** Abraham Lincoln is honored with this memorial in Washington, D.C. A local resident visited the city recently and was kind enough to share these wonderful pictures of our nation's capital.

recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship

requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

**Email your news!**

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## Connect to Energy Savings

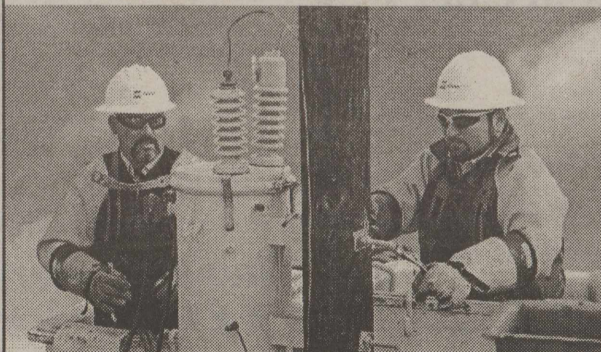
AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for more than 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. That's why we would like to share some low or no-cost tips with you on how to keep cool during these hot summer months.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler while saving energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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