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RLHS Scrimmage time changed

The football scrimmage on Saturday, August 14, between the Robert Lee Steers and Lometa will be held at 9 am in Robert Lee. It was originally scheduled for 10 am.

BHS Scrimmage slated

The Bronte Longhorns will travel to Rotan Saturday, August 14, to take on the Yellowhammers in a football scrimmage slated for 10 am.

Meet the Teacher Night set for Aug. 18

Bronte Elementary's Meet The Teacher night will be on Wednesday, August 18, from 5:30-6:30 pm. Please meet in the auditorium for a general information session before meeting your child's teacher.

"Meet the Steers" set for Saturday

"Meet the Steers" will be held this Saturday, August 14, during the first scrimmage of the 2010 football season. The scrimmage starts at 9 am. Robert Lee Project Graduation will have the concession stand, and the Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club will be selling Booster Club Memberships and Steer Buttons. Rhonda and Judy will also be selling shaved ice.

Everyone is invited to meet the Steer football team and the high school cheerleaders. Please help support the athletes of Robert Lee ISD!

Robert Lee PeeWee Cheerleaders gear up

Sign-up for Robert Lee PeeWee Cheerleading is set for Tuesday, August 17, at 7 pm at the park in Robert Lee. All girls in grades 1-6 may attend.

Organizers have scheduled a bake sale for Friday, August 20, from 11 am to 3 pm at Robert Lee State Bank.

For more information, call Dallas at 277-6342 or Melissa at 234-4658.

RL Elementary pre-registration set

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold Elementary pre-registration on Monday, August 16 from 5-6:30 pm in the Elementary School office.

All new students to the Robert Lee ISD, Pre-Kindergarten - 6th grade are encouraged to attend.

Required documentation for enrollment will include Birth Certificate, Social Security Card and current Immunization Records. For additional information, please feel free to call the elementary school office at 453-4555.

BJH 7th Grade Orientation slated

Bronte Junior High will be hosting a 7th grade orientation the first day of school after the general student assembly for incoming 7th graders and their parents, if they wish to attend. We will discuss procedures, class schedules, lockers, supplies,



Ribbon Cutting! Robert Lee Independent School District trustees join in to perform the proverbial ribbon cutting for the new elementary school, which opened for business after the ceremony on Thursday, August 5, 2010. A magnificent crowd of approximately 200 stood anxiously through the heat of the late afternoon to view the new facility following the ribbon cutting ceremony. School board members cutting the ribbon include (l to r): Tom Sawyer, Brandi Brosh, Irma Torres, Wes Washam, and Jeffie Roberts.

and athletics as well as give a tour of the secondary campus and an opportunity for the students to meet their teachers. We will also be answering any questions that students or parents may have. On the first day of school, August 23rd, everyone will meet in the auditorium at 8:00 AM when the bell rings. If you have any questions, please call the Bronte secondary school campus at 473-2521.

2nd Annual "Oldies but Goodies" Car Show set

Come out and enjoy a day of fun Saturday, August 21, in downtown Bronte. Car show and arts and crafts booths will be open at 10 am and end at 2 pm.

Registration for the car show starts at 8 am in the bank parking lot. Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be serving lunch around 11:30 under the trees at the Depot.

And for the grand finale, the Bronte Chamber of Commerce will have a spe-

cial showing in the Texas Theater at 2:15 pm. For more information contact: www.brontetexas.org or City Hall (325) 473-3501.

Texas Sheep & Goat Validation Tag Order Deadline is August 27

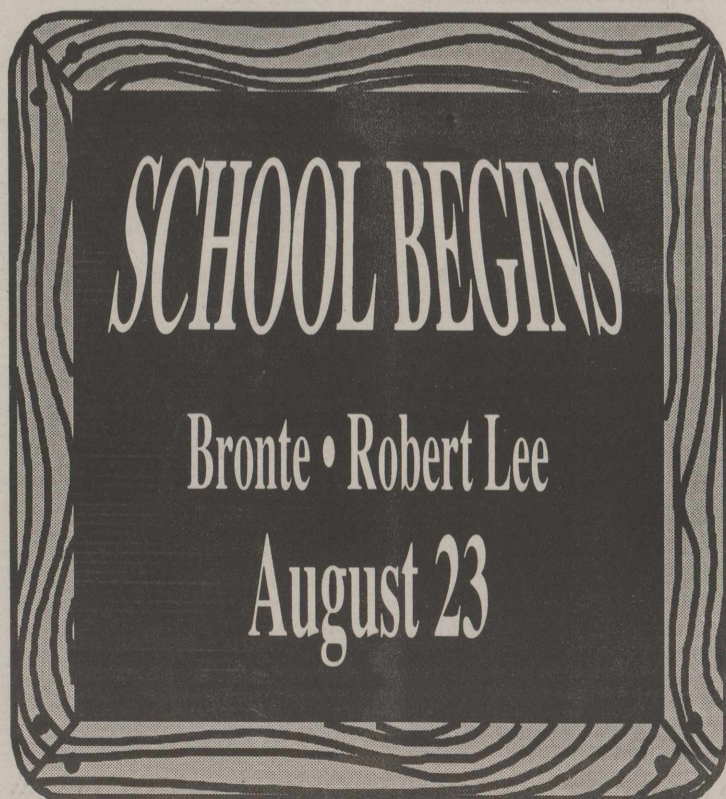
It is once again time to plan for the 2010- 2011 Texas Sheep & Goat Validation. If you are planning on exhibiting sheep &/or goats at next year's major shows, you need to have your sheep and goat projects validated with the state.

Please contact Garrett at the extension office 453- 2461 to place an order for tags. TAG ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2010 by 12:00 pm.

Coke County Representative Needed

The American Cancer Society is looking for someone to represent Coke County at the High Plains Leadership Summit in Dallas on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24 & 25,

2010. The Coke County Relay For Life will be held in Bronte in 2011 & 2012. The Coke County Relay started in Bronte in 2005. Relay For Life is a wonderful event, not only to support and recognize cancer survivors and caregivers, but also to raise funds for the American Cancer Society for research, patient services and education/awareness. Lots of folks in the community have worked hard to start and keep the Coke County Relay For Life active and going. The Summit is a great place to get new ideas and see what other Relays are doing. It will really get you excited about Relay! If you're interested in the Coke County Relay For Life, please consider being on the planning committee and possibly going to Summit in Dallas. Deadline to register is Friday, August 20, 2010. For more information, contact Corie Davidson at the ACS office in San Angelo at 944-2500. Remember, each lap brings us closer to a world with more birthdays.



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RLISD Board meeting minutes posted

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 6 pm, in the RLISD Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by President Washam.

Members present included Jeffie Roberts, Wes Washam, Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres, Tod Reed, and Brandi Brosh. A quorum of members was present.

The invocation and pledge were led by Irma Torres.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17 and June 3, 2010, with correction, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept the financial report given by Robin Allen, approve budget amendments and to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Robin Allen Administered Oath of Office to Board Member Tod Reed.

Supt. Hood updated the Board on the construction project and the principals' reports.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept Supt. Hood's recommendation to enter into contract with Moak, Casey & Associates for Chapter 313 Submissions for two agreements at \$4,500 per agreement. Motion seconded by Tod Reed. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended to finish 3rd year of 3-Year Contract with Claims Administrative Services for Worker's Compensation Self Insurance. Motion to accept recommendation

by Irma Torres, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

A Budget Workshop for 2010-2011 was held by the Board.

Supt. Hood updated the Board on property value of turbines, summer maintenance and upcoming agenda items, i.e. Handbook and PDAS Calendar.

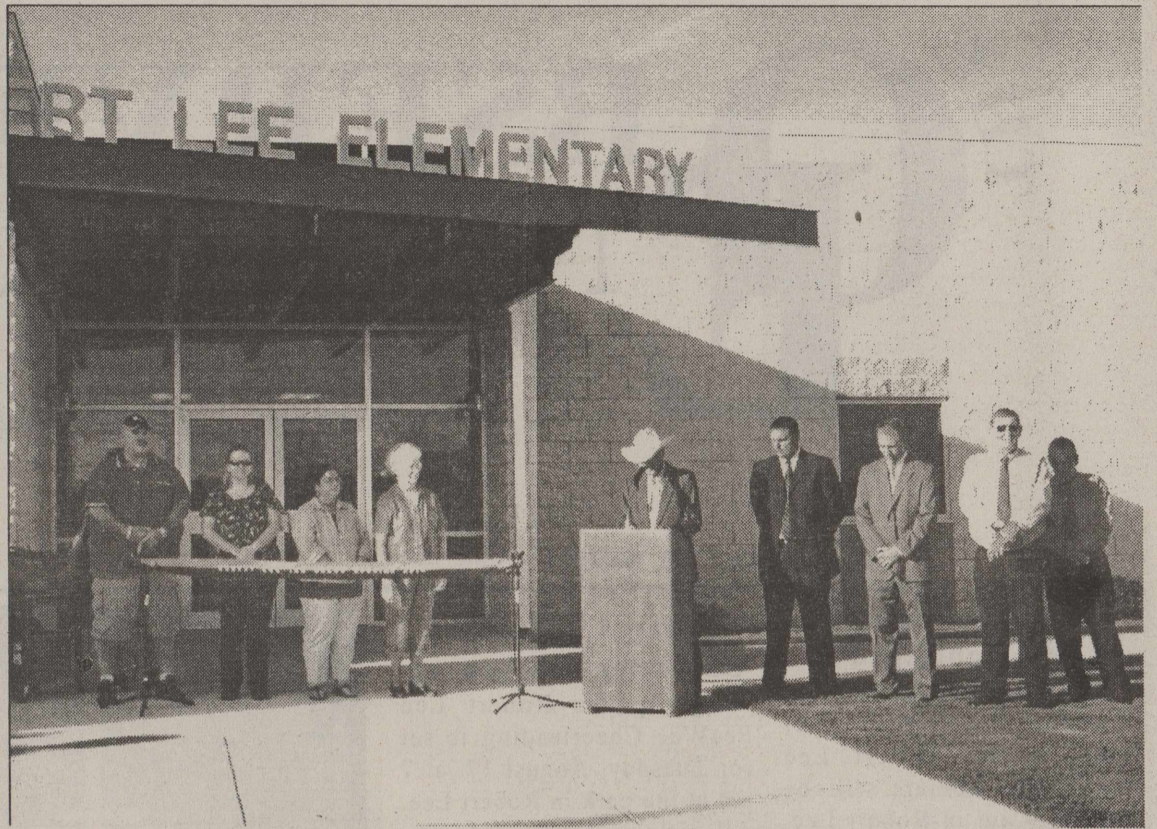
A letter of resignation was read by Supt. Hood from Tammy Roe.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion, seconded by Irma Torres, to accept Supt. Hood's recommendation to hire Dana Cauley on a one year probationary contract for 2010-2011 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

USDA announces CRP sign-up

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that a general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will begin on August 2, 2010 and continue through August 27, 2010. During the sign-up period, farmers and ranchers may offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized USDA to maintain CRP enrollment up to 32 million acres. CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to use their environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share, and technical assistance. CRP protects millions of acres of America's topsoil from erosion and is designed to improve the nation's natural resources base. Participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by entering into long-term con-



Ribbon Cutting Address! Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees president Wes Washam delivers the grand opening address to a large crowd of approximately 200 during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new elementary school. Also shown are school board members (left), and school officials, along with representatives from Cadco Engineers, the architectural firm involved in the new school, and W. B. Kibler Construction, which is the company responsible for the construction project.

tracts for 10 to 15 years. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation practices.

By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP also protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted to resource-conserving vegetative covers, making the program a major contributor to wildlife population increases in many parts of the country. As a result, CRP has provided significant opportunities for hunting and fishing on private lands.

Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this sign-up provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall covering about 4.5 million acres may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2010.

FSA implements CRP on behalf of Commodity Credit Corporation. FSA will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) for environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. Decisions on the EBI cutoff

will be made after the sign-up ends and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers.

Those who would have met previous sign-up EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this sign-up. In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program will be ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensi-

tive land. For more information, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

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(325) 473-4811
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11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm
First Baptist Church
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10:55 am Worship,
6 pm Youth
and Worship
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Bronte
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Wed. 7 pm
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Wed. 6 pm, Worship
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Sat. 6 pm
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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United Way to kick off campaign

The United Way of the Concho Valley will kick off its 2010 Annual Campaign with an Area Children's Parade at 10 am, Saturday, August 28, at Kirby Park, located at Nueces Street and Edmund Boulevard in San Angelo. A free hotdog lunch will be provided to parade participants and their families at the Kirby Park Pavillion following the parade.

Youngsters, 12 and under from the Concho Valley are invited to participate either as individuals or groups. A group may be defined as a non-commercial or commercial organization, school, church, daycare, neighborhood, family and performing arts. There is no registration fee for parade participation.

Children may dress in costumes and walk or they may ride decorated tricycles or pull wagons. Adults are invited to decorate strollers and push them along the parade route. Only non-motorized "floats" are allowed. In the interest of safety, only service animals will be permitted. The United Way is requiring registration forms to be filled out prior to the parade and sent to the United Way office by Friday, August 20. For more information, call (325) 949-3716.

The United Way would also like to invite area school marching bands, as well as business and school mascots to participate.

Check Out Coke County Library

If a supreme pizza from the Pizza Barn sounds good, by returning books by August 20, readers can have an opportunity to win one in a drawing that will be held on Friday, August 20.

For each book returned, summer readers can put their name in for the supreme pizza drawing. Return three books, get three opportunities to win. This is the last chance to win for the summer.

The Library appreciates all the summer readers who made the summer pass quickly. Also, the parents and caregivers who brought the readers in are appreciated, too. A treat-of-the-week will be available until the sack runs out. Summer readers who put their books in the drop box will have their names entered, too.

Do a book run to the library and win a supreme pizza. Program ends Friday, August 20.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12.



Coke County Fashion! Recently Coke County 4-H members participated in the District 7 Junior Fashion Show in San Angelo. Over 200 4-H members from across district seven participated in this spectacular event. Participants showed off their clothing projects in which they had sewn or purchased. Taking top honors in the buying dressy division was Sarah Wade (right) with first place. Other honors included Autumn Ramon's (center) fourth place in the casual sports wear and Darby Duncan's fourth place in the casual dressy division.

ATTENTION:

We at Wildcat RV & Café would like to apologize for any inconvenience that may have been caused by the extended waiting time you may have experienced. We did not know that the community support for our café would be so high, and we would like to thank each and every one of you.

Therefore, we have added another cook and waitress during our peak business hours to be sure that everyone's needs are taken care of in a timely manner. We have also added more to our menu and will be adding more in the near future, as we have had requests for certain items. We are also adding another pizza oven shortly so that we can prepare more at once and shorten the wait.

Once again, thank you all for your support and know that our #1 goal is to provide our customers with excellent service and food.

Thank you,
The Brewer and Drake Family



Lin (Long) Johnson teaching free boot camp at Genesis Shelter

(Editor's Note) This story was first published in the Dallas Morning News. The following is a summation of information in the article. Lin (Long) Johnson is the daughter of Sid and Carolyn Long of Robert Lee.

Lin (Long) Johnson, along with her husband, Jay, train the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and run fitness boot camps across Dallas. Johnson started teaching a free boot camp at the Genesis shelter more than two months ago.

The Genesis shelter is a place where women go to start over. It is at an unpublicized location, where victims of domestic abuse and their children can show

up unannounced and have somewhere safe to stay. It's a place to breathe a sigh of relief.

The ultimate goal of the Genesis shelter is to help make these women self-sufficient. All women in the shelter attend individual and group therapy sessions to build their independence. Lin, who trained for five years in the army, hopes to build on that foundation by teaching what she knows best: physical and mental fitness.

Johnson's boot camp is one step in a long road to independence for the women. One goal, Johnson said, is to make sure the women feel it's okay to do something for themselves. And if that means chasing them around the sports court for one more lap, she's going to do it.

Johnson pushes the women. No one takes a break. But at

the same time, she's a constant voice of encouragement. She reminds them of how good they're going to feel afterwards,

once the exhausting part of the exercise is over. We have not killed anybody

up with, "Can you believe it? yet." And then the women and their instructor set off on another lap.

2010 Property Tax Rates in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 858,569
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 858,569
Last year's tax base	\$ 370,878,546
Last year's total tax rate	0.231496 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 856,811
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 441,134,401
= This year's effective tax rate	0.194229 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 856,811
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 441,134,401
= This year's effective operating rate	0.194229 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.209767 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.209767 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

IF WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.194229 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2009 taxes by \$851.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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Schedule B - 2010 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Enter Text Here	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Required for 2010 Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 13 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Josie Dean
Title: Coke County Tax Assessor Collector
Date Prepared: August 9, 2010

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Redistricting hearing set in Lubbock on Aug. 18

The House Committee on Redistricting and the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence will be holding a joint hearing on redistricting at 12 noon Wednesday, August 18, in Lubbock at the International Cultural Center at Texas Tech University. This hearing is part of a series of hearings being held around the state which offers the public the opportunity to comment and interact with legislators from around the state.

"To compensate for our slower growth rate, the rural legislative districts must increase geographically, which will be more travel and diversity of issues," said Representative Drew Darby (R-San Angelo). "Currently, my district is comprised of four counties and it is realistic that I will acquire at least three or four new counties to meet the constitutional mandates that all house districts be equally apportioned."

The state's population grew by 18.8 percent between the 2000 Census and July 1, 2009, while the West Texas population grew at a rate that was less than the statewide average. In order to compensate for this population growth, the Texas Legislative Council approximates that Texas House district populations will rise from 139,012 in 2001 to between 160,000 and 165,000 in 2011.

"Legislative districts cannot be greater than a 10 percent difference between the largest and smallest district. For the rural areas, we want to be on the lower end of that percentage," Representative Darby added. "What separates the rural districts from the urban areas is that urban districts can make up the population in city blocks, for the rural districts it's in counties."

Annual Sales Tax Holiday Stretches Back-to-School Budgets

Schoolchildren will soon head back to the classroom; and Texas' annual Sales Tax Holiday will help outfit kids with tax-free clothes, shoes and school supplies they need for the new school year.

From Aug. 20-22, shoppers will pay no state or local sales tax on many school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced at less than \$100.

This year, shoppers are predicted to save \$59.3 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday, which takes place each year on the 3rd Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999. To help families plan to make the most of the Sales Tax Holiday, lists of tax-free apparel and school supplies can be found on the Comptroller's website at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html.

RL All Sports Booster Club elects officers

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club met Wednesday, August 4, at the football field. The new officers for 2010-2011 are President-Brenda Skinner, Vice President-Frankie Gartman, Secretary/Reporter-Katie Drennan, and Treasurer-Valerie Howard.

The booster club will be selling memberships at the scrimmage this Saturday and at the first home football games of the Steers and Dogies. Orders are also being taken for Steer/Dogie buttons. If you would like to become a member, please contact one of the officers.

They encourage everyone to please become a member of the Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club and help support the students and athletic programs.



Stop 'Em Horns! The Bronte Longhorn football team practices defensive technique.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 19.19 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 23, 2010, at 9:30 AM at Robert Lee Care Center Conference Room, 307 W. 8th, Robert Lee, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on August 30, 2010, at 9:30 AM at Robert Lee Care Center Conference Room, 307 W. 8th, Robert Lee, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Mary Bessent, Dessie Kendall, Pat Stephens, Mike Lomas

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Marilyn White

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year was \$52,248. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.231496 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$120.95.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year is \$52,223. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.194229 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$101.43.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.231496 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$120.89.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

THE FOOL AND THE WISE

The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. • *Psalm 14:1*

Wise men lay up knowledge: But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. • *Proverbs 10:14*

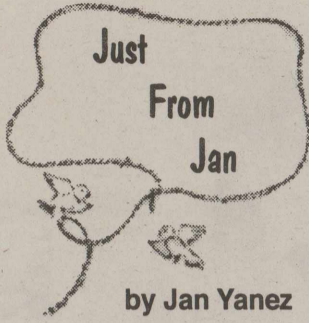
The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. • *Proverbs 10:1*

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. A fool's wrath is presently known: But a prudent man coverth shame. • *Proverbs 12:15-16*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: But fools despise wisdom and instruction. • *Psalm 1:7*

The wise shall inherit glory: But shame shall be the promotion of fools. • *Proverbs 3:35*

**Victory Assembly of God
Corner of 6th & Houston • Robert Lee
Pastor Irving Smith**



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Drying Herbs

An herb garden that is properly maintained can supply an abundance of fresh herbs during the growing season. Drying what you can't use (or give away) is a great way to keep those herbs on hand into the fall and winter months.

Harvesting herbs for drying

Dry herbs the same day they are harvested. Herbs are ready to be picked right before the flower buds begin to open. At this phase of the growing season, the herbs have the highest amount of oils that provide flavor and aroma. Pick herbs early in the morning after the dew has evaporated but before it gets too hot. Handle them carefully so the leaves are not bruised or damaged. Rinse herbs under cool, running water and gently shake or pat dry. Remove leaves that are damaged or so dirty that they cannot be cleaned. Imperfect stems or leaves also should be discarded.

Methods for drying herbs

Dehydrator: A dehydrator often gives the best results because the drying temperature can be controlled and also because the air circulation helps the herbs dry evenly. Place the rinsed herbs on a single layer on the dehydrator tray and dry for 1 to 4 hours. Actual drying time will depend on the amount of the herb being dried, the humidity, and the moisture content of the herb so check them periodically. For more detailed information on using the dehydrator, check the owner's manual.

Air drying: Herbs can be dried by hanging them in a well-ventilated room, attic, or screened-in porch. Tie sturdy herbs like rosemary, sage, or thyme in small bundles and hang to dry. They can be dried outside but the color and flavor will be better if dried indoors. Tender herbs like basil, mint, or lemon balm have high water content and will mold easily if the drying process takes too long. For these herbs, gather into bundles and place in a paper bag with holes. The holes allow proper air circulation. Close the top of the bag with string or a rubber band and hang to dry. Leaves or seeds that fall off the herbs while drying will be caught in the bag. Check herbs

periodically until drying is complete. If you live in an area of high humidity, you may want to consider oven drying.

Oven drying: The oven is a good choice for drying herbs with leaves that are easily removed from the stem such as oregano, mint, sage, or bay leaves. Remove leaves from the washed herbs and place them in a single layer on a paper towel. Make sure the leaves do not touch one another. Cover the leaves with another paper towel. Place the herbs in the oven overnight to dry. Do not turn on the oven. The heat needed to dry the herbs will come from the oven light (if you have an electric oven) or the pilot light if your oven is heated using gas. Up to five layers can be dried at one time but this may depend on the humidity of your kitchen. Check the herbs until drying is complete. If your kitchen oven does not have a light, heat oven to 180 degrees F

and place herbs on a cookie sheet. Leave door open and dry 2 to 4 hours.

Microwave oven: When small amounts of herbs need to be dried, the microwave is another option. However, if not done correctly the herbs will be cooked during the drying process. Because microwave ovens vary, always check the owner's manual before you dry any herbs.

Herbs are sufficiently dried when the leaves are crispy and crumble. Stems will break when bent.

Storing and using dried herbs

Once dried, place the herbs in an airtight container and store in a cool, dry, and dark place. Recommended containers include glass canning jars, freezer bags, and airtight plastic containers. Like other foods dried at home, dried herbs will keep up to a year if stored properly.

Keep in mind that dried herbs are several times stronger than those which

are fresh. To substitute dried herbs for fresh ones, use one-fourth to one-third of the amount needed. For example, if a recipe calls for a tablespoon of fresh oregano, use 1 teaspoon of dried. For more information contact the Extension office.

Feds, Farmers, and Friends Feed Families

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a proud participant in this year's USDA Feds, Farmers and Friends Feed Families food drive running now through Tuesday, August 31. Announced by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, this annual event is designed to help food banks across the nation that are struggling through tough economic times. Each NRCS office across the state of Texas will be collecting non-perishable items, preferably nutritious foods and sources of protein.

"When school lets out for the summer, our nation's youngsters who receive free

and reduced price meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs are at a higher risk of going hungry," Vilsack said. "While USDA's Summer Food Service Program helps fill that gap, these tough economic times mean that needy families throughout America are turning to emergency food assistance agencies such as food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens to put food on the table. Unfortunately, the summer is also a tough time for these organizations, as they typically see a rise in demand coupled with a decrease in donations. The good news, however, is that while the needs of our hungry neighbors are especially great in the summer months, our opportunity to make a difference in their lives is also great."

A recent study revealed that 49.1 million Americans, or 14.6 percent of U.S. households, lived in food insecure households. This number includes 32.4 million adults and 16.7 million children.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 26, 2010 in Bronte Isd Board Room , 210 S. Jefferson, Bronte Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)				
Approved by Local Voters					
Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:					
Maintenance and operations	(25.21)% (decrease)				
Debt service	0.00 % increase				
Total expenditures	(25.21)% (decrease)				
Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 177,411,060	\$ 198,977,280			
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,635,740	\$ 2,049,930			
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 69,645,850	\$ 93,995,561			
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,635,740	\$ 2,049,930			
* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.					
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.					
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
Bonded Indebtedness					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0					
* Outstanding principal.					
Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.000000	* \$ 1.040000	\$ 2,944	\$ 7,652
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.076150	\$ 0.000000	* \$ 1.076150	\$ 3,120	\$ 7,178
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.000000	* \$ 1.040000	\$ 2,981	\$ 7,683
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					
Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence					
	Last Year	This Year			
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 55,930	\$ 58,535			
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 30,839	\$ 32,710			
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.040000	\$ 1.040000			
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 320.73	\$ 340.18			
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 19.45			
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.040000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.040000.					
Fund Balances					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:					
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 875,000				
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0				

According to the USDA Household Food Security in the United States 2008 report, Texas is ranked #3 (14.8 percent) among the top ten states that exhibited statistically significant higher household food insecurity rates than the national average (12.2 percent).

Please help make a difference by contributing your non-perishable food items to your local NRCS office prior to August 31. The NRCS office in Coke County is located at 214 East 7th in Robert Lee. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering in this effort, please contact Mark Sides, with USDA NRCS at 325-453-2623.

Blue Agave Chili Cook-off set for Blackwell

A chili cook-off on September 25th in Blackwell, Texas will be held in conjunction with the Blackwell Ranch Rodeo. Chili cook-off is "CASI" sanctioned, qualifying your team for the Terlingua International Chili cook-off! Head cook meeting will be at 8:00 am Saturday, September 25th. Events will take place at the Blackwell Rodeo Arena. Plenty of camping spaces available (no hook-ups). Judging will take place throughout the day (see posted signs).

Additional cooking competitions include: Pinto beans, chicken wings and brisket. Prizes awarded for each winning event.

The Ranch Rodeo begins at 5:00 pm.

For entry forms and further information phone 325-668-3552 or 325-370-1119. All proceeds go toward the Blackwell Riding Club, (a community service organization.) Friday night gathering with Calcutta and auction.

Interesting Tidbits about Social Security

• Social Security Cards up until the 1980s expressly stated the number and card were not to be used for identification purposes. Since nearly everyone in the United States now has a number, it became convenient to use it anyway and the message was removed.

• Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat, introduced the Social Security (FICA) Program. He promised:

1. That participation in the Program would be completely voluntary. **It is no longer voluntary.**

2. That the participants would only have to pay 1% of the first \$1,400 of their annual incomes into the program.

Now 7.65% on the first \$90,000 is charge.

3. That the money the participants elected to put into the Program would be deductible from their income for tax purposes each year.

It is no longer tax deductible.

4. That the money would be put into the Independent 'Trust Fund' rather than into the General operating fund, and therefore, would only be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program and no other government program.

Under Johnson, the money was moved to the General Fund and spent.

5. That the annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income.

Under Clinton and Gore, up to 85% of your Social Security can be taxed.

Since many have paid into FICA for years and are now receiving a Social Security check every month, they are finding that they are getting taxed on 85% of the money they paid to the Federal government to 'put away'.

Q: Who took Social Security from the Independent 'Trust Fund' and put it into the General fund so that Congress could spend



Preparing to Fight! Blake Braswell airs up a tire on one of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department trucks. Earlier this week, Bronte VFD assisted Robert Lee VFD with a fire on the western side of the county.

it?
A: It was Lyndon Johnson and the democrat controlled House and Senate.

breaking vote in the Senate to pass the law which started taxing Social Security annuities?

Q: Who was president when it was decided to start giving annuity payments to immigrants?

Q: Who cast the tie-

A: Al Gore

A: Jimmy Carter

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The ROBERT LEE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 26, 2010 in Conference Room 119, Robert Lee School, 1323 Hamilton St, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.440000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	(22.30)% (decrease)
Debt service	20.68 % increase
Total expenditures	(12.09)% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 515,928,710	\$ 616,998,120
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 546,150	\$ 663,065
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 351,211,219	\$ 421,687,168
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 546,150	\$ 663,065

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$13,295,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.440000	* \$ 1.480000	\$ 21,876	(\$8,034)
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.175260	\$ 0.819510	* \$ 1.994770	\$ 15,988	\$ 4,936
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.440000	* \$ 1.480000	\$ 14,656	\$ 4,936

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 51,644	\$ 51,435
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 27,710	\$ 27,626
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.480000	\$ 1.480000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 410.11	\$ 408.86
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$(1.25)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.481807. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.481807.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 538,088
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 32,000



Dogie Cheerleaders! 2010-2011 Robert Lee Junior High Cheerleaders are Brady Clawson, Rani Coppedge, Kodi Drennan, Julia Madrid, Karlee Roach, and Justice Saucedo.

RL elementary school supply list
Pre K

- 2-boxes of 8 count crayons (if you can't find 8, get 16, but please no 24 count)
- 1-pair scissors
- 2-pkgs. of glue sticks
- 1-pkg. of assorted construction paper
- 4-yellow #2 pencils
- 4-boxes of Kleenex
- 1-set of water colors
- 1-set of extra clothes, (not just because of accidents, but for a change if they fall in mud, etc.)

Put in Ziploc bag with your child's name on it
1-old large shirt that can be used for painting

Kindergarten

- 2-boxes Crayola brand crayons (no more than 24)
- 1-bottle school glue (white)
- 6-glue sticks
- 6-regular yellow #2 pencils
- 1-spiral notebook-wide ruled
- 1-small plastic school box
- 3-large boxes Kleenex
- 2-sturdy, slick plastic pocket folders (no brads)
- 1-large pink eraser
- 3-pkg. index cards 3x5
- 1-bottle hand sanitizer
- Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- Backpack
- 1 change of clothes for accidents
- Please label everything
- Initial each crayon and leave them in the original boxes

1st grade

(Please label everything)
*6-#2 pencils

- *2 yellow highlighters
- *1 red and 1 green pencil or fine point marker
- *4-large erasers or 2 pkgs. of pencil top erasers
- *1-pair of good sharp scissors
- *2-large zipper pencil bags
- *2-boxes of 24 crayons
- *1-medium Elmer's glue
- *2-glue sticks
- *6-sturdy pocket folders
- *1-ruler with centimeters and inches (not rubber bendable type)
- *1-small pencil sharpener with shavings holder
- *2-addition and 2 subtraction boxes of flashcards (to 20). These can be bought at the \$ stores
- *1-box of ziplock bags (girls-gallon, boys-quart)
- *2-boxes of Kleenex

2nd grade

- 1-pkg (24 count) #2 pencils-no mechanical pencils
 - 2-pink erasers
 - 6-red grading pens
 - 2-composition notebooks-wide ruled with 100 pages
 - 1-large zipper pencil pouch (no boxes)
 - 1-pair 7 inch Fiskar scissors
 - 1-box kleenex
 - 2-boxes of 12 count map pencils
 - 1-ruler with metric and standard measurement
 - 1-pencil sharpener with shavings holder
 - 1-4 ounce bottle of glue
 - 1-backpack-NO WHEELS NO TRAPPERS OR NOTEBOOKS
- These supplies may need to

be replenished during the year-Please label all supplies

3rd grade

- 1-pkg. (24 count) #2 pencils-no mechanical pencils
 - 2-pink erasers
 - 6-red grading pens
 - 2-composition notebooks - wide ruled with 100 pages
 - 1-large zipper pencil pouches (no boxes)
 - 1-pair 7" Fiskar scissors
 - 1-box of Kleenex
 - 2-boxes of 12 count map pencils
 - 1-ruler with metric and standard measurement
 - 1-pencil sharpener with shavings holder
 - 1-4 ounce bottle of glue
 - 1-backpack-NO Wheels NO trappers or notebooks
- These supplies may need to

be replenished during the year. Please label all supplies.

4th - 6th

- 12-#2 pencils
- Glue stick
- Markers
- 1-spiral notebook (blue or green cover)
- Map colors
- 2-containers of disinfectant wipes
- 2-boxes Kleenex

6th Art supply list

- (These materials will be kept in art class and are separate from the class supply list)
- Scissors
 - Glue sticks
 - Ruler
 - Ream of white copy paper (pkg of 500 sheets)
 - Pencils
 - Watercolors (Prang if possible)
 - Shoe box

Bronte's elementary school supply list 2010-2011

Pre-school program for children with disabilities and Pre-Kindergarten

- *1-Blunt 5" Fiskar Scissors
- 3-1.25 oz. Elmer's glue
- 3- boxes Kleenex facial tissue
- 1- bottle-Purell hand sanitizer (8 oz.)
- 1-box Ziplock bags, quart size
- 1-box Crayola crayons (8 count only-NO JUMBO)
- 2-rolls Scotch transparent tape
- 1-set Dry erase markers (set of 4)
- 5-Glue sticks
- *1-Spiral notebook (100 count wide rule)

- *1-folder with 3 brads
- *1-large zippered top backpack
- *1-set of extra clothing
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$7.00

*Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class' glue box.

Please consider clothing that will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.

Kindergarten

- 6-boxes Crayola crayons (8 count only-NO jumbo)
- 3-boxes Facial tissue (100 count)
- 6-No. 2 pencils
- 1-box Crayola thick markers (10 count)
- 4-1.25 oz. Elmer's glue (No Rose Art)
- 1- set-Dry erase markers (set of 4)
- 8-folders with only bottom pockets

- 1-Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 40-count gallon size "Ziplock" bags) these need to have a "zipper")
- 1-canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
- 2-Pink Bevel erasers
- 1-small plastic school box (no zipper bags please)
- 1-school bag or backpack (large enough to hold folders)
- 1-roll 1/2 " Transparent tape
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$7.00

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD BRINGS TO SCHOOL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2011 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 23, 2010 at 6:15 pm at the Coke County Courthouse, second floor jury room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$ 168,900.00
The total amount of increase over the Current year's budget	\$ 20,065.00
The number of employees compensated under The proposed budget	3
The number of employees compensated under The current budget	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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1st grade

- 2-boxes Crayola crayons (16 count)
- 2-boxes facial tissues (100 count)
- 12-#2 pencils
- 3-Elmer's 4 oz. glue
- 9-assorted folders (pockets only)
- 1-Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 5-Pink Bevel erasers
- 1-canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
- 1-plastic school box
- 1-school bag or backpack
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$7.00

2nd grade

- 1-box crayons (24 count)
- 2-boxes facial tissues
- 12 or more-No. 2 pencils
- 1-Elmer's 4 oz. glue
- 1-scissors
- 2-pink erasers
- 1-school box
- 1-school bag or backpack
- 8-folders with pockets
- 1-ruler
- 1-Spiral notebook (70 count wide rule)
- 6-glue sticks
- 2-large cloth book covers
- 1-box sandwich-size baggies
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$7.00

3rd grade

- 1-box Crayola crayons
- 1-box facial tissues
- 12-No. 2 pencils
- 1-box Crayola markers (optional)
- 1-Elmer's 8 oz. glue
- 2-permanent markers
- 19-folders (pockets only)
- 1-scissors
- 1-plastic school box
- 4-glue sticks
- 1-school bag or backpack
- 2-notebook paper (wide rule)
- 2-boxes quart size "Ziplock" bags
- 1-pkg. eraser tips
- 1-pencil sharpener
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$7.00

4th grade

- 2-boxes facial tissues (100 count)
- 24-No. 2 pencils
- 1-school bag or backpack
- 1-set dry erase markers (set of 4)
- 6-pocket folders
- 6-cloth book covers
- 1-pkg. notebook paper (wide rule)
- 1-composition notebook (wide rule 9-3/4" x 7-1/2")
- 2-glue sticks
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$7.00

5th & 6th grades

- 12-No. 2 pencils (wood)
- 2-pkgs- notebook paper (200 wide rule)
- 2-boxes facial tissues
- 6-cloth book covers
- 6-pocket folders
- 1-1" Three-Ring binder
- 1-hand-held pencil

- sharpener
- 6-glue sticks (white or clear only, not blue)
- Adopt-A-Longhorn t-shirt-\$7.00

Helping Kids Get Organized For School

Keeping track of school-work and extra-curricular activities can be tough on kids and parents alike. While most kids will happily coordinate school outfits, few will be as conscientious in organizing homework and supplies.

"Organization is crucial to academic success and reduces a whole family's stress level," says Kyley Reed, product manager for Five Star, a leading brand of school supplies and organizing tools. "It's important to get kids, especially teens, to create their own systems for organizing schoolwork. No two students stay organized the same way, so it's vital they participate in the process."

Whether keeping track of class assignments or compiling resources for extracurricular activities, students have dozens of documents to organize, along with their own ways of doing it.

Here are some tips to help:

* Consider the order of classes and encourage your child to use supplies accordingly. Instead of lugging around three notebooks each morning, consider consolidating to one product that has three different sections. Be sure to find products with pockets or other methods of storing loose papers and handouts.

* Ask children to gather insights from older friends who may have taken the same courses. Does a math class involve lots of hand-in assignments? Then a binder may be better than a folder for collating materials. Does history class involve handouts and handwritten notes? Then hybrid products like the Five Star Flex Hybrid NoteBinder might be a good fit, as it offers the best features of a notebook and binder in one, and takes up less room in backpacks.

* Think beyond the classroom. If your child will be completing homework en route to practices or games, or while waiting on a sibling, it's important to have easily transportable school supplies. Look for binders that are less bulky but contain features like storage pockets and attached expanding files.

* Buy supplies that support individual strengths. Most students learn by

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2010 Property Tax Rates in COKE COUNTY

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for COKE COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,318,116	\$ 357,768
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 21,338	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,339,454	\$ 357,768
Last year's tax base	\$ 299,607,220	\$ 296,696,079
Last year's total tax rate	0.447070 /\$100	0.120584 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,332,232	\$ 355,690
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 336,483,298	\$ 333,607,105
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.395928 /\$100	0.106619 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.502547 /\$100	
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>		
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,311,009	\$ 355,690
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 336,483,298	\$ 333,607,105
= This year's effective operating rate	0.389621 /\$100	0.106619 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.420790 /\$100	0.115148 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100	0.003175 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.420790 /\$100	0.118323 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.539113 /\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If COKE COUNTY adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.502547 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$4,482.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED FUNDS	\$1,404,615

Schedule B: General Fund - 2010 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Enter Text Here	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Required for 2010 Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

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

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED FUNDS	\$427,925

Schedule B: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - 2010 Debt Service

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

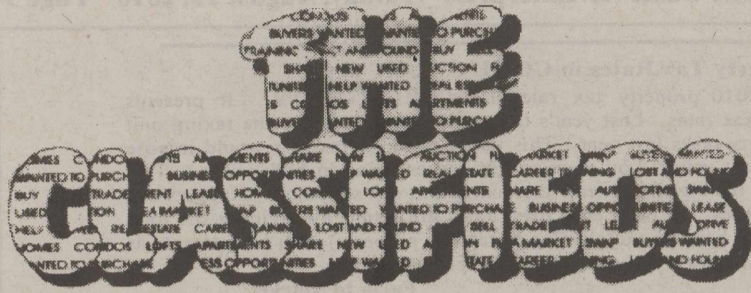
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
BACKHOE PRECINCT #1	\$5,000	\$340	\$0	\$5,340
BACKHOE PRECINCT #3	\$5,000	\$340	\$0	\$5,340
Total Required for 2010 Debt Service				\$10,680
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$10,680
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$10,680

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

Name of person preparing this notice: JOSIE DEAN

Title: TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

Date Prepared: July 27, 2010



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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



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COMPUTERS
New and used. Repairs and upgrades. Weekly special. Magnavox blue ray DVD player, Reg. \$189, Sale \$75. One only 42" LCD TV, \$545. Ed Martindale, 473-3004.

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107 W. Main, Bronte. Contact Debora at 650-1970.

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Top notch haygrazer hay for sale. Square & round bales at reasonable prices. 473-6731.

For Sale: Gorgeous home in Bronte, TX at 224 E. Holmes!! Stately 3 BR, 2 BA home is 1,861 sq. ft. on 5 lots. The area is very tranquil with large trees and lots of elbow room. The home is extremely well-maintained, great wood paneling, enjoyable screened-in porch, 2 living areas, 2 car garage and 2 car carport! Also there is a water well for the yard and garden areas. You will love having the storm cellar and BBQ area in the backyard. This is a very special home. Call for lot sizes or any other information! MLS# 71778, \$139,900, Ryan, ERA Newlin & Company in San Angelo, 277-2828, call or text.

email:
o-e@wcc.net

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 RENT

FOR RENT
508 W. 9th, Robert Lee, 3/1 Home w/buy option, \$465/month, RLISD. 212-0036.

MISCELLANEOUS

PET GROOMING AND BOARDING
The Dog House, 119 N. State, Bronte. New Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-5. 234-1599.

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

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Topped or removed. 453-9902 or 473-8712.

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

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473-6603

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handyman for roofing, plumbing, water heater installment, drain cleaning, house painting, concrete, masonry, fencing, welding, lawnmowing, tree trimming & removal. 453-2339.

THE BARBER SHOP
Mon., Tues., Wed., 9-3. Avon Independent Sales Rep. 650-1970.

NATE'S PRODUCE
Has mature blackeyes, okra, peppers, rosemary, sweet basil, Double A BBQ sauce & seasoning salt. Sat. 9 - sellout. 901 W. 11th, Robert Lee. 234-0654.

WANTED
Small grazing lease. 325-895-0079.

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Fri., Sat., & Sun. 8-6. 112 S. Woods, Bronte. Fresh vegetables also.

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

Menu
Tuesday, August 17
King Ranch Chicken
Thursday, August 19
Salisbury Steak 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.

ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER
A 24-hour nursing and rehabilitation center with a 20-bed Alzheimer unit is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Full Time CNAs

Benefits include paid vacation, holidays, sick days, and personal day, with 4 and 2 rotation, 8 hour shift, with pleasant work environment. Must be detail oriented and self-motivated. Benefits include travel allowance.

Interested applicants may apply in person M-F, 8am-5pm at 307 W. 8th St., PO Box 1209, Robert Lee, Texas 76945-1209. Phone 453-2511 EOE

To advertise,
call 453-2433
or email
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For information & photos, visit our web site at www.amcwesttexasranches.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.

215+/- ac., 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, **SOLD** Bidding. Office Exclusive!

NOTICES

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE
with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a retail license for beer and wine for off-premise consumption by Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. The business is located at 220 N.

State, Bronte, Texas 76933 in Coke County. The name of the business is Dollar General Store #11548. The owners of the business are Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. Officer of said corporation is: William C. Bass, VP Ops.

Bronte Health & Rehab Now Hiring

Housekeeping/Laundry Person

Full Time.

Days & Evenings
Apply in person to:
Bronte Health & Rehab Center
900 S. State Street
Bronte.
EOE

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The KICKAPOO WATER DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 4:30 pm on August 26, 2010, at BRONTE CITY HALL, 114 S. WASHINGTON, BRONTE, TEXAS, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2010. The proposed tax rate is 0.013000 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in KICKAPOO WATER DISTRICT by 22.35% percent.

Hunters and all others!

From October 1, 2010 through January 2, 2010, our café will be open from 6am to 9pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Monday through Thursday will be regular hours.

We will have special weekly and monthly rates for RV spaces, Cabanas and Motel Rooms.

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NOTICES

THE ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture and Homemaking. Admission to these programs is open to all students enrolled in Robert Lee High School.

It is the policy of Robert Lee ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age, in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, amended, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Robert Lee Independent School District will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For more information about your rights to grievance procedures, contact the Title IX coordinator, Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD, Robert Lee, Texas, 325/453-4555 or the Section 504 coordinator, Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD, Robert Lee, Texas, 325/453-4555.

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ROBERT LEE ISD

ofrece programas vocacionales en Agricultura y Home Economics. La admision a estos programas se basea esta abier para todas estudiantes en Robert Lee High School.

Es norma de Robert Lee ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Robert Lee ISD tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea un obstaculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Aaron Hood, y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Aaron Hood, en Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX, 325/453-4555.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Atlas Operating, LLC. 15603 Kuykendahl, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77090, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn Sand, Chappell, J. E. #73, #50, #62, and #78. The applicant is proposing multiple wells, but only for the sake of expedience as they only have plans for one of these wells to reconfigured into a saltwater disposal at this time. The proposed injection

wells are located 4 miles in a Southwest direction of Silver, TX located in the Jameson (Strawn) Field, Coke County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6100 to 7100 ft.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone (512) 463-6792).

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... Getting children organized

(Continued from page 9) hearing, seeing or doing. Visual learners enjoy color-coded notes. Audio learners may benefit from recording class lectures on an MP3 player, so make sure their supplies can keep up. For example, Five Star's Tech Zipper Binder has a special pouch to keep notes and gadgets together.

* A student planner and dry-erase board are good ideas for coordinating school and extra curricular activities, but if your whole family is wired, consider an Internet or smartphone application with a shared family calendar.

* Don't overlook non-traditional supplies that help students succeed. For example, if your child dreads research papers, consider software to help, such as Builder Research Paper Edition from Mead (www.meadbuilder.com). It helps students plan, organize and write better research papers using a step-by-step guide, from planning a schedule and establishing a thesis to creating an outline and writing the paper.

For more ideas for organizational systems and school supplies, visit www.meadfivestar.com.

Good organization can reduce student anxiety and

parental nagging -- something sure to promote family peace.

How To Make Back-To-School Easier On The Whole Family

The start of a new school year is a hectic time for families. Between shopping for clothes and supplies, doctor appointments and adjusting to new schedules, parents and children can feel frazzled and frayed.

Here are some ways to beat back the chaos and ease your family's transition:

Establish a Routine

Set a wake-up time and decide whether to serve kids breakfast before or after getting ready. After school, let kids decompress alone or by playing with friends. But set a time when all entertainment stops and studying begins.

Make sure to take into consideration all those standing appointments and pre-scheduled activities.

Go Digital

Families traditionally turned to pen, paper and the refrigerator to coordinate calendars, schedules, shopping lists, and other to-dos -- but nowadays, this is often inefficient. Go digital instead, so your schedule comes to you and you can coordinate from your computers and cell phones.

Consider one of the free Web services available that brings families together online, such as Cozi.com, which allows you to create a calendar, coordinate schedules, and send text or e-mail reminders to family members about appointments and errands. You can even sync your Cozi calendar and shopping lists with your cell phones and mobile devices, so nobody has an excuse for missing that soccer game!

Create a Studying Space

Create a quiet place for schoolwork, making sure it's well-lit and stocked with supplies, like highlighters, calculators, and a computer. It's best if it's not the kitchen table, where noise and dinner can interrupt concentration.

The breakfast and dinner table, however, is a great

place to discuss your family's schedules and to-do lists.

Relax

Scheduling recreation is as important as scheduling homework. By asking kids what their favorite activities are and making time for them to do things they like, you can teach your kids balance. Pre-scheduling recreation, like a family game or movie night, can show kids that relaxation time is important.

Check it Off

Creating checklists can keep things straight. Ironing outfits and packing gym clothes at night avoids morning bedlam. Packing lunch the night before also saves time and you're more likely to provide healthful foods, instead of slapping something together last minute.

Checklists also ensure no one forgets to pack the day's essentials. Introducing lists the whole family can access will also eliminate nagging and teach kids responsibility and independence. Most importantly, keep them short and manageable.

"Given today's fast pace, most families have to multitask to survive. With good common sense and the latest free online tools, it's easier to get parents and kids on the same page and make a busy life into a better life," says Robbie Cape, CEO of Cozi.com.

Good coordination can save more than time -- it can improve family com-

munications, bringing everyone closer.

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.

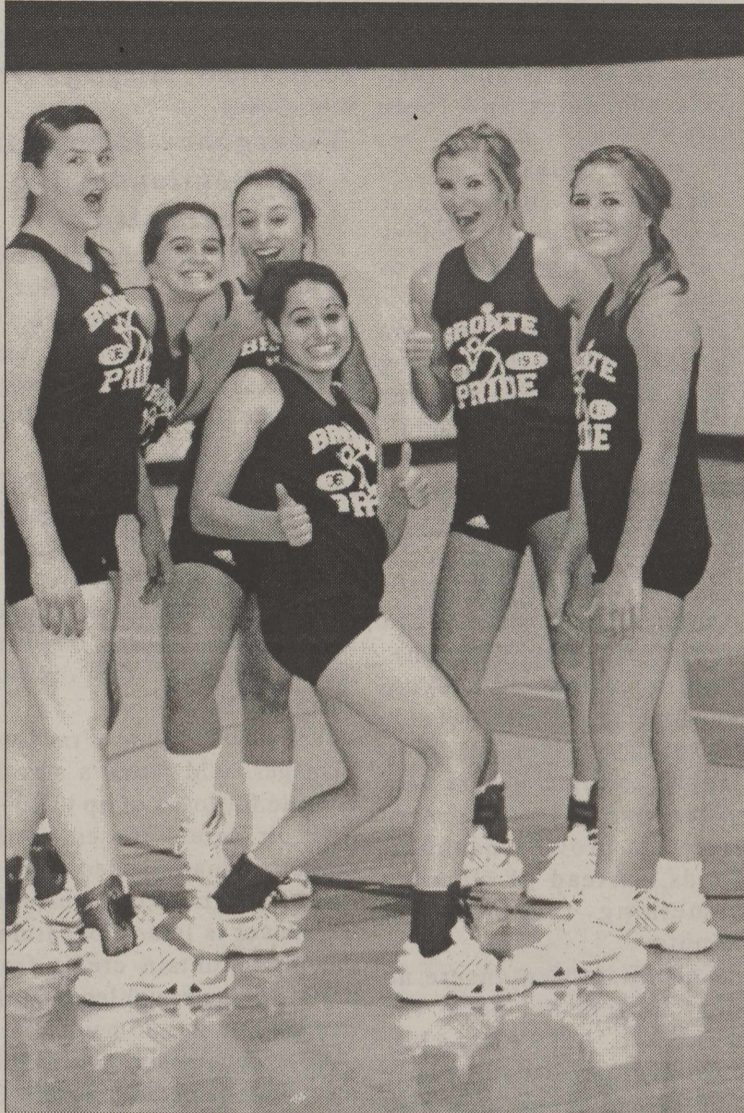
Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until December 13, 2010, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season.

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

THIS IS FOR YOU!
RLHS Students:
7th through 12th Grades
Saturday • August 21 • 6:30 pm
Movie: "The Blind Side"
(featuring Sandra Bullock)
Pizza! Soda Pop! Pop Corn!
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Volleyball Season! The Lady Longhorns prepare for another winning season with a positive attitude.

Residents should use caution when responding to letters concerning reducing your credit card liability

by Hal Spain, Publisher
(Editor's Note:) The following letter was received by a resident of Bronte this past week. The resident promptly brought this to the attention of the folks at Bronte City Hall. They in turn faxed us a copy of the letter to warn the public of a possible scam.

The last thing I intend to do is publish the contents of this letter and tell you this is a scam artist, and that they can't reduce your credit card liability by 50 per cent, or whatever it is they claim to do. They will sue my britches off in less

than a New York minute. However, it is my right to advise residents that in this day and age, a wise consumer must read all the fine print and make decisions based on facts following a thorough analysis of the information provided.

The bottom line is that there are con artists out there (mind you, I'm not telling you that these particular folks are con artists). However, in most cases, the old adage continues to be true, and that is "if something seems too good to be true, it



Scholarship Awarded! Chelsea Cook, a recent graduate of Bronte High School, was announced as the winner of the \$4,000 First National Bank Scholarship. The First National Bank of Sterling City has branch banks in Bronte and Garden City. Each year, three \$4000 scholarships are awarded to graduates from the communities.

Chelsea Cook, daughter of Dawn Tounget, competed with other Bronte High School Seniors for the award. Students were judged for academic achievement and community and school participation. Impartial judges interviewed each scholarship applicant to access their overall score.

The First National Bank in Bronte is proud to sponsor Chelsea in her future at Vernon College as she pursues her goals for the future.

probably is."

Do your homework before putting your trust in any company that makes claims that seem to promise more than they can deliver.

Monthly program payment

Under the DRP Debt Relief Program, individuals who have more than \$10,000 in unsecured debt may qualify to settle their debt for significantly less than what they owe. Coke County records indicate that you meet the minimum requirements and are located in a qualifying area.

This program is currently available to those who have a minimum of \$10,000 in unsecured debt such as credit cards, store cards, medical bills, hospital bills, unsecured bank loans.

Under the specifications of this program we will

negotiate with your creditors to achieve mutually agreeable settlements on your unsecured debt accounts. This program is designed to settle your debt, for substantially less than what you owe, in 12-48 months. Thus, allowing you to get back on the road to financial security.

Due to the overwhelming need and response for the DRP Debt Relief Program, you are advised to call immediately upon receiving this notice to speak with one of our consultants regarding your options. Toll free --- -- ---- business hours- Monday-Friday, 9 am - 8 pm.

Back to School Bash!

Sunday • August 15 • 7 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church

Chalk Talk with Cory DeVivo

Music by Crimson Everburn

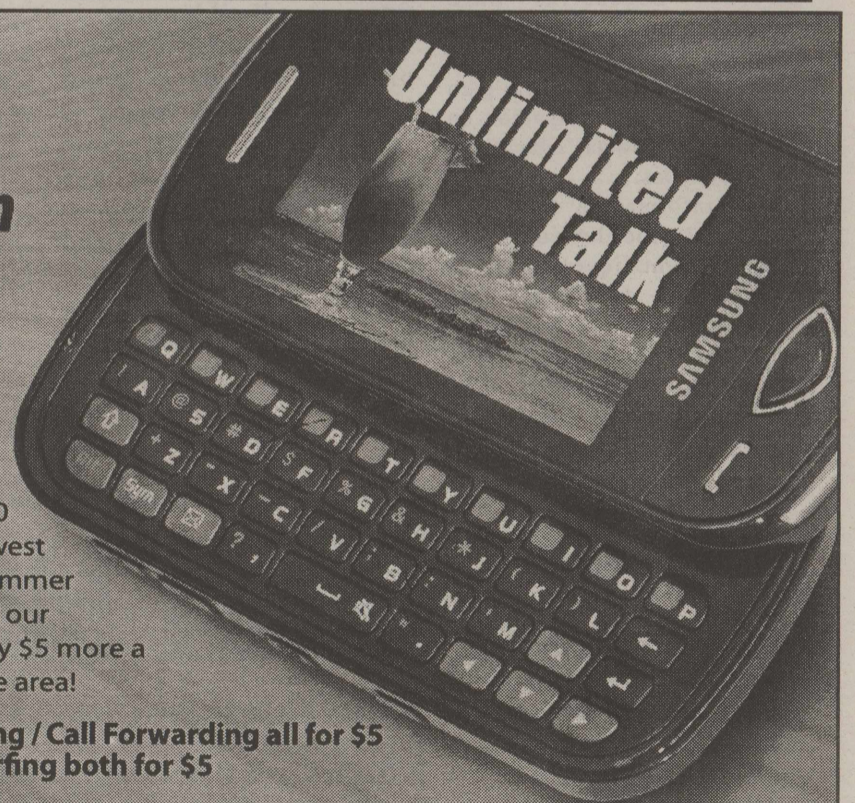
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