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

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, 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.

Bronte Project Graduation to host Hamburger Supper August 24

Project Graduation is having a Hamburger Supper Tuesday, August 24, at 6 pm in the park by the swimming pool. Following the Supper will be Meet the Bronte Longhorns.

Come out, eat a burger, visit, and support our Seniors!!

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.

Football Pages beginning August 27

Football season in Coke County officially begins August 27 when the Bronte Longhorns take on the Junction Eagles in Junction at 7:30 pm. The Robert Lee Steers travel on Saturday, August 28, to McCamey to face the Fort Davis Indians in a 3 pm contest.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the August 27, issue

SCHOOL BEGINS in Bronte and Robert Lee Monday, August 23

of the Observer/Enterprise.

All 2009 sponsors will be included on the 2010 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call the office at (325) 453-2433 by 2 pm Tuesday, August 24.

A complete list of 2009 sponsors is included below.

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Blackwell playday set for August 28

A playday will be held at the Blackwell Roping Arena Saturday, August 28, beginning at 7 pm. The playday is hosted by the Blackwell Riding Club.

Events will include Chute Dogging, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Straight-Away Barrel Racing, Flag Racing, and an 8 and under Ribbon Race. Ribbons will be awarded and concessions will be available.

For more information, contact Diane McGlothlin at (325) 450-5149.

County Representative needed for ACS Summit

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

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Football Pages



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August 27!

Call 453-2433 to be listed as a supporter for one or both of these teams!

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Engagement Announced! Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Millican of Robert Lee, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashlee Kay Millican, to Kerry Wayne Sisson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisson of Brownfield, Texas. Ashlee is the granddaughter of Mrs. Charlotte Millican and the late Wilbern Millican of Robert Lee, Texas and Mrs. Bernice Matthiesen and the late Victor Matthiesen of Miles, Texas. A September wedding is planned at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena, Texas.

Death Notices

Taylor

Tray Taylor, 33, went to be with his Saviour on Monday, August 9, 2010.

Visitation was all day Friday, August 13, 2010, at the funeral home in Robert Lee with the family present from 6 - 8 pm. Funeral service was at 10 am Saturday, August 14, 2010, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with Ray Aldridge officiating. Burial followed at Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Tray was born on October 3, 1976, to Will and Valerie Taylor in San Angelo, Texas. He was raised in Coke County all his life and graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Reba Bowman and Doyle Hubbard; his uncle, Gary Hubbard; and an Aunt Sheila Hubbard.

Tray is survived by his father and step-mother, Will and Cindy Taylor of Grape Creek; his mother, Valerie Taylor of Robert Lee; his daughter, Alivia Taylor of San Angelo; his step-daughter, Krista Reyes of Brady; his step-sisters, Tiffany Wesson and husband Blake of Sonora, Shawna Phelps and husband Daniel of San Angelo; and his grandmother, Ettie Hubbard of Bronte.

... Representative needed

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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.

Free Diabetes Classes offered

Free diabetes classes will be offered at the Runnel's County Extension office in Ballinger on Tuesdays beginning August 31 at 4 pm. The address is 608 Sealy Ave.

The classes will be taught by Misty McGlothlin, RN, BSN who is the Wesley Nurse at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte and Robert Lee.

A limited number of free diabetic supplies (glucometers and test strips) will be available to those who attend the classes and do not have insurance based on a first come basis.

Supper will be provided by Sandy Taylor, the Runnel's County Extension Agent.

The classes are for diabetics and for family members of diabetics. RSVP is required to attend.

Please call Misty McGlothlin at 473-2069 or Sandy Taylor at 365-2219 for more information or to RSVP.

Head Start still accepting applications

The Concho Valley Council of Governments Rural Head Start program offers quality Early Childhood Education at NO COST. Head Start provides individualized care and guidance to all eligible children, including those with disabilities. Each child in Head Start is considered a unique person with previous experiences, current needs, and potential for future growth. The Head Start approach is well suited to helping children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities as well as children with severe disabilities.

What to Bring:

Proof of all income (1040/W2, TANF, SSI, child support, check stubs, or letter from employer)

Child's birth certificate
 Child's shot record
 Food stamp case number (if applicable)

Proof of Medicaid, CHIP or Private Health Insurance (if applicable)

Robert Lee Head Start is located at 820 Commerce St.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Garcia at 325-453-2536 or Ofelia Barron at 325-944-9666.

Local EMS Service need volunteers, drivers

The Bronte EMS needs 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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 (325) 473-3291
 Preacher John V. Driggers
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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

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

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 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm

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 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2176
 Jordan Arnold, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 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
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 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
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 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson
Tennyson Baptist Church
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 Ryan Buck, Pastor
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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Bronte High School Class of 1965 holds 45 year reunion

The Bronte High School Class of 1965 recently celebrated its 45-Year Class Reunion. A wonderful day and evening was enjoyed by all! The Reunion was held in Bronte on Saturday, July 17, 2010. As was true for the other five Class Reunions held, the Class of 1965 was very pleased with the great attendance it had for its 45-Year Class Reunion! A total of 36 people either attended the Reunion or stopped by to say hello.

Amazingly, 11 members of the Class of 1965 who began First Grade together in Bronte went to school together all 12 years! (Interesting to note is that when this group of students began school in the Fall of 1953, there was not a Kindergarten Class in Bronte.)

Attending the 45-Year Reunion were 13 of the 17 living Class Graduates: Gerald Parker of Winters; Ida Lee (Parker) Ellis of Ballinger; Jerry Don Holcombe of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Kenneth Wilkins of Richland Hills; Marla (Rees) Brockett of Houston; Mary (Corley) and Jim Morrow of Bronte; Mike McKown of Rockwall; Peggy (Corley) Belew of Winters; Ronnie Lee of Waco; Ronnie Sims of Bronte; Sharon (Hurley) Kennedy of Winters, and Tricia (Andrews) DuBois of Austin. Class Graduates who were unable to attend were: Beth (Ivey) Ward, Bob Strickland, Kathy (Terry) Turner, and Margi (Oglesby) Koranek. Also attending were three Former Classmates: Barbara (Baggett) Huggins of Pensacola, Florida; John Jackson of Bronte; and Phillip Buchanan of Midland. The Class honored deceased Graduate, Edwyn McDaniel; and deceased Classmates, David Wayne Davis, Jack White, Mary Frances Brock, and Nancy Wilson.

Spouses who attended were: Helen Parker, Dale Ellis, Linda Jackson, Kay McKown, Scotty Belew, Shari Buchanan, Kreta Lee, and

Mel Kennedy.

There were 15 people who stopped by the Class Reunion to say hello, which included two Former Room Mothers, Mrs. Christine Corley and Mrs. Effie Corley; and two parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hurley.

Also stopping by the Reunion was Mrs. Royce Fancher, their Class Sponsor for the four years they were in High School, and who accompanied them on their Senior Trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mrs. Fancher has known most of the Class Members during all of their 12 School Years because she taught at Bronte during all of that time!

The Bronte High School Class of 1965 is looking forward to its next Class Reunion!

BISD trustees hold regular meeting & workshop

Bronte ISD held a Budget Workshop on August 9, 2010, at 6:00 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were: Paul Williams President, Wayne Coalson, David McWright, Shane Kelton, Doug Tounget, Ericka Knight, Kay Styles, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were: David Bedford, Donna Poehls, Gina McCutchen, and Nancy Cooper. The board reviewed the 2009-2010 budget and discussed the 2010-2011 budget. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

The regular board meeting started at 7:30 pm. All board members were present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Wayne Coalson.

Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, and David Bedford, Secondary Principal, gave their reports. Bronte Elementary was rated exemplary and high school was rated as recognized. The District was recognized. Bronte ISD met the Adequate Yearly Progress goals. Discussion was held on ways to advertise the success of Bronte ISD. The board



1965 BHS Class Reunion Held! The Bronte High School Class of 1965 held their 45-Year Reunion recently. The event was attended by both graduates and former classmates. Classmates attending included Ida Lee (Parker) Ellis (front row, from left), Jerry Don Holcombe, Mike McKown, Marla (Rees) Brockett, Peggy (Corley) Belew (second row, from left), Barbara (Baggett) Huggins, Tricia (Andrews) DuBois, Mary (Corley) Morrow, Ronnie Lee, John Jackson (third row, from left), Ronnie Sims, Kenneth Wilkins, Gerald Parker, Phillip Buchanan, and Jim Morrow, and Sharon (Hurley) Kennedy (not pictured).

approved the Student Code of Conduct with a 7-0 vote.

The board approved by resolution to nominate Sylvester Schwertner for the Runnels County Board of Directors Appraisal District with a 7-0 vote. The board approved the tax rolls for Runnels County and Coke County 7-0 and approved the property and auto insurance proposal with Boley Featherston for the 2010-2011 school year 7-0. The board was all in favor to offer athletic season passes for all home games for \$50.00 individual and \$60.00 for family. These passes can be purchased at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours. The board accepted Gandy's milk bid 7-0 and approved additional lighting for the new gym 7-0.

The board was all in favor of an incentive package for employees and approved the budget for 2010-2011. Discussion was held on the upcoming TASB convention in September.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave an update on the new stadium.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Williams addresses Bronte teachers at opening session

By Leah Rosson
Bronte teachers prepare this week for the opening of school. School Board president Paul Williams wants them to know that the Board supports the work of faculty and staff.

"You are where the rubber meets the road," Williams said.

Williams addressed district employees at the opening session of teacher and staff training.

"Your students are not preparing to work locally," Williams said.

He acknowledged that Bronte students must compete

in a global economy.

"China has more geniuses than we have students in school," Williams said.

As other countries educate only the top 5% of their populations, America educates the masses. This fact makes the job of teachers difficult, according to Williams.

Schools face other difficulties as well.

Williams said, "Declining enrollments in West Texas is a big problem."

With state funding tied to enrollment numbers, Williams believes it will be necessary in the future to think "outside the box."

"I applaud Mr. Richey for bringing us a balanced budget," Williams said.

He also noted that the district is in a strong financial situation due to careful spending and a healthy fund balance.

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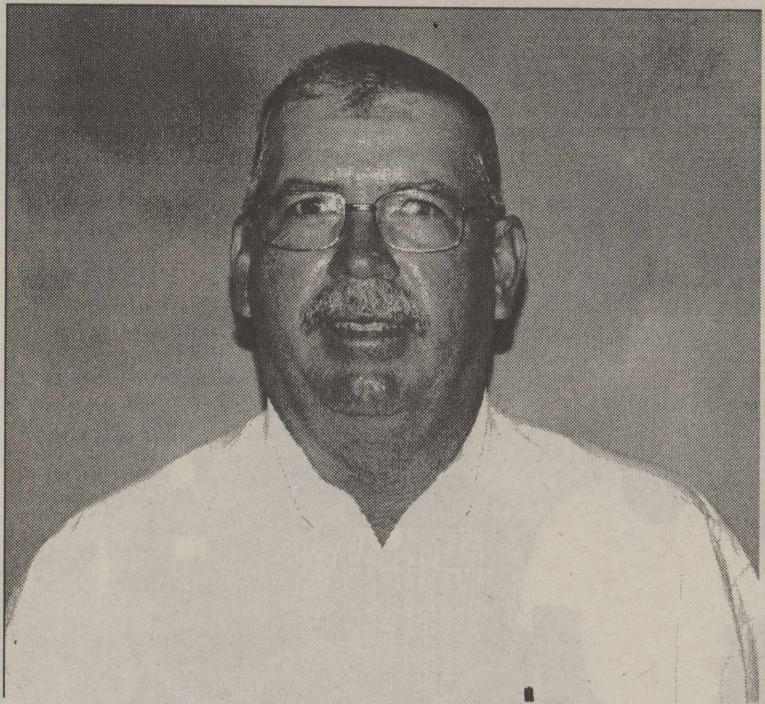
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Wibby Millican

4-H volunteers honored at Silver Clover Banquet

Texas AgriLife Extension Service's annual Silver Clover Recognition Banquet celebrated its 43rd year August 12 at the Zentner's Daughter Steak House in San Angelo.

This year's event recognized 31 individuals who are instrumental to the success of AgriLife Extension's West Central District 4-H youth program.

Top volunteers are the backbone of all successful 4-H programs, said Kathy Aycock, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County and the banquet's coordinator. They put in countless hours of work helping 4-H members become successful with a variety of projects.

4-H offers a variety of projects, activities and events tailored specifically to support and enhance volunteer participation and involvement in kids' lives. This is our time as AgriLife Extension agents to show them the appreciation they deserve.

Aycock said each county selects nominees who are then chosen by a committee comprised of area electric cooperative personnel and AgriLife Extension officials.

The banquet is sponsored by the rural electric cooperatives serving the 23 counties in AgriLife Extension's District 7 in West Central Texas.

Sponsors are Central Texas Electric Cooperative, Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Concho Valley

Electric Cooperative, Hamilton County Electric Cooperative, Big Country Electric Cooperative, Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative and Taylor Electric Cooperative.

The 4-H leader honored from Coke County this year was Wibby Millican. The other honorees were: Brown County - Guy and Ann Glasscock; Burnet County - Glenda Brady; Coleman County - Mark and Tammy Swening; Concho County - Heath Belk, Cathy Ellis; Irion County - Jeff and Stephanie Davidson; Jones County - George Brooks, Greg Riggins; Lampasas County - Karen Longoria; Llano County - Lizz Lange; Mason County - Troy and Cara Ruffin; McCulloch County - Truman Farris, JP Murray; Menard County - Beatrice Garza, Olivia Gonzales; Mills County - Steven and Debra Bridges; Runnels County - Bill Bredemeyer, Renonia West; San Saba County - Valerie Gossett, Jeffrey Osbourn;

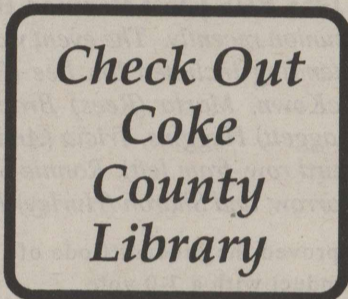
Schleicher County - Char Swinford; Taylor County - Peggy Johnson, Don Richardson; and Tom Green County - Loree Branham, Billie Tjaden.

BHS Class of 1970 to hold reunion

The Bronte High School Class of 1970 will gather October 8, 2010, at 4 pm at the home of Norma Allbright. They plan to party hardy until game time and urge class members, family, friends, teachers, and all other school mates to join them. Games, gift drawings, food and drinks, and a special guest speaker are scheduled. Children are welcome!

For updates watch the Bronte Alumni Wall on Facebook or call 501-984-2111 or 325-473-2605.

Hook Em Horns!!



A supreme pizza from the Pizza Barn is the prize in the final drawing of the Coke County Summer Reading Program. Turn in a library book and your name will be put in for the drawing which will be held Friday, August 20.

Thanks to all the students and parents and care givers who took part in the Coke County summer event.

The library is available all year long and new books are added regularly.

Thanks, too, to the folks who participated and donated to the program. The book sale funds are used to provide treats and books for summer fun. Another sale will be held in November.

A gift of several boxes of VHS movies has arrived at the library. There are some really good videos for

anyone who still has a player.

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

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.

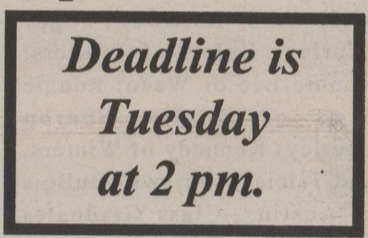
Annual Sales Tax Holiday Stretches Back-to-School Budgets

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.



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For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. • John 3:16

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: And ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. • 1 John 3:14-16

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. • 1 John 3:18

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Gulf update and evaluation

Editor's Note: After all the finger-pointing and accusations concerning the gulf oil spill, we found this article from one who is deeply involved in the clean-up process to be very insightful and thought provoking.

For the past 40 years, Dr. George Crozier has been monitoring the amazing ecosystem called the Gulf of Mexico from the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. He's witnessed the peaks and valleys, usually dished out by Mother Nature, but also from human interaction.

And, Crozier admits he played a role in what he now believes was an overreaction to impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The Gulf of Mexico, Crozier insists, is accustomed to dining on oil tidbits. However, when the well was not capped soon after the disaster, he feared the Gulf's capacity to deal with an influx of oil of this magnitude would overwhelm the ecosystem. Not to minimize the impact of the spill, he realizes now that restraint would have been the better course of response.

"This is not and never was the death of the Gulf of Mexico," Crozier said of the spill, estimated at 4.9 million barrels.

"That's a simple fact. And I have to admit that in the

initial stages of this I and everybody else contributed to the problem.

Now that the well has been capped at the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, boats rigged to skim oil are anchored with no activity expected. "We created the disaster beyond the bounds that it should have been articulated. Hindsight is as cheap as dirt."

For the last two months Crozier has been making presentations to groups like Rotary clubs, Kiwanis clubs and other groups and now is fully aware of the impact the media coverage created.

"I even went to Gulf Distributing, the beverage people," he said. "People all along the I-10 corridor are very concerned. They have seen problems with their business. I told them the weekend before for the first time in probably 15 years I drove from I-10 to Gulf Shores in less than 30 minutes. So don't tell me it hasn't had an impact on business on the Gulf Coast."

As anyone who has spent any time on Gulf beaches knows, tar balls wash up on the beaches from time to time, indicating oil seeps into the Gulf from the sea floor on occasion.

"Here's the beauty of what we've seen so far," Crozier said.



Attention! Bronte High School band members prepare for the upcoming marching season. For two weeks the band practiced twice a day. Band director Wayne Dannheim expressed satisfaction with the progress band members made.

"We know the Gulf, especially the north central Gulf has the capacity to deal with the oil spill. The most recent report indicates that the Gulf receives 500,000 barrels of oil every year from natural seeps at 600 different sites. So there is a microbial community out there and the Gulf of Mexico eats oil like we eat pretzels. We had the capacity to deal with it from the beginning. Ixtoc (Bay of Campeche) was a huge spill that impacted a 100 miles of the south Texas Coast. Most of the people who worked on

the Ixtoc spill told us that within three years essentially the ecosystem was recovered in that period time."

The vessels of opportunity that deployed the miles of boom along the Alabama Gulf Coast are now taking up the material, which will stored should another spill affect the area. Crozier, however, doesn't want to give the impression the oil spill hasn't had and will continue to have a significant negative impact on life in and along the Gulf of

Mexico. Some toxic components will affect the Gulf for years and will have to be closely monitored.

"What we're looking at is possibly three to five years here," he said. "This is the goofy thing about scientists - in about a 30-second period of time, the local scientists will turn from a hair-on-fire, wild, environmentally concerned scientist to the curious scientist. You want to say you've got Jekyll and Hyde here. What we think we think we're dealing with is we've dodged a

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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.

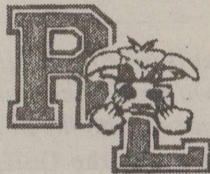
Thank you,
The Brewer and Drake Family

Robert Lee High School Football Schedule

August 19	Scrimmage - May/Gordon	May	6:00
August 28	Fort Davis	McCamey	3:00
September 3	Paint Rock	Here	7:30
September 10	Loraine	There	7:30
September 18	Blackwell	There	7:30
September 24	Sterling City	Here	7:30
October 1	Santa Anna	There	7:30
**October 8	Zephyr	Here	7:30
October 15	OPEN		
*October 22	Veribest	There	7:30
*October 29	Water Valley	Here	7:30
*November 5	Eden	There	7:30



* District Games **Homecoming



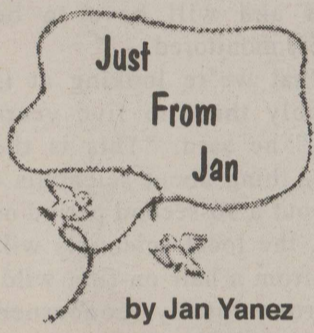
Robert Lee Junior Varsity Football Schedule

September 2	Paint Rock	There	6:00
September 9	Loraine	Here	7:00
September 16			
September 23	Sterling City	There	7:00
September 30	Santa Anna	Here	7:00
October 7	Zephyr	There	6:30
October 14	Eden	Here	7:00
October 21	Veribest	Here	7:00
October 28	Water Valley	There	7:00
November 4			



Robert Lee Junior High Football Schedule

September 9	Loraine	Here	5:30
September 16	Blackwell	Here	5:30
September 23	Sterling City	There	5:30
September 30	Santa Anna	Here	5:30
October 7	Zephyr	There	5:00
October 14	Eden	Here	5:30
October 21	Veribest	Here	5:30
October 28	Water Valley	There	5:30



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Quick Tips for packing a safe school lunch

Start with clean hands, food preparation surfaces and utensils. Wash your hands with hot soapy water for 15 seconds and dry them with a paper towel or a fresh

cloth. Teach your children to wash their hands before they eat. Also, wash fruits and vegetables before packing them in your child's lunch.

Be sure to keep hot foods such as soup, chili, or stew hot by using an insulated container. Fill the container with boiling water and let it stand for a few minutes. Empty the container and then fill it with piping hot food. Soups should come to a rolling boil before being placed in the container. This should be done just before the child leaves for school. Have your children keep the container closed until lunchtime.

Cold foods must stay cold, so invest in a few freezer gel packs and an insulated lunch box. Freezer gel packs will keep foods cold until lunchtime, but are not recommended for all-day storage. Freeze single-sized juice packs overnight for an additional cold source. The juice will thaw by lunchtime, but it will still be cold. Any potentially hazardous food (i.e. meat, poultry, or egg sandwiches) not eaten at lunch should be discarded.

If you use brown paper bags for your children's lunches, it is especially important to include a cold source. Because brown paper bags tend to become soggy or leak as cold foods thaw, use an extra paper bag to create a double layer which will also help insulate the food better.

Tell your children to use the refrigerator at school, if one is available. If not, make sure they keep their lunch out of direct sunlight and away from radiators, baseboards, and other heat sources in the classroom.

Keep a supply of shelf-stable foods for easy packing. These include fresh fruits and vegetables, crackers, peanut butter

sandwiches, packaged pudding and canned fruits or meats. Refrigerating the pudding, fruit, or meat will add cold sources to the lunch to keep any potentially hazardous food safe.

If you make sandwiches the night before, keep them in the refrigerator until packing up to go in the morning. Sandwiches may also be frozen. Freezing sandwiches helps them stay cold. However, for best quality don't freeze sandwiches containing mayonnaise, lettuce, or tomatoes. Add these items later.

2-1-1 provides information for Concho Valley residents

Residents of the Concho Valley can access information about health and human services by dialing these three numbers: 2-1-1. With 2-1-1 Texas, residents from the Concho Valley can find information, free of charge, on utility bill assistance, child care, programs for the elderly, substance abuse intervention, mental health assistance, job training, and disaster preparedness as easily as they can get emergency assistance by calling 9-1-1 or a phone number by dialing 4-1-1.

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

The entire 2-1-1 Texas

network, which includes twenty-five Area Information Centers (AIC) across the state, is included in Governor Rick Perry's Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan. After the 2005 hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, much planning was done on all levels, local, state and national to be proactive for future disasters, whether man-made or nature induced. Hurricane season runs six months out of the year, beginning on June 1 and ending on November 30; although we live in the Concho Valley area and would not normally see any major impact from a hurricane, your local 2-1-1 is available to assist Texans from all across the state when the need arises. Our most recent major weather related event was in response to Hurricane Ike; in which, locally, we handled well over 3,000 disaster related calls while still answering just under 1,000 calls a month from the Concho Valley area that

were not disaster related. In the Fall of 2009, the 2-1-1 Texas network was called to action to assist in response to H1N1. By collaborating at the state level with the Texas Department of State Health Services, 2-1-1 Information Specialists answered thousands of calls regarding H1N1 inquiry: where to get the vaccine, what the symptoms of H1N1 were, who needed to take the vaccine, etc.

Although our local call center normally operates Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., in times of Disaster Related (DR), activity we can be called upon by the Texas Information and Referral Network to operate odd hours like 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and/or work weekends and holidays. As we experienced with our involvement in response to Hurricane Ike, it is crucial to our operation to have support staff and volunteers available to assist when your local 2-1-1 is asked to be fully staffed not only to respond to local calls,

Robert Lee School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, August 23

Pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, August 24

Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, August 25

Pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, August 26

Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, August 27

Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, August 23

Burrito, salad/tator tots, strawberries & bananas, milk

Tuesday, August 24

Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pears, bread, milk

Wednesday, August 25

Hot dog, chili, cheese, baked beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, August 26

Chicken fajitas, salad, pinto beans, applesauce, graham crackers, milk

Friday, August 27

Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, pineapple, milk

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Bronte High School JV Football Schedule

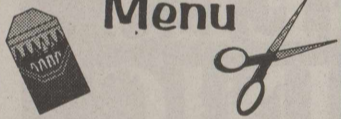
August 26	Junction	Here	7:00
September 2	Roby	Here	7:00
September 9	OPEN		
September 16	Eldorado	Here	7:00
September 23	Winters	There	7:00
September 30	Cross Plains	Here	7:00
October 7	Menard	There	7:00
October 14	TLC	There	7:00
October 21	Miles	Here	7:00
October 28	Christoval	There	7:00
November 4	Irion County	Here	7:00



but disaster calls at extended hours and for extended periods of time. The types of calls that we handle in DR include: residents from impacted communities dialed 2-1-1 to validate the information they were hearing from local news in their affected communities, seeking information about how to prepare for the storm, and/or to seek information about how to evacuate if they had special needs such as disabilities, no vehicle, or even how to evacuate if they did not have the funds to self-evacuate.

If you would like to learn more specific information about the 2-1-1 Texas program or to request a presentation for your organization or group, please call (325)223-5704 and ask for Toni or Cassandra. For

Bronte School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, August 23**
Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, August 24**
Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk
- Wednesday, August 25**
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
- Thursday, August 26**
Oatmeal, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk
- Friday, August 27**
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Lunch

- Monday, August 23**
Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortilla, tortilla, chocolate pudding, milk
- Tuesday, August 24**
Pigs in blanket, baked chips, pinto beans, fruit, milk
- Wednesday, August 25**
Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk
- Thursday, August 26**
Tacos with cheese, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, rosie applesauce, pinto beans, milk
- Friday, August 27**
Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tator tots, fruit, ranch beans, pink panther cake, milk

general inquiries about the program or for assistance with locating resources, dial 2-1-1.

Richey recognizes challenges facing district

By Leah Rosson

Bronte ISD Superintendent Alan Richey looks forward to the new school year but acknowledges challenges await the district. Richey addressed district employees at the opening back to school session this week.

"The economy is not what we would like it to be," Richey said.

The Superintendent explained to the gathering that as values rise, local entities pay more in taxes.

"As values go down, the state contributes more. Currently, we receive 70-80% of our revenues from the state," Richey said.

With state funding connected to enrollment, Richey wanted to make employees aware of the numbers. Bronte finished last year with an enrollment of 298 students. This was down 14 students from the same time last year.

"We hope to see student enrollment increase," Richey said.

The district tax rate is at \$1.04 which is the lowest rate prescribed by law.

"There are two basic ways to cut expenses," Richey said. "We can watch every dime we spend or cut personnel. The Board has chosen not to cut personnel."

According to Richey, the district's lack of any bond indebtedness puts the district in a strong financial position.

"If the Legislature cuts 10% of education funding, it will affect Bronte," he said.

The public meeting to discuss the budget proposal and tax rate will be held August 26 at 6 PM in the Board Room.

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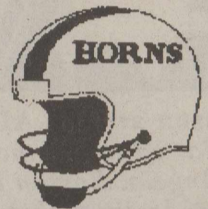
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Bronte High School Football Schedule

August 19-20	Albany (Scrimmage)	Here	TBA
August 27	Junction	There	7:30
September 3	Roby	There	7:30
September 10	OPEN		
September 17	Eldorado	There	7:30
September 24	Winters	Here	7:30
October 1	Cross Plains	There	7:30
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*November 5	Irion County	There	7:30

* District Games **Homecoming



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 win-

Bronte Junior High Football Schedule

September 9	OPEN		
September 16	Eldorado	Here	5:30
September 23	Winters	There	5:30
September 30	Cross Plains	Here	5:30
October 7	Menard	There	5:30
October 14	TLC	There	5:30
October 21	Miles	Here	5:30
October 28	Christoval	There	5:30
November 4	Irion County	Here	5:30

ning 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.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The COKE COUNTY 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 6.64 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax 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 public hearing will be held on September 1, 2010, at 9:00 AM at Commissioner's Court Room, Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th St., Robert Lee, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 7, 2010, at 9:00 AM at Commissioner's Court Room, Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th St., Robert Lee, Texas.

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

FOR: Roy Blair, Bobby Blaylock, Gaylon Pitcock, Robert Feil, Gene Montgomery

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

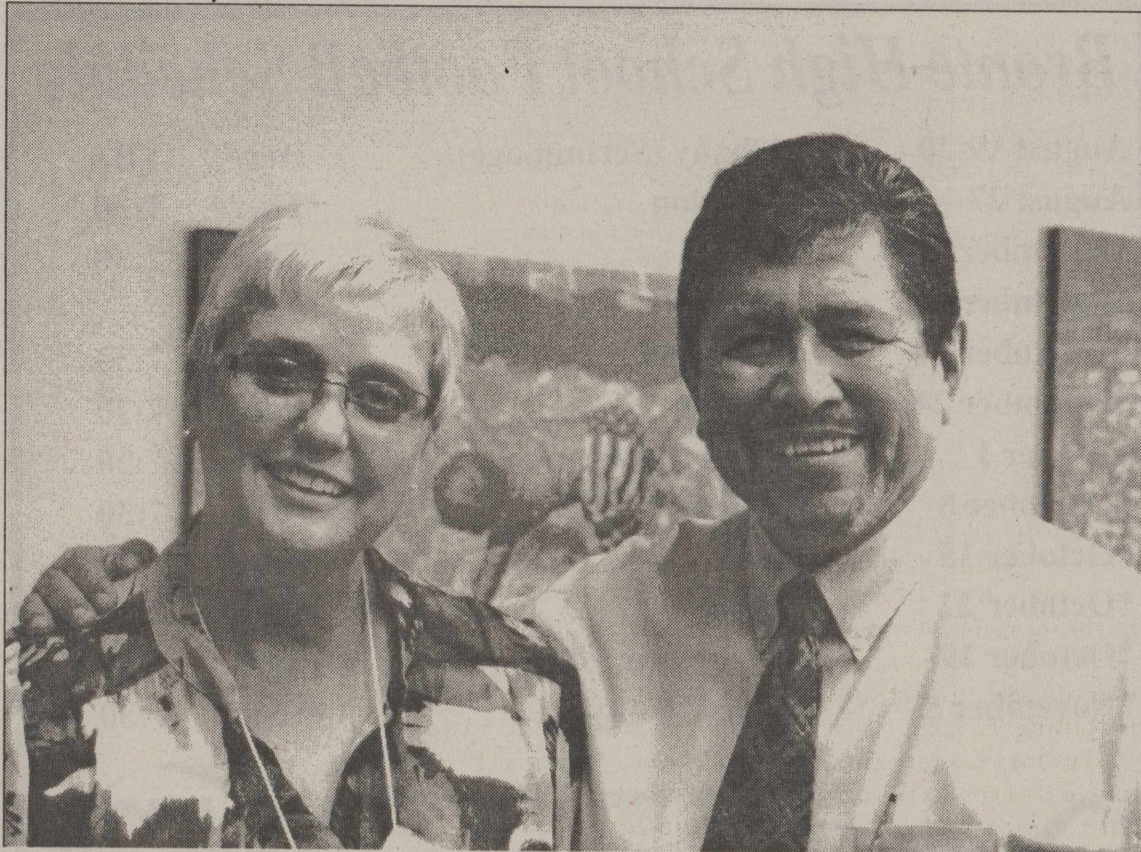
ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Coke County last year was \$42,554. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.567654 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$241.56.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Coke County this year is \$43,405. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.502547 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$218.13.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.535936 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$232.62.

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



Rosson attends ADNE institute! Bronte teacher, Leah Rosson, poses with Arnold Garcia, editor of the Austin American-Statesman editorial page. Garcia grew up in San Angelo. Rosson toured the newspaper during an American Society of Newspaper Editors institute this summer.

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-glu 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-glu 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

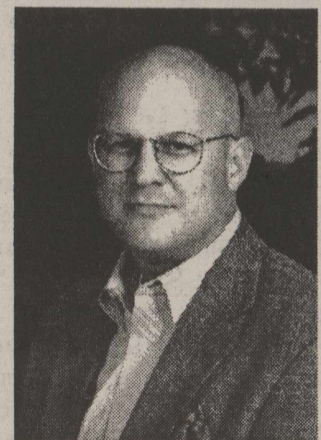
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1st grade
 2-boxes Crayola crayons (16 count)
 2-boxes facial tissues (100 count)
 12-#2 pencils
 3-Elmer's 4 oz. glue
 9-assorted folders (pockets only)
 1-Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
 5-Pink Bevel erasers
 1-canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes
 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
**Anthrax is Here
 Vaccinate
 Livestock Now**

Late summertime in certain parts of Texas means livestock producers should be on the lookout for the resurfacing of anthrax in their animals. Among the anthrax cases confirmed this summer are one bovine in Crockett County, one whitetail deer in Kinney County and one whitetail deer in Uvalde County. Anthrax, which is caused by *Bacillus anthracis*, is a naturally occurring disease with worldwide distribution, including Texas.

"Anthrax cases are not unusual; especially at this time of year. This is peak season for anthrax to resurface and affect livestock and deer," Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Executive Director and State Veterinarian, said.

"Ranchers and livestock owners should be aware of recent anthrax confirmations in their area and consider vaccinating their livestock to protect against the disease."

Anthrax can occur anywhere, but in Texas, cases most often are confined to a triangular area bounded by the towns of Uvalde, Ozona and

Eagle Pass. This area includes portions of Crockett, Val Verde, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney and Maverick counties.

If an animal dies from the disease and isn't properly disposed of by burning, the bacteria can spill out into the soil and remain dormant for long periods of time. The anthrax bacteria resurfaces on grass or forage under ideal weather and soil conditions during spring and summer months. By the time an animal shows signs of staggering, trembling or convulsions after ingesting the anthrax bacteria, death is expected. TAHC regulations require that the animal carcasses, manure and bedding be incinerated until thoroughly consumed. This practice will keep wild animals from being exposed to the disease and it will also kill the bacteria, preventing another site from being contaminated with anthrax.

Anthrax is a reportable disease in Texas. While laboratory tests, conducted by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in College Station, are needed to confirm infection, suspected cases also are to be reported to

theTAHC.

"Outbreaks usually end when cool weather arrives and the bacteria becomes dormant. In the meantime, producers in or near historically affected areas should consult with their veterinary practitioner about the disease in general, and especially the need to vaccinate. TAHC veterinarians are also available to answer any questions," Dr. Ellis said.

The following are general biosecurity tips that can be helpful to livestock producers who suspect they have an anthrax affected animal or carcass:

- Wear long sleeves and gloves when handling carcasses or when working with or vaccinating livestock to avoid contaminating any sores or scratches on arms or hands. See your doctor if you develop an unusual-looking sore on your hands, arms or other exposed skin. Although it is very rare to contract skin anthrax, this infection requires treatment with antibiotics prescribed by a physician.

- Practice good sanitation. Wash your hands after handling livestock (even if you wear gloves.) Disinfect equipment used on the animals or carcasses. Keep pets and children away from carcasses or bones of dead animals. Move healthy animals away from a

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Jimmy and Beverly
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AMAOTECHTEL, the area's leading telecommunications company, is looking for a self-motivated individual to join our team as an Assistant Market Manager for Blackwell, Bronte and Robert Lee.

As the Assistant Market Manager, you will have the responsibility of acquiring new business opportunities from potential customers and maintaining current customer relationships.

This position assists the Market Manager in community development and installation of AMA TechTel's products and services. Responsibilities will include meeting and contacting potential customers and evaluating additional opportunities available through other lines of business. Assistant Market Manager will also install and troubleshoot a wide range of voice and data services for our customers in the market area and will be responsible for service and maintenance of AMA TechTel's products and services.

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Must have knowledge of wireless/cable/satellite TV type installations.

Must have good customer service and computer skills.

Must attend community functions to establish and maintain solid relationships within the community

Ability to work on rooftops.

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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.

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.

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

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(Continued from Page 5) bullet, perhaps. But the north central Gulf of Mexico is not 500,000 barrels from 600 seeps all over the Gulf. It is one place in the Gulf, 60,000 barrels a day, poorly estimated and poorly understood.

"The second thing, this was some of the crudest stuff I've ever seen and there was methane gas. One of the clichés that came as a shock to me was 'water and oil don't mix.' That's true if it's vegetable oil. It's not true of crude oil. Crude oil is composed of three to four broad classes (of components) and the worst of them are soluble in water. As soon as the stuff hit the water 5,000 feet below the surface, benzene and other toxic materials in this family are going into solution the moment it hit the ocean 5,000 feet down. So a lot of that didn't get to the surface, so it wasn't measured at the surface."

Crozier said some of the toxic components disappeared in the water column on its way to the surface, but there is a great deal of uncertainty about how much is still out there and how that will affect the ecosystem in the future.

"The good news is the things that were soluble are not bio-accumulated," he said. "They will kill eggs and larvae. Dr. Bob Shipp (head of Marine Sciences at the University of South Alabama) thinks we're going to have a

hit on the snapper population before they enter the harvest. What we're assuming right now is we're going to have a limited harvest in 2012, because the babies are getting hit with these toxics in our part of the Gulf."

Crozier said ecosystem studies started when an LNG facility was proposed off the Alabama several years ago will help marine scientists better understand the impact of the oil spill. The research sites start in Mobile Bay and end 35 miles south of Dauphin Island.

"We will know, hopefully within a couple of months, if the samples we are taking are showing the impacts at those sites 35 miles south of Dauphin Island," he said. "We will be able to give some projections of the problem at that point in time."

"What we've seen on the island, Mobile Bay is going to be much more appreciated after this. The river flow, as little as it is right now, has protected Dauphin Island, Petit Bois Island and, to some extent, Horn Island. The water that exits the bay turns right because of the rotation of the earth. Even we haven't been able to screw up the rotation of the earth, yet."

Soon after the magnitude of the spill became apparent, BP started applying dispersant on the surface and at the wellhead 5,000 feet below the surface. Crozier immediately expressed his concerns, which continue today.

"When it gets to the surface, the sun breaks down a lot of the components of crude oil," he said. "The microbial community that eats the oil has lots of oxygen to do that with. At the surface, a lot of good things can happen. We can boom it. We can skim it. If you boom it successfully, you can burn it. But if you use dispersant, and those who play poker will love this, you've gone 'all in' on the microbial community. The tools of skimming, burning and natural oxidation have been damaged. I will tell you that the science behind dispersant use is logical. The idea is that if you make little tiny droplets, the bacteria can get at it more easily. The concept here is going to lead and has successfully led to the rapid degradation of the oil."

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"We seem to be over the hill on the surface. The problem I've had since they started applying dispersant 5,000 feet down, it formed a microscopically small droplet, but it became neutrally buoyant. So that means it's stuck somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico. And no one has been able to tell me yet where are the toxic components."

Crozier said anyone who has ever had an aquarium knows that after detergent is applied, the aquarium must be rinsed repeatedly before the fish are reintroduced. He

sees a correlation with the use of the dispersant Corexit.

"The detergent nature of the Corexit is as big a problem as any component," he said. "The membranes of the phytoplankton, the zooplankton and the eggs could be disrupted. It's always the eggs and babies that are always affected by this - the adults not so much. If the larval white shrimp don't show up in the grass beds in the Delta and the bays in December and January, we'll know there was a problem with the young. I don't think there is a problem with adults. It's always the eggs and babies that are vulnerable."

"But the ecosystem is very resilient. I hope I make that clear. The comparisons to Exxon Valdez are not valid. It's very cold up there. We have, obviously, a warmer climate so everything happens faster here. We also have an extraordinarily com-

plex ecosystem. In other words, if one species was severely impacted, another one would take its place. We have a very resilient, very flexible ecosystem."

While the beaches can be easily cleaned, Crozier contends any effort to clean the marshes, grass beds and oyster reefs would be a big mistake.

"We'd better leave them alone and let the natural system do that," he said. "Beaches are dry land, at least at low tide. Mostly they grow tourists. And they will come back. I guarantee you that the beaches from the Panhandle to the Mississippi barrier islands will be fine next year."

Crozier does expect the Gulf's adaptation to the oil spill to take a significant amount of time.

"I think we're going to have to deal with enormous uncertainty over the long haul," he said. "We're going to see some impact on the young-of-the-year, whether it be shrimp or red snapper or whatever. There are going to be problems in a couple of years. We're going to see a diminishing of our normal catch. I think that is possible. We will be able to tell you within a couple of months. We will be able to make some semi-intelligent prognostications."

"The challenge for us - the community from the

Mississippi River to Cape San Blas (Florida) - is we're going to have to do something to restore the confidence of the country in Gulf seafood. There have not been issues of fish kills from the oil spill. Fish are not stupid. Because the pressure is off, I expect fishing to be good everywhere. The issue of contaminated or tainted fish is a long-term issue of uncertainty that the scientific community and the government regulatory agencies will be struggling to deal with. Meanwhile, for the immediate future, there is simply no reason to be concerned about the fish."

In other good news, the catch-and-release restrictions in Alabama coastal waters north of Dauphin Island and west of Dauphin Island Bridge have been lifted. After fish, shrimp and oyster samples were collected and tested by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the normal bag limit was re-instated for fish and shrimp. The restrictions on crabs are still in place. The Alabama Department of Public Health reopened the private oyster reefs for harvest effective 6 a.m. on August 10. The public reefs remain closed to oystering by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for management purposes.

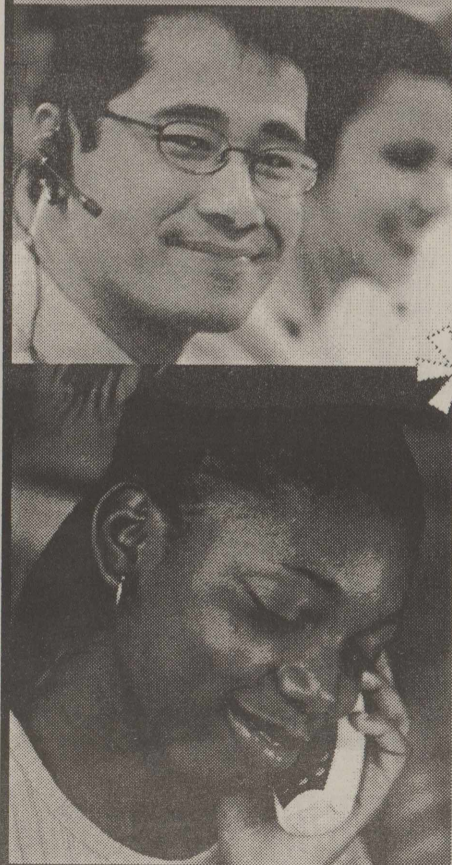
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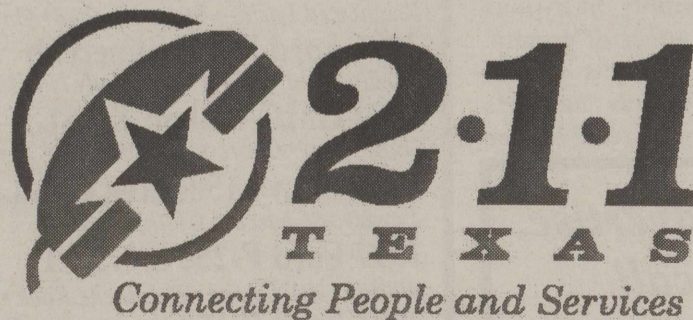
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