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## Bake Sale slated

The Orange Crush team will have a Bake Sale on Friday, February 13, to benefit the Coke County Relay for Life at the Robert Lee State Bank starting at 9 am. Cakes, pies, casseroles and hot rolls will be available. For more information, contact Valerie Howard, Brenda Skinner or Stephanie Puentez at Robert Lee State Bank, 453-2545. Don't forget to get something for your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

## Merchant's

### Luncheon slated

A Bronte area merchant's luncheon will be held in the community room of the Bronte Housing Authority on Friday, February 13, from 11 am until 1:30 pm. The luncheon is a way to recognize and support local merchants. Guest speaker Marie Pearlman will discuss "Diversity in the Workplace" at 12 noon.

## Seed exchange

By Peggy Coppedge  
Do you have potatoes sprouting in your kitchen bin? Do you have garlic which has sprouted? Did you save the seeds from that beautiful bell pepper or from that unusual squash? Well do you know what you are going to do with them? Are you interested in having seeds of other vegetables you would like to grow this gardening season? Do you have excessive amounts of seeds you have saved and would like to share them? Do you have growing tips to share? Well please come to the First Annual Seed Exchange.

The Exchange will take place Saturday, February 14, 8 am to 12 noon at the home of Peggy and Jimmy Coppedge in Cedar Cove. Please bring labeling items (a pen and labels) and small containers or envelopes to put your seeds into. Please bring any seed catalogs you would like to share.

Please call 325-453-4637 for information. Our address is 116 Lake Shore Circle, for those of you with Garmin.

## BHRC Auxiliary to meet

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will meet at 1 pm on Thursday,

February 19, in the living room at Bronte Health and Rehab Center. The January meeting was cancelled so let's start 2009 off right with a well-attended meeting; lots of ideas, and help for the residents at BHRC. Everyone is welcome to join this group to lend support to residents and their activities. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. For more information, call Janet Wommack at (325) 473-5388 or Lanette Fletcher at (325) 473-6791.

## Retired Teachers to meet Monday

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Feb. 16, 2009. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

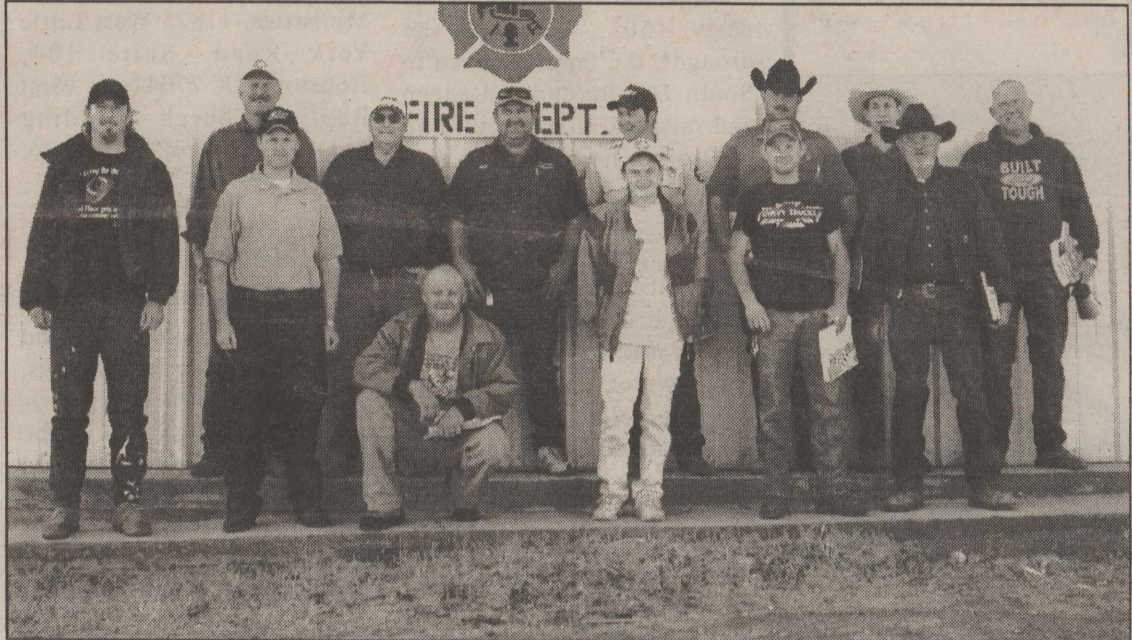
## "Pac-Man" Relay team to host spaghetti lunch

The Robert Lee First United Methodist Church Relay for Life Team "Pac-Man" will host a chicken spaghetti lunch on Sunday, February 22. The lunch includes chicken spaghetti, salad, breadsticks and a dessert. Plates can be picked up at the church or you may go on in and dine with the "Pac-Man" team members. Tickets are available from any of the team members, including Debra Brashear, leader, Joe White, Fred Taylor, Carla Wojtek, Gayle Bolding, Steve Peyton, Maudie Conley, Jeanette Jacobs, Everett Wilson, Mary Williams, Glenda Mathers and Erla Ferry.

## Coke County in danger of losing cleaning service

Shirley Denton has informed the newspaper that Coke County is in danger of losing their dry cleaning service due to low volume. The dry cleaners have extended the deadline to increase volume for thirty days.

Service is being changed from next day to pickup on Thursday and delivery on Friday, effective immediately. The location of the dry cleaning pickup in Bronte is Shirley's Resale, 116 N. State St., Bronte. Dry cleaning can also be dropped off at DJ's Merle Norman at 9 E. 6th St. in Robert Lee.



**Multiple Agencies - One Goal!** Representatives from the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, CERT, Coke County Dive Team, Coke County, and Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department attended H-100 HazMat Awareness on Saturday, January 31. This knowledge becomes a powerful tool capable of minimizing the danger to both the general public and emergency personnel in the event of a hazardous materials incident.

Shirley is appealing to area residents to help continue this service in Coke County. For more information, please call her at 473-7371.

## Roping Club meeting set

The Coke County Roping Club will have their annual organizational meeting on Sunday, March 1. All those interested are asked to assemble at the arena in Bronte at 3 pm. For more information contact Morgan Webb at 473-2690 or Wayne McCutchen at 473-3201.

## RL City General Election information

Monday, February 9, 2009, was the first day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot for the City General Election which will be held May 9. Applications may be picked up at the City Secretaries office at the Robert Lee City Hall through 5 pm on March 9, 2009. An election will be held for the positions of Three (3) Council Members. Terms are two years. City Officials terms expiring are: Gary Payne, Jackie Walker, and Troy Wimberley.

## City of Bronte Elections

A General Election will be held to elect two councilmembers for two-year terms to the Bronte City Council. The terms of Misti Bedford and Paula McWright will expire. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot for

the General Election is March 9, 2009.

A Special Election will be held to elect a councilmember for a one-year unexpired term. Councilmember Alvin Jones resigned the first of February. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot for the Special Election is March 3, 2009.

Candidate applications may be picked up from the City Secretary at the Bronte City Hall at 114 South Washington.

## 2009 Coke County Relay For Life

This year's Coke County Relay For Life will start at 7 pm on Friday, April 3 and end at 7 am on Saturday, April 4 at the Robert Lee High School football field and track.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide signature event. It was started in 1985 with just one man in Tacoma, Washington. This year's theme is "Celebrating 25 years of HOPE".

A goal of 20 teams has been set for this year and so far there are 11. The annual event lasts 12 hours and involves teams consisting of 8-15 people who can be co-workers, family, friends, churches, schools, clubs or other organizations who raise money in advance, individually or as a team, through donations and fundraising to support cancer research, educational programs, patient services and advocacy. At

the event, teams will camp out and take turns walking around the track for the entire 12 hours! It goes through the night because like cancer, Relay doesn't sleep. Inspirational moments include the Opening Survivors Lap and the beautiful Luminaria Ceremony discussed below. There is a \$10 per person registration fee. All registered team members need to have their t-shirt sizes turned in by February 14, 2009, to be guaranteed a Relay For Life t-shirt.

For more information about starting or being on a team, contact Judy Blair at West Central Wireless, 453-2380 or Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, 473-6791.

A celebration of the lives of those who have battled cancer opens the Relay as Cancer Survivors walk the first lap around the track. The strength of these survivors inspires others to continue to fight. There is a goal of 90 survivors for this year's Relay. If you are a cancer survivor or know someone who is, please contact Lynn Green, 453-2215 or Kay Gothard at Main Street Market, 473-6246 to participate as a survivor. Please sign up by February 14, 2009 in order to make sure you get your purple survivor t-shirt.

Loved ones lost to cancer as well as cancer survivors will be remembered during the luminaria ceremony. This year the luminaria ceremony will be a little different.

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**Obituaries**



**Glenn**

Mose Clark Glenn, 91, formerly of Bronte, died January 30, 2009, in an Abilene Care Center. The family received friends Monday, February 2, 2009, at First Baptist Church in Bronte. Services were held Tuesday at the church with Pastor Corey Cornutt officiating. Burial was in the Bronte Cemetery, directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home in Tuscola.

Clark was born October 31, 1917, to John Bryant and Mattie Elizabeth Snyder Glenn in San Angelo. He was reared in Coke County and graduated from Bronte High School. On October 29, 1939, he married Mary Frances Russell of Blackwell in Abilene. He was a surveyor for the Soil Conservation Service, worked in the oil fields, raised cattle and sheep, and farmed, putting in one of the

first successful irrigated cotton crops in the area on their place south of Bronte in the early '50s. During the drought, the family moved to South Dakota and ran sheep and raised alfalfa. Returning to Bronte, he continued as a farmer-stockman for many years.

Clark spent some of his most productive years at Chadbourne Ranch, driving heavy machinery, building many water tanks, and running the pellet mill for ranch owner Conda Richards.

Before Mary Frances passed away in 2007, Clark and she traveled extensively in the US, as well as sharing 17 overseas tours, favoring the ones to the Holy Land, Egypt and the Valley of the Kings, Australia and New Zealand, and Peru.

He was a long-time member and deacon at First Baptist Church in Bronte. With a passion for reading the Bible, he read it through many times.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years in 2007; his parents; two brothers, D.K. and J. B. and a sister, Pauline Sims.

Survivors include one daughter, Carolyn Kuykendall and husband David of Abilene; two sons, Dr. Victor Glenn and wife Dr. Liza of DeSoto, and David Glenn and wife Denise of Perth, Australia, three brothers, Earl F. (Tuny) Glenn and wife Mary of Bronte, Dale Glenn of San Angelo, and James Vernon Glenn and wife Bess of Amarillo; sister-in-law Margaret Russell

Patterson of Tucson, Arizona; grandchildren, Kristi (Chad) Longley, Karmen (Paul) Harkey, Dr. Charlotte Glenn, Ian Glenn, Danielle (Cliff) Young, Stephanie (Micah) Ottosen, Brittany (Aaron) Senseman; great-grandchildren, Dexter, Derek, and Dwight Longley, Rachel, Susannah, Benjamin, and Bekah Young, Edi Jo, Samantha, and Leia Ottosen, and Anna Catherine Senseman.

Special thanks go to Dr. Sandra Hazelip, Mesa Springs Retirement Center and Hendrick Hospice Care.

Memorial may be sent to Kardo International Ministries, 11875 West Little York Road, Suite 104, Houston, TX 77041, or First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box T, Bronte, TX 76933.

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**...Relay For Life**

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Instead of using sand and tealight candles in the bags, canned goods and battery-operated tealights will be used and then the canned goods will be donated to the Coke County Food Pantry.

Because of this, help is needed to collect canned goods in advance, so by Relay time there will be enough cans to put in all of the Luminaria bags. Approximately 400 bags are estimated. Collection boxes are located at Hall's Super Save and Town and Country in Bronte; Cindy's, Mt. Creek Mercantile, Allsup's, and Super H in Robert Lee; Bronte ISD; Robert Lee ISD and several of the local churches. For more information, contact DeeAnna Harmon at Robert Lee State Bank, 453-2545. Luminarias can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone that has lost their battle with cancer. The luminarias will line the track and will be lit during a special ceremony after dark on Friday night, April 3. Luminarias may be purchased from any Relay For Life team member or by con-

tacting Katie Drennan, 453-2343 or Stacy Kelton, First National Bank in Bronte, 473-2911.

Many participants have somehow been touched by cancer and want to fight back against this disease. Several teams have already started fundraisers; watch for more details weekly in the newspaper.

Your support of these fundraisers will be greatly appreciated and will help make the 2009 Relay a success! If you're interested in helping cover the expenses of Relay by being an underwriter, a donation of \$250 or more will get your business or organization's name on the back of the Relay t-shirts. Contact Carla Wojtek, 473-0484 or DeeAnna Harmon, 453-2545 as soon as possible for more information on this. The goal this year is to raise \$40,000.

Relay For Life is a movement to eliminate cancer that now takes place in 5,000 communities in the U.S. and 19 other countries around the world with more than 3.5 million people participating in the life-changing event. A total of \$3 billion has been raised to fund the American Cancer Society's mission as a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through

research, education, advocacy and service.

Make plans now to be a part of your Coke County Relay For Life! Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

**Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale slated**

The Sorosis Study Club has again voted to provide all of the advertising for the Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale and yes, it's that time again! Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of May (May 3) at 8 am.

If you want to participate and have a garage sale, please call the City Hall at 473-3501 and they will add your location to the city maps that will be given away the day of the garage sales.

This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and sell, sell, sell! Remember to call Bronte City Hall and get your name on the map. If you have questions, or need additional information, please call Pat or Tammy at 473-3501.

**Coke County Food Pantry update**

The Coke County Food Pantry is located at 714 Washington St. in Robert Lee. Only those who are in need and live within the County are entitled to shop at the Pantry. The number of families served weekly range from 20 to 40 depending on circumstances. In the 4th quarter of 2008 there were 383 families (a total of 992 individuals) who received food.

**Area Churches invite you to worship**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291

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

**Central Baptist Church**  
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2360

Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte

(325) 473-3281  
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship  
 5 pm Youth

**First United Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144 • 9th and Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee

(325) 453-2417  
 Steve Peyton, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunay School  
 11 am Worship  
 5:30 pm Choir Practice

**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
 101 Houston • Robert Lee  
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354

Sun. 10 am • Worship  
 11 am & 6 pm • Service  
 Wed. 7 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
 Portis Ribble, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th • Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Pecan Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles west of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2482

Jim Dominey, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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

Jason Martin, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson

Joe Hodges, Pastor  
 (325) 473-2040  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2208

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

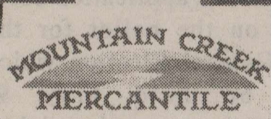
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm



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**Menu**

**Monday, February 16**  
 BBQ, Country Style Pork  
 Ribs w/beans, potato  
 salad and dessert

**Tuesday, February 17**  
 Baked Chicken w/rice,  
 veggie and dessert

**Wednesday, February 18**  
 Stuffed Bell Peppers

**Thursday, February 19**  
 King Ranch Chicken

**Friday, February 20**  
 Swiss Steak

**Saturday, February 21**  
 Hamburgers

**Sunday, February 22**  
 Chicken Enchiladas

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### ...Food Pantry

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The Food Pantry is dependent on the churches and the people of Coke County for food and funding. We receive no County, State of Federal funding, grants, etc. It is, however, amazing how generous our Citizens are. Just about the time we start to worry about our bank balance, someone comes by with a check that allows us to get what we need.

Around Christmas time there were several "Love Offerings" given by the Churches in the County, plus food drives from the County, the Bronte and Robert Lee Schools and private citizens who gave boxes of food and/or money. We thank each and every one for your generosity.

Another method of funding is in Memorials and we are so grateful to be considered for this tribute to a loved member of a family or a loved friend.

In the 4th quarter of 2008 we received memorials as follows:

**In Memory of Cova Sparks**

- Nina Brewer
- Betty Barrett
- June and Bob Gulley
- Glenda Mathers
- Polly and Bob Large
- Nell Hines
- Pat Fowler Clement

**In Memory of Bob Boren**

- Jamie Boren

**In Memory of Jack Johnson**

- Nina Brewer
- Glenda Mathers
- Nell Hines

**In Memory of Frances Lindsey**

- Jewell Wallace

**In Memory of Janet Graves**

- Joyce and George Snapp

**Grim takes part in continuing education seminar**

County and District Clerk Mary Grim joined over 400 county and district clerks for the 37th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station Hotel and Conference Center on January 12-15, 2009.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements. The seminar offered 19 hours of credit to clerks attending all of the sessions. Ms. Grim was able to get 15 of the 20 hours that are required of the clerks.

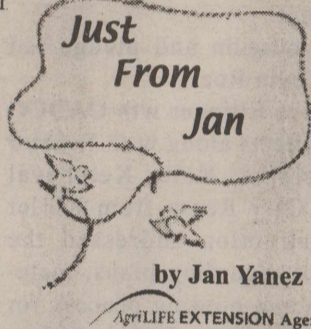
"As one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits," explained Richard

Avery, Director of the Institute, "Texas county officials get an opportunity to learn new and vital information, so they can better serve the citizens of Texas. The institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, treasurers, tax assessor-collectors and county and district clerks through various programs held across the State."

**Texas Big Dream Gathering set**

The Texas Midwest Community Network is proud to offer this first-ever Texas Big Dream Gathering and invites everyone to be a part of it!

Bring your personal or community dreams to the Big Dream Gathering on March 5 at the San Angelo Convention Center, 6 pm - 9 pm. Want to know more about the Big Dream Gathering? Go to [www.bigdreamgathering.com](http://www.bigdreamgathering.com). Want more information about the March 5 event? Call 325-795-TMCN(8626) or email tr



**How To Celebrate Your Relationship**

It's not just the things that we say, but the things we do in the name of love that define its meaning. And luckily, Valentine's Day offers us the perfect opportunity to do so - it's the one day a year that reminds us to do all of the thoughtful and romantic things we should do every day.

Valentine's Day is all about love and affection, but oftentimes we find that just one day is not enough to truly show the depth of our feelings. In order to keep those feeling of love and appreciation lasting the entire month of February, here are some tips to help you express your love.

1. Look through old photo albums together or your wedding video.
2. Leave a lipstick kiss on the mirror, kitchen window, or any other frequent traffic area where your love will see it and smile.
3. Share a pot of tea or coffee and enjoy a nice conversation.
4. Sneak a sweet note into their lunch or briefcase so that they will smile and think of you when they find it.
5. Give them a box of candy conversation hearts or another nostalgic Valentine's Day candy.
6. Take a jar and write down all of the things you both have said you would like to do - seeing a play, having a picnic or learning a new board game. From time to time, pull an item from the jar and enjoy the activity together.
7. Go ahead and give in to the spirit of the holiday by writing them a poetic love note and seal it with a kiss.
8. Watch some old romantic movies together.
9. Make and bring them breakfast in bed.
10. Write your special someone a sweet message and place it in a bottle.
11. Leave a loving note or candy on their pillow.
12. Learn something new together, such as signing up for ballroom dance lessons or a cooking class.
13. Schedule a double date with friends you don't see often.
14. Go and listen to live music together or see a play.
15. Send a flirty e-card during the day to offer an unexpected smile.
16. Light candles for dinner as often as possible, even if it's just for pizza.
17. Start a journal to pass back and forth, writing down fond memories, funny stories, and expressions of love and appreciation.
18. Make a toast to them at dinner.
19. Tell them that you love them every single day.

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**Undefeated!** With the defeat of Cross Plains on Monday night, the Bronte Junior High Shorthorns basketball team completed an undefeated season. The team is coached by Kevin Burns. Team members include (back row, left to right) Mason Hoyt, Ty Lee, Mario DeLaRosa, Ethan Sedden, Carson James, (front row, left to right) Caleb Rosson, Randon Eubanks, Newt McGinnis, and Thoren Charles.

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- Roses (1/2 dozen - \$35.99/1 dozen - \$59.95)

**Sheila Carver ~ 453-2390**

# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## 3 places available on RLISD board

Candidate applications will be available for 3 places on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees with all 3 places being three year terms. Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration office during the hours of 8 am - 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The deadline for filing a candidate application is Monday, March 9, 2009, at 5 pm. Election day will be Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Requirements for filing are that you must have lived 1 year in the state and 6 months in the school district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at time of election. Robert Lee ISD will need to elect three trustees. The 3 year terms of Tom Sawyer, Jr., Wes Washam, and Brandi Brosh are expiring.

## Free GED classes offered

Howard College Adult Education is interested in offering free GED classes to residents of Coke County beginning in March. GED (General Educational Development) classes provide preparation and review for the five-part GED test. Anyone planning to test before the release of the next test series on January 1, 2012, must complete and pass the entire test battery

## School Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, February 16

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

#### Tuesday, February 17

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

#### Wednesday, February 18

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

#### Thursday, February 19

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

#### Friday, February 20

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, February 16

Chicken A La King, egg roll, rice, pineapple, milk

#### Tuesday, February 17

Steakfingers, creamed potatoes, green peas, pears, sliced bread, milk

#### Wednesday, February 18

Hot dog, chili & cheese, fritos, applesauce, pork & beans, milk

#### Thursday, February 19

Chicken spaghetti, carrots, salad, orange, roll, milk

#### Friday, February 20

Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, fruit cocktail, milk

before December 31, 2011. Those who do not complete and meet the minimum passing standards in the 2002 series before this date will need to complete and pass all areas in the 2012 Series GED Tests. The 2012 Series GED Tests are an updated version of the GED Tests based on knowledge and skills of today's high school seniors. GED test-takers cannot combine scores received on the 2002 Test Series with the 2012 Test Series. Evening classes will be held at Robert Lee High School twice a week from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and will be taught by certified teachers. Anyone living in Robert Lee, Bronte, or the surrounding area is encouraged to attend. Please call the Robert Lee School at 453-4555 if interested, as there must be a minimum number of students in order for classes to be provided.

## District tie breaker set for tonight

The Robert Lee Lady Steers will be playing the Sterling City Lady Eagles in a tie breaker game at 5 pm, tonight, Friday, February 13, at Water Valley.

The Robert Lee High School boys will play their last regular scheduled game at 7:30 pm, tonight, Friday, February 13, 2009 in Garden City.

## "Magic By Harlin" to be presented to RL Elementary

One of the most popular character building programs in Texas, "Magic By Harlin", will be presented to Robert Lee Elementary school students on Friday, February 13 from 9:45 am until 10:30 am in the school auditorium.

Combining magic tricks, humor, and audience participation, Harlin's Character Does Count reinforces self-esteem, respect, responsibility, and prevention of bullying.

Robert Lee ISD will be welcoming Bronte Elementary school students who will be enjoying the program with them.

## Lady Steers defeat Lady Hornets

On Tuesday February 3, the RL Lady Steers played at Blackwell. They defeated the Lady Hornets 46-38. Scoring for the Lady Steers were: Perez 4; Minjarez 15;

Hinderliter 7; Brisbin 5; Mendoza 5; Walker 3; and Saucedo 7. The Ladies play tonight against Water Valley at home.

## RL Dogies win 3rd place

The Robert Lee Junior High Dogies took 3rd place at the District Tournament, held by Water Valley, last week. In the first round the Dogies defeated Westbrook 38-11. Scoring for the Dogies were Justin Gartman with 12, Zach Skinner 6; Zachary Sanchez 8, Will Howard 4 and Cooper Hinderliter 8. Excellent defense was by Dawson Brisbin, Everett Wilson, Efrain Olguin, Kevin Saucedo, Shelby Davis, and Jacob Torres.

In the second round, the Dogies were defeated by Garden City 26-32. Scoring for the Dogies were Gartman 7, Skinner 6, Sanchez 6, and Hinderliter 7.

In the third place game, the Dogies took an exciting come from behind win over Sterling City 36-33. The Dogies were led by Sanchez 15 pts., and Gartman's 14. Others scoring were Howard with 2 and Hinderliter with 5.

The Dogies finished the season with a respectable 9-6 record after beginning the year at 1-3.

## RLJH girls

### basketball results

On February 5, the Robert Lee Junior High Lady Dogies won against Westbrook by a score of 30-27. Scoring: Jordan Gartman 18, Bianca Huapilla 4, Dusty Howard 4, Sarah Lara 2, Ashlie Wheat 2.

Also on February 5, Robert Lee was defeated by Sterling City by a score of 10-46. Scoring: Gartman 5, Huapilla 2, Lara 2, Howard 1.

On February 7, the junior high girls were defeated by Garden City by a score of 8-29. Scoring: Huapilla 4, Gartman 2, and Wheat 2. Overall record 7-8 for the season.

## RL Steers

### add more wins

The Robert Lee High School Steers defeated Blackwell 60-56 on February 3. Scoring: Josh Gallegos 14, Michael Rodriguez 3, Stetson Nesbit 13, Haden Dillard 3, Logan Philley 19 and Cody Brosh 8.

On February 6, they also

defeated Water Valley 55-37. Scoring: Josh Gallegos 5, Stetson Nesbit 18, Haden Dillard 12, Logan Philley 7 and Cody Brosh 13.

## JV Steers defeat Water Valley

On February 6, the Robert Lee High School JV Steers basketball team defeated Water Valley 23-12. Scoring: KW Roe 13, Tyler Henderson 4, Sam Payton 2 and Joe Esterada 4.

## RLISD Board meeting held

On Monday, February 2, 2009, a special called meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

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

At 6 pm the meeting was called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Kevin Roe.

Steve Ellinger with CADCO Architects along with Interior Specialist, Kelly Kercheval and Cary Reese from Kibler Construction addressed the board regarding plans, materials and bidding process for the RLISD Construction Project.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 6 pm on February 16, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

## Tornado Warning Drill set for February 26

February 23-27 is Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have more than one way to receive a warning?

At approximately 9:30 am on Thursday, February 26, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. They will transmit this warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some of your local Radio and TV stations, and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 9:45 am.

They will issue the warning for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3. Then on the following day, March 4, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

For more information, please contact Hector Guerrero at [hector.guerrero@noaa.gov](mailto:hector.guerrero@noaa.gov) or Buddy McIntyre at [buddy.mcintyre@noaa.gov](mailto:buddy.mcintyre@noaa.gov) or you can call us at 325-944-9445.

## "Team Boo"

Relay for Life team "Team Boo" will be selling chances to win a Robert Lee Sporting Package. The package will include:

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- 2 Steer T-shirts - donated by Mountain Creek RV
- 2 2009-2010 tickets to all Dogie/Steer games/extra-curricular activities - donated by RLISD
- Spirit Fleece blanket - hand made and donated by Team Boo!

Team members include the following 7th and 8th graders from Robert Lee:

Ashlie Wheat, Lubbock Roe, Sarah Lara, Dusty Howard, Jesse Sheets, Alexis Mendosa, Sydney Sheldon, Bernice Fabian, Taylor Sheldon, Kelsie Hewitt, Ashlie Tennison, Will Howard, Amy Sheets - Team Captain, and Jan Sheets - Honorary Survivor.

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**3 vacancies on Bronte ISD School Board**

Bronte ISD has three vacancies to fill for full three year terms. Positions open are currently held by Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, and Bob Frazee. In addition, there will be one unexpired one year term which is currently held by Shane Kelton. Last day to file is March 9, 2009.

Applications may be picked up at Superintendent's office during regular business hours, 8 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

**BHS Financial Aid Night Rescheduled**

The financial aid night for senior students and parents at Bronte High School was cancelled January 27, due to the weather. The financial aid night has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 19, at 6 pm in the library. Free pizza and drinks will be provided.

At 7 pm, financial aid representatives will be on hand in the computer lab to help any students and/or parents who would like to fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Students and/or parents who would like to attend this session are asked to bring their 2007 tax return information. For more information about the financial aid night, please contact Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor at 473-2521.



- Breakfast**  
**Monday, February 16**  
 Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk  
**Tuesday, February 17**  
 Pancake & sausage on a stick, assorted juice, milk  
**Wednesday, February 18**  
 French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk  
**Thursday, February 19**  
 Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk  
**Friday, February 20**  
 Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

- Lunch**  
**Monday, February 16**  
 Chicken fajitas, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, tortilla, rosie applesauce, milk  
**Tuesday, February 17**  
 Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, peaches, garlic toast, milk  
**Wednesday, February 18**  
 Tacos, cheese, apricot cobbler, pinto beans, lettuce & tomatoes, taco shell, milk  
**Thursday, February 19**  
 Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, baby carrots, cornbread, milk  
**Friday, February 20**  
 Hot dogs, chili & cheese, potato wedges, mixed fruit, bun, milk

**Longhorns defeated by Albany**

The Longhorns were defeated by Albany by a close score of 38-32. Stats: Sam Rawlings 2 pts., Lahne Burns 3 pts., Rob Rosson 1 pt., Ernesto Casillas 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 7 pts., Heath Richey 9 pts., and Kerwin Rawls 8 pts.

The Longhorns more than doubled their efforts against Cross Plains by defeating them 76-34. Stats: Sam Rawlings 3 pts., 3 steals, Lahne Burns 8 pts., Ty Mackey 3 pts., Rob Rosson 11 pts., 5 rebounds, 3 steals, Ernesto Casillas 8 pts., Jason Horton 6 pts., Dakota Rawls 26 pts., 6 rebounds, Heath Richey 6 pts., 7 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls 5 pts., 9 assists, 3 steals.

**Bronte JV boys win two**

The Bronte JV boys basketball team had 2 games this past week. Tuesday, the young Horns hosted Albany, where they came back from 8 down at halftime and made pressure free throws at the end and won 46-40.

Then Friday, the team traveled to Cross Plains and after a long bus ride the Horns came out with a victory over the Buffalos 35-17.

Individual scores in Albany game: Coalson 12, Barber 12, Perez 10, Baumann 5, Scott 4, and Deller 3. Record 16-5, District 7-1.

Individual scores in Cross Plains game: Scott 10, Barber 8, Charles 7, Deller 4, Baumann 2, Coalson 2, and Perez 2. Record 17-5, District 8-1.

**Bronte Band students win medals**

On Saturday, February 9, four band members attended the Region 7 Solo and Ensemble Contest at Brownwood. Kelsey Sedden received a first division medal on her class three flute solo, "Menuett". Geoffrey Ehl received a first division medal on his class two trumpet solo, "Romance in Eb". Will Macon received an excellent rating on his class two trumpet solo, "Sarabanda and Gavotta". Jonathan Dannheim received a first division medal on his class one snare drum solo, "Prattfalls". Jonathan will compete in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos in May. Mrs. Rosson was the piano accompanist for the solos and did a fantastic job. There will be several opportunities to hear these soloists over the coming months. Congratulations to all!

The Bronte High band will participate in the Region 7 UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest at Hamilton on March 12. Monday, February 18, the high school band will rehearse from 7 pm to 9 pm. The same schedule will apply to Monday, February 25, Monday, March 3, and Monday, March 10. It

**BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS**



**UIL Solo and Ensemble!** These Bronte ISD band students recently competed at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest, where each one did very well. They included (top row, left to right) Ethan Sedden, Rob Rosson, Mario DelaRosa (second row) Jonathan Dannheim, Kelsey Sedden, Miziel Perez, Will Macon, (third row) John Deller, Kassie Fillman, Austin Brackeen, (fourth row) Meagen Yackley, Kim Womack, Makayla Fraune, Nathan Fillman, (front row) Fred Arthur, John McDonald, Caleb Rosson, Justina Gloria, Leticia Pena, (not pictured) Jaylon Seales and Austin Mertz.

is essential that all students who are eligible be in attendance. Mr. Mike Brady will be the February 25 guest clinician.



**Gifted & Talented Program spotlights elementary teachers**

The BISD Gifted & Talented Program (G&T) consists of students from first grade through sixth grade. Over the past several weeks, these students have interviewed the BISD Elementary Staff and compiled an essay concerning each teacher.

Each week one or more staff members will be "in the spotlight" with these interviews, along with the

name of the student who wrote each essay.

**Mrs. Mary Morrow**  
by Addie Rosson

Mary Morrow is married and has three children and five grandchildren. She also has three dogs and one cat. Mary lives in Coke County.

She grew up with three brothers and a sister. She attended high school in Bronte. Mary played sports while in high school. She needed a job; so she took a job as a cafeteria lady, and here she is eighteen years later. She likes making salads but doesn't like making fajitas. She enjoys steak, cookies, and her grandchildren.

She loves fall and her dogs, and her favorite shape is a rectangle. Her favorite sport is basketball, and I bet that is the sport she played in high school. Her favorite book is

a very common book: the Bible. She can relax at her favorite vacation spot in Ruidoso and enjoy playing some golf. She loves saying this quote that keeps her happy: "Let go and let God." I think that's what kept her in the cafeteria so long.

Mary retired Friday, January 23, 2009. She will be missed by everyone at the school.

**Mrs. Elaine McKee**

by Darby Duncan

Mrs. Elaine McKee lives in Coke County with her husband and her two dogs. She has children but no grandchildren. She also has a brother. She attended high school in McCamey, Texas. Two events she did in high school are basketball and choir. She says the reason she started to work at Bronte ISD is for a job. She has been working in the school for seventeen years.

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**...Bronte Spotlight**

*(Continued from page 5)*

Her favorite food to cook is chicken strips. Her favorite food is tacos. Her favorite dessert is pink panther cake. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite season is summer. Her favorite animal is a dog. Her favorite shape is a circle. Her favorite sport is basketball. Her favorite vacation spot is New Mexico. Her favorite hobby is water skiing. What makes her happy is to be healthy.

**Mrs. Gina McCutchen**

by Anlyn Alizabeth Bohensky

Mrs. Gina McCutchen lives in Coke County with her husband, Harold, three dogs, two cats, one horse, and some goats. She has three sons: Donnie, Bill, and Craig. She has grandchildren. She has two siblings, one brother and one sister.

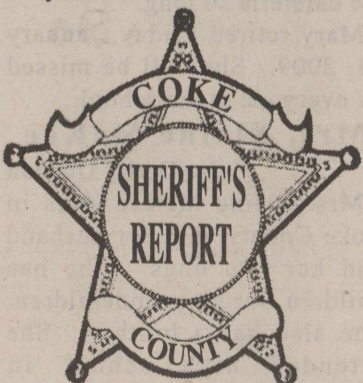
She attended high school at Novice where she played basketball and was a member of FHA. Gina went to college at Texas Tech.

Gina McCutchen has been working at Bronte ISD for thirty years. She took the job at Bronte ISD in the business office because it was a good opportunity.

Gina McCutchen's favorite foods are hamburgers and German chocolate cake, favorite color is red, favorite season is spring, favorite pet is a dog, favorite shape is a circle, favorite sport is basketball, favorite book is Eight Cousins, and her favorite vacation spot is Colorado.

Her hobbies are reading, sewing, and crossword puzzles. Seeing her grandchildren makes her happy. Her most embarrassing moment was when she was introducing her sons, and she forgot one of their names.

Mrs. Gina McCutchen is very loved at Bronte ISD.



**Arrests and Dispositions January 2009**

Compton, Renee, DWI 1st, 1-1-09;

Boner, Christopher, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 1-18-09;

Ellison, Pamela, Driving w/License Invalid, 1-20-09;

Landeros, Fernando Jr., Violation of Protective Order, 1-24-09;

Larue, Christopher, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Possession of Dangerous Drug, 1-25-09;

Wauqua, Cody, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Possession of Dangerous Drug, 1-25-09

**County Court Dispositions 1-21-09**

The State of Texas vs. Mandi Bretz Cervantes, Charge: Purchase Furnish Alcohol to a Minor, Plea: Fine \$350.00, Court Cost \$228.00;

The State of Texas vs. Frank Anthony Fay, Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Plea: 30 Days Jail, Time Served Tom Green County;

The State of Texas vs. Gumersindo Gomez, Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Plea: 30 Days Jail, Time Served Tom Green County;

The State of Texas vs. Gumersindo Gomez, Charge: Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, Plea: 60 Days Jail, Time Served Tom Green County;

The State of Texas vs. Gumersindo Gomez, Charge: Assault F.V., Plea: 90 Days Jail, Time Served Tom Green County;

The State of Texas vs. Danny Ray Mercer, Charge: DWI 1st, Plea: 1 Year Pre-Trial Intervention;

The State of Texas vs. Stephanie Soto, Charge: DWI 1st, Plea: 90 Days Probated 12 Months, Fine \$800.00, Court Cost \$414.00, DWI Education Course, 60 Hours Community Service

**Honoring Our Nation's Presidents**

By U.S. Senator

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Throughout Texas this coming Monday, children will enjoy a day off from school. Although the federal government honors "Washington's Birthday" each year on the third Monday of February, Texas goes one step further by concurrently observing "Presidents' Day," a state holiday that celebrates all of our past Presidents.

Our forty-four presidents have included men who have been a carpenter (James Garfield), a cloth maker (Millard Fillmore), a star athlete (Gerald Ford), a launderer (Herbert Hoover), a mail room clerk (Harry Truman), a shoeshine boy (Lyndon Johnson), an insurance salesman (Warren Harding), a toymaker (Calvin Coolidge), an actor (Ronald Reagan) and a school principal (Chester Arthur). Ten presidents were farmers before reaching the White House; seven were diplomats; and twenty-six were lawyers. Their diverse perspectives strengthened the quality of our nation's leadership and inspired for-



**Super Bowl!** On Friday, January 30, the Relay for Life team "We Care" raffled off a big basket of goodies for a Super Bowl Party. The winner of the basket was Troy Wimberley.

eign nations to embrace democracy.

In the nineteenth century, half a dozen presidents were born in log cabins, including one whose bicentennial we celebrate this week. Abraham Lincoln – the eloquent small town lawyer who helped set our nation on the path toward the "more perfect union" that our Founding Fathers envisioned – continues to inspire our leaders today. Former President George W. Bush chose to hang Lincoln's portrait in the Oval Office and drew inspiration from Lincoln's fortitude in perilous times. President Barack Obama paid tribute to his home state predecessor by retracing Lincoln's path to the White House on a train ride from Philadelphia to Washington before his inauguration last month.

The democracy and entrepreneurial spirit at the core of our American identity have propelled our nation from a relatively small federation with fewer than four million citizens to the world's economic and political superpower. As Americans, we can take great pride in the many individual contributions of ordinary citizens, but it is also fitting that we pay tribute to those national leaders who courageously established our freedoms during the earliest years of our nation.

George Washington, the commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, was the first of twelve generals who went on to serve as president. After refusing a royal title, he became our country's only leader to be re-elected unanimously. As our Chief Executive, he established customs regarding interaction with Cabinet members, the negotiation of treaties, and the use of the presidential veto on legislation from Congress. He appointed our first federal judges, helped implement the

American currency and banking system, and chose the location of our nation's capital.

Our next two presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, worked together to draft the Declaration of Independence. In the White House, President Adams used his considerable diplomatic skills to avert further strife with European powers. President Jefferson enlarged our nation through the Louisiana Purchase and encouraged Lewis and Clark's explorations of the West. Mr. Jefferson also was the first president not to powder his hair and to establish casual handshakes instead of deep bows as the preferred mode of greeting in the White House. Coincidentally, these two great men, lifelong friends and political rivals, passed

away 500 miles apart on the very same day, July 4th, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

During later eras in American history, Texas contributed four outstanding presidents. General Dwight Eisenhower, who was born in Denison, ended the Korean War and built our current highway system. Lyndon Johnson, from Stonewall, championed civil rights legislation and education reform. George H. W. Bush represented the seventh district of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives before entering the White House, where he led a successful effort to liberate Kuwait from the clutches of a tyrannical dictator. And George W. Bush brought his strong leadership from Texas' state capital to the White House, where he protected our country after the attacks by terrorists on September 11, 2001.

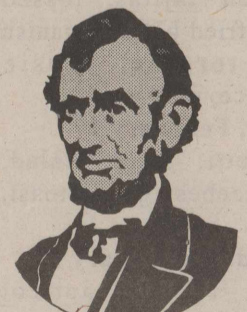
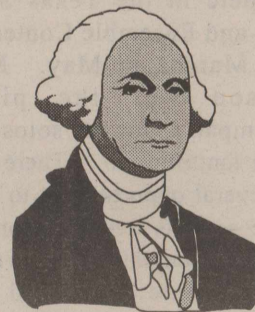
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Today, as our military forces fight abroad in defense of our freedom, we more fully appreciate the heroism of several of the best of our wartime presidents. I especially admire President Ronald Reagan for his steadfastness toward the end of the Cold War. His careful diplomacy with our country's allies, combined with his firm hand with Communist leaders, helped topple oppressive dictatorships throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Today, many of these nations benefit from constitutions that were inspired by our own. Our Founding Fathers' vision continues to resonate and provide hope. Let us take this opportunity to honor our presidents for their fortitude in upholding our freedoms for over 200 years.

### Texas Charities

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott recently launched a new online resource that will allow Texans to search Texas charitable organizations' tax filings. The newly created database will provide instant, user-friendly access to Texas charitable organizations' expenditure data so that potential supporters, committed contributors and the general public can easily learn how charitable dollars are being spent.

Under Texas law, the Attorney General is charged with overseeing certain charitable organizations. The initiative launched today reflects Attorney General Abbott's ongoing commitment to transparency and openness, as well as his continuing effort to ensure that charitable organizations fulfill their charitable purpose.

"Texas is blessed with very generous people who readily lend a hand when their fellow Texans need a helping hand," Attorney General Abbott said. "When hard-working Texans reach into their own pockets to support a good cause, they expect their hard-earned dollars to serve a legitimate charitable purpose. The Web site we launched today will provide instant, open access to Texas' charities financial data so that volunteers, donors, and others can easily examine how their favorite charity is spending its valuable resources."

Texans will be able to search charitable organizations' tax forms by clicking on the "Charity Search" button at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov).

The charities' Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990 documents include information about the organization's executive compensation, funding for charitable programs and the charity's sources of financial support. Charitable organizations that receive more than \$100,000 in donations and have assets totaling more than \$250,000

are required to file 990s with the IRS. Although organizations that file Form 990s are required to make copies available to the public, the online database will eliminate the need for Texans to request this information from individual charities.

Today's database launch coincides with a charitable medical care summit that was organized by the Office of the Attorney General. Titled, "Charitable Hospitals: Modern Trends, Obligations and Challenges," the meeting offered hospital administrators guidance on state laws that govern charitable hospitals. Discussion topics included: the formation and implementation of meaningful charity care programs at hospitals, state law requirements for charitable care, and innovative solutions to address the growing disparity in access to quality health care.

For more information on the Charitable Hospitals summit or to access the online Charity Search, visit the Attorney General's Web site at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov).

### Military families targets of predatory lending

By Jason Alderman

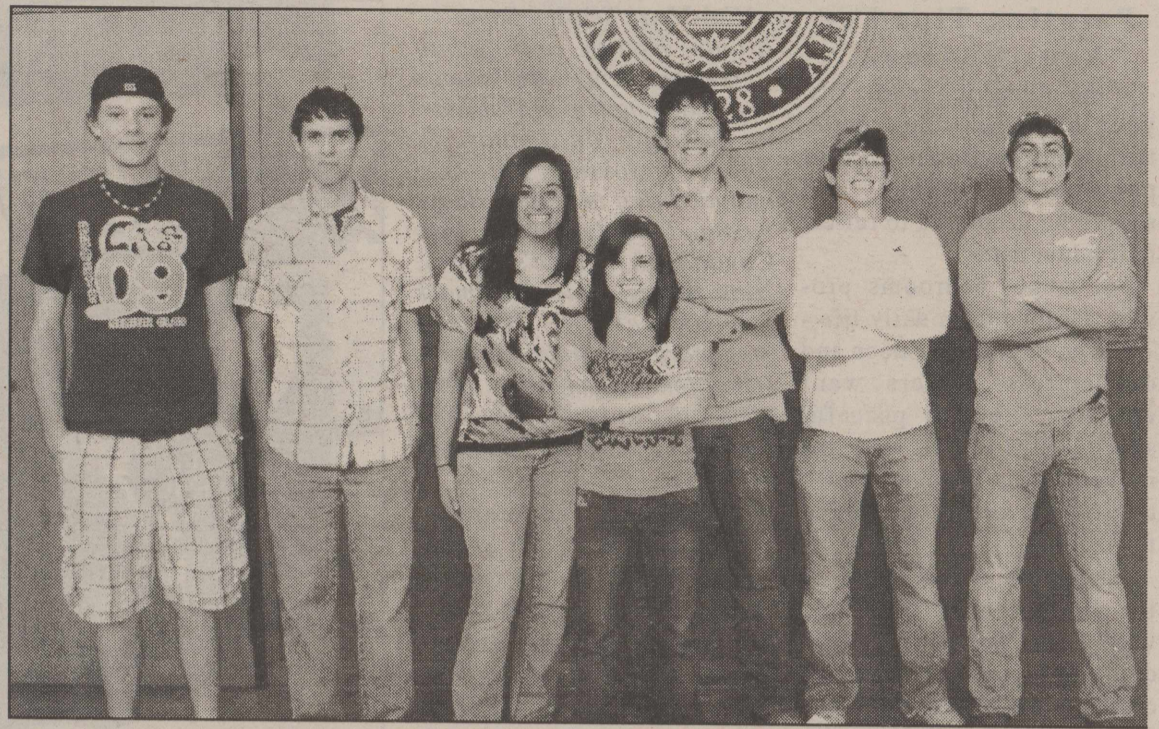
You've got to hand it to our military personnel: Not only are they often put in harm's way, but they must contend with a host of issues that would be tough under the best of circumstances, including low pay scales and frequent moves to new assignments that trigger relocation costs.

It's no wonder then that when some military families struggle with finances and fall behind on payments, they fall prey to predatory lending schemes or even see their security clearances jeopardized.

Claudia Warszawski, manager of personal financial management for Navy Federal Credit Union, says, "What we tell our members who are over-extended and looking for an easy way to pay off their debts or make a quick buck is, 'If it sounds too good to be true, it is too good to be true.'"

That advice applies to civilians as well. According to Warszawski, when people patronize check-cashing outlets, payday lenders or pawn shops looking for quick loans to tide them over, they often don't realize how expensive that financing can be.

"When you calculate the true cost for these loans, the



**College Day!** Bronte High School seniors recently attended Angelo State University's ASU First Day to learn more about the college and its programs. Students attending included (from left to right) Taylor McMullan, Ty Mackey, Shannon Deller, Jessi England, Sam Rawlings, Lahne Burns and Reece Springer.

rates are staggering," she explains. "The Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act of 2006 caps the rate these institutions can charge military families at 36 percent. But anyone else might pay an annual percentage rate of 400 percent or more."

Although on-base banks or credit unions are better options for transactions like cashing checks, Warszawski adds that wherever military families go offsite for financial assistance, they're responsible to make their military status known in order to be protected by the Act.

According to Warszawski, the underlying reason so many people experience financial difficulties - military and civilian alike - is that they live above their means and don't follow a budget. She says each military unit is responsible for ensuring its people maintain financial stability, so don't hesitate to consult your command if you're having financial difficulties.

"Each military base command offers free command financial specialists to talk with military personnel about their finances and help them set up a budget," notes Warszawski. "Many banks and credit unions also offer these services to their customers."

Warszawski offers a few additional suggestions and precautions for military families:

- \* Each branch of the military has a relief society and many grant emergency loans. Turn to them first before taking out a payday loan.

- \* Even the 36 percent maximum rate payday lenders are allowed to charge military families is still extremely high and could take years to pay off, so explore other options first.

- \* Before signing any loan documents, first decide if it's for something you truly need, not something you just want. Then make sure you fully understand all terms - things like the annual percentage rate, monthly payment amount, full payback amount, fees, penalties, etc.

- \* Avoid pawn shop loans using your car's title as collateral. Missing a payment could cost you ownership of your car.

- \* Set up an automatic paycheck withdrawal for an emergency fund; that way, you won't be tempted to take out a high-interest loan when unexpected expenses occur.

- \* When choosing a bank or credit union, ask what special benefits they extend to military families (free checking, financial counseling, etc.)

For help setting up a livable budget, you can also visit Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com))

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### Painting Tips For Your Bedroom

If the old saying is true that your home is your castle, then your bedroom is your personal sanctuary and should be decorated to reflect individual taste.

For some, bedrooms provide escapes from daily life - places to shut the door and decompress. Others want uplifting, light or peaceful spaces. Still others wish for invigorating places where they wake and feel charged for the day.

A bedroom should be suited for the individual or couple who sleeps there. This often can be achieved through creative use of color and the easy task of painting the room to suit your desires.

"Your bedroom is the most personal space in your house, so it should reflect who you are," says Ann McGuire, founder of Beehive Studios and color consultant to Valspar. "Don't worry about what others may think. Choose your favorite colors and have fun. Above all, think about the purpose of your bedroom and what kind of personal space you want to create."

There are many ways to achieve color goals, McGuire emphasizes. Here are some "tricks of the trade":

\* Since bedrooms are private, you may select a different color than those used elsewhere in the house. You can shut the door and treat it as its own individual space, so use a color that you love.

\* While you shouldn't feel restricted, most prefer soothing environments for bedrooms. The best colors for this are soft blue, ivory, khaki or camel, such as Valspar Ultra Premium Journal Book 4004-5A, which is a grayish blue, or Milestone 6007-1B, a warm off-white ivory tone. Golden hues also work well, like Fairmont Suite Gold, 3003-8A, a golden khaki color.

\* If the bedroom looks boring, "lift" it by painting the wall behind the bed to create a focal point against which to place the headboard or pillows. Pick a deeper color to make the headboard "pop." Select a color from the fabric or carpet in the room so all pieces work together.

\* If the room has lots of light, consider a light, breezy paint color. If you have a basement bedroom or a darker room, don't hesitate to choose darker colors.

\* Unorthodox colors can work well. "Once, I painted a windowless room a chocolate brown and it worked surprisingly well. It was a cozy, inviting place," says McGuire. Some recommended browns are Chocolate Cheesecake 2006-7B, a brown with some yellow in it, and La Fonda Santa Fe Brown 2006-7A, a truer brown. Another good color is a deep coral which works

**Wal-Mart Trip!** Some Bronte Health and Rehab Center residents were treated to a shopping trip at Wal-Mart in Ballinger on January 9. Those enjoying the trip included (left to right) Gladys Keese, Lum Lasswell, Andy Cavanaugh (nurse's aide), Nina Bivins, Janet Wommack (volunteer), Hubert Singletary, Melinda Minjarez (chauffeur), Suzi Reyes, (not pictured) Lula Stilley and Kendal Johnston (activity director).

with cream colored furniture.

\* Consider the color of furniture. Find a color that is pleasing and harmonizing. For dark wood like mahogany, go with bold colors. For lighter toned wood, use light colors. You even can paint your bed frame or posts, instead of your walls.

\* Consider decorative painting, such as color washing, stripes or stenciling, to soften a room's angles and corners. Color washing is a random blending technique created by applying translucent glaze colors over a dry base paint. A criss-cross motion done with lighter colors creates the look of parchment.

"If you're an early riser, you'll get up no matter what," stresses McGuire. "But if you're a night owl, you spend more time awake in the bedroom. A warm color might be conducive to dark nights spent reading before sleeping."

Thinking about personal needs and color preferences will go a long way in creating the perfect sleeping sanctuary.

### Tips For Going Green At School

Teaching kids to be environmentally-conscious at school can do more than help save the planet, it can save you money in the long run. There are many easy ways children can go green at school.

To start with, sending your child to school on that big yellow school bus has quite a green effect. Not only does it lower a family's use of gas, but busing also reduces traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. A single school bus can take as many as 36 cars off the road.

Having your child take the bus to school instead of driving is one of many tips offered by Terra Wellington, author of the upcoming book "The Mom's Guide to Growing Your Family Green: Saving the Earth Begins at Home."

Some other economically-sound tips on how students can make their school greener include:

\* Use both sides of the paper: Ask your teacher if you can print reports and other homework assignments "double-sided" to save paper.

\* Pack a litterless lunch: Avoid disposable containers such as brown bags and plas-



tic baggies when packing lunches. Instead, use containers that can be washed and reused.

\* Become a light monitor: Ask your teacher to use the classroom's natural light whenever possible. When the classroom is empty, make sure lights are turned off and computers are in standby mode. A standby setting can reduce power over 90 percent, helping to conserve energy.

\* Recycle: Ask your teacher or principal about setting up a recycling bin for paper, plastic bottles and cans. If your school already has a program, encourage others to participate.

\* Bring nature indoors: Ask the teacher if the class can have a "class plant" that students can take turns watering.

By implementing green practices like those listed above, students have a chance to earn their school the designation of "America's Greenest School" through a search conducted by Wellington and IC Bus, the nation's largest school bus manufacturer. The student who submits the winning essay will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, while the winning school gets a plug-in hybrid bus from IC Bus valued at \$200,000.

"This program can help students, teachers and parents learn that they do have the power to make greener choices that will positively affect the environment," said Wellington. "Making America's schools greener is a winning lesson plan for everyone."

Once finalists are announced, the public will be able to vote online for their pick to win the title of "America's Greenest School." The hybrid school bus donated by IC Bus is up to 65 percent more fuel efficient than standard school buses and can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 40 percent.

For more information about how to make your school green or to enter the essay contest, visit [www.AmericasGreenestSchool.com](http://www.AmericasGreenestSchool.com).

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#### 310 N. Lombard - Bronte, Texas - \$53,000

Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath completely remodeled home ready to move in. New appliances.

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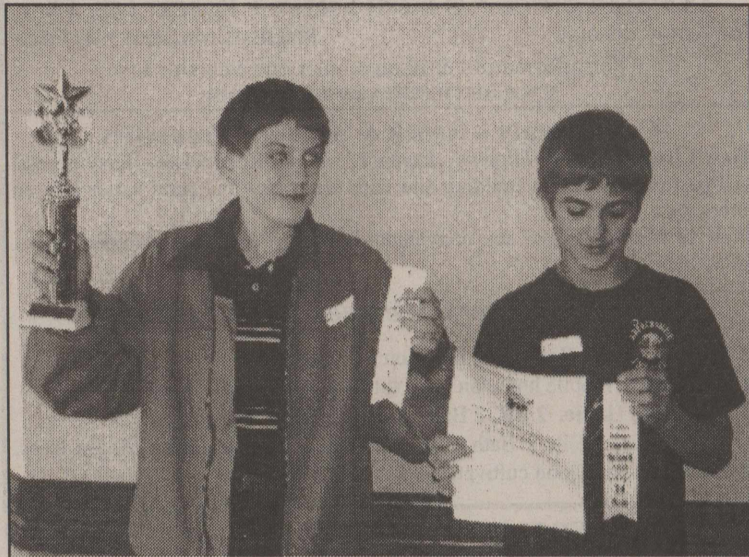
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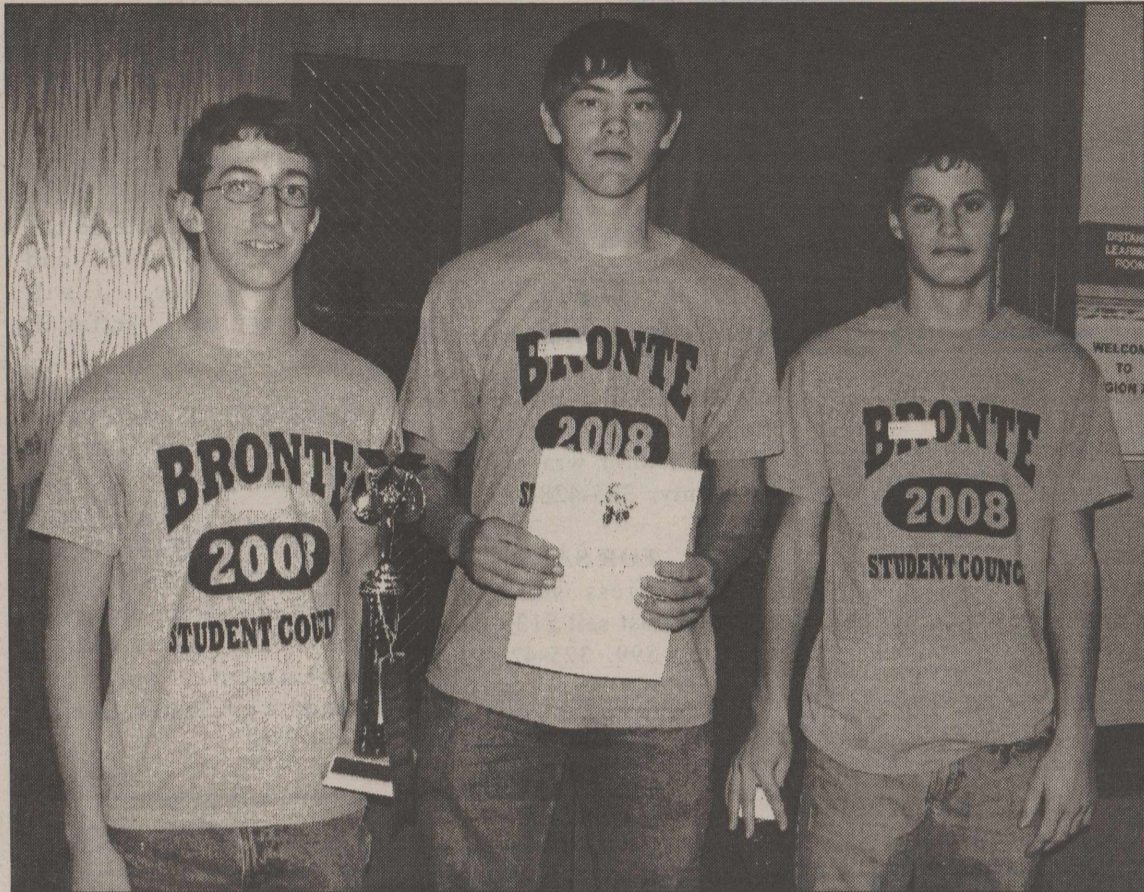
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**Robotics!** Many Bronte ISD students competed at the 5th annual Regional Robotics Contest on Monday, January 26. Division I Team, the "Bakalakadakas" (top right photo) placed second. The team consists of Chase Harris, Heath Richey and Kerwin Rawls. Division II Team, the "Metalloids" (above photo) placed third and consisted of Kyle Kelton and Newt McGinnis (filling in for Mason Hoyt). The Division I team "Jarm" (middle right photo), consisting of Jaylon Seales and Austin Mertz, placed sixth. The Division I "Big Team" placed fourth and consisted of Jill Scott, Harley Wallace and Kimber Lee.



**Bronte ISD Robotics results**

The Robotics teams from Bronte attended the 5th annual Regional Robotics Contest on Monday, January 26. It was held at the Education Service Center Region 15 in San Angelo. There were 15 entries in the Division I Arena Contest which included schools from Brady, Bronte, Glasscock Co., Nueces Canyon, Robert Lee, Winters, and Zephyr.

**Division I Teams**

1. The "Bakalakadakas", which consists of Chase Harris, Heath Richey, and Kerwin Rawls, placed second. They won a trophy, ribbons, and a gift certificate worth \$150.00 off any items found in the LEGO Education Catalog or on their website.

2. The "Big Team" - Kimber Lee, Harley Wallace and Jill Scott won 4th place ribbons.

3. "Jarm" - Austin Mertz and Jaylon Seales received 6th place ribbons.

4. The "Gold Team" - Katie Austin, Mackenzie Gibbs and Kaleb Parks received 7th place.

5. The "Average Joe's" Team - John Deller, Leah Jones, Lauren Burns, and Beau Grigg placed 8th.

6. The "Pozers" - Biller Miller and Rob Rosson placed 10th.

**Division II Teams**

1. The "Metalloids" Team, with Kyle Kelton and Newt McGinnis (substituting for Mason Hoyt) placed 3rd. They won a trophy, ribbons, and a gift certificate worth \$100.00 off any items found in the LEGO Education Catalog or on their website.

2. The "Doo-Dad's" Team - Carson James, Newt McGinnis, Thoren Charles and Randy Barnett

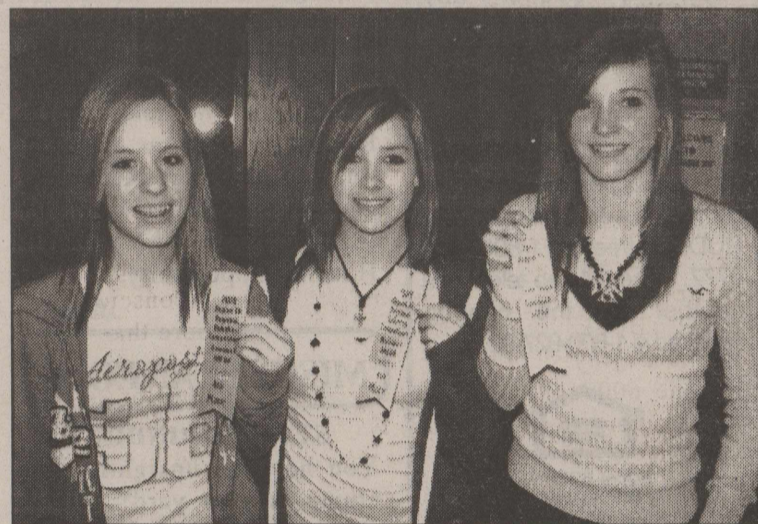
3. The "Thanga-ma-bob's" Team - Jael Williams, Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn

Braswell, Brayde Knight  
4. The "Magnetoz" Team - Ethan Sedden, Caleb Rosson, Mario DeLaRosa, Nathan Fillman

5. The "I-Robots" Team - Ty Lee, Megan Yackley, Courtney Wyatt, Nathaniel Rosales

**Inventions Division II**

The "Inventions" Team with Randon Eubanks and Zachary Taylor working with the Problem to design an inexpensive, environmentally "Green" energy resource that emits "clean-air" exhausts by developing a prototype of the "E" Dragster that will test the design.



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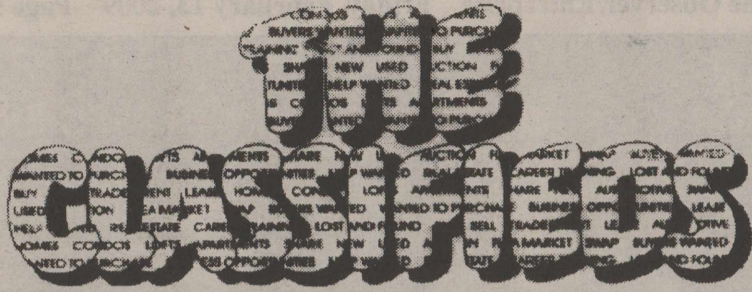
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 God's Love to each of you,  
 Bobby & Jeffie Roberts  
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**GARAGE SALES**

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 Saturday, February 14. 8 am - 3 pm. 121 W. 12th, Robert Lee. Clothing and household items.  
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**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 An ordinance providing for an election to be held for the consideration of a proposition authorizing the Robert Lee 4A Economic Development Corporation to transfer funds to the Robert Lee 4B Economic Development Corporation to be used to participate in the renovation of the park swimming pool on the third Saturday of May, 2009, in the City of Robert Lee, Texas.  
 PASSED AND APPROVED this the 9th day of February, 2009, by the following recorded vote:  
 Councilmembers Voting "AYE": Troy Wimberley, Jackie Walker, Gary Payne, John Jacobs, Bonita Cartrite.  
 Councilmembers Voting "NAY": None  
 Joe V. White, Mayor  
 Attest: Kay Torres, City Secretary  
 30-1tc

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**  
 The West Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 9, 2009 Election. Two Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 7, 2009, and March 9, 2009. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.

**LA NOTA DE LA CLASIFICACION LAS FECHAS TOPES**  
 El Consejo Administrativo de West Coke County Hospital District da aviso a su

election que dar principio el 9 de mayo, 2009, con el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores por dos (2) anos terminos cada uno. Los candidatos pueden obtener las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion entre el 9 de febrero 2009 y el 9 de marzo de 2009. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en las oficinas de Robert Lee Care Center durante las horas de oficina normales, 9 am-5 pm, de lunes ha viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Roger Alexander, el Administrator.  
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**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**

The East Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 9, 2009 Election. Two (2) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot until March 9, 2009. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center during normal business hours, 8 am-4 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Paula Hensley Administrator.

**LA NOTA DE LA CLASIFICACION LAS FECHAS TOPES**

La Junta directiva Occidental del Distrito del Hospital del Condado del Coque Este por la presente avisa de la clasificacion las fechas topos para el May 09, 2009 Eleccion. Dos (2) Directores seran elegidos para un termino de dos (2) anos cada. Los candidatos pueden archivar las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion hasta el 9 de Marzo de 2009. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en el Bronte Health and Rehab Center durante horas de oficina normales, 8 am-4 pm, el lunes por el viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Paula Hensley, el Administrador.

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

**(Aviso de eleccion general)**  
 To The Registered Voters of the City of Robert Lee, Texas:  
 (A los votantes registrados de Robert Lee, Texas.)  
 Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 9, 2009 for voting in a general election to elect Three Council Members to regular terms. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiraran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 9 de Mayo de 2009 para legir eleccion tres miembro(as) del consejo para termo regular.)  
**LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:** Coke County Courthouse at 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945. (DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES: Condado de Coke a las 13 E. 7th Street en Robert Lee, Texas.)  
 Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Coke County Courthouse, Clerk's Office, 13 E. 7th Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Friday, beginning on April 27, 2009

and ending on May 5, 2009. Additionally, on April 30, 2009 and May 5, 2009 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Condado de Coke en el Oficio de Secretaria a las 13 E. 7th Street en Robert Lee, Texas. Entre las horas de 8:00 de la mañana - 5:00 p.m. de la tarde, el lunes - el jueves y entre las horas de 8:00 de la mañana - 1:00 de la tarde el viernes empezando el 27 de Abril, 2009 y terminado el 5 de Mayo de 2009. Exempcion el 30 de Abril y 5 de mayo, 2009 entre las horas 8:00 de la mañana - 8:00 de la tarde.) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Mary Grim, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Mary Grim, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.) Issued this the 9th day of February, 2009. (Emitada este dia 9 de Febrero, 2009.)

Joe V. White,  
 Presiding Officer  
 Firma del Oficial  
 que Preside  
 30-1tc

**USDA Lamb Referendum**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announces that it will offer lamb producers, feeders, and first handlers the opportunity to vote in a nationwide referendum on whether to continue or terminate the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order, authorized under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996. The referendum will be held Feb. 2-27-2009.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices. To be eligible to vote, persons must certify

and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, which shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughtering of lambs during the period, Jan. 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2008.

Beginning Feb. 2, 2009, and continuing through Feb. 27, 2009, persons eligible to vote should obtain form LS-86 from a county FSA office either in person, by mail, fax, or via the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms>. Persons must vote in the referendum at the County FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For those persons not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land.

Form LS-86 and supporting documentation must be returned in person, by mail, or by fax to the appropriate county FSA office. The form and documentation returned in person or by fax must be received in the appropriate county office prior to the close of business on Feb. 27, 2009. The form and documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 27, 2009, and received in the county FSA office by March 6, 2009.

USDA monitors activities of the American Lamb Board. The mandatory program is financed by producers, seedstock producers (breeders), feeders, and exporters who are assessed one-half cent (\$.005) per pound when live ovine animals are sold. The first handler, primarily packers, pays an additional 30 cents per head on ovine animals purchased for slaughter.

Notice of the referendum will be published in the Dec. 16, 2008, Federal Register. Copies of the Final Rule and Notice are available from the

Marketing Programs Branch; Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA; STOP 0251-Room 2628-S; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, D.C. 20250-0251; tel. (202) 720-1115; or via the Internet at [www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms](http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms).

**Beating The Aches And Pains Of Aging**

The aches and pains of old age now can be avoided, along with many illnesses, say medical experts.

Put simply, it's possible to avoid or prevent many of the problems we associate with aging -- such as weakness and sore joints -- and even many illnesses like heart attacks, diabetes and broken bones.

While we all have to get older each day, year and month, we don't have to give up our good health, say experts, Chris Cowley and Dr. Henry S. Lodge, co-authors of the bestseller books "Younger Next Year" and "Younger Next Year for Women."

"It turns out that most of the biological decay we call aging is an automatic response to the SUV, cable TV, and fast-food lifestyle of the 21st century," says Crowley. "The reality is that how much you exercise, what you eat, and how involved you are with other people are the fundamental signals that run every cell in your body and brain."

The signals of modern living -- such as being sedentary, eating "crap" (as Crowley and Lodge put it) and being isolated and stressed -- are the signals for your body to decay and age at a dramatically accelerated pace.

"Luckily, it is easy to send the opposite signals," stresses Lodge who says that the keys to reversing the negative aging process lie in the three fundamental areas of exercise, nutrition and emotional

connection.

Here are some tips from the book "Younger Next Year" that can help you get started on living strong and fit even as you age:

\* Exercise six days a week, and be sure to mix aerobic exercise with strength training. Do aerobic exercise four days a week and strength training with weights two days a week. Make sure to check with your doctor that you are healthy enough to begin an exercise regimen. And don't overdo it when you first get started!

\* Eat right. This one sounds simple -- and it can be. The authors stress that you should avoid fast food and, as they so eloquently put it, any snacks whose names end with the letter 'o.'

\* Commit to connecting with others and staying involved. As many people age, they become isolated and do less. Get out there with friends and family. Get involved in groups and do communal things, whether work or play. We literally were built to be involved with and to care for one another, and that shouldn't change as we age.

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