



Big Rig! A huge trailer transporting a large piece of equipment came through Bronte last month and stopped for repairs. The street immediately behind Bronte Donut Shop was blocked and workers were able to park and work right in the street. The big rig included a pull tractor, a push tractor, and a dual lane hydraulic platform trailer. Although the equipment was not identified, it appeared to be some sort of cooling tower. Lone Star Transportation put the overall length of the rig at 237.5 feet. They began their journey in Houston, Texas, and continued onto Kermit, Texas. A week after this photo was taken on September 6th, the rig was spotted on Highway 67 west of San Angelo near Twin Mountain Fence once again undergoing maintenance.

Lashmet said lunch will be provided by two sponsors: Ag Workers Insurance for the Lubbock, College Station and San Angelo programs, and Security State Bank for the Pearsall program.

Participants will need to RSVP at least one week before the meeting they will attend to Kim Garcia, 806-677-5626 or kim.garcia@ag.tamu.edu.

Each workshop will address the legal risks associated with agricultural leases, Lashmet said. The goal is to educate landowners and producers on the importance of utilizing written leases as a risk management tool.

Joining Lashmet on the program will be AgriLife Extension economists from around the state.

“We will discuss the potential legal implications of failing to have a sufficient written lease and the potential legal issues and litigation that the development of written leases can help avoid,” she said. “The workshops will also familiarize participants with key terms and provisions that should be considered in lease negotiations.”

Participants will receive a leasing handbook that covers legal issues, designing lease payment structures and calculating payments, landowner liability, as well as checklists and sample lease forms for negotiating lease agreements.

Sorosis Club meeting detailed

The Bronte Sorosis Study Club met Thursday, September 21, 2017, for the first club meeting of the year.

Mary Percifull, President, welcomed everyone and conducted the business meeting. Janet Wommack, Yearbook Chairman, passed out the new yearbooks and outlined the programs, projects and activities for the year. It is going to be an informative, interesting, and entertaining year. Also, the club will volunteer for some projects that will benefit the community.

Cory Robinson, from Fort Concho, presented the program. He related stories and artifacts found in the Fort Concho Collections. Some of these will be on a special display at the Fort as they celebrate their

150th anniversary. He invited everyone to come by the Fort and view these unique articles from the past during this special celebration.

Marilyn Bivins was the hostess and the Yearbook Committee served delicious refreshments of apple pie a la mode and tea.

Additional members present were Pat Bedford, Fran Crumpler, Teri Ervin, Denise Gallaway, Merle Kelso, Pat Lee, Pat Martindale, Martha Ratliff, Cynthia Robinson, Teresa Swecker and Jerita Taylor.

Fall Conservation

by Erin M. Oleksiuk, SWCD District Technician

In West Texas, conservation tends to be on the minds of most folks in the hot, summer months. Conservation needs do not stop in fall and winter only to be reapplied in spring, good management is year round. The first day of fall was September 22. Use those cooler mornings and evenings to get a jump on fall conservation.

Have a pile of limbs from the summer storms? Utilize those limbs for flower bed ground cover by mulching them in a chipper. While purchasing mulch from your local home improvement store may be convenient, it is not always best for the environment. Bagged mulch creates a much larger carbon footprint due to traveling and the plastic it arrives in. Some mulch is dyed, this dye prevents the wood from breaking down properly and can harm and possibly kill good bacteria, insects, worms, and even plants. It may take extra time and labor, but mulch used from the trees around you are more beneficial to the land and gives you a sense of a “job well done”.

We all have food scraps from fruits and vegetables, why not use them to make compost for next year’s garden? A compost or worm bin is easy to create at home and most often you already have the materials you need. The internet can provide instructions for very complex

bins and very simple ones. One way is using a plastic storage bin with a lid, which most of us use to store away seasonal items and clothes. Drill holes in the bottom and lid, fill with a layer of leaves, next soil, scraps from fruits and vegetables, and with a small mist of water and stir, you are on your way. Search the internet for all the safe items you can place in your bin and the “off limit” items such as lime and pet waste.

Since rain is always on the minds of Texans, a rain harvesting system is a great way to store and use water in our drier months. Fall may not be the time for heavy rainfall but it is cooler to work in and you will

be prepared for the spring and summer rains when they arrive. Rain harvesting systems can range from a rain barrel collecting water to multiple thousand gallon storage tanks. This project will require research and planning to find the best fit; small for watering plants to large enough to support your home in drought conditions.

Fall preparation will lend to a more successful spring when conservation methods are in place. For questions and additional information on rain harvesting catchments, call or visit the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District and NRCS office at 453-2623 x3 and 214 E 7th Street, Robert Lee.

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