



**RLCC 4th of July Celebration!** The residents of Robert Lee Care Center enjoyed homemade ice cream, provided by Pat Carwile, Mary Beth Drennan, Beverly Sinclair, and Debra Horne. Reba Tabor also provided watermelon. Entertainment by Rough Creek (above) was enjoyed by everyone.

**Area farmers hail grassroots efforts on child labor ruling**

Farmers and ranchers in Coke County were thrilled over the U.S. Department of Labor's ruling over child labor earlier this year. "This was a perfect example of what farmers and ranchers can do when we stand together and speak out," said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president.

In April, the Labor Department called off the push to regulate teenagers working on the nation's farms and ranches. Washington labor officials withdrew the proposal after overwhelming outcry from the agricultural community.

John Ross Copeland said the credit belongs to those

who made phone calls, wrote emails and letters and testified before Congress in opposition to the agency's proposal to curb youth activities on the farm.

"If you want to know just how significant a unified voice can be, just look at this," John Ross Copeland said. "Safety is the highest priority for every farmer I know in this area. When it comes to our kids, we take it very seriously."

**Bronte Chamber meeting detailed**

A meeting of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce was held Monday, July 2, 2012.

A scholarships check was

issued to Jaylon Seales

Plans were discussed for the up coming Oldies But Goodies Car Show. It will be held August 18, 2012, at the Depot in Bronte. This will be a no entry fee car show with arts and crafts vendors.

During the car show, the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be selling hamburgers and sausage/tortilla wraps.

Plans for the upcoming Butterfield Trail Days, to be held on September 29, 2012, were also discussed.

The Bronte Chamber will be looking for volunteers to help with these upcoming events. If you would be interested in volunteering in

any way, please call Tammy at 473-3501.

**Check Out Coke County Library**

Copies of Ladies Home Journal, Country Woman, PC World, Parents, Southern Living, Real Simple, Woman's Day, Prevention, Readers Digest, Red Book, Men's Health are some of the magazines that have been brought to share at the Coke County Library. A stack of magazines can rev up ideas and plans for summer diversions...not to mention provide a recipe or two. The borrowing is free.

Reading in the summer can keep children from losing two months worth of skills. Research shows that students score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer than they do at the beginning. Parents can keep kids mentally up to date with fun books from the Library. The library provides books for all ages - even toddlers. Summer reading from books that are just-for-fun is a way to keep readers from losing ground at school. Reading is still the most reliable way of keeping the brain in shape.

Also, during the summer, children can enter their names for a drawing for a treat from Rhonda and Judy's each week and a grand prize at the end of the

summer of a pizza from Cindy's.

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

**Texans must work together to conserve water**

The epic drought of 2011 reminds all Texans of the importance of conserving precious water resources, according to John Ross Copeland Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president.

"Residents of Coke County are well aware of the devastation of this drought," John Ross Copeland said. "Lawns shriveled and died in local towns and crops and pastures burned up in the country."

John Ross Copeland said water needs in Texas stretch well beyond what flows from the tap.

"Water touches all our lives in many ways," he said, "including growing the food and fiber that sustains us."

That's why all Texans must cooperate in conservation efforts, he said.

"Water is the key to the future of the Lone Star State," John Ross Copeland said. "We must work together to conserve and preserve."

**Tea Party meeting set for Monday**

A county wide Tea Party meeting will be held Monday, July 16, at Wildcat Marina beginning at 7 pm.

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