



Junior Golf Play Day held! *A play day for junior golfers was held at 9 am, Wednesday, June 29, at the Longhorn Golf Course in Bronte with fourteen junior golfers participating. The free golf clinic and play day was hosted by Keith McCutchen and the Longhorn Golf Course for any and all youth in Bronte interested in playing golf. These sessions are continuing each Wednesday morning. Boys and girls both are encouraged to attend whether they have ever played golf or not. The purpose of the play day is to introduce the youth of our community to the basic fundamentals of golf and to promote golf at an early age. Clubs will be provided to any child that doesn't have clubs and a short round of golf will be played by the kids. Parents are encouraged to bring the kids and stay and watch the fun. Reservations are not necessary, just show up at the golf course on Wednesday. The event will begin at 9 am and run until around 10:30 am.*

Robert Lee Adult/Child Golf Scramble continues

Wednesday, June 29, was the 3rd week of the 5 Week, 6 - Hole , Adult/Child Scramble at Mountain Creek Golf Course. The kids from previous weeks came back, along with new kids to enjoy the scramble. These young golfers were excited and many will be back next week. We encourage the parents to stay and watch their golfer enjoy this experience.

For more information call 325-453-2317.

West Coke County EMS Memorials Clifford Wilson
USDA Designates area counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has named Coke, Sterling, Nolan, Taylor and Tom Green counties as part of the 213 counties in Texas designated as primary natural disaster areas after one of the worst droughts in more than a century. The state sustained excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that burned hundreds of thousands of acres.

“Many producers have lost their crops due to the devastation caused by the drought and wildfires,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “President Obama and I want these farmers and

ranchers to know that we will support them through the recovery process and help them once again become productive suppliers of food, fiber and fuel that keep America prospering. This designation will help provide that support.”

The drought, wildfires and other natural disasters - which began January 1, 2011, and continues - caused 30 percent or more loss of forage crops, pasture, corn, oats and wheat in the designated counties.

Farmers and ranchers in Nolan county also qualify for natural disaster assistance because it is contiguous.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas June 24, 2011, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from

USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop

Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Robert Lee Cemetery Memorials

Clarence and Annie B. Mitchell

Diane Hambright
Bettye McAdams

William L. Sparks

Luther & Violet Sparks

Don Sparks

Shirley A. Sparks

G. R. Farris

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Farris

Zelma Milam

Mrs. C. A. Trimble

Cook Family

Bozarth Family

Edwin H. Cook

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Dean

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slaton

Barbara A. Tilley

Freddie and Wavoline White

Mary B. Harmon

Jesse A. and Betty J. Saunders

Richard M. Saunders

J. Sidney Saunders

Cyclists Gear Up for the National MS ride July 16-17

West Texas residents will pedal toward a world free of multiple sclerosis during the 23rd Annual Bike MS:

Cactus & Crude Ride 2011, presented by Apache Corporation, Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17. Coming off a successful Walk MS: San Angelo in April raising a record high of more than \$21,000, the National MS Society hopes to keep the momentum going and raise \$120,000 to fund MS research and programs and services for more than 56,000 Texans served by the National MS Society.

This annual two-day fundraising ride is fully-supported and features a scenic route from Midland to historic Post. After day one of the ride participants will stay overnight at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the deaf, which is designed for both self-contained and inclusive instruction to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing students with a focus in higher education and career training. On day two cyclists will pedal their way to the finish line in historic Post. Through the community’s dedication to its rich history and commitment to the future, Post was awarded a “Texas Main Street City” designation for its economic development and renovation efforts.

Visit bikeMStexas.org to register to ride, form a team, volunteer or make a donation. Bike MS: Cactus & Crude is geared to riders aged 12 years and older and various cycling levels – novice to more experienced.

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