

Ladies Golf Night set for Robert Lee

Ladies Golf Night Out will be held at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee at 6 pm each Tuesday evening through Tuesday, August 28.

Some members will be available for instruction. Whether you're brand new to the game of golf or just starting to play again, this program is perfect for you. It is a program aimed at helping women learn the game in a non-intimidating and fun atmosphere. Please, no minors.

For more information, contact Tracy Allen at (432) 556-8379 or Natalie Clawson at (325) 650-8424.

Bronte Car Show set for August 18

The annual "Oldies but Goodies" Car Show will be held Saturday, August 18, in downtown Bronte.

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be on hand with their annual lunch fundraiser.

Registration for the car show begins at 8 am. There is no fee to enter the show.

For more information, contact Tammy Thorn at (325) 473-3501.

Farm safety net moves forward in Congress

The House Agriculture Committee passed its version of the 2012 Farm Bill with a 35-11 vote on July 12, moving the legislation one step closer to providing a five-year safety net for Coke County farmers and agricultural producers across the country.

"The 2012 Farm Bill made progress with approval by the House Agriculture Committee," said John Ross Copeland, president of Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "However, the bill still must be approved on the House floor, and then we expect it will be difficult for the House and Senate to compromise on a common version. We are concerned that a bottleneck could occur."

The House and Senate versions of the farm bill differ among commodity and nutri-

tion programs. In the House version, producers can choose between target prices and a county level revenue program. In contrast, the Senate version offers a shallow loss revenue program based on either county or individual farm yield averages.

Both versions have eliminated direct payments in exchange for a stronger crop insurance program, as well as aim to contribute agriculture's share of federal budget reductions.

"There are still several details that need to be ironed out before our current farm bill expires at the end of September," John Ross Copeland said. "America's farmers just hope both houses of Congress can come to a bipartisan agreement quickly."

Steve Lupton joining Ratliff & Edwards

Current 51st District Attorney Stephen R. Lupton will join the San Angelo law firm of Ratliff & Edwards as a partner January 1, 2013, according to the firm.

The firm will be renamed Ratliff, Edwards & Lupton on January 1, 2013. The firm's primary fields of practice include general civil and trial law, criminal law, personal injury law, and family law. It offices at 125 S. Irving.

"We are very pleased to have an attorney with the skill and broad experience of Steve Lupton become part of our firm," Tim Edwards, a principal in the firm said.

Gerald Ratliff, also a principal in the firm, noted: "When Steve joins us, our firm and its predecessors will have been home to three former district attorneys, two district judges, two San Angelo mayors, and a state senator."

Lupton has served as 51st District Attorney since 1997; the district includes Tom Green, Coke, Irion, Schleicher, and Sterling counties. Prior to that, he served as an assistant district attorney in Harris and Tom Green counties and was in private practice.

Lupton earned his law



Introducing Mr. & Mrs. Jim Allen! Monica Gail DeLaGarza and Jim Allen were married Saturday, July 7, 2012, by Bro. Corey Cornutt at Fort Concho in San Angelo, Texas. Monica is the daughter of Martin and Susan DeLaGarza of Bronte. Jim is the son of Jim and Nancy Allen of San Angelo, Texas.

Monica is a 2005 graduate of Bronte High School and a 2010 graduate of Howard Payne University with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. She is currently enjoying being a housewife and a nanny.

Jim is a 1993 graduate of Sul Ross University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Criminal Justice at Sul Ross University. Jim is employed as a Game Warden with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

After a honeymoon to Quepos, Costa Rica, the couple resides in Bronte, Texas.


degree from the Texas Tech School of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas.


"It has been a privilege to serve the people of Texas as 51st District Attorney for four terms," Lupton said. "Now, I look forward to returning to private practice with two attorneys I hold in highest personal and professional regard. I was elected to serve until December 31, 2012, and I will honor that trust from the voters. The

next day, I will welcome the clients at Ratliff, Edwards & Lupton."

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