

Meagan Ross have been acquired to take photographs of the facility which will appear in the website.

The water situation in Robert Lee was discussed at length, and the Board wishes to convey appreciation to Mayor John Jacobs, the members of the city council, and the city employees who have been working so diligently and tirelessly to alleviate our critical situation.

The monthly birthday party was held in the new dining room, and a great time was enjoyed by all, particularly those celebrating birthdays in July. The monthly party for August will be August 16 at 3:30. Those celebrating birthdays this month are Kay Walker, Mary Reyes, and Peggy Floyd. There will be a gospel singing presented by the Assembly of God Church at 3:30, Aug. 13, and Jim Gross will be providing entertainment Aug. 12, at 3:30. The monthly Sing-a-Long is scheduled for Aug. 19, and everyone is invited to come and enjoy! Rumor has it that Elvis will be at the facility for a '50's party Aug. 26, at 3:30. We all may need to check that out..... The residents continue to enjoy Brother Steve Peyton, as he comes on Mondays at 3:30 to begin their week with some good music and visitation. Thanks, Bro. Steve!!!

The financial statements were discussed and approved.

The meeting was adjourned, and a delicious lunch was enjoyed at the facility. It was the monthly menu chosen by the residents of chicken fried steak and all the trimmings. Yum!

The Board met for a budget workshop Aug. 8, and there will be a budget hearing Aug. 29, at 9:30, immediately before the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

USDA reminds producers of closing date

Tom Green-Coke/Sterling County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director CED Michael Sturm, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Non insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of September 1, 2011.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of

non insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory of prevented planing occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management," said CED Sturm. "This year alone has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations," he said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 1, 2011: All Small Grains (Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye & Triticale), Beets, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Ganola, Cauliflower, Garlic, Sod Grass, Greens, Herbs, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Radishes, Strawberries, Turnips, and Value Loss Crops (Christmas Trees, Crustaceans, Fin Fish & flowers).

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be non insurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with fanning interests in multiple counties.

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For more information on sales closing dates and NAP,



BHS Lady Longhorns! *The Bronte Volleyball team began their season with scrimmages this past weekend against Water Valley, Sterling City, Grape Creek, and Central at San Angelo Central. Kimber Lee and Brooke Bedford go up with blocks and Jill Scott ready for the dig.*

contact the Tom Green County FSA office at 325-653-1246 or the Coke/Sterling Office at 325-453-2751.

Texas Hunters for the Hungry Nears Nine Million Servings

This year, the Texas Hunters for the Hungry program provided 178,662 pounds of venison to more than 100 organizations that serve low income people across Texas. The program, administered by the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc. (TACAA), has exceeded two million pounds of venison donated over the last two decades.

According to the USDA, Texas has the second highest rate of food insecurity in the nation, with one in six households struggling to afford food. In a survey of its food bank members, Feeding America stated that over half

of the clients served reported having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel. In a time when food banks and pantries are seeing an increase in the demand for emergency food assistance, deer donations through Hunters for the Hungry are proving invaluable in adding meat to food insecure households while stretching agency and household budgets.

Hunters for the Hungry thanks the hunters and participating meat processors for helping alleviate hunger in their local communities and dishing up almost nine million servings since the program's inception. Hunters take their legally harvested deer to a participating meat processor, pay a nominal fee to cover basic processing costs, and the meat processor does the rest.

Donations are ground into burger, packaged, and stored for local food assistance providers to pick up. All meat donated to the program is distributed to families and individuals in need through local food banks, food pantries, and soup kitchens.

Qualified meat processors are needed to process deer donations for the 2011-2012 season. Hunters for the Hungry provides everything needed to package donations, including a list of agencies to call when donations are available. Interested processors and hunters may call 1-800-992-9767, ext. 506, or visit <http://www.tacaa.org/hunters-for-the-hungry> to find out more.

The Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc. (TACAA) provides outreach and coordination efforts for the Texas Hunters for the Hungry program.

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