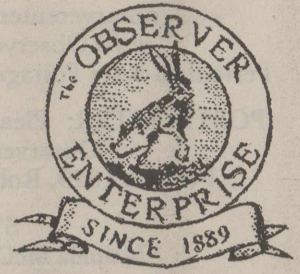


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### Team Roping set for Saturday

A #10 team roping will be held Saturday, June 23, at the Coke County Arena in Bronte. The books will open at 7 pm, with the roping starting at 8 pm. Buckles will be awarded to first and second in the average. A chuckwagon meal will also be served.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Coke County Cowboy Church Youth Camp.

### Benefit Lunch and Goat Roping to be held Sunday

Bronte FFA will be hosting a taco lunch, followed by a goat roping, on Sunday, June 24. The lunch will begin at 11:30 am at the Bronte Park Pavilion. The goat roping will be held at the Bronte Baseball Fields, with books opening at 12:30 pm and roping to commence at 1 pm.

### Private Pesticide Applicator Training slated for June 26

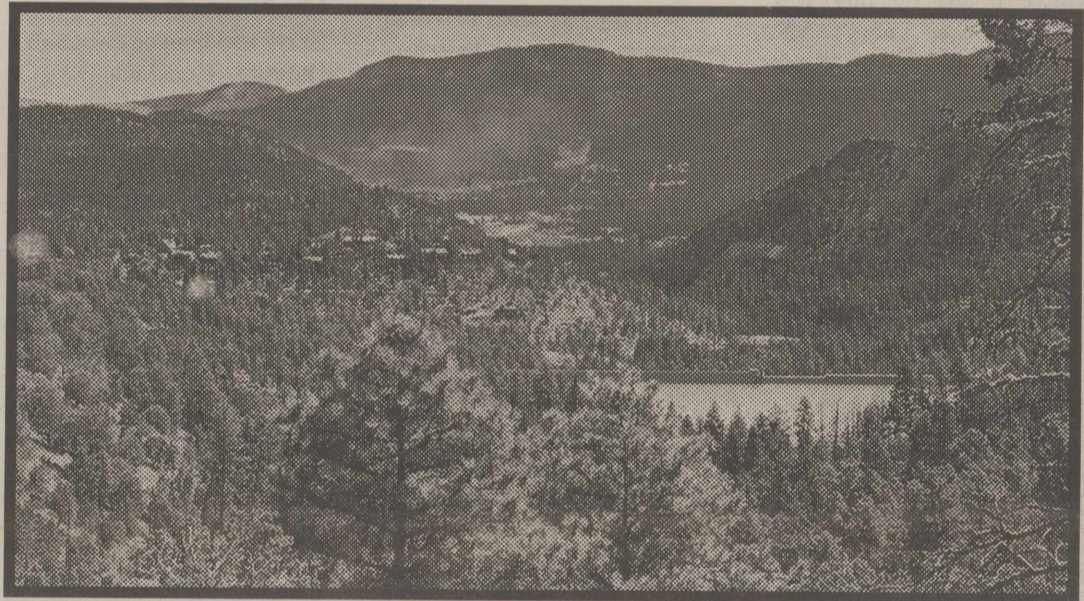
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension in Coke County will conduct a Private Pesticide Applicator Training on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Registration will begin at 8:30 am with the training from 9 am until 1 pm. This training is for those that are seeking a Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator license. Registration is due upon arrival and includes study materials.

Please RSVP by email to [morgan.runyan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:morgan.runyan@ag.tamu.edu).

### RLBC summer lunch delivery available

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be delivering lunches to children ages 4 - 18 at home within the city limits of Robert Lee. The lunches are delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Saturday, June 23

#10 Team Roping, 7 pm,  
Coke County Arena, Bronte

### Sunday, June 24

Bronte FFA Taco Lunch, 11:30 am,  
Bronte Park Pavilion

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Bronte FFA Goat Roping, 12:30 pm,  
Bronte Baseball Fields

### Monday, June 25

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm,  
Bronte Pool

### Tuesday, June 26

Private Pesticide Applicator Training, 8:30 am - 1 pm

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Commissioners Court, 9 am,  
County Courthouse, Robert Lee

### Thursday, June 28

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm,  
Bronte Pool

Friday June 11 through August 10. There are no qualifications to be included, just forms for delivery. The forms may be picked up at the church, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

For more information, contact the church at 453-2724 or Erin Oleksiuk at 656-9884.

### 4th of July celebration set at BHRC

Bronte Health and Rehab Center will host their annual 4th of July celebration. The event will include a silent auction and the famous Ed Cumbie auction, along with hot dogs, watermelon, and other goodies. Funds raised go to support the BHRC Auxiliary.

However, with deep regret the

BHRC Auxiliary will not be hosting fireworks this year. The cost has gone up and the number of patrons at BHRC that can enjoy the fireworks has gone down. The Auxiliary hopes that another organization may consider taking on this project.

### RL Mini Cheer Camp slated for July 30 - August 3

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will host their annual Mini Cheer Camp July 30 through August 3. The camp will be held from 9 am until 11 am each day at the school tennis courts. Snacks will be available for sale and students will need to bring a water bottle each day of camp. Also new Steer shirts will

be for sale that week.

For more information, contact Maranda Hood by email at [maranda.hood@rlisd.net](mailto:maranda.hood@rlisd.net).

### Vacation Bible School set for RLBC

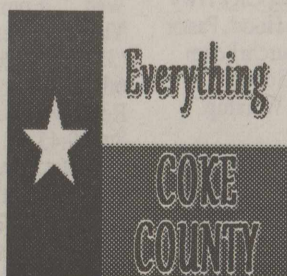
Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School July 9 through July 13, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Children going in to Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to attend. A pool party will complete the week on July 13.

For more information, contact Robert Lee Baptist Church at 453-2724.

### Water Aerobics to be held

Ladies water aerobics will be held each Monday and Thursday at the Bronte Pool, beginning at 6:15 pm.

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**VP holds bake sale and meeting**

Vision With A Purpose held a very successful Bake Sale Friday, June 15, at the Robert Lee State Bank. There was great support from the community and all the baked goods were sold out early.

That same afternoon an executive board meeting was held at the new VP headquarters on Austin Street where officers discussed organizational ideas since our group is growing and facing new demands.

That evening at 7pm Terry and Nancy Clark provided a "Praise and Worship" service in the upstairs ballroom at VP. Light refreshments were served to the enthusiastic audience.

VP's next meeting will be held at their newly remodeled building on Austin Street. All are welcome to come see what VP is all about and to understand what all they do for the community of Robert Lee.

**Eating Without Agendas**

by James M. Decker

Last time, I wrote about the unifying power of food, as expressed by the late Anthony Bourdain. Mr. Bourdain said that a shared meal can "break barriers, challenge assumptions, and build bridges," that there is no better way for people to understand each other than over a meal together.

In 2015, the people of Charleston, South Carolina, showed the power of a meal through the Nat Fuller Feast. Nat Fuller was a freed slave who operated a popular fine-dining restaurant in Charleston. In 1865, just after the end of the War Between the States, he organized a "reconciliation feast" in which he invited the elite of the city, from all races, to sit at the same table, enjoy a high-class dinner, and just talk to one another. In what must have been a surreal moment, newly-freed slaves, powerful antebellum figures, and Union generals dined together and toasted to freedom.

According to University of South Carolina professor David Shields, Fuller "knew well the symbolism" of these parties sharing a table and performing rites of civility together. Shields became familiar with this dinner while researching a book on the food of South Carolina's Low Country. In 2015, he floated the idea of reenacting this dinner as part of Charleston's memorials

to the 150th anniversary of the War's end. True to the original dinner, 80 invited guests representing all groups and demographics in Charleston dined together on a historically accurate menu similar to the food served at the original Reconciliation Feast. This dinner occurred amidst recent racial tension in the city and offered an opportunity for diners to reflect and discuss the opportunities to reconcile.

Other Southern cities, from across South Carolina and all the way to Shreveport, Louisiana, have since staged their own reconciliation dinners. Inspired by Charleston's Nat Fuller Feast, these dinners have had the same purpose: to bring together a diverse group of diners from across their communities, to share a meal and conversation. Chef Hardette Harrison, organizer of the Shreveport dinner, said "We don't want people to debate or argue. We just want them to sit down and eat, with no agenda, and just talk about whatever comes to their minds, in the spirit of reconciliation."

I first read these stories a couple of years ago, but re-reading them ignites ideas anew. What could our rural communities accomplish with similar dinners? Even if there's no immediate, apparent tension in the community, there are still gaps to be bridged. Lingering worries about motivations, or absence of trust in leaders may prevent the community from truly uniting as one. How better to overcome those concerns than sharing a table together?

As I've written many times, our rural communities will not survive and thrive into the future without our people working together for the community's big picture. Perhaps our best way to establish unity is over a meal of reconciliation, conversation, and hopefulness.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor in Stamford, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of 98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at facebook.com/james.decker.

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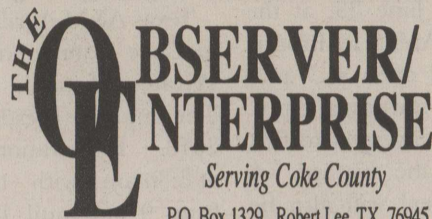
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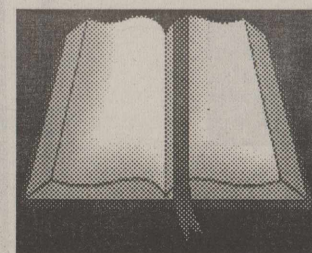
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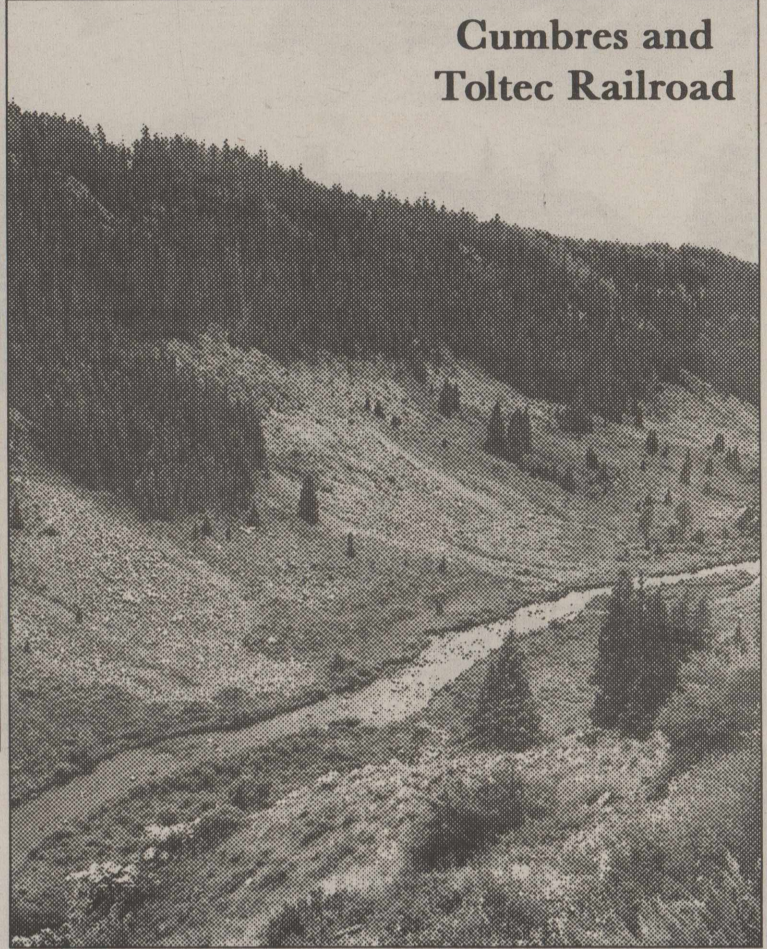
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## Escape the Heat...With a Trip to the Mountains

This summer has already proven to be extremely hot and dry. However, Texans don't have to travel all that far to enjoy cool, mountain air in our neighboring state of New Mexico. We are taking a look at three different destinations to help you beat the summer heat! With only a six hour drive, Ruidoso is perhaps the closest and most popular mountain destinations for Coke County folks. Close behind Ruidoso is Cloudcroft. However, let's start this journey with a lesser known, but highly enjoyable train ride.

The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad is a 64 mile day trip aboard a National Historic Landmark. The coal-fired steam engine begins its journey in either Chama, New Mexico, or Antonito, Colorado, (both approximately 9 hours away) before traveling through steep mountain canyons, high desert, and lush meadows as it goes back and forth eleven times over the Colorado and New Mexico border. This off-the-grid adventure is a chance to experience the authentic Old West and see railroading exactly the way it was in the 1880s. From the moment the engineer gives two long whistle blasts (the signal that the train is moving forward), you are back in time, feeling the rattle of the cars, smelling the coal smoke, hearing the steam whistle, and seeing the exact same mountain, gorge and river views that Westerners saw almost 140 years ago. The train rumbles across the Rocky Mountains at a stately speed of 12 miles an hour through a nice soft breeze and refreshing mountain air. The tracks go where no roads go. One minute, you are surrounded by meadows of quaking aspens and wildflowers. Deer, elk and even bears have been seen from the train. The next minute, you're riding on a narrow ledge through Toltec Gorge, with views straight down 600-feet to the roaring river below. There are bridges, trestles and tunnels, and always, there is the fragrance of the railroad - the

sweet smell of pine trees and coal smoke.

The only thing that is better than hearing the steam whistle echo off the mountains, is the natural air conditioning to be found along the route. Temperatures drop 3.5 degrees for every thousand feet of altitude you gain, so as the train steams higher and higher to eventually top out on Cumbres Pass at 10,015-feet, the temperature drops as you go along. Bring a jacket - even in the height of summer.

Patrons can choose to ride in one of several different cars - traditional cars, an open gondola car, on the platforms between cars, or in a stately parlor car, like the ones once used by railroad executives. There are onboard restrooms and a bar car. Full day, 64-mile long rides stop for a hot lunch at scenic Osier Station at the midway point. The train runs daily through October 21.

**NOTE:** The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is more than 100 miles away from the wildfires that firefighters are battling in Northern New Mexico and Southeastern Colorado with business as usual and no adverse conditions as a result.

### Cloudcroft, New Mexico

Cloudcroft, New Mexico, is a 110 year old, unique mountain community which combines the amenities of modern life with a heritage as a pioneer village. In the summer, it is a wonderful place to get away from the heat and enjoy the delightful pleasures of the mountains. With a central location, it might be your perfect vacation headquarters! It is only 40 miles through beautiful mountain terrain to Ruidoso and all that city has to offer. However, it is only 16 miles to the Space Museum, Alameda Park Zoo and the Toy Train Depot at Alamogordo, New Mexico. Another 40 mile drive from Cloudcroft will bring you to the White Sands National Monument. If golf is your game, Cloudcroft is within fifty miles of 8 magnificent courses. At 9,000 feet above sea level,

The Lodge Golf Course is one of the highest and most unique courses in North America. Built in 1899, the course is governed by the Scottish tradition of playing different tees and separate flags on each hole. This exquisite nine-hole course, when played twice, becomes a challenging 18-hole round. In addition to golf, The Lodge offers activities for all seasons. Onsite amenities include: swimming, dry sauna, hot tub, spa services, exercise room, snowmobiling, snow tubing, hiking, cross country skiing, lawn games, mountain biking, and shopping.

In the village, you can get your picture made in authentic period costumes at Mountain Foto before visiting the Western Bar and Restaurant. This establishment is located on Burro Street and has served locals and visitors for over 50 years. The Western Restaurant features a family atmosphere with a varied menu. In the bar, it's Karaoke night on Friday's, and locals and visitors mix in a true local atmosphere.

In addition to the quaint village, Gillespie Ranch is just east of town. Gillespie Ranch is a historic New Mexico ranch, a true working cattle ranch in the Lincoln National Forest. Gillespie Ranch encompasses 15,000 acres ranging in elevation from 7200 to 8600 feet. Wildlife is abundant and includes elk, deer, bear, mountain lion and turkey. The ranch welcomes horseback riders, hunters, ATV riders, and anyone else you want to bring along. Camp in your rig or enjoy the fully equipped cozy cabin. Come to ride or hunt, or just to enjoy the mountain scenery. Trails range from easy to extreme - take your choice.

### Ruidoso, New Mexico

Texans have fun year round in Ruidoso! If you're a horse racing fan, Ruidoso Downs Race Track is for you. It is home to the richest quarter horse race in the world - the All American Futurity. Ski Apache is not just for winter anymore. It also offers many biking and hiking trails as well as disk golf,

gondola rides and of course the highest elevation zipline rides in the whole world. Or maybe, you just want to gamble. With the casinos at the track, the truck stop (much better than it sounds) or in luxury at Inn of the Mountain Gods, gamblers just might get lucky. If all of this activity isn't for you, relax in the mountain air to the sound of running water or take a stroll down through the many art galleries and shops in midtown. For the history buffs, area museums and historic sites offer a peak into the past. More details are listed below about all

of these activities and more.

### Ski Apache Zip Tours

Take your zip-lining experience above and beyond with this three-span zip tour. This beautifully stunning adventure begins and rises above 11,000 feet. It is also complete with parallel cables so riders can glide down the mountain side-by-side. The adrenaline-pumping, three-part zip tour takes about an hour and a half and reaches speeds of up to 65 mph and is approximately 8,900 feet in length, making it one of the longest in the world while offering a thrilling and unforgettable experience.

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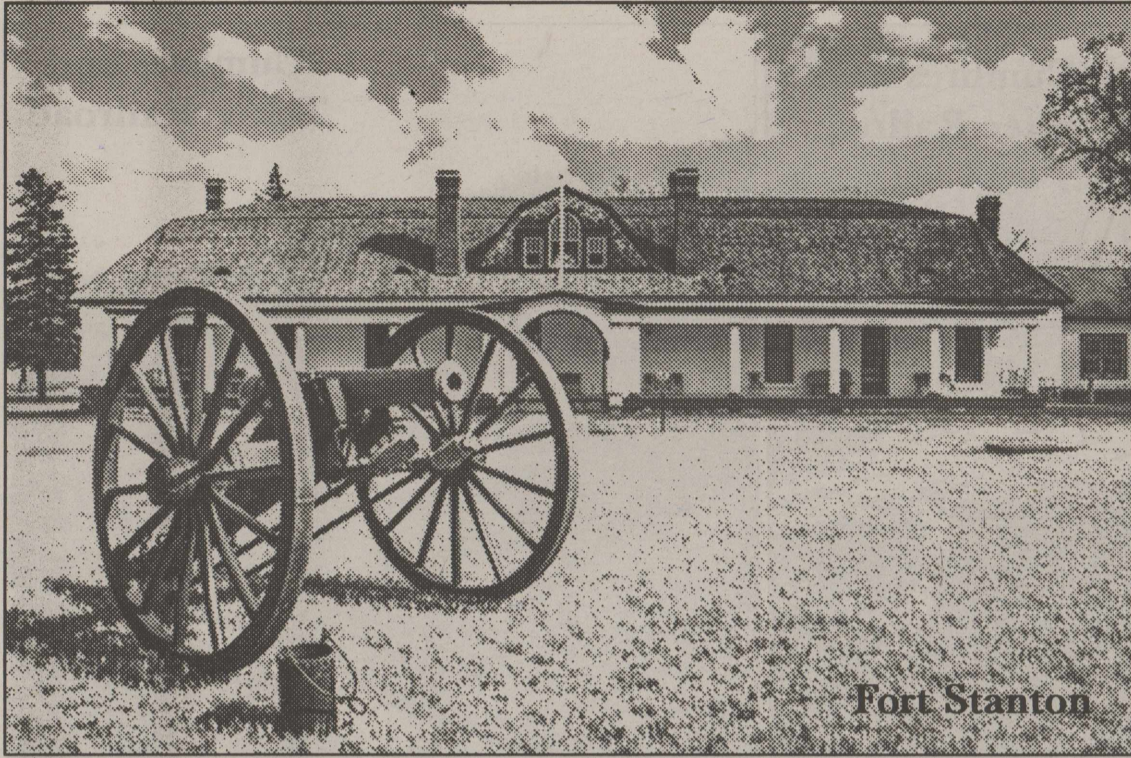
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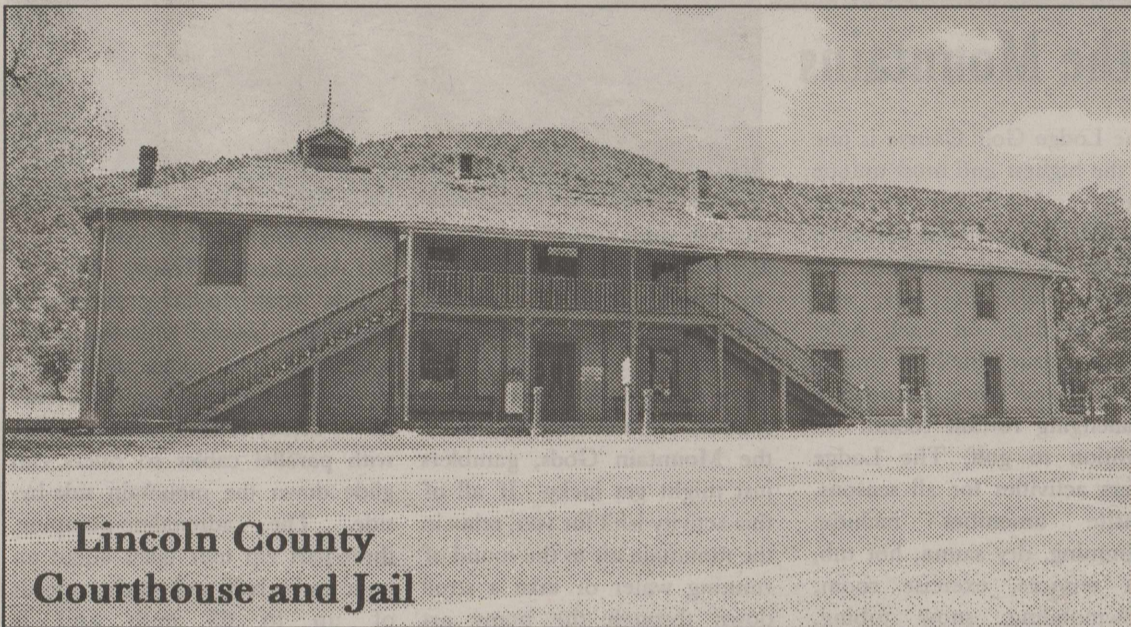




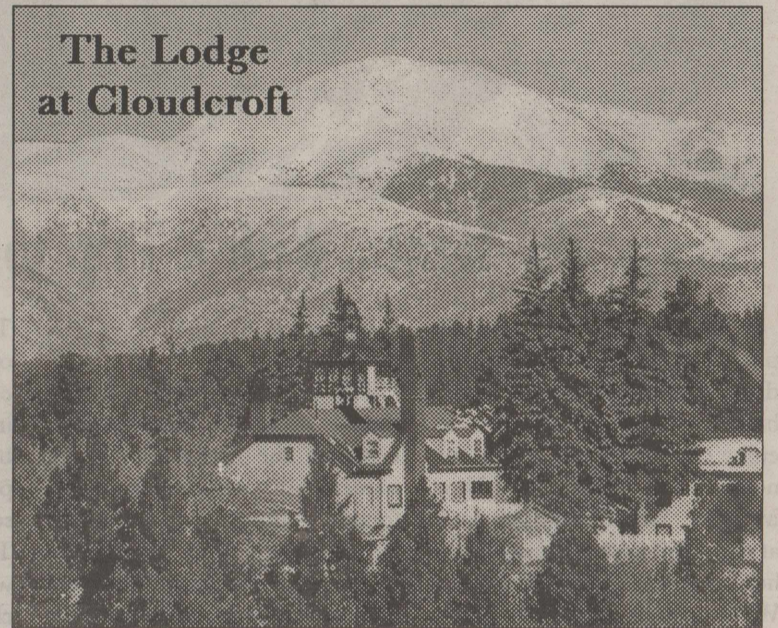
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The Lodge at Cloudcroft

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**Fort Stanton**

The Fort Stanton Historic Site is a must-see attraction when visiting Lincoln County. Nestled on Highway 220 that bisects the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway, New Mexico's newest historic site features over 155 years of southwestern history ranging from its initial creation as a military garrison to its significance as the first tuberculosis hospital in the state, to an internment camp for German seaman during World War II.

This 150-year-old pre-Civil War fort (1855) was home at one time to Kit Carson, the Buffalo Soldiers, 'Black Jack' Pershing, German prisoners, Geronimo and Billy the Kid.

Fort Stanton, Live is set this year for July 14. This event brings costumed reenactors from the Civil War and Indian Wars era to the Fort for demonstrations, presentations, concert and a military ball which will have visitors dancing into the night. Additionally, the event brings authors, historians, photographers, artists, and a variety of historical vendors to site to share their crafts and other handiwork. Local food vendors are on hand to provide sustenance for your day at the Fort as well, so bring a healthy appetite for knowledge, food and fun.

**Lincoln Historic Site – Billy the Kid**

This National Historic Site is considered by many historians to be the most authentic old west

town remaining in the United States. Center of the bloody Lincoln County War, the little hamlet was launched into the history books by a host of famous characters including Billy the Kid, Kit Carson, Pat Garrett, John Chisum and Lew Wallace.

In a sense, you're walking through a museum as you stroll through the town. The core of the historical importance here is the Lincoln County War and its players, which include Billy the Kid (he made a famous escape from the Courthouse), Sheriff Pat Garrett, John Chisum, Alexander McSween and John Tunstall.

Walking through all of these museums/locations gives one the sense of the way things were. The Courthouse seems almost untouched. The town is located 12 miles east of Capitan on U.S. 380 (30 miles north of Ruidoso). Inn of the Mountain Gods

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rooms, great service, delicious meals, incredible gaming action, and breathtaking alpine scenery to nurture your soul. Situated high in the picturesque mountains of Mescalero, New Mexico just outside of Ruidoso, guests return time and time again to Inn of the Mountain Gods to enjoy the clean mountain air, stunning panoramic views, and exciting entertainment options.

**Midtown Ruidoso**

Midtown is a uniquely Ruidoso experience filled with shopping and entertainment. Here you will find colorful and exciting shops, wine tasting adventures, terrific local eateries, and nightlife including live music and dancing. Wandering through Midtown is a must-do on every Ruidoso vacation.

**Ruidoso Downs**

In addition to horse racing action during the summer, Billy the Kid Casino is next door with slot machines, video poker, Blackjack and Keno. Billy's

Sports Bar and Grill has live entertainment and great food specials. Of course, come for the horse races Fridays through Mondays through Labor Day. Post time is 1 pm.

**Hubbard Museum**

The Hubbard Museum of the American West combines a famous art collection, modes of assorted forms of transportation down through the ages, plus Native American antiquities. Two other cultures – Hispanic and Pioneer – are also predominantly included. Just one visit to this must-see museum will give all – children and adults alike – a rounded and compelling education of the past.

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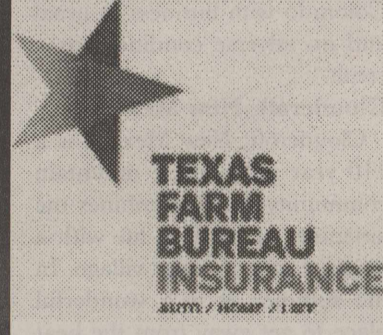
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**Texas Wildlife Assoc. scholarships available**

The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. Scholarships. Scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to incoming freshmen at all Texas universities and colleges.

The scholarship application is available on the Texas Wildlife Association website, <http://www.texas-wildlife.org>. Applications must be postmarked by July 31st. Winners will be announced by August 15th.

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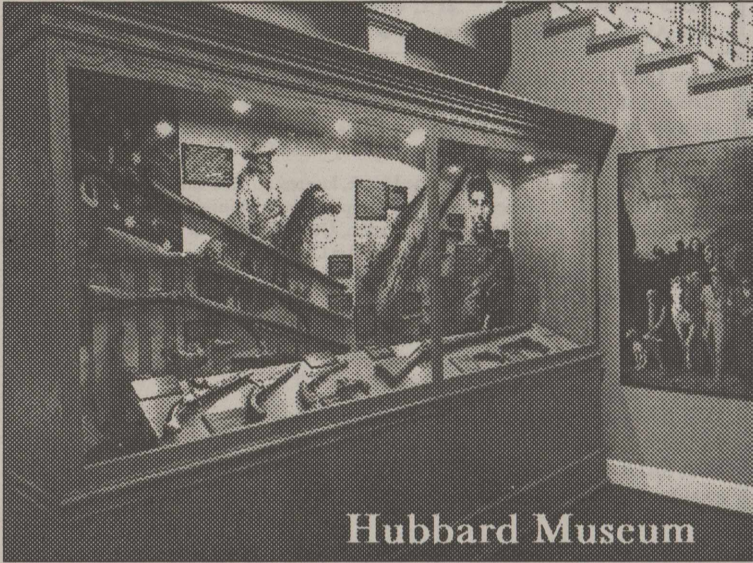
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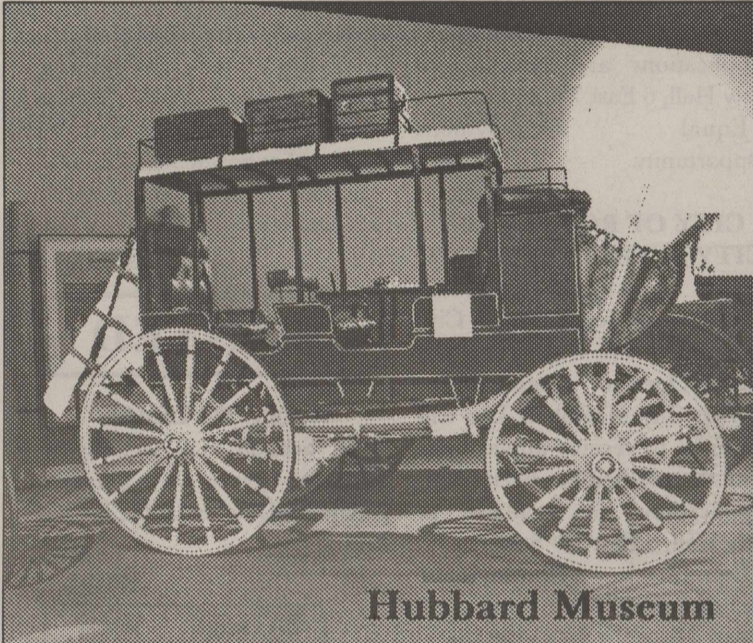
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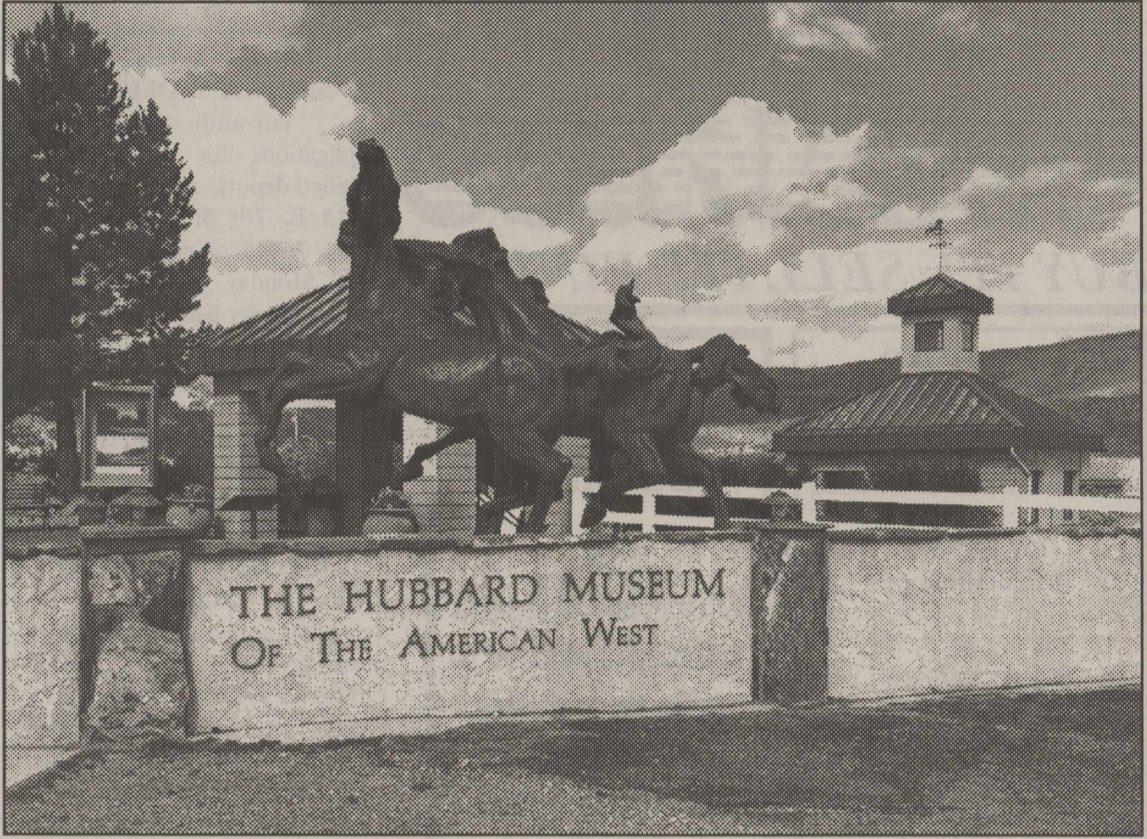




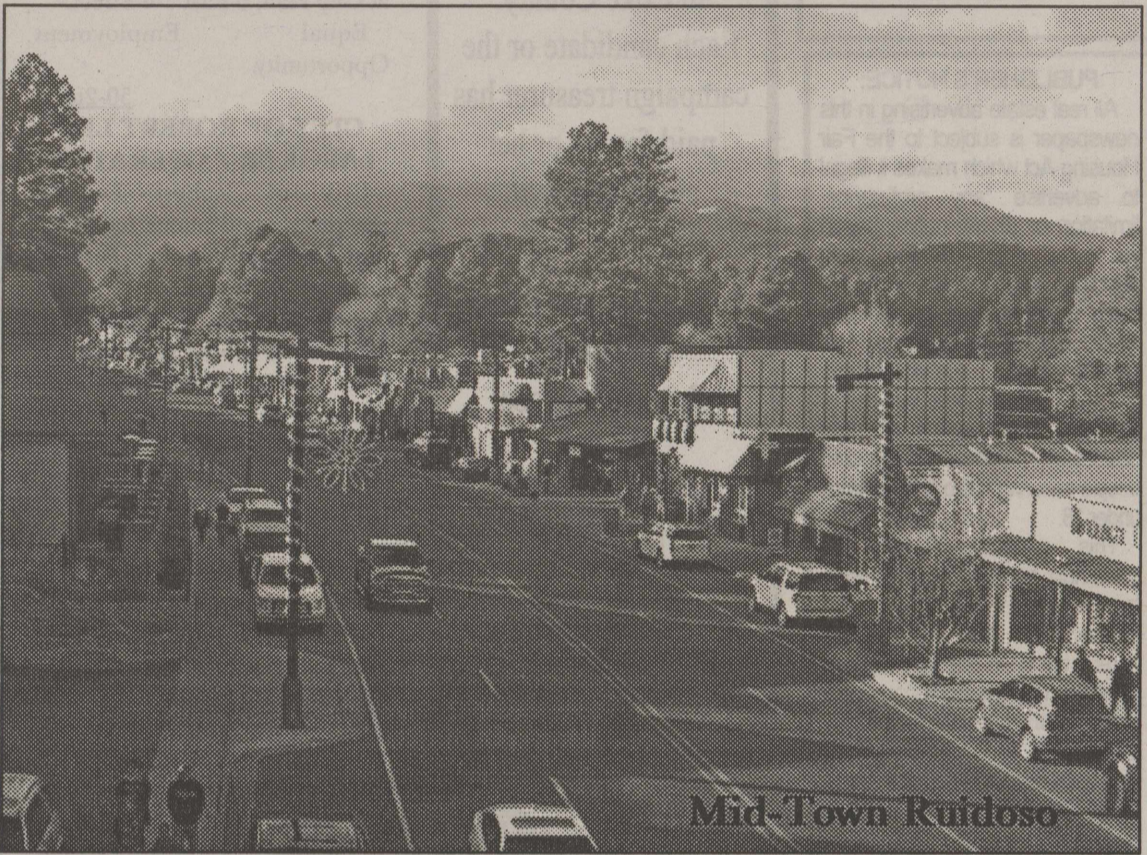
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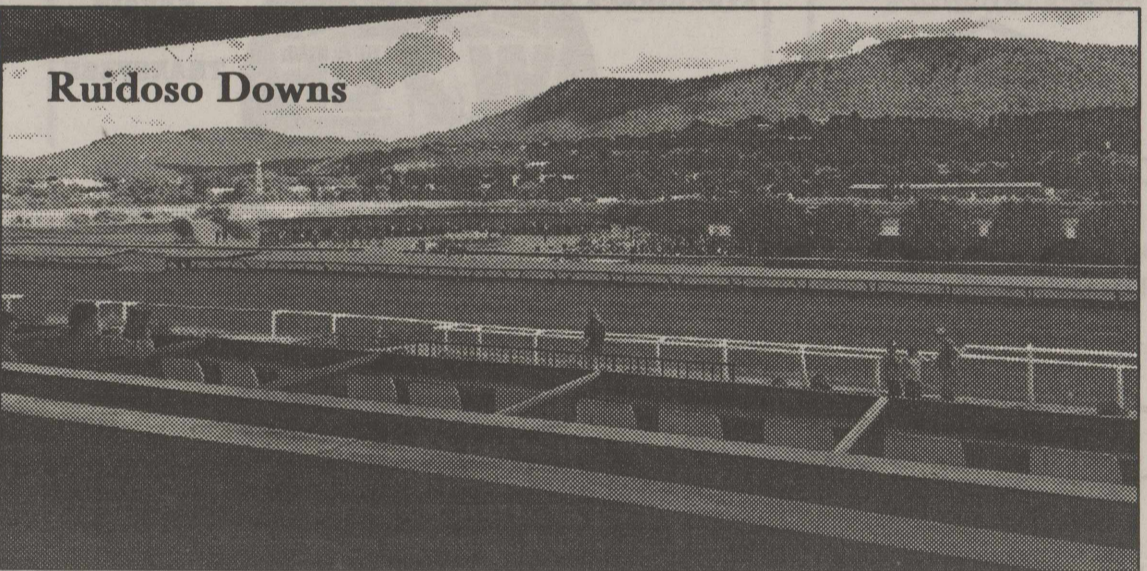
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the strain on our natural resources has grown proportionately," said TWAF Trustee Charles Davidson. "Our future depends on our ability to manage our natural resources wisely, balancing the needs of man and nature. It just makes sense to identify our future leaders and support them while they are getting their educations. We all will benefit from their expertise in the years to come."

This is the twelfth year that TWAF and SALE have teamed up to offer scholarships to future natural resource stewards. To date, \$500,000 has been awarded through this scholarship program. Selection Criteria:

- Participation in activities, internships, and experience related to the field of natural resource conservation in high school and/or college.
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For more information contact Kassi Scheffer at [kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org)

**Franklin Mountains State Park Breaks Ground on New Visitor Center**

Franklin Mountains State Park in El Paso is breaking ground on the new park visitor center, kicking off the start of construction for the first facility to be built inside the state park since its establishment in 1979.

Franklin Mountains State Park is perfectly positioned to provide citizens to one of America's great cities with extraordinary access to the outdoors," says Texas State Parks Director Brent Leisire. "We are excited to finally break ground on this long-awaited visitor center which will welcome and orient thousands of park visitors for generations to come."

Attendees to the groundbreaking event had a chance to hear from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff, local officials and see artistic renderings of the new visitor center. Speakers at the event included Senator José Rodríguez, Representative Joe Moody, Texas State Parks Director Brent Leisire, TPWD Infrastructure Director Jessica Davisson and Franklin Mountains State Park Superintendent Cesar Mendez.

"Constructing a visitor center

within the nation's largest urban wilderness park has been a central goal for many years and we are getting closer to accomplishing it, says Mendez. This new facility will be a great gift to Franklin Mountains State Park and the local community.

Soon to be located on the western slopes of the mountains in the park's Tom Mays Unit, the visitor center will house the park's administrative space and public space both indoors and outdoors. Exhibits in the new facility will include interpretive material covering the natural and cultural history of the mountains and the park, as well as orientation on the park's

trails, facilities and activities for park visitors. Additionally, there will be a large classroom building to host presentations and educational/interpretive programs for school groups, meetings and gatherings.

"For the past 18 years, the park's headquarters have been located outside of the state park," says Mendez. "We envision this brand-new facility enhancing tremendously the access to the park and the visitor experiences, as well as improving the overall park operations. This important project was possible thanks to the invaluable support from the local community and state

leadership." The almost 27,000-acre park has more than 130 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails for visitors to recreate. The Tom Mays Unit is the only area within the park with picnic sites, campsites, and composting restrooms. North Franklin Peak, located at an elevation of 7,192 feet over sea level is the highest point on the mountain range.

Also located within the park are small natural springs that offer an oasis for animals and park visitors in the desert landscape.

For more information about Franklin Mountains State Park, visit the parks' webpage.







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State conference to  
encourage rural  
economic development  
by Haley Herzog

The University of Texas at San Antonio Institute for Economic Development will host its ninth annual Texas Rural Challenge conference in New Braunfels on July 16 -17.

This year's conference will focus on trending themes among today's rural communities, including technology, trade and regionalism.

The conference will also

promote best practices and offer collaborative opportunities to express ideas and professional relationships that can help Texas rural communities thrive.

"Our focus is really to bring practitioners, rural communities, government from the federal and state perspective, to really come and have a dialogue about our rural communities and how to grow our communities," Al Salgado, executive director of UTSA Southwest Texas Border Small Business Development Center Network, said.

The Texas Rural Challenge is set to attract local, state and federal partners, along with rural community leaders and the

general public. Attendees from more than 90 Texas cities are expected to attend this year's event.

"We are bringing together many of the government officials, and we hope to look at best practices and some of the success stories that these federal agencies, state agencies and rural communities have actually completed, so that we can learn from them," Salgado said. "I think that when we look at the new rural America, it's really about collaboration. It's about connecting with not only larger communities, but with federal government and other local regional communities, so we can

work together."

Keynote speakers will include Texas Secretary of State Rolando B. Pablos and industry experts representing the governor's office, U.S. Economic Development administration, Texas Workforce Commission, councils of government, VTX1 Companies, higher education and more.

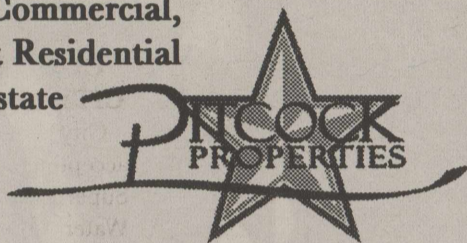
TV personality Chet Garner, host of The Daytripper, will also be one of this year's keynote

speakers.

"I think if you look at his show and the history of his coverage around rural Texas, it really goes to the heart of what this conference is about: regionalism, the stories about rural America, the stories about our communities and the stories about personalities and individuals who work so hard to grow our communities," Salgado said.

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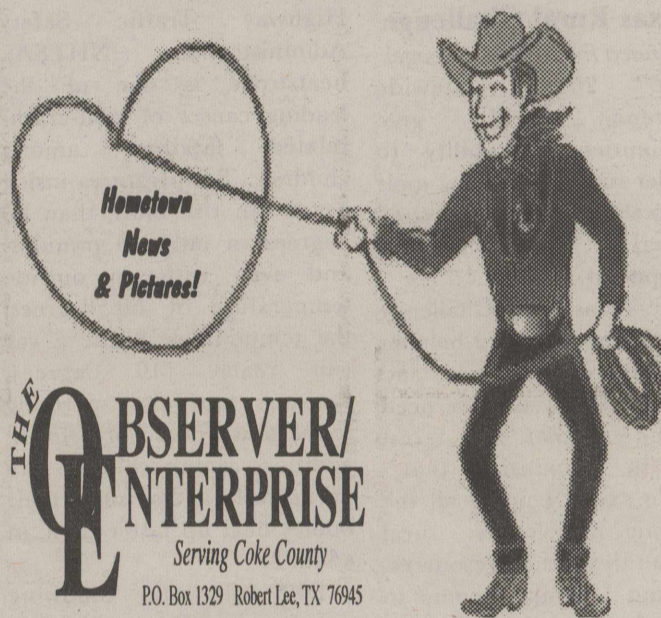
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**History!** Robert Lee Elementary School 6th grade students concluded their study of the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution with a living history museum. Interesting facts about the areas of study were presented by such historical characters as the colonists who participated in the Boston Tea Party and by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, and other notable characters from the colonial period. Jaclyn Broadbent (above photo) and Jimma Richardson participated in the Thomas Jefferson exhibit. The Boston Tea Party exhibit (top right photo) included Fernando Sosa, David Jowers, Trenton Smith, and Aden Burns. Cloe Minjarez, Kailey Freeman, and McKenzie Galicia worked with the George Washington exhibit.



**...Texas Rural Challenge**

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The 2018 statewide conference will give communities the ability to consider successful policy tools to help them in the context of regional economic development.

"The Texas Rural Challenge is key to assisting and helping our rural communities and that connectivity that we need to bring together, and I just want to emphasize that," Salgado said. "I invite all the economic developers, rural communities, the resources, state and federal to come to this conference, and let's share some of the things that we're doing to grow our rural communities."

The upcoming Texas Rural Challenge will be held at the New Braunfels Civic Center.

To register for the Texas Rural Challenge, visit [texasruralchallenge.org](http://texasruralchallenge.org).

**DPS Warns of Dangers of Leaving Children in Vehicles**

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is warning residents that warmer weather places children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. Every year children die from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle or entering a vehicle unnoticed. Such negligence could lead to criminal charges. A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

"Children are needlessly dying every year because they are left unattended in vehicles," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The public can do their part by notifying emergency personnel if they witness a child alone or in distress inside a vehicle - regardless of the weather conditions."

According to the National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), heatstroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash-related fatalities among children. Temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. In addition, young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

DPS offers the following tips for preventing vehicular heatstroke deaths and injuries:

Never leave your child unattended in the vehicle.

Call 9-1-1 if you see a child alone in a car, and emergency personnel will provide guidance.

Teach children not to play in vehicles, and make sure to place the keys out of reach when not being used.

Always check the back seats or cargo areas of your vehicle before walking away.

Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the vehicle. For example: leave your bag, lunch or cell phone in the back seat with the child's car seat.

If a child goes missing, open the doors and trunks to every vehicle in the area. Many heatstroke deaths occur when a child accesses a parked car unnoticed.

For additional information on preventing child heatstroke in cars, please see the NHTSA website. (The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services also provides related information.)

Additionally, animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death - don't put your pets in these life-threatening conditions.



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