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**CITY OF ROBERT LEE-
ACCEPTING BIDS**

The City of Robert Lee is now accepting bids for construction to repair the foundation in the front lobby at City Hall.

You may contact the office during regular business hours for more information or to schedule a consultation to review the project.

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BLACKWELL CISD

is accepting sealed bids on Original Blk 45 Lot 7, Parcel 619 until 3:00 PM June 21st. Minimum bid of \$1200. Bids can be hand delivered to the school administration office at 610 North Alamo or mailed to PO Box 505, Blackwell, TX 79506. Bids will be opened June 21st at 7:00 PM.

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**...Scratching
the Surface**

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When Johnson went to Snyder in 2005 to see the discovery, she found herself looking at bones dating from 1.8 to 2.6 million years ago, a time known as the Early Pleistocene. The gully marked an ancient stream bed.

“We knew this was important and exciting. We’re still working 17 years later,” Johnson says. “There are a handful of Early Pleistocene sites in the country of this age, but none has this diversity of species or is so well preserved.”

Numerous wading birds, camels, rabbits, giant tortoises and ancestors of coyotes, mountain lions and prairie dogs lived here once. Fossils have revealed the first appearance of some animals and the last appearance of others. Microbiological material excavated with the bones gives clues about the ancient plant community and climate.

The paleontological site is 15 feet deep and measures approximately 30 feet by 30 feet. For six weeks each summer, a small international crew trowels up dirt and washes the sediment through a fine mesh screen. Joey Roland, Tina’s son, and Joey’s wife, Laurie, host the field camp, providing small cabins next to their house and pool. “They are both very much involved,” Johnson says.

“I’m not a paleontologist, but they’ve taught us so much, mostly during talks around the pool after work,” says Joey, a member of Big Country Electric Cooperative. “A random bone is exciting, but it

doesn’t tell a story. It’s out of context. For us, this is fascinating. I love it, and I’ve fought tooth and nail to protect it.”

With doggedness, he managed to get an oil pipeline diverted around the site. Unlike archaeological sites, no federal or state laws protect paleontological sites.

Laurie loves the picture that the finds suggest: huge Galapagos-like tortoises roaming the West Texas grasslands about 2 million years ago with tiny, three-toed horses grazing nearby. She is thrilled to sometimes find prehistoric bones on the surface after a rain.

“Humans have never seen or touched them,” she says. “How could you not know that’s special?”

The Rolands share their findings with their community, allowing the Scurry County Museum in Snyder to offer seasonal public tours at the site. The museum has a temporary exhibit of casts made of the finds. The Museum of Texas Tech’s Roland Springs Ranch materials are part of ongoing lab research and not currently viewable by the public.

“Joey and Laurie are the first and only landowners I know with the willingness to let people on their land,” Johnson says.

“It’s selfish not to let them come to the site,” Laurie says. “Texas is about hospitality.”

Texas has millions of years of buried history—giant mammoths, dinosaurs, oyster reefs, frontier trails. Does that make you wonder what could be in your backyard?

This article also appeared in the June 2023 issue of Texas Co-op Power magazine.

**Thousands of students
‘farmed’ from school
this spring**

By Emmy Powell
TFB Communications Specialist
Students across the Lone Star State virtually visited farms and ranches from their classrooms and homes through Texas Farm

Bureau’s spring Farm From School program.

More than 1,700 teachers and 35,000 students from public, private and homeschool classrooms connected with farmers and ranchers each month from February through May.

The monthly sessions allowed students to get to know farmers and ranchers, learn about various operations across the state and ask questions along the way.

“The spring semester gave students a unique perspective on agriculture,” Carson Read, TFB Educational Outreach coordinator, said. “For the first time in the program, we highlighted how agricultural byproducts are utilized by explaining how leather is used to make baseball gloves.”

In addition to learning about how baseball gloves are made, the students also learned about dairy farms, forestry and honey production this semester.

“Agriculture is incorporated into each part of our daily lives—from the food we eat to the fuel that is used to drive our cars,” she said. “Teaching students the role agriculture plays in providing our basic needs allows them to recognize not only the impact it has on the world around us but that it takes concepts from all subject areas they are learning in school to get a finished product.”

Read noted positive feedback has been received about the program. Teachers said Farm From School helps their students grow a deeper understanding of agricultural careers and production.

TFB also provides corresponding materials and resources that teachers can use to help relate the visits to concepts they’re teaching in the classroom.

The popular program will be back again this fall, and teachers can begin registering online. Sign up closes Aug. 16.

Visit texasfarmbureau.org/aite for more information and

the latest announcements on TFB’s Ag in the Classroom activities.

**Game Wardens respond
to historic flooding**

Due to historic flooding along the Canadian River last week, the Potter County Sheriff’s Office requested that Texas Game Wardens assist with swift-water search and rescue needs.

Along with local game wardens, members of the game warden search and rescue team responded with swift-water boats and additional resources. Within hours, Texas Game Wardens arrived on the scene and initiated coordination efforts to deploy search and rescue boats and teams to the northern Panhandle area.


“Through strong interagency efforts and intensive training, Texas Game Wardens were

prepared and ready to respond to an incident in the Panhandle,” said Potter County Game Warden Ryan Hunter. “The search and rescue team maintains highly skilled members across the state and has a long history of supporting local authorities during times of severe weather crisis.”

Potter County officials initiated an incident command structure to streamline the response to the flooding. Under that process, the Texas Game Warden Search and Rescue Team facilitated multiple vehicle related rescues at low level water crossings. After Potter County issued an emergency declaration closure of the Canadian River area near the U.S. Highway 287 bridge, wardens assisted with enforcement efforts through river patrols.

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