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Filing deadline arrives with no surprises

The extended political filing period ended on Friday, January 10, with no surprises in Coke County. Filing for their

respective positions were incumbents County Attorney Bill Helwig, Sheriff Marshall Millican, Commissioners Paul

Burns and Tim Millican, Tax Assessor/Collector Kristy Roe, and Constable Wayne Arrott. Two candidates, Kenneth Rasco and David Rawlings, have entered the race for Constable, Pct. 1.

Mrs. Ettie Hubbard, who is the election officer for Coke County, said no final word is available on whether the scheduled March 10 primary elections may be bumped up to a later date. The chaos surrounding this year's politics stems from court-mandated legislative redistricting.

TSHL filing period begins

The filing period is underway for people who want to run for the Texas Silver Haired Legislature (TSHL), an all-senior elected body that advocates on behalf of older Texans. Filings began January 2 and will continue through February 28, with elections set for May 26, 1992.

The TSHL is a nonpartisan 116-member group that represents 28 districts in Texas. Members hold model legislative sessions every two years in Austin to identify the issues that are most important to senior Texans. Then they suggest appropriate action that the governor and Texas Legislature might take to address those issues.

In recent years, the TSHL has claimed a success rate of more than 70 percent in instigating legislative action on

their highest priority issues. Members who are elected in May will convene the Fourth Texas Silver Haired Legislature this fall.

Candidates for the TSHL must be 60 or older by January 1, 1992. They must also be registered Texas voters and live in the area from which they are seeking office.

Filing forms may be obtained from the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging located at 4860 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Completed forms must be returned to the Area Agency on Aging office along with a \$5 filing fee.

Polling places will be announced by the Area Agency on Aging at a future date. For filing forms and additional information, call the Area Agency on Aging at 944-9666.

Br. COC appoints board

Bronte Chamber of Commerce directors met for the first meeting of a new year last Wednesday evening in the City Hall. With the beginning of a new year the appointment of three board members to replace those completing terms was upmost on the agenda. Directors who served three years and are going off the board are: Martin Lee, Earlene Alexander, and Chester Wilson.

It is also time to pay membership dues for the year 1992-93. Business membership dues are \$80 and may be paid quarterly. Individual or family dues are \$20 per year. More members are needed and interest in participation of activities are welcome. The directors meet the first

Wednesday of each month in the City Hall conference room and the public is invited to attend.

Plans for the annual awards banquet were drafted. The date chosen, February 29, inspired the theme for the affair, "Sadie Hawkins Dinner Theatre". So, ladies, this is your chance to ask your favorite gentleman for a date. Remember, gentlemen, she pays the tab for the evening.

For the first time, Lifetime Achievements Awards will be presented during the program recognizing special people.

Anyone can take part in selecting the honorees by giving their name and the reasons you wish to honor them.

More information about the banquet will follow in next week's Observer/Enterprise.

Fire claims hay barn, backhoe

A noonday fire on Monday led to the loss of a hay barn, hay, and a backhoe tractor on a ranch, west of Blackwell and north of Robert Lee, belonging to S.E. "Skinny" Adams. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

Responding to the blaze were Blackwell, Robert Lee, and Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Departments, the Robert Lee Sheriff's office personnel, Nolan County Commissioner Tommy White and his crew, and several friends and neighbors. Battling the fire was hampered by soggy roads, causing some vehicles to stick in mud, and a cold, high wind. Several firefighters stayed on until nightfall due to difficulty in extinguishing the smoldering hay.

Foundation offers free shade trees

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1992.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, White Pine, Red Maple, Birch, American Redbud, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the Founda-



Teresa Vaughn

Vaughn set for All-Stars

Teresa Vaughn of Bronte, will culminate a successful high school volleyball career when she participates on the West-All Star Team July 11 in Arlington.

The 5'6" senior garnered this honor after helping lead her team to a 28-3 record and the Class A State Championship. This was only one of many awards for Vaughn. Earlier this year she was named to the Canteloupe Classic All-Tournament team and was the top vote getter among all district selections.

In addition, she was named to the 1990 All-State team and was first team all-district in 1989 and '90.

"Teresa has the ability to play with anybody," Coach Bozarth said. This was evident as she was the only 1A player to be named to either all-star squad.

To gain the attention of the selection squad, Vaughn had to rack up some impressive statistics.

For the year, she had 23 aces and scored 125 points. On defense, she attacked the ball 395 times, with 195 kills to her credit. She led in solo blocks with 73 and was credited with 129 digs.

Vaughn will attend practices at the University of Texas at Arlington July 8-10 with the

all-star match taking place on July 11.

Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lynn Vaughn.

Medicare Reg.

Between now and April 1st, eligible people can sign up for Medicare medical insurance.

The open enrollment period is set aside each year to allow people to change their minds if they never signed up for medical insurance or had it before and dropped it.

Medical insurance helps pay doctor bills, outpatient hospital services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical items and services not covered by the hospital insurance part of Medicare.

For people who enroll now, medical insurance protection starts July 1st. The basic premium rate this year is \$31.80 a month.

Questions about Medicare can be answered by calling the Medicare toll-free telephone number, 1-800-888-1770. To sign up for medical insurance or get other Social Security information, people should contact Social Security.

The San Angelo Social Security Office is located at 2214 Sherwood Way, and the telephone number is 949-4608.

**DON'T MISS THE STOCK
SHOW THIS WEEKEND!**

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tion's executive director, said. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska, 68410, by January 31, 1992.

OBITUARIES

Blair

Raymond Blair, 82, of Odessa died Thursday, January 9, 1992, in a local hospital.

Service was conducted at 2 pm Saturday, January 11, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Shaffer Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

He was born February 24, 1909, in Blackwell and was a longtime resident of Odessa. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include two sons, William Ray Blair of Odessa and Earl Norman Blair of Plainview; a daughter, Winona Louise Martin of Odessa; four brothers, Bill Blair and John Blair, both of Sterling City, Ralph Blair and Curtis Blair, both of Robert Lee; four sisters, Lydia Robertson of Tennessee, Samantha Robertson of Robert Lee, Francis Greathouse and Verna Bell Robertson, both of Odessa; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Overton

Louise Saul Overton, 89, died Wednesday, January 8, 1992, at the home of her daughter, Patsy Overton, in Alvin, Texas.

She was born February 27, 1902, on a ranch in Coke County near Robert Lee, the daughter of John and Josephine Saul. On August 4, 1921, she married Patrick Hunter Overton, and in 1922 they moved to Hutto where Mr. Overton was a Williamson County farmer. The Saul family has lived in the Hutto area since 1850. Mr. Overton preceded her in death on September 3, 1974. She was a member of Hutto United Methodist Church, charter member of the Williamson County Tuberculosis Association, and in 1991, she was the Grand Marshal for the Hutto Old Tyme Days Parade. Survivors include daugh-

ters, Josephine Overton Kirk and husband, Bill of Texas City, Patsy Louise Overton of Alvin, and Frances Overton Wolter and husband, Bob of Corpus Christi; brother, Jack Saul of Hutto; grandsons, Pat Wolter and wife, Sara of Corpus Christi, Tom Wolter and wife, Carrie of Bishop, and William Kirk and wife, Constance of San Antonio; granddaughter, Jane Frances Wolter of Corpus Christi; and great-granddaughters, Amy, Audrey, Elizabeth, and Katherine Wolter and Claire and Caitlin Kirk.

Services were held Saturday, January 11, 1992, at 10:00 am at Hutto United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Hitt officiating. Burial was in Hutto City Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Condra Funeral Home in Taylor.

Martin

Funeral services for Flora B. Martin, 79, of Sweetwater, were held Sunday, December 29, at the McCoy Chapel of Memory in Sweetwater. Burial was held in the Maryneal Cemetery under the direction of the McCoy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martin passed away Thursday, December 26, 1991, at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

She was born June 3, 1912, in the Decker Community, Texas.

Mrs. Martin was retired after 39 years of service with Southwestern Bell, and a member of the Trinity Baptist

Church and the Southwestern Telephone Pioneers. She was also a past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Order.

Survivors include her husband, Felix Martin of Sweetwater; two sons, Bob Martin and Bill Martin, both of Colorado City; a brother, Rankin Russell of Robert Lee; three sisters, Inez Hardegraves of Shamrock, Ruby Nix of Odessa and Elsie Adams of Maryneal; and two grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Nolan County Hospital.

Varnadore

Graveside funeral services will be held on Friday, January 17, at 2 pm in the Robert Lee Cemetery for Mrs. Mauryne Varnadore.

Mrs. Varnadore, 70, died on Tuesday, January 14, 1992, in the Sterling City Nursing Home.

She was born September 15, 1921, in Big Spring where she was raised. Married to William K. Varnadore in 1962, the couple then made their home in Ruidosa, New Mexico, where they were self-employed. They moved to Robert Lee August 10, 1991.

Survivors include her husband, W. K. Varnadore of Robert Lee; one son, Vance McCright of Big Spring; one step-son, William Lee Varnadore of Atlanta, Georgia; one step-daughter, Kay Cummings of Austin; three grandchildren, Patty McKenzie of Atlanta, Georgia, Vicki Patterson of Carbon, Kentucky, and Kelly McCright, also of Carbon; and two step-grandsons, Clint and Clay Varnadore, both of Nicholson, Georgia.

Smith

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 15, at 2 pm in the Robert Lee Baptist Church for Mrs. Kathryn Alene Smith. The Rev. Roy Epperon officiated the rites, assisted by the Rev. Jimmy Rogers. Interment was in the Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith, 75, of Robert Lee died Tuesday, January 14, 1992, in a San Angelo hospital following a short illness.

She was born November 6, 1916, in Lamar County and was married to Pete Smith September 9, 1933, in Hugo, Oklahoma. The couple made their home in Gladewater before moving to Robert Lee in 1966. She was employed by West Coke County Hospital for 12 years, retiring in 1978. She was a homemaker and a

OBITUARIES

Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, M. L. "Pete" Smith of Robert Lee; two sons and their wives, Morris and Betty Smith of Diboll and Randy and Jana Smith of Robert Lee; two daughters and their husbands, Judy and Lewis Allen of Alvin and Sue and Bobby Chandler of Diboll; two brothers, Dennis Weaver of Woodsboro and Frank Weaver of Paris; a sister, Inez Creed of Arlington; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Grandsons served as pallbearers for the services.

Winchester

H.J. Winchester, 83, of Stanton, died Saturday, January 11, 1992, in a Midland Hospital.

Service was held Monday, January 13, at 2:30 pm in Midland in First Baptist Church with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born August 16, 1908, in Texas. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Winchester of Stanton; two sisters, Della Winchester of Odessa and Doris Crawford of Rising Star; two brothers, Ronald Winchester of Cisco and Grover Winchester of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Winchester were former residents of Bronte during the 1970's and 1980's.

Eckert

W.T. Eckert Sr., 73, of Oak Creek died Friday, January 10, 1992, in a San Angelo hospital.

Service was held at 2 pm Monday, January 13, at First Baptist Church in Blackwell with burial in Miles Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He was born August 19, 1918, in Richland Springs. He retired from West Texas Utilities in 1981. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the First Baptist Church of Blackwell.

Survivors include his wife, Eula Jean Eckert of Oak Creek; a son, W.T. Eckert Jr. of Rockdale; three step-daughters, Wanda Williams of Phoenix, Arizona, Betty Fikes of Oak Creek and Jean Carol Blue of Mineral Wells; a half brother, Wayne Eckert of

Burnet; a sister, Geneva Barrett of Richland Springs; two grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren.

Steely

Harold Steely, 74, of Norton died Thursday, January 9, 1992, in the Bronte Nursing Home.

Graveside service was held, at 11 am Saturday, January 11, in Norton Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He was born February 18, 1917, in Hazel, Kentucky. He was a rancher and a heavy equipment operator.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Steely of Norton; a daughter, Betsy Harrell of Bronte; a brother, John Steely of Baird; two sisters, Nora Gaines of Clarksville and Billie Wright of Clyde; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Long

Troy Lee Long, 79, of Robert Lee, died Sunday, January 12, 1992, in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Service was conducted at 10 am Wednesday, January 15, 1992, at Emmanuel Pentecostal Church with burial in the Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. Pastor Billy R. Long of Fountain, Colorado was the officiant.

He was born December 26, 1912, in Blossom, previously living in Oklahoma. Mr. Long was raised in eastern Oklahoma and moved to Corpus Christi with his family at age 14.

He was married to Nellie Mae Morris March 27, 1934 in Mangum, Oklahoma. He was retired from Central Power and Light Company. Mr. and Mrs. Long had lived in Robert Lee since 1987.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie Mae Long of Robert Lee; six sons, Horace Lee Long and Alvin Clark Long, both of Robert Lee, Billy Ray Long of Fountain, Colorado, Joe Doyle Long of Georgetown, Jerry Milton Long of Austin and Floyd Alton Long of Stephenville; two daughters, Mildred Mae White of Austin and Sharon Kay Long of Robert Lee; 19 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Troy Franklin Long.

Mr. Long's sons served as pallbearers for the services.

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UPCOMING

Pageant Assoc.

The Coke County Pageant Association will begin meeting monthly this week by gathering at the Robert Lee City Hall at 7 pm, Thursday, January 16. Thereafter, the association will meet each 3rd Thursday of each month at the same location.

Detection Unit set for Robert Lee

The Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit of Odessa, Texas, which services Robert Lee today received the certification of the American College of Radiology Mammography Accreditation Program.

Mammography is an x-ray examination of the breast, which the American Cancer Society and other medical experts see as the best means for the early detection of breast cancer.

The program is voluntary and is designed to insure that women receive optimum quality mammographic examinations. The process is done through a peer review evaluation of the facility's staff qualifications, equipment, quality control and quality assurance programs, image quality, and breast dose. The accreditation must be renewed every three years.

The accreditation program was instituted because of the concerns of radiologists, other national medical organizations, and the public that qualified personnel perform and interpret mammograms and that dedicated mammographic equipment be used. The American College of Radiology received an American Cancer Society Control Grant which was used to pilot test the Accreditation Program.

Breast cancer will strike one in 10 American women. The American Cancer Society predicts that about 41,000 women will die of breast cancer this year. As there is no way to prevent the disease, early detection and treatment offer the greatest hope for survival.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women do monthly breast self-exams and have regular physical breast exams by a doctor. It further recommends mammography on the following schedule:

* A baseline mammogram (for reference) between age 35 and 39.

* A mammogram every one or two years between age 40 and 49.

* An annual mammogram from age 50.

The Breast Cancer Detection Unit will be in Robert Lee on Wednesday, January 29th. You may call 453-2511 for an appointment.

Personal

Dale Luckett and son, Shane, of Amarillo spent Monday night with his brother, Dewey. Dale was helping Shane to make the move to A&M University where Shane will be enrolled for the spring semester working on a degree mechanical engineering.

According to a local spokesman, the group needs everyone who can meet with association members for input and discussion. Members are now selling memberships, so if you do not now belong or haven't renewed your annual membership, please see one of them and lend your support.

Retired Teachers

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Monday, January 20, at 12 noon at First United Methodist Church in Bronte for their first meeting of the New Year.

A covered dish luncheon will be served before the business meeting.

Family Services

Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. provides confidential family planning services on a sliding scale, including birth control, gynecological examinations, and educational resources. Funding is available for mammography and prenatal services are available for Medicaid eligible women. Please call the San Angelo Clinic at (915) 944-1909 for more information.

SS Representative

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his January visit to Robert Lee and Bronte. He will be in the Conference Room of the County Courthouse in Robert Lee on Thursday, January 23rd, between 11:00 am and 11:30 am and the City Hall at Bronte the same day, between 2:00 and 2:30 pm.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at these times.

WCCCD Cleanup

The West Coke County Community Development will carry on its quarterly cleanup on the first two miles of Highway 158 south of Robert Lee on Saturday, January 25th. Members of the group will gather at Hillside Marine at 9 am for instructions and receive safety vests and trash bags, according to Chairperson D'Ann Eubanks. Everyone interested in community service is urged to join members of the organization and make short work of a worthy job.

GS Cookie Sales

It's cookie time again. The Girl Scouts and Brownies are out taking orders for cookies. The girls will be taking orders from January 9 - January 23.

The expected delivery date of the cookies will be February 22.

The money earned from the cookie sales will help sponsor troop activities.

If you have not been contacted by a Girl Scout or Brownie and wish to order some cookies you may call one of the troop leaders, Leah Walker, 473-2096, Susie Williams, 473-2056, or Pam Randazzo 473-2044.

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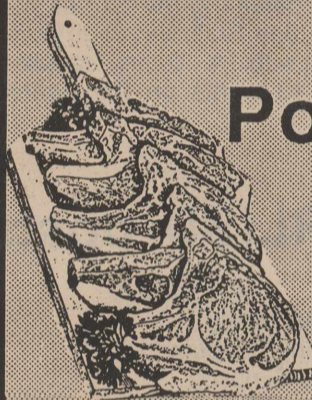
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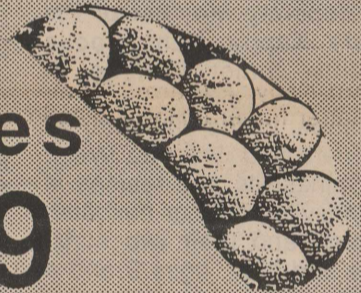


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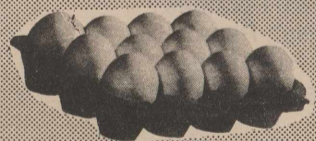


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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers host Sterling City & Christoval

The Robert Lee High School basketball teams played their first district games, Friday, January 10 hosting the Sterling City Eagles.

The JV girls kicked off the action falling to the Sterling City JV girls 43-27. Rachel Pentecost scored 10, followed by Kim Carver with 6. Others putting up points for Robert Lee were, Elaine Gibbs 5, Wendy McPeek 4 and Angela Ibarra 2.

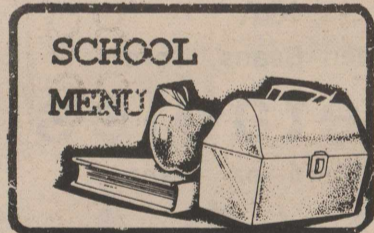
Delashaw named to Honor Roll

Kenda Kay Webb Delashaw earned a place on the Texas Woman's University Honor Roll of Denton, Texas. A student must earn and maintain a grade point of 3.3 to 4.0 to be eligible.

Kenda is majoring in Elementary Education with a specialization in Early Childhood and plans to specialize in Reading and Children's Literature.

Kenda is a former R.L. H. S. student and cheerleader and graduated as an Honor Student from Callisburg High School, she also graduated as an Honorary Member of Phi Theta Kappa from Cooke County Junior College of Gainesville, Texas.

Kenda is the daughter of Kenneth and Jeanetta Webb of Gainesville and resides in Gainesville with her husband, Bobby, and their two sons, Kyle and Matt, ages 9 and 4 years.



RL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- Monday, Jan. 20**
Steak Fingers w/gravy
Cream Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls-Butter
Pineapple Tidbits
Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 21**
Corn Dogs w/mustard
Pork & Beans
Tator Tots w/catsup
Cookies
Milk

- Wednesday, Jan. 22**
Chicken A La King
Corn
Salad
Hot Rolls-Butter
Fruit
Milk

- Thursday, Jan. 23**
Burritos
Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Hashbrowns
Cake squares
Milk

- Friday, Jan. 24**
Barbecue Chicken
Potato Salad
Ranch Style Beans
Hot Rolls-Butter
Brownies
Milk

The JV boys played the next round and had a successful game defeating Sterling City JV 29-18. Lee McCown put 10 points on the board to take high point honors. Also adding points to the victory were, Judd Pitcock 7, Dean Burns and B.J. Winter put up 3 each, Jason Dickey 2, Anthony Wink 2, Bart Goodman 1 and Brent Jameson 1.

The Varsity girls lost to Sterling City Varsity 64-31. Audra Pitcock was high pointer with 8. Lori Wink had 6, Shelbi Grim 6, Shelley Burrows 4, Tracie Blair 3, Gina Putman 2 and Carlene Bewick 2.

The Steers were more successful in their first district action defeating the Eagles 49-37. Joe Blair was high point man with 14. Danny Jackson put 12 points on the board,

followed by John Williams 8, Todd Scott 7, Russ Horn 3, Michael Hayes 3 and Scot Milligan 2.

The Robert Lee High School basketball teams faced Christoval here Tuesday, January 7. Both the Ladies and the Steers came out on top.

The Ladies put up 36 points to Christoval's 29. Lori Wink had a total of 15 points to be named high scorer. Shelbi Grim had 8, Audra Pitcock 7, Shelley Burrows 4, and Carlene Bewick 2.

The Steers had an impressive showing outscoring Christoval, 57-31. John Williams was high point man with 14, followed closely by Todd Scott with 13. Others putting points on the board in the win were Danny Jackson with 8, Joe Blair 7, Scot Milligan 7, Russ Horn 5, and Michael Hayes 3.

RLISD posts honor rolls

3rd Grade

Cayla Jeffrey
Tiffany Copeland
Dixie Simpson
Lewis Samaniego

4th Grade

B.J. Bessent
Shyla Cole
Coke Hendry
Macy Hill
Melanie Johnson
Dan McCown
Matthew Pitcock
Gina Torres

5th Grade

Holly Copeland
Lori Eubanks
Justin Francis
Chad Helwig
Mariusz Skibicki

6th Grade

Lana Balderas
Bree Bolding
Jessica Key

RLHS HONOR ROLL

12th Grade

Eli Arellano
Russ Horn
Wendy Lamar
Stacy Oleksiuk
Audra Pitcock

11th Grade

Carlene Bewick
John Fluhmann
Krista Green
Shelbi Grim
Brent Jameson
Lori Wink

10th Grade

Saul Arellano
Dean Burns
Elaine Gibbs
Wendy McPeek
Rachel Pentecost

9th Grade

Lee McCown

8th Grade

Jeremy Burns
Aaron Hood
Eric Hood
Jason Key
David Millican
Heather Millican
Patricia Minjarez
Amanda Sanders
Jaclyn Waldrop

7th Grade

Donny Edging
Meagan Hill
Shalon Waldrop

RL JV defeats area teams

The Robert Lee JV teams fared well in the Bronte JV Tournament held Saturday, January 11.

In the first game, the JV girls defeated Roscoe 33-22. Elaine Gibbs put 11 points on the board for high pointer. Rachel Pentecost followed up with 9, Wendy McPeek 6, Kim Carver 6, and Sheila Minjarez 1.

In the second game, the girls faced Bronte and came away with a 31-23 win. This time around Wendy McPeek took high point honor with 10. Elaine Gibbs had 8, Kim Carver 6, Rachel Pentecost 2, Sheila Minjarez 2, Angela Ibarra 2, and Eliza Arellano 1.

The JV boys also faced Roscoe in their first game and they too were successful winning with a final score of 50-18. Dean Burns and Judd Pitcock tied for high pointer with 10 each. Also contributing to the total were Jason Dickey 8, Jeremy Fluhmann 6,

Sean Barrett 5, Lee McCown 4, Bart Goodman 2, B.J. Winter 2, Anthony Wink 2, and Tray Taylor 1.

In the second game, the JV team outscored Eden 45-24 to win the tournament. Once again there was a tie for high point man with Lee McCown and Dean Burns each putting up 13. Judd Pitcock put 10 on the board, Jason Dickey 4, B.J. Winter 4, and Anthony Wink 1.

RL JV DEFEATS CHRISTOVAL

Friday, December 20, saw the Robert Lee JV boys traveling to Christoval. The journey was a successful one with the team returning victorious.

The final score in the game was Robert Lee 42, Christoval 14. Jason Dickey was top scorer with 13. Also putting up points were Judd Pitcock 9, Lee McCown 6, Dean Burns 5, Jeremy Fluhmann 3, Brent Jameson 3, Bart Goodman 2, and Michael Woolley 1.

RLJHS lists box scores

The Robert Lee Jr. High basketball teams traveled to Water Valley, Thursday, January 9, and left with two victories.

The girls defeated the Water Valley team with a score of 38-7. High point scorer was Jaclyn Waldrop with 10. Also putting points on the board in the win were Maranda Wojtek 6, Jennifer Scott 6, Heather Millican and Shalon Waldrop 4, Cynthia Abalos 3, Amanda Sanders 2, Krystal Carver 2 and Patricia Minjarez 1.

The Dogies had a rather lopsided victory, outscoring their opponent with a walloping 60-14. Aaron Hood took top scoring honor with 18. Eric Hood had 14 points, Jason Key 12, Daniel Hayes 6, Eric Torres 6, Corey Pitcock and Jeremy Burns 2.

The "B" boys fell short with a score of 34-8. Jason Tavarez scored 6 and Jerrod Copeland added 2.

GARDEN CITY FALLS

TO RL JR HIGH

The Robert Lee Jr. High basketball teams traveled to Garden City Monday, January 13, where all three teams brought home victories.

The girls team defeated the Garden City team, 28-14. Jennifer Scott scored 8 to snare high scoring honor. Jaclyn Waldrop had 6, followed by Heather Millican with 5, Shalon Waldrop 3, Cynthia Abalos 2, Patricia Minjarez and Amanda Sanders 2.

The boys had a decisive win with a 41-11 score. Aaron Hood scored 13, Eric Hood 9, Daniel Hayes 7, Jason Key 6, Eric Torres 2, T.J. Roe 2, and Corey Pitcock 2.

The "B" team was also successful on the trip squeaking by the Garden City "B" team, 15-13. Jason Tavarez was high point man with 6. Others scoring in the win were Jerrod Pitcock 3, Denny Bohannon 2, Donny Edging 2, and Jerrod Copeland 2.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW Dylan N. Deanda

David and Marcella Deanda of Fort Irwin, California, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Dylan Nicholas. He arrived on December 15, at 3:25 a.m., weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 21 inches long. He was born at Weed Army Hospital since his Dad is stationed at Fort Irwin with the Army.

Dylan's proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Munoz of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Saragoza Deanda of Iowa Park.

Jim and Rita Munoz went to Fort Irwin to visit and help care for their new grandson for three weeks.

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Wool seminar slated for San Angelo

San Angelo--A special wool marketing seminar has been set for January 20 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center here.

The seminar will begin with a 6:00 pm social, courtesy of Tom Green National Bank to be followed by the program at 7:00 pm.

Coke County Extension Agent Tommy Antilley said the seminar's purpose is to better inform West Texas sheep producers about wool preparation and marketing strategies.

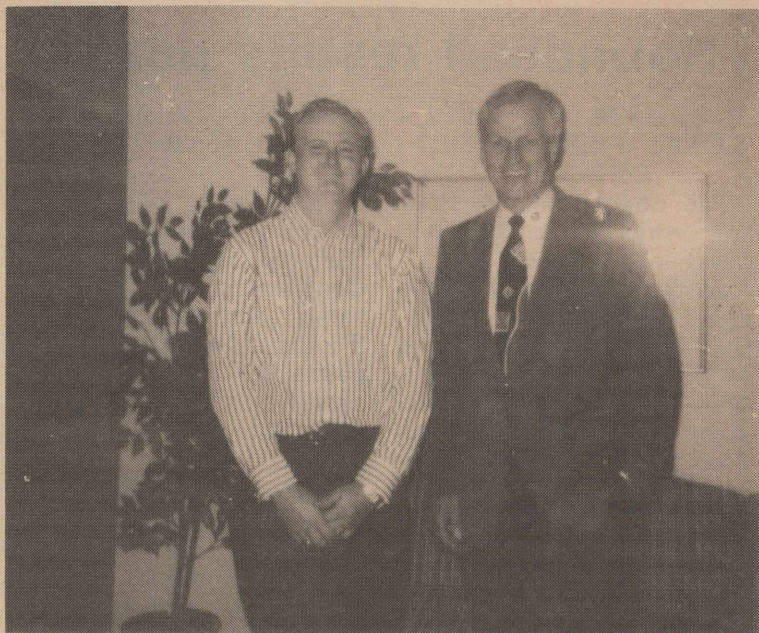
"Most ranchers agree that depressed lamb prices and the continued threat of reduced wool incentives mean that wool preparation and marketing becomes even more important," said Antilley. "We feel the best possible source for this type information is the people that are closest to the transactions; the wool buyers and warehousemen."

Antilley said the program will feature two panel discussions; one will be made up of wool buyers, the other of warehousemen. There will also be an update given on

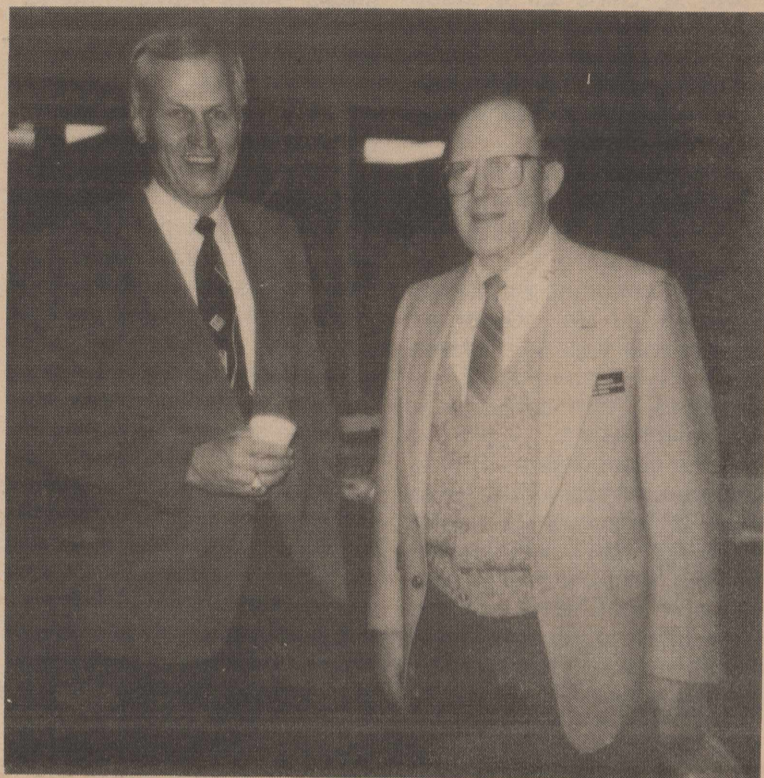
the Wool Act.

The seminar is being sponsored by the County Extension offices in Tome Green, Sterling and Coke Counties. The seminar evolved during a committee meeting of producers from these counties. Jones emphasized that though the seminar is being sponsored by the three counties, producers from other areas interested in the subject are urged to attend.

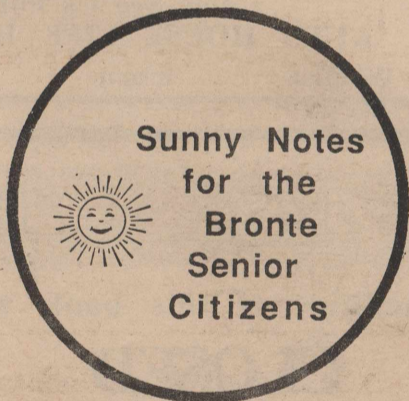
For further information contact Tommy Antilley at (915) 453-2461, Rex Jones at (915) 659-6524 or Russell Kott at (915) 378-3181.



Joey Luckett, First National Bank Public Relations Liaison, visits with US Congressman Charles Stenholm last Wednesday at the bank in Bronte.



US Congressman Charles Stenholm, during his First National Bank appearance in Bronte, converses with Stan Parker, Veteran County Service officer, who serves Tom Green, Coke, and Irion counties.



POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Time to gather again for a great time of fellowship and a good meal. The Center will be open at 8:00 am and we will play 88 before our Potluck Luncheon. We will have a guest speaker, Leo Kilmer, who is our Silver Haired Legislator. Mr. Kilmer will speak about legislative issues concerning our senior citizens. The program will begin at 11:00 so come join us at anytime that morning.

COMMODITIES

You still have time to sign up for commodities this month. We will distribute the commodities on Thursday, February 6th from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Call to make an appointment to pick up your commodities after that date if you are unable to come during those hours.

MEALS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jan. 20

Virginia Baked Ham
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Summer Squash
Whole Wheat Bread
Fresh Fruit Cup

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Beef Tacos w/Cheese
Tossed Salad w/diced tomatoes

Diced Onions

Pinto Beans

Taco Shells

Peach Cobbler

Friday, Jan. 24

Country Fried Steak

w/White Sauce

Sliced Carrots

Tossed Salad w/French

Dressing

Cornbread

Orange Sections

These programs are funded in part by the Area Agency on Aging, Concho Valley Council of Governments, through Grants from the Texas Department on Aging.

RL students form new stamp club

There is a new Stamp Club in town! The Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club, consisting of eighty 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students, met at the Robert Lee school cafeteria last Thursday afternoon. Robert Lee Postmaster Harrell Johnston and members of the Robert Lee Stamp Club, Wanda Smith, Lois Dunklin, and Faye Roe, met with the new club to offer help and guidance to the budding philatelists. The Stamp Club provided a sampling of stamps to each student to start the collection, along with informational material on the subject of stamp collecting from the Postal Service. The new club was then given the opportunity to view some of the extensive collections of Robert Lee Stamp Club members.

The Ben Franklin Stamp Club now needs the aid of the community to add to their collection. This request for aid is not for money but for the used stamps that come on letters, cards and packages. You do not even have to remove them, actually it is preferred that they be left attached. Donations may be taken to the Robert Lee Post Office where the Postmaster will set up a receptacle.

Blackwell named to Top Twenty

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches honored several area basketball teams in the January 7 issue by naming them to the top 20 lists. In the Class 1A girls' division, Blackwell was ranked #19. Roscoe appeared in 10th place in the 1A poll.

Wall girls were 16th on the 2A list.

Personal

Mrs. Clara Hood Walker was admitted to Concho Valley Regional Hospital in San Angelo early this week for tests and evaluation of a previous condition.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Elementary students receive awards

Bronte Elementary held their third six weeks award assembly on January 9, 1992 in the school auditorium. These awards were presented to the following children.

KINDERGARTEN AWARDS

Teacher: Carol White
I Can Count to 100!
 Ashley Knight
 Tyler Corley
 Brittany Eldred
 Garrett Fiveash
 Cody Lee
 Britney McCutchen
 Casey McKee
 Heidi Randazzo
 Natalee Reed



Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 20
 Oatmeal
 Mixed Fruit
 Cinnamon Toast
 Milk
Tuesday, Jan. 21
 Cereal
 Sliced Peaches
 Toast
 Milk
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick
 Grape Juice
 Milk
Thursday, Jan. 23
 Sausage
 Applesauce
 Biscuit
 Milk
Friday, Jan. 24
 Scrambled Eggs
 Orange Juice
 Toast
 Milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 20
 Pizza
 Pork & Beans
 Tator Tots
 Fruit Cup
 Milk
Tuesday, Jan. 21
 Beef & Macaroni
 Tossed Salad
 Blackeyed Peas
 Rolls
 Jello
 Milk
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Chicken Nuggets w/gravy
 Creamed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Rolls
 Pink Panther Cake
 Milk
Thursday, Jan. 23
 Frito Pie
 Cheese
 Tossed Salad
 Buttered Corn
 Fritos
 Cherry Cobbler
 Milk
Friday, Jan. 24
 Hamburgers
 Lettuce & Tomato
 French Fries
 Ranch Style Beans
 Chocolate Pudding
 Milk

Andrea Smothermon
 Chase Williams
 Jesse Rodriguez
I Know My Color Words

Ashley Knight
 Tyler Corley
 Brittany Eldred
 Garrett Fiveash
 Cody Lee
 Britney McCutchen
 Casey McKee
 Heidi Randazzo
 Natalee Reed
 Andrea Smothermon
 Chase Williams
 Jesse Rodriguez
 Brandon Hall
 Kendra Graves
 Salena Soto
 Christy Casares
 Ryan Martinez
 Kanah Coalson
 Joshua Eubanks
 Justin Moore
 Jeremy Melton
 Roy Lee Flores

FIRST GRADE AWARDS ALL "A" HONOR ROLL AWARD CERT.

Teacher: J. Johnson
 Charlie Bettis
 Cody Blaylock
 Keith Corley
 Shawn Halstead
 Laney Williams
 Lindsey Williams
 Teacher: R. Peel
 Sampson Booker
 Ty Daws
 Amber Duke
 Jenna Herold
 Kayla Hilliard
 Morgan McCutchen
 Sal Randazzo
 Joe'l Sefick
 Joel Webb

"A"- "B" Honor Roll

Teacher: J. Johnson
 Lyndon Butler
 Ashley Denton
 Kasey Ensor
 Melissa Walker
 Chanceton Murphy
 Teacher: R. Peel
 Michael Fairchild

Outstanding Penmanship Awards

Teacher: J. Johnson
 Cody Blaylock
 Keith Corley
 Ashley Denton
 Laney Williams
 Teacher: R. Peel
 Morgan McCutchen
 Sal Randazzo
 Math Wizard Awards
 Teacher: J. Johnson
 Shawn Halstead
 Chanceton Murphy
 Melissa Walker
 Lindsay Williams
 Charlie Bettis
 Cody Blaylock
 Keith Corley

Most Improved Reader

Kylia McGinnis

SECOND GRADE AWARDS

All "A" Honor Roll
 Teacher: Lisa Dyess
 Lorenzo Delagarza
 Steve Eldred
 Anthony Flores
 Aaron Peel
 Brandon Poehls
 Natasha Reed
 Lacy Schoenfield
"A"- "B" Honor Roll
 James Green
 Chrissie Israel
 Joey Rhodes
 Lindsay Shaffer

Creative Writing Award

Natasha Reed
Outstanding Penmanship Award
 Aaron Peel
 Natasha Reed
 Math Wizards Awards
 Lindsay Shaffer
 Dylan Knisley
 James Green
 Jimmy Garcia
 Lorenzo Delagarza
 Joey Rhodes

THIRD GRADE CLASS

All "A" Honor Roll
 Teacher: D. Poehls
 Crystal Moore
 Heather Randazzo
 Jade Richards
 Henry White
 Teacher: M. Blair
 Josh Schoenfield
 Brooke McCutchen
 Kasey Elam

"A"- "B" Honor Roll

Teacher: D. Poehls
 Anthony Gibbs
 Pamela Kresta
 Jesse McClure
 Ryan McCorkle
 Tessie McMullan
 Kyle Sanford
 Cara Sefcik
 Teacher: M. Blair
 Heather Duncan
 John Gallimore
 Brandon Gibbs

Math Wizard Awards

Teacher: D. Poehls
 Tessie McMullan
 Jessie McClure
 Pamela Kresta
Outstanding Penmanship Awards
 Teacher: D. Poehls
 Kyle Sanford

"A"- "B" Honor Roll

Teacher: M. Blair
 Kala Arrott
 Brandon Gibbs
FOURTH GRADE All "A" Honor Roll
 Teacher: M. Lawhon
 Andy Blair

"A"- "B" Honor Roll

Kendra Graves
 Tiffany Coulter
 J.D. Fairchild
 Jake Graves
 Justin Herold
 Rachel Johnson
 Jerrod McClure
Math Wizards Awards
 Tiffany Coulter: Addition, Subtraction, Division, Multiplication
 Mario Minjarez: Division, Multiplication
 Jerrod McClure: Division, Multiplication, Subtraction
 Andy Blair: Multiplication

Fifth Grade Class:

All "A" Honor Roll
 Teacher: P. Lee
 Amye Peel
"A"- "B" Honor Roll
 Brittany Barrett
 Bonnie DeLaughter
 Brandy Denton
 Lindsay Rogers
 Scott Whitmire
Stepping Stone Award
 Natasha Carper
Sixth Grade Class All "A" Honor Roll
 Teacher: D. Ensor
 Courtney Beam
 Lana Balderas
 Angie Shults
"A"- "B" Honor Roll
 Justin Brazeal
 Miranda Scott

Roundball results posted

BRONTE VARSITY LOSES FIRST DISTRICT CONTEST

The Longhorns lost their first district game to Garden City, Friday, January 10.

Jason Cooper led in scoring with 11 points and 5 assists. Gary Bilbrey followed up with 10 points and 6 rebounds, Brent Taylor had 15 points, Justin Stensby 7, and Shayne Crumpler 4 points and 5 rebounds.

BRONTE JV BOYS DEFEAT MENARD

Bronte Junior Varsity defeated Menard Junior Varsity 38-23 in an impressive showing.

Courtney Shaffer led the scoring for the team with 16. Terry Queen added 7, John Lewis 6, Chris Ell 4, John Johnson 3 and Brandon Tinney 2.

BRONTE JV TAKES 3rd PLACE IN TOURNAMENT

The Bronte JV hosted their tournament and managed to garner third place and improve their record to 6-3.

In the first game Bronte fell to Eden 33-19. Courtney Shaffer was high pointer with 8, Chris Ehl had 4, Terry Queen 3, John Johnson 2, and John Lewis 2.

In the second game Bronte came out on top with a score of 28 to Roscoe's 25. John Lewis was high point man with 11. He was followed closely by Courtney Shaffer with 10, Chris Ehl 3, John Johnson 2 and Terry Queen had 2.

LONGHORNS DEFEAT MENARD

The Longhorns met Menard last week and got another win with a score of 66-49.

Gary Bilbrey led the way with 20 points, 15 rebounds and 5 assists.

Brent Taylor followed with 15 points, 5 rebounds, Justin Stensby 10 points, Jason Cooper 6 points, 9 assists, 4 steals, Jacob Golson 6 points, 5 rebounds, Jay Parker 4 points, 10 rebounds, 5 assists, Nathan Barnett 3 points and Shayne Crumpler 2 points.

BRONTE HS GIRLS IMPROVE RECORD

The Lady Longhorns improved their season record to 10-5 with victories over Menard and Garden City.

The Bronte girls defeated Menard last Tuesday by a 58-44 score. Teresa Vaughn led the way with 28 points and 8 steals. Amie Parker had 12 points and 12 rebounds, Darla Scott 8 points, Jami Morrow 8 and Alisa Richards 2.

The Lady Longhorns opened district play at Garden City and came away with a 41-39 victory. Darla Scott led all scores with 16 points, Jami Morrow 10 points and 8 assists, Teresa Vaughn 8, Alisa Richards 4, and Amie Parker 3.

The Bronte JV girls finished 3rd place in the Miles JV Tournament and they finished 2nd place in the Bronte JV Tournament last week.

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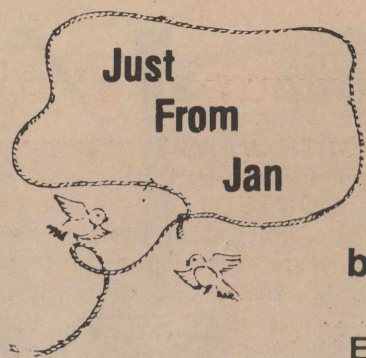
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Jan Yanez

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Food additives can be grouped by functions as fol-

lows:

***Preservatives** help assure safety and maintain freshness by preventing food spoilage from bacteria, mold, fungi, yeast or chemical agents.

***Nutrients** such as vitamins, minerals or protein serve to maintain or improve the nutritional quality of a food.

***Processing Aids** provide body, improve consistency and enhance overall product quality by stabilizing, thickening, retaining mois-

ture, emulsifying and preventing lumping.

***Flavors** such as spices, flavor enhancers, natural or synthetic flavors and sweeteners compliment the taste and aroma of food.

***Colors** contribute to a food's desired or characteristic color.

Of nearly 3,000 direct food additives used in this country today, sugar, salt, corn syrup, citric acid, baking soda, vegetable colors, mustard and pepper make up 98 percent by weight of all additives used. The food industry and government regulatory agencies make every effort to minimize the risks associated with the consumption of food. Food additives have a key role in assuring the availability of abundant and wholesome food supply by making our coast-to-coast food distribution system possible.

Coterie meets in B'well

Jane Wheat and Lily Walters hosted the Omega Coterie Club's monthly meeting when it met in Baptist Fellowship Hall in Blackwell on the morning of January 8th.

President Luvene Akins opened the meeting by asking members to reveal their funniest "blooper" of the year with the roll call.

The theme of the meeting was "Show & Tell". A long time member, Margaret Stout, gave a history of the Club from

the year it was organized to the present time, recalling its achievements, past presidents and deceased members.

Refreshments were served to fifteen members. Present were Laura Seale, Mada Belew, Luvene Akins, Carlene Smith, Mildred Wood, Collene Fletcher, Emma Lee Lanier, Marie Romine, Darris Hagler, Bea Murray, Billie Murray, Margaret Stout, Lily Walters, Jane Wheat and Epie Crain.

Br. OES meets

Bronte Chapter #1048 Order of the Eastern Star met on Monday night at the Masonic Lodge Hall.

Worthy Matron Margaret Martin and Ed Ehl, associate patron presided.

Plans were made for the upcoming School of Instruction to be held in San Angelo on January 27 and 28.

Dorthey and Noah Pruitt Jr. hosted a Hobo supper following the meeting.

ASCS assists with relief

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will administer a crop disaster assistance program to compensate eligible producers for crop losses caused by drought, flood, and other natural disasters in either 1990 or 1991.

"To be eligible, producers with crop insurance must have had losses greater than 35 percent," said county ASCS official Dwayne Vincent, County Executive Director. "Producers without crop insurance must have had losses greater than 40 percent."

Program applications may be filed from February 3 through March 13.

The 1990-91 crop disaster program provides cash payments for production losses on participating program crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, nonparticipating program crops, peanuts, soybeans, sunflowers, and all commercial nonprogram crops.

Dwayne said producers who intend to file should begin to assemble their records now, so they will be ready when the program opens. He said that farmers will receive a special mailing with specific information on the program this month. "If a producer does not receive the disaster program information in the mail by February 3, he or she should call the county ASCS office."

Dwayne explained that a producer may not file on one crop on a farm for one year and a different crop on the same farm for the other. "However, the producer may request benefits for 1990 on one farm and for 1991 on another farm."

Dwayne said disaster payments would be computed according to the 1990 Farm Bill, and expects to begin issuing payments to farmers by April 16. Further details of the disaster payment program may be obtained from the local ASCS office.

TPWD accepting apps

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is accepting applications for a game warden cadet class scheduled for this fall. Applications will be accepted through February 7.

About 39 cadets will be accepted into the 43rd Game Warden Academy, scheduled to begin its six-month training October 1 in Austin. More than 1,500 people applied for 34 positions in the previous cadet class that graduated in April.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old on or before October 1 and have a B.A./B.S. level degree from an accredited college or university by July 1. At least 60 hours of college and two years experience working with the public may be substituted for a college degree.

To be accepted, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements and successfully compete in a written examination, intense background investigation and an interview before an interview board in Austin. Applicants must successfully complete a step before advancing to the next step.

After graduation, the new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations throughout Texas with the responsibility of protecting some of the state's most valuable renewable natural resources. Game wardens also protect lives by enforcing the Water Safety Act and other regulations related to the outdoors.

Applications may be obtained from law enforcement regional offices in San Angelo, Fort Worth, Rusk, Houston, San Antonio, Lubbock, Brownwood, Mount Pleasant, Temple and Corpus Christi, or by contacting T P W D, Personnel Office, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by calling 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4954, or (512) 389-4954.

McClures excell in martial art

On January 11, 1992 Jerrod and Jesse McClure took the USTF promotional requirement test and received their 8th gup yellow belt.

In order to pass they were required to know and perform the following pattern - Chon-Ji, Kicks - Dollyo - Chagi (turning kick) Dwitcha - jirugi (back piercing kick) and Twimyo - Ap - Chagi (jump front kick).

They also broke a 1x12 board using the Ap - Cha - Busigi kick. Both boys accomplished the break on their first try.

Jerrod and Jesse are students at the Taekwon - Do Institute of San Angelo under the instruction of Robert Mesa and Billy Duran.

LOOK WHO'S NEW Justin C. Zuniga

Justin Colby Zuniga is pleased to announce the arrival of his baby sister, Maci Tinae. She was born January 7, 1992, at 12:11 pm, weighed 8 pounds 6 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maci's parents are Bobby and Tina Zuniga of San Angelo. Grandparents are Jerry and Louise Bower of Robert Lee and Marcela Zuniga of Bronte. Great-grandparents are Ralph and Bonnie Roberts of Robert Lee.

Personal

Recent guests in the home of Chuck and Vi Naidl of Robert Lee were their daughter and son-in-law, Fay and Ralph Dossett of Lake City, Florida, and their son and daughter-in-law, George and Diann Naidl of Plano. The family enjoyed their time together and the unseasonably warm weather made the visit more pleasant.

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- III. 50 years of age and over - An annual physical examination and annual mammogram.
- IV. Asymptomatic women under 50 years of age with significant high risk factors should be examined at appropriate intervals. These risk factors include previous breast cancer and family history of cancer.

V. A symptomatic woman should have a mammogram at any age when she experiences a mass, nipple discharge, skin changes or unexplained breast pain.

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Brewer, Bessent present UMW study

United Methodist Women (UMW) of Robert Lee met January 8, at Fellowship Hall for their regular second-Wednesday meeting. Nine members and one new member, Louise Walker, participated in the first of three programs of an in-depth study of "Living Values for Changing Times", presented by Nina Brewer and Mary Bessent. (The two women presented that study at a San Angelo District meeting in Sonora recently, since it is one of the subjects studied by many of the district's organizations this year, and the leaders are well prepared.)

After Nina Brewer had called the meeting to order with the Call to Worship, Psalm 19:14, Hostess Emma Lee Bickley served refreshments before the business meeting.

The Bible reference as background was Ephesians 14:1-16, a good answer to the statement that "in an increasingly complex society, old ways are no longer guaranteed to work." Another answer came from the writing of James A. Michener who stated: "Values are the emotional rules by which a nation governs itself. Values summarize the accumulated folk wisdom by which a society organizes and disciplines itself. And values are the precious reminders that individuals obey to bring order and meaning into their personal lives. Without values, nations, societies and individuals can fall."

In discussion, it was admitted that modern youths face many pressures which today's adults did not. The writers quoted in the Study feel "there must be a drive for

public service, to see society protected and moved ahead. There must be encouragement to blow the whistle when something seems to be going wrong."

The home should be the place values are learned, but some children have no home; the church should teach values, but some never go to church. "The school," says Michener, "is the only agency legally established by organized society and supported

by taxation whose sole job it is to teach the child the knowledge, the skills and the values required for a successful adult life with the bounds of society."

Anyone interested in attending the remaining sessions of this study will be a welcome visitor or prospective member of the UMW. Dates will be January 22, and February 12, at 3:00 pm, at First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Shaffer speaks to club

The '64 Study Club, TFWC, GFWC, of Robert Lee, held its regular second-Tuesday meeting at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall January 14, with 16 members present. After President JoAnn Harrison called the meeting to order, the roll was called by Secretary Opal Jacoby, then the speaker for the evening was introduced, Gary Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer, who, with his parents, owns and operates the Robert Lee and Bronte Funeral Homes, gave an interesting and informative talk concerning the operation of their businesses. He explained processes and advantages of pre-planning funeral arrangements, the problems of family and business with the many govern-

ment and civilian agencies that hand down requirements for operation of the business, and other aspects of interest. A question and answer period evidenced intense interest of club members in the subjects discussed.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Leta Caston, Pauline Vaughan, and Opal Baker before business was held. Discussion disclosed that many used stamps are needed by the 77 school children who are becoming active in stamp-collecting in our school, and members were urged to save their envelopes for their children to use in their collections. All interested persons might save stamps for them, also. They can be turned in to workers at the post office, or to school personnel.



The historic watering trough on the northwest corner of the courthouse square got new life last week when Laura Crenshaw single-handedly planted pansies and kale. Mrs. Crenshaw and husband, Mitchell, recently moved to Robert Lee from Franklin.

Bivins earns certificates

Melissa Bivins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Bivins of Bronte, freshman student, has been presented two certificates from Texas Tech University of Lubbock.

One certificate states, "Texas Tech University presents this certificate to Melissa Bivins for scholastic achievement qualifying her for the President's Honor Roll, awarded only to those stu-

dents who have attained a grade-point ratio of 4.0 during the past semester."

The other certificate reads, "The college of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University presents this certificate to Melissa Bivins for scholastic achievement qualifying her for the Dean's Honor List, awarded only to those students who have attained a grade point ratio of 3.5 or better during the past semester"

Spence Fishin'



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2nd place Tommy Hagler, 5.26

3rd place Rick Gibbs, 2 fish at 3.07

Arrow Ford of Abilene Bass Club Tournament

1st place Dennis Cumby, 4.00

2nd place Vinson Higginbotham, 2.13

3rd place Jeff Davis, 1.14

Several other blackbass were caught but didn't place. All fish were in good shape and released.

Lonnie Russell, San Angelo, 10 1/4 striper caught on a white slab.

Willy Denton, Robert Lee, 6.07 small mouth bass caught on Kast Master.

ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

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December 31, 1991

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U.S. Government Agency.....		6,999,317.14
Warrants and State Bonds.....		2,440,950.67
Other Bonds.....		4,812,394.43
Federal Funds Sold.....		1,350,000.00
Banking House.....		67,577.33
Furniture and Fixtures.....		36,272.42
Cash and Exchange.....		1,795,867.22
Other Assets.....		637,801.40
	\$	<u>29,928,822.44</u>

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	\$	<u>29,928,822.44</u>

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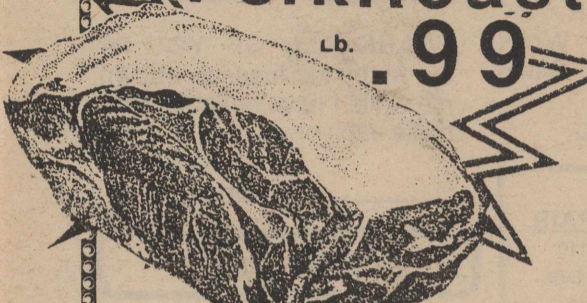
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21b-13tc

MAKE OFFER on Olds Cutlass Supreme. Needs repairs. Not in running condition. Call 915-473-5631.
23b - tnc

FOR SALE - RENT - LEASE Available March 1st. 810 NW 11th, Robert Lee, 2-3 bedroom with 1 bath. 100% carpeted - CH/CA. \$427 and utilities. Contact Jeanene Andrews, 3503 93rd, Lubbock, Texas 79423 or call (915) 652-8515 or 367-4643 or (806) 792-8492.
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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY of Robert Lee will be taking applications for housing 9 am - 3 pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 453-2912 or 453-2802. Equal Housing Opportunity.
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SERVICES

WILL DO HOUSE-CLEANING weekly or as needed. Call 473-2109. Also childcare in my home.
22b-2tp

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23 - 1tp

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DO YOU HAVE a drinking problem? Call Alcoholics Anonymous, 453-2158, 453-4508, or 453-4382. Meetings - Friday, 8 pm; Sunday, 5 pm; Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee.
23 - tnc

SURROGATE MOTHERS WANTED - Fees plus expenses for carrying a couple's child. Must be 18 - 35 and previously had a child. Steve Litz, Atty (317) 996-2000.
23-4tp

CARD OF THANKS

THANKS SO MUCH for your concern for me and my great-grandchild. Thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards, and gifts. I feel so humble knowing so many people cared. I love you all.
Dora Galloway
23B - 1tc

THANK ALL OF YOU for your thoughtfulness and kindness during our sorrow at the passing of our husband, father, and grandfather, James Harold Steely. A special thanks to Central Baptist Church and personnel of Bronte School.
Mae Steely
Betsy Harrell
Jason & Amy
23B - 1tc

MR. AND MRS. S.E. ADAMS and Mr. and Mrs. Martin McDonald would like to thank the Robert Lee, Blackwell, and Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Departments, Sheriff Marshall Millican, Nolan County Commissioner Tommy White and his crew, our friends and neighbors and everyone else who helped with Monday's fire on the Adams Ranch north of Robert Lee. We are indebted to all of you.
23a - 1tc

THANK ALL OF YOU for the many kindnesses shown me while I have been ill. God bless each of you,
Ivy Spiller
23B - 1tc

NOTICES

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In September the Coke County Water Supply collected water samples for coliform analysis. Results indicated the presence of coliform bacteria. Water supply officials were directed to collect five routine, monthly samples the following month. Five routine samples were collected in September, but due to misinformation five routine samples were not collected in October. All routine samples since the first of September have been found WITHOUT coliform.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may call the Coke County Water Supply office at 453-2078.
23a - 1tc

PART-TIME RN position available for part-time RN to work Saturdays and Sundays for an 86-bed intermediate care facility in West Texas. Long term care experience preferred but not mandatory. Contact John McDermott, Administrator, West Coke Co. Nursing Home, PO Box 1209, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. (915) 453-2511. EOE.
23a - 3tc

BIDDERS' NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of Robert Lee Independent School district will accept sealed bids on gasoline and service to buses.

Information can be obtained by calling the Superintendent at 915/453-2612.

Bids will be received until January 27, 1992 at 1 pm. The bids will be opened at that time.

Bids received after that date will be returned unopened. The Superintendent will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for their action on Thursday, February 20, 1992, at 7:30 pm.

Bids should be addressed to the Superintendent of Schools, Robert Lee I.S.D., HC 61 Box 303, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

The bid envelope should be plainly marked Gasoline Bid.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
23a - 1tc

Everything is worth what its purchaser will pay for it.



Nell Kennedy 453-4355
Elaine Lee 453-2995

NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BIDS FOR OFFICE REPAIR - Coke County Water Supply will be accepting bids until 12 noon, February 5, 1992 for repairs on the office floor located 4 miles west of Robert Lee on Highway 158. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 12 noon, if there are any questions. The telephone number for Coke County Water Supply is 453-2078. Bids should be mailed to Box 533, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

23a - 3tc

POSITIONS AVAILABLE
for LVNs and Nurses' Aides for all shifts. Apply in person with Barbara Shaffer, West Coke County Nursing Home, 307 West 8th, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, 915/453-2511. EOE

23a - 3tc

Mother Nature aids in research

Mother Nature's own experiment with a mouse is providing clues for a new direction in multiple sclerosis (MS) research.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston are studying mice born with no myelin, or white matter, on the brain's nerve fibers. The mice survive this genetic defect with only a slight tremor when immobility or death would be expected.

"In MS, the white matter that insulates nerve fibers is destroyed in different regions of the brain or spinal cord," said Dr. Jeffery Noebels, a Baylor neurologist. Patients experience symptoms ranging from numbness and tingling to paralysis and incontinence.

"Before this study, most researchers felt the only way to recover from MS was to re-insulate the fiber with new myelin," Noebels said. "But this mouse, that does so well without the insulation, helped us realize that there could be a second method for recovery."

Noebels' study found the mouse's nerve fibers have an increased number of sodium channels, which allows fibers to conduct electrical impulses.

Nerve fibers transmit the impulses through these channels to communicate information to different parts of the brain or to muscles.

"It is similar to a telephone system communicating information down the wires from one place to another," Noebels said. "Loss of the insulation or white matter normally keeps the nerve fiber from transmitting the message."

Noebels found that the increased sodium channels in the mouse's nerve fibers made them better conductors, allowing electrical impulses to flow despite the lack of insulation.

"This information provides a new strategy for MS research. Now, we can begin looking for a way to increase the number of sodium channels," Noebels said.

Most of Texas was in low to medium danger of wildfire this week, but officials at the Texas Forest Service warned that the recent freeze over much of the state could fuel some major fires.

"We are looking at about a week's grace period," said TFS fire control department head Bobby Young of Lufkin. "We may be a week or two away from having some bad conditions for fire from one side of the state to the other."

Young, whose agency responds statewide to wildfires with fire fighters and equipment, explained that heavier than normal rainfall this year resulted in lush plant growth throughout the countryside. Now that most of the state has experienced a killing freeze, that plant material will dry into "fuel" that will quickly burn under dry conditions.

Young's remarks are based on a new Wildfire Danger Report, launched this week by the Texas Forest Service and Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The information will be disseminated to the news media weekly until March, covering the state's most dangerous period for wildfires. The report utilizes weather information and reports from more than 40 county extension agents across the state.

The report considers the number of wildfires reported in the counties during the previous week, weather conditions and local assessments of whether the potential for fire is increasing or decreasing.

Sel. Service outlined

Young men who will turn 26 in 1992 will be reaching an important milestone, according to the Selective Service System.

Beginning on January 1, 1992, men who were born in 1966 and were required to register with Selective Service in 1984 will be turning 26 and will no longer be eligible for induction should a draft be reinstated. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept late registrations after a man reaches his 26th birthday.

Selective Service officials warned that, with few exceptions, a man who fails to register before turning 26 will permanently forfeit his eligibility for certain programs such as federal student aid, job training, and most federal employment in addition to facing possible prosecution as a felon. Some states also require registration for state student aid, entrance to state-supported colleges and universities, state employment, and permission to practice law.

Men ages 18 through 25, who have not yet registered, can avoid the risk of prosecution and loss of eligibility by registering promptly at any local post office. Failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000, up to five years in prison, or both.

A man is exempt from registering while he is on full-time active duty in the U.S. Armed

Forces. Cadets and midshipmen at the service academies are included in the exemption. Members of the National Guard and Reserve Forces not on full-time active duty must register unless they have reached age 26 or are already registered.

Lawfully admitted nonimmigrant aliens (for example, those on visitor or student visas and members of diplomatic or trade missions and their families) are not required to register. Parolees and refugees who are aliens residing in this country must register.

Those who are unable to register due to circumstances beyond their control -- for example, those who are hospitalized, institutionalized or incarcerated -- do not have to register until they are released. After release, they have 30 days in which to register. Handicapped men who live at home must register if they are reasonably able to leave the home and go into a public place. A friend or relative may help a handicapped man fill out the form if he is unable to do so by himself.

Buy what thou has no need of, and ere long thou shalt sell thy necessities.

Young said the Wildfire Danger Report should help fire fighters be more prepared to respond and advise individuals on when to refrain from outdoor burning.

"About 90 percent of the wildfires are caused by humans," Young said.

"The county agents play a key role in making the system successful by serving as the eyes and ears for local conditions around the state," said Dr. Chester Fehlis, assistant director for county programs for the Extension Service.

Young agreed. "We have such a big state and the weather can vary greatly from one side to the other," he noted. "We may be wet in East Texas when they are very dry in West Texas. That could catch our fire fighters off guard."

The state forest service, headquartered in College Station, has recommendations based on four classes of fire potential:

Low - Handle outdoor fires as usual; no extra precautions are necessary.

Medium - Be careful with fires outdoors. Make sure there are adequate fire breaks. Use outdoor fires in the early morning when there is less wind.

High - Do not have any outdoor fires at all.

Extremely high - Do not have any outdoor fires. All fire personnel are on standby. Areas are considered in extremely high danger of fire when conditions typical of high danger continue for long periods.

Preserving rural areas

By James Roberts
Publisher

Andrews County News
An article appeared in the Wall Street Journal the other day that everyone who lives in rural America should read.

The occasion was the closing of Street's Department Store in Oklahoma City. A family-owned business for 61 years, the going-out-of-business sale prompted the article and a view of current retailing nationwide.

But a couple of paragraphs in the story should interest you:

"Retailers are going out of business in droves, and many observers say the epidemic has a long way to run. The president of Wal-Mart, David Glass, predicted that by the year 2000, 50 percent of the retailers in business today will be gone."

"But I disagree," says industry legend Stanley Marcus, former head of Neiman Marcus. "I think it will be 75 percent."

And therein lies an ironic situation.

We're in the process of destroying the rural towns of America at the same time that our large cities are becoming ungovernable.

Senseless killings in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and other major cities in Texas go unchecked. The murder rate in both Dallas and Houston are at all-time highs. Citizens who can afford it are barricading themselves behind walled and security-enforced enclaves in well-to-do subdivisions while those less fortunate are left to survive in an asphalt jungle.

Most of the rules and regulations promulgated by national and state officials in water, air, pollution, waste, banking, insurance and dozens of other fields are aimed toward compliance by big cities. And most big cities have the tax base, staff, and wherewithal to comply with the onerous new regulations.

But the arrogant, egg-headed regulators do not differentiate between large and small cities. Their attitude is that if it's good for Austin, it must be good for Andrews.

Between regional retailers and the regulators, the rural towns of Texas and the rest of the nation are under siege. And they're not getting much help from their elected representatives of their residents.

Yet, the values that most Americans treasure: family, security, church, school, neighborliness, caring, giving--are most exemplified in the rural towns of this state.

It's a rare congressman, representative, or senator nowadays that will even attempt to take on those agencies in Washington or Austin that have the bit in their mouth and are running roughshod over elected city, school and county officials and their constituents.

We've lost control of our big cities and its unsolved problems and at the same time are doing our utmost to destroy the only safe havens for American values.

For example, the 1991 edition of Sales & Marketing

Management, shows that the last year, effective buying income for Andrews families totaled \$170 million. Local retailers managed to get \$65 million, or roughly 40 cents out of each \$1. In other words, \$105 million left town. No wonder that both Midland and Odessa are trying to pass an additional sales tax to levy on out-of-towners.

We're guilty, in these difficult times, of trying to get the most for our dollar. No one can fault a family for trying to stretch income to cover a household budget. But in doing so, we're committing the same short-sighted accounting that is plaguing most giant public-traded corporations: sacrificing the long-term picture for the short-term gain.

As we see it, rural America can roll over, play dead, and accept the inevitable or get off our collective rears and fight.

Here in Texas we need to organize the rural towns of the state into a mean, ornery, snarlin' political force that challenges every arrogant, senseless, dogmatic step taken by the state and its swollen state agencies.

And in the election year coming up, we should support those candidates who have the guts, the expertise, the desire, to curb the extensive, autocratic powers of the agencies and the will to stand alone against the big city boys.

We need to create a rural force of every city, school, county official in towns under 50,000 population to become an effective, political bloc in Austin.

And we need to educate the populace of rural Texas, or rural America, of the danger inherent in swapping the short haul for the longer trip to the future.

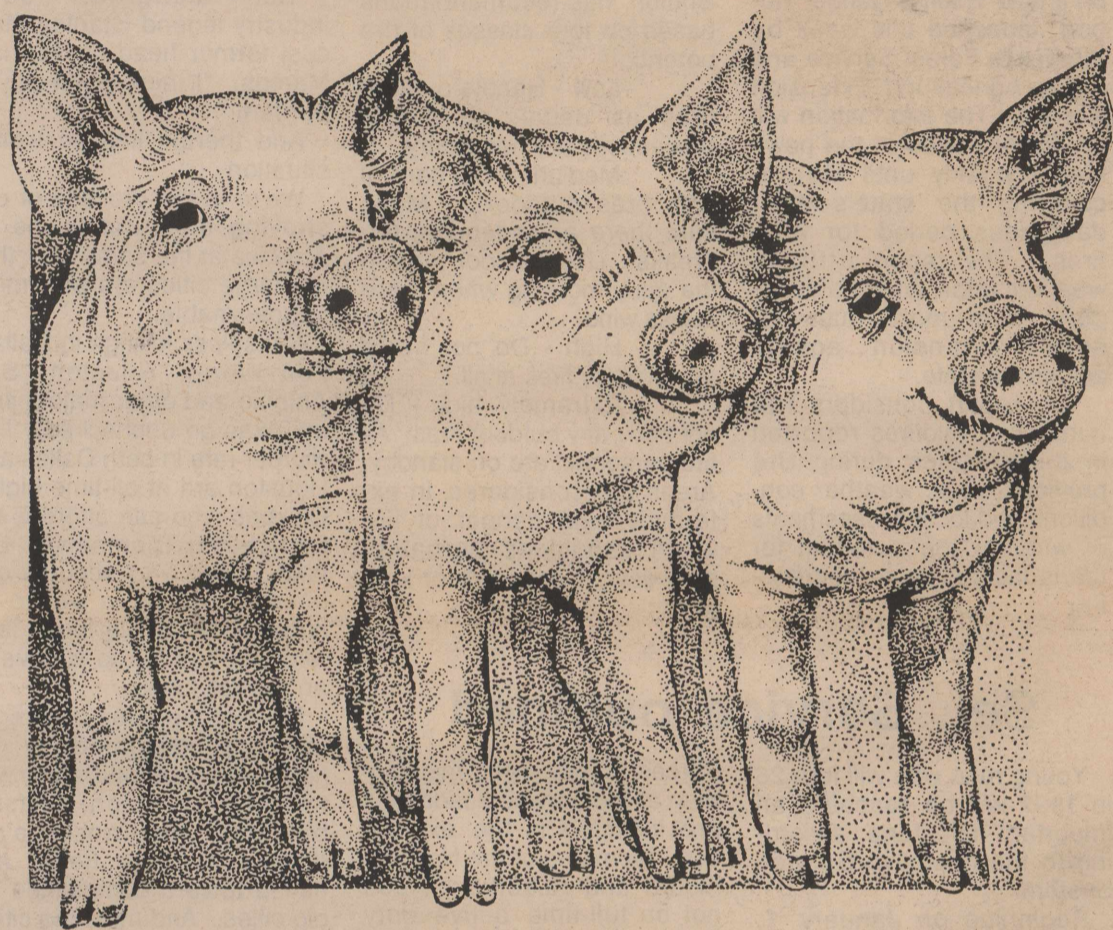
If you love the lifestyle in small town America and want to preserve those values, it's time to get off the couch, stand up, and start swingin'.

Microwaves speed food preparation

As the fascination with microwave cooking swept across the country, an entirely new category of recipes was created. Through an understanding of what microwaves can do, we have also discovered how existing recipe favorites may be more simply prepared. To our delight, the microwave oven can become an "assistant chef" to defrost, soften, heat or re-heat, keep warm, toast, or melt, thus using it to short-cut many cooking procedures.

According to Whirlpool Corporation home economists, melting chocolate or caramels is fast and easily controlled in the microwave oven. Dip-Dip Cookie Delights take advantage of this convenient procedure, making a possible fresh batch of dressed-up cookies for impromptu entertaining or a surprise afternoon school treat.

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