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# Early voting ends for November 3 election

Friday, Oct. 30, at 5 pm will end the Early Voting period for the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3. A record number of voters cast ballots in the county clerk's office or called for mail-out ballots. Ettie Hubbard, county and district clerk, reported at presstime Wednesday that 175 votes had been cast in her office, with 67 additional mail-outs. Early voting has always served as an indicator of the relative number of votes that will be tallied at the polls on Election Day.

Much of the county interest has been generated by a proposal on the ballot to adopt or reject a County Road System.

Drawing the most interest Charlotte Harris and Richard on the ballot of course is the O. Ely, II are on the ballot for

presidential race. The Lena Guerrero flap has drawn attention to the Railroad Commissioner race and most voters will be interested to see how the Bill Sims/Troy Fraser contest for State Senator, District 25, comes out in the area.

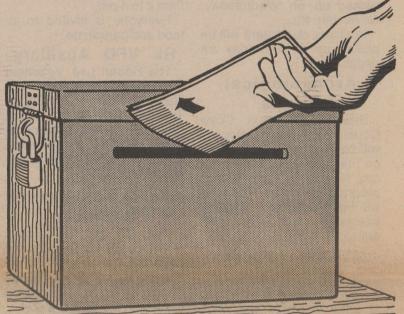
Incumbent US Representative, District 17, Charles Stenholm is opposed by Jeannie Sadowski. Another important issue to Coke Countians will be the election of a new 51st District Judge to replace retiring Judge Royal Hart. Vying for the position are Barbara Walther and Robert Post.

The district will also elect a new 51st District Attorney. Charlotte Harris and Richard O. Ely, II are on the ballot for the position.

County Attorney Bill Helwig, Sheriff Marshall Millican, Tax Assessor/Collector Kristeen Roe, Commissioner Paul Burns, Commissioner Tim Millican, Constable Wayne Arrott, and Constable Kenneth Rasco are on the ballot unopposed.

Although the various Justices and Judges positions are very important races, they are less well-known individuals who have not visited the area.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, polls will be open from 7 am - 7 pm at your appropriate polling place. Cast your ballot; don't let others make your choices for you.



### **Br. Homecoming Schedule**

The 1992 Bronte School Homecoming schedule is as follows:

\*Homecoming Pep Rally, BHS Gym, 3 pm, Friday, Oct. 30.

\*Homecoming Football game Fri., Oct. 30, 7:30 pm in Football Stadium.

\*Homecoming Dance follows game at Bronte Community Center, 10:00 pm until 1:00 am.

\*Homecoming parade downtown, Saturday, Oct. 31, 10:00 am, from Bronte Nursing Home to Capitol Gazebo. Followed by a catered lunch by McGowen's of San Angelo, in the high school lunch room, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. \*Entertainment in Bronte

School auditorium from 12 noon until 2 pm. \*At 2 pm a General Assembly will be held in the school

auditorium. Following the assembly a reception will be held in the school cafeteria.

#### Election Tote Board

Xi Alpha Beta Alpha will have an election tote board at the Mini Park in Robert Lee on Tuesday, November 3, starting at 7 pm (after the polls close.)

The tote board will feature returns on the county, district, state, and national levels.

WCCCD Meeting The West Coke County Upcoming

#### 7:30 am in the First Baptist Church Fellowship hall. Courthouse to

### Close

The Coke County courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 3, for Election Day. Business will resume as usual on Wednesday.

#### Commodities

Food Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Nov.

Several recipes in this year's book will be prepared and served by members of the CACTUS League.

Everyone in invited to attend this enjoyable program.

#### Class of '50

Reunion

The Class fo 1950 of Bronte High School will have a reunion at the Fellowship Hall of Central Baptist Church immediately following the reception



Spooks and Goblins from the Coke County Library Storytime Trick or Treated in downtown Robert Lee Wednesday morning. The 3 and 4 year olds were having fun although they didn't have a clue as to the basis for the "Trick or Treat". Community Development will hold its monthly meeting the first Monday of the month, Nov. 2. Members will meet at 7 pm at the Gingham Diner Cafe. Those who want to have dinner will be responsible for their meal. Last minute plans will be discussed for the WCCCD sponsored Hunters Appreciation BBQ, Nov. 7. Members and any other individuals interested in community efforts are urged to attend.

#### Parents with Teens Support

Group

Monday evening Nov. 2nd the Parents with Teens Support Group will have their 2nd meeting. The group will view Dr. James Dobsons film Focus on the Family Part I, entitled "How to raise the strong willed child." The meeting begins at Lee Senior Citizens Buildings beginning at 8 am and continuing until 12 noon. All commodities are distributed on a first come-first serve basis.

#### Bronte Fall Festival

The <u>Fall Festival</u> is coming soon, Saturday, Nov. 7, from 5-9, at the Bronte Schools. Come have lots of family fun and entertainment, while you support your local school and organizations.

#### WTU Holiday Delights

"Holiday Delights" will be presented by West Texas Utilities Home Economist Jymann Hokanson, Nov. 2nd, in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall.

The program will begin at 7:00 pm, and is sponsored by the CACTUS League.

day, Oct. 31.

#### 40+ Dance

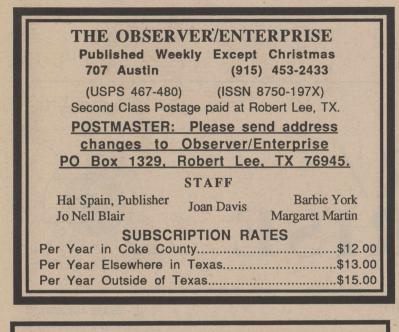
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, is the scheduled date for the monthly first Tuesday 40+ Dance at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Dancing begins at 7:30, with tickets available at the door.

### Br. Homecoming parade

Bronte Homecoming parade, 10:00 am, Sat., Oct. 31st. Please gather at Nursing Home around 9:30.

#### **Boxell Fund**

Due to a football injury, Eli Boxell has had to have surgery and spend a number of days in the Concho Valley Regional Hospital. There has been a medical expense fund set up at the Robert Lee State Bank, for those wishing to help out.



# ------ Upcoming ----

#### Br. City Hall

The Bronte City Hall will be closed Tuesday, November 3rd, for the Election.

Residential trash will be picked up on Wednesday, November 4th.

Business dumpsters will be picked up on Thursday as usual.

#### Archeological Slides

Site of the next Coke County Archeological Society will be the conference room on the courthouse on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 pm. A slide program on Indian Rock Art will be presented. Anyone interested in rock art or Indian artifacts is welcome to attend.

#### CC 4-H Delivers Phonebooks

Coke County 4-H members c ently delivered the Area Vvide Phone Books to the residents within the city limits of Bronte and Robert Lee. There are few extra books available and these can be obtained at the Coke County Extension office in the courthouse.

#### Health Clinic

A Health Clinic will be held at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee on Friday, Nov. 20, beginning at 9:30. Health checks will be available for Diabetes, Anemia, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Height/Weight. The Clinic is open to the public at no charge.

ABC Turkey Shoot Results **Gospel Singing** Ole-fashioned Gospel Singing will be held on Sun-

day, Nov. 1, at the Fellowship Hall of Central Baptist Church from 2 to 4 pm. Everyone is invited to at-

tend and participate. **RL VFD Auxiliary** 

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 7 pm at City Hall. Anyone is welcome at this meeting. For more information, please call Lorrie Martin, 453-4500.

#### Bronte All-Sports Boosters

The Bronte All-Sports Boosters will sponsor Parent night this Friday night at the ballgame. All parents of the Longhorn football team need to meet at the field at 6:45.

#### "Surprise Birthday Party"

A surprise birthday party was held for Norman R. "Wink" Kiker of Bronte on Friday, Oct. 23, at the Senior Citizen Center. Over 65 friends and relatives attended the gala affair where a lot of remembering of old times occurred. Wink celebrated his 80th birthday among the attendees. The event was organized by Kreta (Kiker) Lee of Waco, Kathy (Kiker) Allen of Liberty, Utah, and LaJan (Kiker) Walter of Carmel, Indiana. The special occasion went smoothly with the help of Effie Corley, Mary Percifull, Juanita Bradley, Lois Wallace, and Geneva Minnick.

The cakes were decorated with yellow and white icing with "Happy 80th Birthday" on one and an armchair quarterback scene on the other. As everyone knows, that is Wink's favorite past time, so he got a chuckle out of that. Punch and candies were also served.

Honored attendees included relatives, Irene Phillips of the Bronte Nursing Home; Hazel and Wayman Percifull, Pete and Mary Percifull; Lillian, Carroll, and Alonzo Robbins; and Winston Modgling all of Bronte and Bob and Marge Modgling of San Angelo.

#### Correction

The Observer/Enterprise is sorry for the ommision of Malinda Reyes name in the Reyes-Baker wedding story last week.

"Nothing makes a person more productive than the last minute." Unknown

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### - Obituaries -

#### Richards

Bronte - Lora Mae Richards, 90, died Friday, Oct. 23, 1992, in a San Angelo Hospital.

Service was held at 2pm Monday at the First Baptist Church with burial in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. She was born May 10, 1902, in Fort Chadbourne. She was a nurse and a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma Lofton of Snyder, and Roma Jean Forman of Abilene; a brother, Lum Lasswell of Bronte; two sisters, Elsie Fancher of Bronte and Myrtle Lasswell of Robert Lee; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

#### <u>Jim Lammers - Craftsman</u>



Norman Kiker

### WCCCD to host barbecue

Plans are all but complete for the Hunters Appreciation BBQ on Saturday evening, Nov. 7, opening day of hunting season. West Coke County Community Development group will again sponsor the annual event.

Serving for the BBQ will begin at 6 pm and continue until 9, or after if necessary, in the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. It has grown to gigantic proportions in just three years. The group fed an unbelievable total of over 800 people last year. It is a family affair; many wives and children join the hunters.

Barbecued beef and sausage, with all the trimmings, including dessert, will be served. The big feed spills over into the park and livestock barn to accomodate the huge crowd. The hunters are appreciative of the event and say so; everyone has a good

time, with lots of visiting and swapping stories.

The giant BBQ is supported by local businesses, individuals, and those who lease to hunters. Their donations make the event possible. Hunters attend at no cost to them although each must have a ticket. They obtain tickets for the BBQ from their lease managers or local participating businesses.

Volunteers and WCCCD members do the work preparations, cooking, serving, cleaning up, whatever is required to make the event succeed. More are always needed. If you can help in any way or you need to donate and acquire tickets for your hunters, please call Bob Wrinkle, 453-2414 at Ace Hardware in Robert Lee. Be a part of this community undertaking.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective Monday, November 2, 1992, I have sold my law practice to Chris Wyatt, Attorney at Law, of Robert Lee, Texas. Chris will be in the office effective Monday, November 2, 1992 at 8 o'clock am. I will continue to be working in the county, finalizing matters that I am handling, until my departure from the county on January 1, 1993, at which time I will commence work as Assistant General Counsel, Texas A&M University System, College Station, Texas. I will be working in and about the office until that time but, all new matters will be handled by Chris Wyatt.

For the convenience of my clients, all of the old Bob Owens files I acquired in 1980, as well as all files that I have compiled over my 12 years of practice will remain in Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas. These files will not be removed from the county so that my clients will be able to have access to them as has been the practice over the years and, at the client's election, utilize the services of Chris Wyatt to commence any future new matters. I urge each of you to give Mr. Chris Wyatt the opportunity to be of service to you and to continue the handling of your legal matters here in Coke County, as you have so graciously done in the past.

Mountain Creek Golf Club hosted the annual ABC Turkey Shoot on October 17th.

Big winners with a 60 for the #1 spot were: Trey Shaddox, Mike Decker, Harry Hubbard and Royce Rodgers. Second, with 61 were: Don Hodge, Jody Tavarez, Rick Watkins and Charles Couch. In 3rd place also at 61, were: Ray Roe, David Bautista, Terry Kelly and David Hodnett.

Longest Drive for the tourney went to Jody Tavarez. Closest to the pin was David Bautista.

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Pol. Adv. Pd. for By Marshall Millican, Box 358, Robert Lee, TX

I may be contacted through my office for the next two months for all matters.

> Repectfully, Bill J. Helwig Attorney at Law

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### Northcutt prepares for RLSB art show

Charlotte McCabe Northcutt is coming home. Never mind that this has not been her place of residence for many years. Never mind that she has become an accomplished , well-known artist and has moved in cultural circles pretty far removed from us. She says it always feels like home when she returns. And why not? She was raised on the Divide southwest of Robert Lee where her ancestors ranched. Her parents, Wayne and Sitter McCabe are still engaged in ranching and reside in Robert Lee. Both Charlotte's grandparents, Frank and Fern Chumley Mc-Cabe, and great-grandparents, John Q. and Sally King McCabe ranched on the Divide to begin the strong tradition. She ventured she and her family might return to the Divide someday.

Charlotte has been in Robert Lee this week preparing for a showing on Monday, Nov. 2, of her art work at the Robert Lee State Bank. She will be on hand most of the day and indicated she would probably leave the work on display for a few days.

According to the artist, her main thrust is oil painting on linen, although she has not limited her efforts to oil. She has also done pen and inks, pastels, and some watercolors. Admittedly, her work startles some due to the strong, bold colors of her paintings. Most are quite large and make strong statements. Her subject matter varies and although she has done many Southwest themes and expressive western art, she doesn't draw the line on anything that catches her interest.

Unlike some artists, Charlotte did not begin painting at an early age. Though she was exposed to cultural arts at home (she took voice and music for many years), it was not until after first attending Silver Peak School and graduating from Colorado City High School that she became interested in painting. After studying basics at McMurry College in Abilene, she attended school in Chihauhau, Mexico under the auspices of the University of Oklahoma. She began painting seriously in the early 70's and only in the last ten years has she turned her attention professionally to galleries and exhibitions. Charlotte's work has been exhibited in a great number of places in New Mexico and Texas, including galleries, museums, universities, institutions, and also been in several publications.



Charlotte Northcutt begins a painting of Robert Lee State Bank's new facade while in town preparing for her Art Show on Monday, Nov. 2, at the bank.

working on the business end of her chosen profession.

**Charlotte and Bob Northcutt** have one son, David, and two grandchildren, Celia and Randy, who are obviously the apple of her eye. Celia, at 9, loves to pose for her and can strike a pose at will and hold it.

A warm, vivacious individual, she seems excited about the Art Show on Monday. She related that she was pleased and touched by the response to her work when she held a showing here a few years ago. Gratified by the sophisticated comments and interest in her work at that showing, she recalled that it was then she learned that anyone, regardless of exposure to art, is able to make judgements and know what they like. She believes any art showing has something for everyone that can strike a chord in each individual.

The artist's natural instinct prevailed Monday when she got out the tools of her trade and began a painting of the new bank building. She continued to work even as a cool front blew through late in the afternoon. Maybe the dust out of the north made her feel more at home too.





Unable to leave her ranching roots, Charlotte is married to Bob Northcutt, manager of the sprawling Renderbrook-Spade Ranch which lays southwest of Coke County. They live in the geographic center of the ranch where she has a studio nearby. She also maintains a studio in Taos, New Mexico and spends quite a bit of time there painting and



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### **ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS**

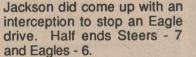
### Win moves Steers closer to playoffs

by Bill Burns The Steers moved a big step closer to the playoffs last week when they defeated the Sterling City Eagles. The Steers had a slow start, but a very strong finish. Roscoe will be the next game, and the Steers need to win that game to make the playoffs look better, and to win District out right.

The team, both offensive and defensive, is playing very aggressive, and must continue to do so to continue its success.

1st Quarter - The Eagles received the kick at the 12 yard line and returned to their own 25. The Steers held tough and the Eagles had to punt, but the Steers fumbled on their first offensive play. The Eagles made a first at the Steer 17 yard line and another at the Steer 7. The Steers held the Eagles for 4 downs and took over at the Steer 10 vard line. The Steers got a first down at the Eagle 27 when Danny Jackson broke loose on a 63 yard scamper. The Eagle shut down the Steers and took over on downs. The Eagles then scored on a 78 yard pass play. The quarter ended, Steers - 0 and Eagles - 6.

2nd Quarter - The Steers put together a good drive with 4 first downs and Lee Mc-Cown going over from the one yard line for a Steer TD. Scot Millican was good on the extra point. There was no more scoring in the half, but



<u>3rd Quarter</u> - The Steers received the kick at their own 15 and had a return to their own 25 yard line. The Steers made a first at their own 49 and another at the Eagle 40. The Eagles got tough and the Steers had to punt. The Eagles made first downs at their own 35 and 46 and at the Steer 34, 25, and 14 yard lines and the quarter came to an end.

<u>4th Quarter</u> - The Eagles fumbled when Judd Pitcock

#### Fall Festival 1992 Sponsored by Robert

Lee Student Council The 1992 Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 31 in the Old gym, 5:30 to 8:30. Booths will include: Grade 12: Ring Toss Grade 11: Cake Walk Grade 10: Football throw Grade 9: Fishing Booth Grade 8: Bozo Game Grade 7: Dart Throw Grade 6: Candyland Grade 5: Cake, Popcorn, **Fried Pies** Grade 4: Putt-Putt Golf Grade 4: Spin-A-Prize Grade 3: Face Painting Grade 2: Dice Roll & Duck Pond Grade 1: T-Shirts Grade K: Pie Walk

and Dean Burns put a jarring tackle on the runner and John Williams came up with the fumble for the Steers. The Steers made first downs at their own 44, and the Eagles 40, 31, 15 and one yard lines. On the next play there were off setting penalties that put the ball on the <u>Eagle 3 yard</u> line???? Hmmm. Jackson carried it in on the next play for the 3 yard TD run. Millican was then good on the extra point kick.

The Eagles received the kick but on their first play Jackson intercepted a pass for the Steers. The Steers made two first downs and Jackson scored a seven yard run. The extra failed and the game ended Steers - 20 and Eagles - 6.

#### **Fall Festival**

First grade will be selling Tshirts in their booth Saturday, October 31, 5:30-8:30. Each child can color their own picture and then these pictures will be transferred to the Tshirts. Special Fabric crayons are used to do these T-shirts.

T-shirts will be available at the Fall Festival for a fee in the 1st grade booth. These make great Christmas gifts.

"Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't." Erica Jong

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# by Wendy McPeek Casey Antilley

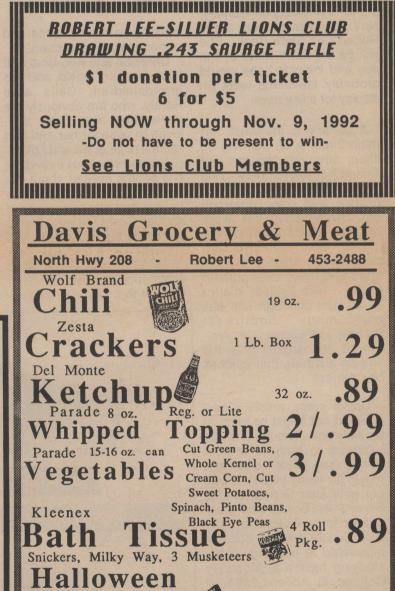
The Robert Lee FFA participated at the District Leadership contest held at Wall, Tx., on Monday, Oct. 26th. All of the schools from the Concho District gathered together for this competition. The results of the contest are as follows:

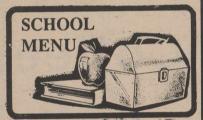
FFA Quiz-4th place **Eva Torres** T. J. Roe Jesse Arrelano Farm Radio-5th place William Aldridge Jennifer Goodman **Elaine Gibbs** FFA Creed Speaking-4th place Josie Salazar Extemporaneous Public Speaking-2nd place Jennifer Goodman Jr. Chapter Conducting-2nd place Aaron Hood Jeremy Burns **Eric Torres** 

Casey Antilley Krystal Carver Eric Hood David Millican <u>Sr. Chapter Conducting-1st</u> <u>place</u> Rachel Pentecost John Fluhmann Debra Drennan Dane Smith Wendy McPeek Anthony Wink Brent Jameson Blake Payne The teams placing first and

second will go on to the Area competition to be held in Big Spring, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Congratulations to all of these teams.







RL Lunch Menu Monday, Nov. 2th Chick-Fil-A Sandwich Hashbrowns w/catsup Corn Pickle Slices Gingerbread Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 3th



Corn dogs w/mustard Tator Tots w/catsup Pork & Beans Fruit Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 4th Spaghetti w/meat sauce &cheese Lettuce/Tomato Salad Blackeye Peas Hot Rolls - Butter Strawberries w/topping Milk Thursday, Nov. 5th Pizza

Green Salad Corn Brownie Milk

Friday, Nov. 6th Barbecue Chicken Potato Salad Ranch Beans Hot Rolls - Butter Fruit Milk

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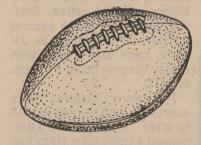
## ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL



### Friday, Oct. 30 7:30 P.M. HERE ROBERT LEE STEERS VS. Roscoe Plowboys

**Dick's Firewood** 453-2151 **Skinner's Grocery & Station Askins Propane Company** Charlie, Raynelle, Foy, & Estelle W.E.B. Construction Edwin, Wyndell, & Family Ernest Clendennen, Inc. Oilfield Services - Silver,TX County Judge & Mrs. Royce Lee **Ivey Motor Company Key Feed Store** The Flower Sak Rhonda Hood & Judy Blair PCR Feed Lot Waldon & Judy Millican MERLE NORMAN Come in for your free fashion makeover. C&W One Stop #14 Shaffer Monument Company

1992	RLHS FOOLDall	Schedule
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Sept. 4	Miles	There
Sept. 11	Water Valley	Here
Sept. 17	Snyder JV	Here
Sept. 25	Garden City	Here
Oct. 2	Irion Co.	There
*Oct 9	Bronte	Here
**Oct. 16	Forsan	Here
*Oct. 23	Sterling City	There
*Oct. 30	Roscoe	Here
*Nov. 6	Roby	There
*District C	Games	
**Homeo	oming	



**J&B Lumber & Hardware** West Coke County **Community Development Bell Auto Parts** Jim & Beverly Bell **Coke County Pharmacy** Steve & Wanda Oleksiuk **Coke County Feed & Supply** Danny & Debbie Carper **T-Mart Foods** Melvin & Martha Terral **Butane Sales Company** Doug & Grace Ditmore **Bob Wrinkle's Ace Hardware** 416 Commerce - Robert Lee **Davis Grocery & Gas** Highway 208 - Robert Lee Adam's Land & Realty

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Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club The Best Connection The Wayland Drennan's Observer/Enterprise



### **BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS**

### Longhorns fall to strong Roscoe team

The Bronte Longhorns played a strong Roscoe team last Friday night in District 9 -1A football. The Roscoe Plowboys remain undefeated after defeating the Lonahorns, 34-0.

The Longhorn team record stands at 4-4 overall and 1-2 in district as Bronte approaches their Homecoming game this Friday night. They will play the Roby Lions whose record is 5-5 overall and 1-2 in district.



**Bronte Breakfast** Menu Monday, Nov. 2nd Cereal **Orange** Juice Toast Milk Tuesday, Nov. 3rd Scrambled Eggs Peaches Toasts Milk Wednesday, Nov. 4th Pancake & Sausage on a stick Apple Juice Milk Thursday, Nov. 5th Peanut Butter & Jelly Pears **Graham Crackers** Milk Friday, Nov. 6th Cereal Fruit Cup Toast Milk **Bronte Lunch Menu** Monday, Nov. 2nd Pizza **Tossed Salad** Mexacanna Com Milk **Banana** Pudding Tuesday, Nov. 3rd Hot Dogs Chili & Cheese **French Fries Ranch Style Beans** Bun Milk Orange Wednesday, Nov. 4th **Chicken Nuggets** w/gravy **Creamed Potatoes Green Beans** Rolls Milk **Plum Cobbler** Thursday, Nov. 5th Spaghetti w/meat sauce **Tossed Salad Buttered Corn Bread Sticks** Milk Jello w/mixed fruit Friday, Nov. 6th Submarine Sandwich w/cheese Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Pork & Beans Bun Chips Milk **Brownies** 

the opening kick-off. Then behind the blocking of James Hambright, David Cason, Randy Bilbrey, Edwin Thomas

#### **JV** Football

The Junior Varsity won over the Sterling City Junior Varsity 20 to 8.

The scoring done in the first quarter with Aaron Hood passing to Eric Hood. Harley Wagner ran the extras. Sterling City tied it in the second quarter. The Robert Lee JV came back and scored with Harley Wagner going 21 yards for a TD.

The third quarter was scoreless and in the fourth quarter, Harley Wagner passed 4 yards for a TD to Eric Hood.

> **Dogies Lose** 32 to 6

The Dogies had a hard night as the Sterling City junior high team overpowered them. One bright spot was the only score the Dogies made. A 57 yard pass and run by Bobby Longoria from a pass thrown by Gilbert Torres.

#### **Bronte Band**

On the 24th of October the Bronte Longhorn Marching band traveled to the Shotwell Stadium in Abilene, Tx., for the UIL marching band competition. The band performed a very strong halftime show for a very excited Abilene audience and a panel of three marching band judges. The Longhorn band scored an excellent rating of TWO. This is a giant step from the bands performance in 1991.

Mr. Tomes expressed his appreciation to all the band students for the large amount of hours and hard work they put into this years show and also to the band boosters for their outstanding support. The Bronte high school band has a lot of great experience to look forward to in their future endeavors.

**CBC** Hayride & Halloween Party Members and guests of the

The Longhorns received and Devlin Pierce, they moved the ball quickly to Roscoe 12 yard line. At this point Brent Taylor scored on a quarterback keeper, but a penalty wiped the score off the board. The Horns failed to overcome the penalty and the stage was set for the rest of the game. The Plowboys had 350 yards rushing, 27 first downs and 34 points on the scoreboard. While the Longhorns compiled 250 yards rushing, 17 first downs, but no points.

The Longhorns were led by Gary Bilbrey who rushed for 132 yards on 25 carries and Brent Taylor who carried for 70 yards on 10 carries.

Come support the Longhorns as they bounce back this Friday night for a Homecoming victory over the Roby Lions.

**Football Sweetheart** 

Leslie Markwood will be

crowned.

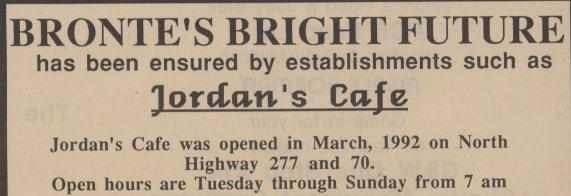


Band Sweetheart Amy Bailey and Band Beau Casey Thorn will be crowned at half-time at the Homecoming exercises at the Football game in Bronte - Friday night.



The three pictured (I-r) Jennifer Johnson, Misty Mackey and Jamie Morrow are duchesses. One of the girls will be crowned Homecoming Queen at the half-time activities also.





until 9 pm. The cafe features hamburgers, chicken fried steak, steak fingers, salad bar, and Senior Citizens Menu. Breakfast is served any time of day the customer desires. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jordan state, "It is a pleasure to serve a community like Bronte." Phone: (915) 473-2155 We encourage citizens of Bronte to patronize OUR local merchants. FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN BRONTE Committed to Bronte's future. See us for your banking needs. Hours Equal Housing Lender. Personal, Monday - Friday Home, Student, and Automobile Loans. Lobby 9-3 Drive Thru 8-3 **Member FDIC** 

middlers Sunday School class of Central Baptist Church of Bronte enjoyed a hayride and Halloween Party at the home of Carl and Pauline Blair on Monday night, Oct. 26. A campfire cook out of hot dogs and s'mores was enjoyed by all. Table decor was a large Jack-O-Lantern centering the table. There were twenty-two attendees. **Bronte Freshman** to hold Auction The Freshman class of Bronte High School is holding a slave auction, Saturday, November 7, 1992, at the Halloween Carnival from 6:00 till 6:30 or until auction close. Each Freshman student will work with the highest bid. At 7:00 the Freshman Spook House will be opened.

### Homecoming '92

Friday, Oct. 30 7:30 P.M. HERE BRONTE LONGHORNS VS. Roby Lions

BHS

**Askins Propane Company** Charlie & Raynelle, Foy & Estelle **County Judge &** Mrs. Royce Lee **Key Feed Store Adams Land & Realty Shaffer Monument Company Bob Wrinkle's Ace Hardware** 416 Commerce - Robert Lee Ivey Motor Company **Butane Sales Company** Doug & Grace Ditmore **Bell Auto Parts** Jim & Beverly Bell **First National Bank Member FDIC** Margaret's Flowers & Gifts Eddie & Earlene Alexander **Town & Country** Food Store #114 **Glenn-Bivins** Insurance Tuny, Mary, Garry, Marilyn & Shalon **B & B ENTERPRISES** Marty Boyd &

#### **1992 BHS Football Schedule** SITE DATE OPPONENT Sept. 4 **Cross Plains** Here Sept. 11 Miles Here Sept. 18 Water Valley There Sept. 25 **Irion County** Here Oct. 2 Menard There **Robert** Lee \*Oct 9 There \*Oct. 16 Sterling City Here \*Oct. 23 Roscoe There \*\*Oct. 30 Here Roby \*Nov. 6 There Forsan \*District Games

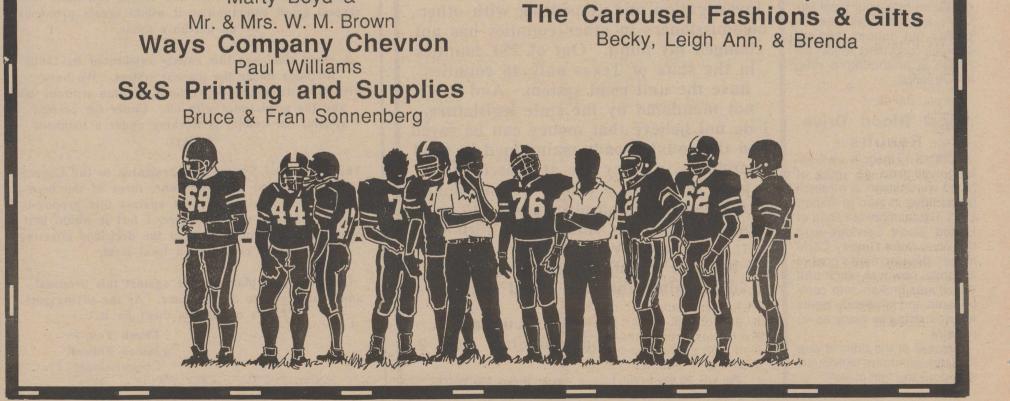


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Cumbie & Arrott Mercantile Bronte Lions Club Hometown Hardware Feed & Supply Turner's Mini Mart Billy Joe & Diane Luckett Observer/Enterprise



### Epperson, Sipe exchange wedding vows

Nikki Epperson and John Sipe exchanged wedding vows Saturday, October 24, 1992, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Nikki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Epperson and her father, pastor of the church, conducted the wedding ceremony.

As the groom and his best man and brother, Luke Sipe, entered the sanctuary, John lit a candle in memory of his father John Sipe, Sr. who departed this earth in October, 1991. Mrs. Ada Sipe, Chandler, Arizona, is mother of the groom.

Nikki sang "Love Will Be Our Home" after the mothers were escorted into the sanctuary. She had prepared this melody on cassette tape. Other music was "I Will Be There" sung by Daryl Copeland and Stacy Oleksiuk sang the song, "Masterpiece." Piano music was presented by Pat

#### **Red Ribbon Week**

Sponsored by the National Federation of Parents, the Red Ribbon Campaign is a project that links via red ribbons millions of Americans who are convinced that the war on drugs is winnable. It is a grassroots effort which is helping to change attitudes about drugs.

The Red Ribbon Campaign originated when Federal Agent Enrique Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. The Red Ribbon became the national symbol to reduce the demand for drugs, just as the yellow ribbon symbolized the hostages in Iran and the POW's in North Vietnam.

During Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 24th through Nov. 3rd, communities will participate in activities designed to promote a drug free America. By wearing a red ribbon, individuals can create positive peer pressure about drug-free choices. It is the rallying point for millions of children and adults who share the commitment to live healthy lives unhampered by substance abuse.

As a drug-free company, McCoy's Building Supply Centers are proud to be part of the Red Ribbon Campaign. Beginning Oct. 26th while quantities last, your local Mc-Coy's will distribute free imprinted red ribbons and encourage customers to join the nation in promoting a drug free America. Stephens and organ music by Bonita Copeland.

The bride and her mother designed and created her wedding dress. The dress was made in a slender, princess style, floor length design of white shantung. Three tightly gathered ruffles formed the tiered sleeves and four similar, larger ruffles formed the fish tail, which was the focal point of the back of the dress. The fish tail extended beyond the dress into a chapel length train. Decorative white pearl trim accented the scooped neckline and above the fish tail. The bride's veil fell from a complimenting pearl headpiece which framed her face. Nikki designed her bridal bouquet which was made of long stemmed white magnolias and white forget me nots accented with mauve forget me nots. Nikki wore a heart necklace of her mothers for something old and bor-

#### Shorthorn Pride

The Shorthorn Pride Pep Club has velled and supported our Junior High Shorthorn Football team this year at every game. They have shown their Shorthorn "Spirit" at the pep rallies. Also, each member has a t-shirt that says "Go Shorthorns!" to help create pride at school as well as at the games. The "Shorthorn Pride" members are from the 6th and 7th and 8th grade classes. The junior high cheerleaders have worked hard this season along with the Pep Club to encourage school spirit and pride among the student body for the shorthorn team.

Sponsor for the junior high cheerleaders and the Shorthorn Pride Pep Club is Jerita Taylor. rowed. Something blue was included in the garters created by Mrs. Epperson. Something new was her wedding attire.

Kristi Wrinkle was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Melanie Epperson, sister of the bride, Laurey Epperson, cousin of the bride and Brooke Boone. The girls were attired in a Renaissance floral print of varying shades of mauve and teal. Their dresses were slender, floor length and had a pleated collar of the same fabric accented with a beaded pearl leaf applique. They carried mauve candles placed on a heart shaped base decorated with white and mauve bows.

The groom was attired in a formal white tuxedo, white accessories, and a mauve boutonniere.

Best man was Luke Sipe, Chandler, Az., brother of the groom. Groomsmen and ushers were Daniel B. Greir, Chandler, AZ., brother-in-law of the groom, Michael Trammel, Chandler, Az., Stephen Epperson, brother of the bride, Robert Lee, and Stephen Starnes, Lubbock, Tx. The men were attired in silver tuxedos accented with teal ties, boutonnieres, and cumberbunds.

Lighting the candles were Danny Epperson, cousin of the bride and Anna Greir, niece of the groom. Sarah Greir and Kelsey Toomey, nieces of the groom, were flower girls. Ryan Toomey, nephew of the groom, was ringbearer. The girls wore dresses made of a different Renaissance floral print which coordinated with the bridesmaid's dresses. The boys were attired in teal knickers. All of the children's formal wear was created by the bride.



As a Coke County Commissioner I would like to state my opinion about the proposed unit road system for our county. After careful study and research I believe the present system is

research I believe the present system is the best for all of Coke County. Further investigation and consulting with other commissioners in other counties has not changed my mind. Out of 254 counties in the state of Texas only 46 counties have the unit road system. And it is not mandated by the state legislature. I do not believe that money can be saved and the county roads maintained in good condition, as they are at present time. I have served as a county commissioner for ten years and always tried to be conservative, fair, and honest with the taxpayers dollars. I ask you to vote November 3 and to vote against the Unit Road System.



Mrs. John Sipe

Following the wedding, a reception was given for the couple in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's and the groom's tables were attended by aunts of the bride, Gayle Feaster, Elgin, Tx., and Joyce Brackeen, Odessa, Tx. Also serving were cousins of the bride, Carolyn Epperson, Cibolo, Tx., Diane Epperson, Dallas, Tx., Susan Epperson, Dallas, Tx., and Amy Feaster, Dimmit, Tx., Registering the guests was Angelo Epperson, San Marcos, Tx.

The bride's cake was accented with a fountain surrounded with a ring of mauve and teal floral material and ivy, placed under the bottom layer. Among the columns separating the bottom and top layers was a bow of the same material and ivy. A Precious Moments Bridal couple on the top layer completed the cake. Along with the cake, pastel mints and mauve fruit punch were served. A wooden candelabra with mauve candles and the bride's bouquet created the centerpiece.

The groom's table was accented with his favorite dessert, "Dirt Cake," which was served from a mauve flower pot and served with a garden spade. Hors d'Oeuvres were also served from his table.

Nikki graduated from Robert Lee High School and attended Howard Payne University and Texas Tech. University. John received technological training in the US Air Force and now works for Southwest Airlines.

After a wedding trip to California, John and Nikki will be at home in Phoenix, Az.

Parents honored the couple with a rehearsal dinner on Friday night in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

#### Voters of Coke County

As your elected Commissioner, I feel it is time for me to take a stand on the Unit Road System. This is not something new. At every seminar; sessions on the pros and cons of this form of county government have been discussed.

Each county has its own individual problems and has to be handled accordingly. The Unit System seems to work best in a one town county. In a county such as ours with two towns, two lakes and

#### Local Blood Drive Results

A total of 17 people were interviewed and 15 units of blood were drawn at a recent blood drive in held in Robert Lee. This number fell short of United Blood Services and the West Coke County Community Development's goal of 25 units, however, each unit drawn was broken into components and is already on its way to helping as many as 45 patients.

Success of the drive is due to all the generous individuals who gave the "gift of life". Bill Luckett Commissioner Pct. 2

Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Bill Luckett, Box 21, Bronte, TX 76933

several small communities it would create problems we do not have today.

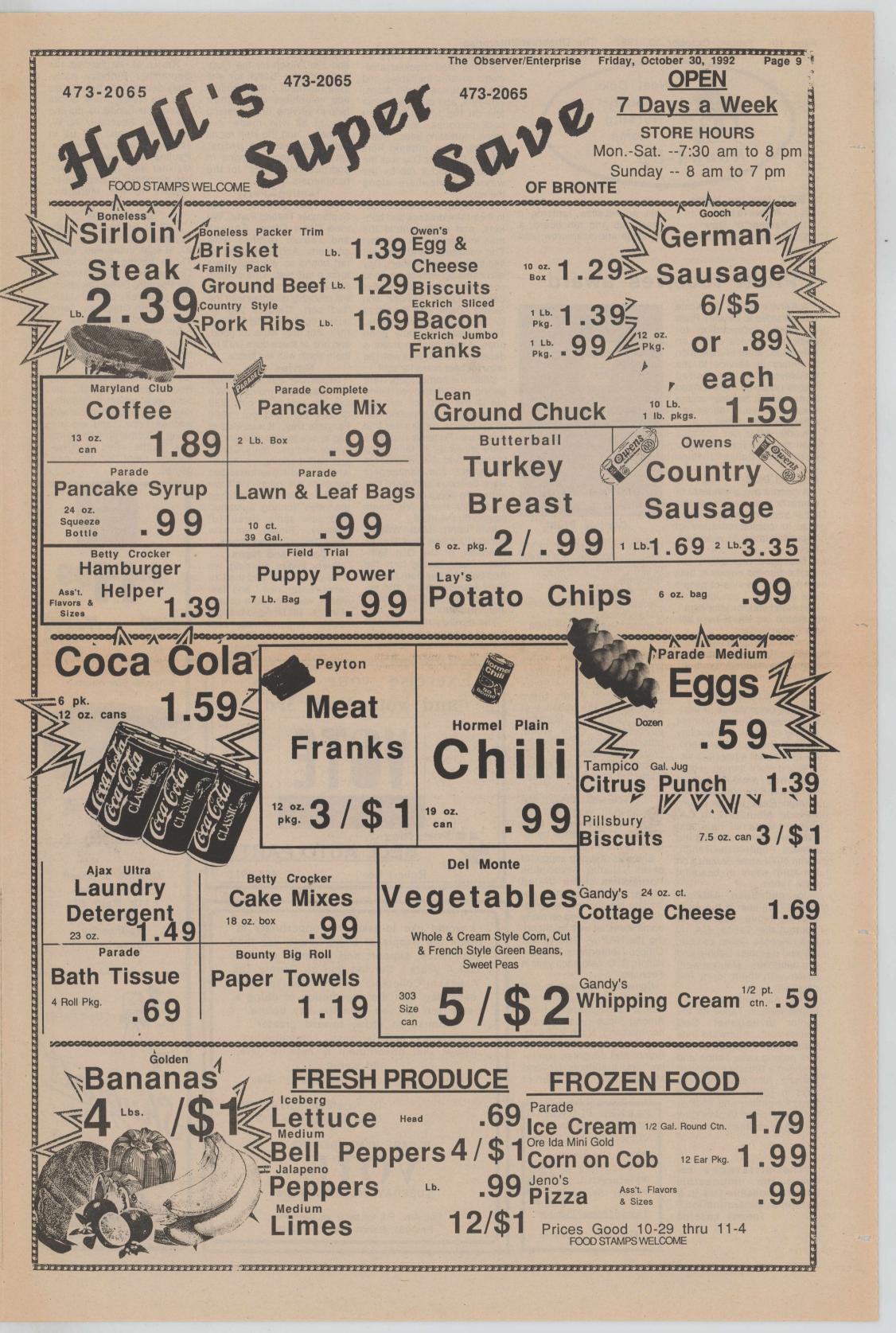
A short time ago this county celebrated its 100th Birthday under the present system. We have withstood droughts, depressions, a time without oil, and the good times with oil. Under the present system, our county is working under a balanced budget.

The Unit Road System was presented to the County Commissioners, at which time, three of the four County Commissioners voted against this proposal. As one of your commissioners, I feel it would best serve our community to keep the decisions affecting our county at a local level.

Once again, I plan to vote against this proposal, and I urge you to do the same. As the saying goes, "If it's not broke, don't fix it,"

> Thank You, James Tidwell Commissioner Prct. #4

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by James Tidwell, Rt. 1, Box 17, Bronte, TX





WCC Nursing Home Newsletter **Farmer's** Day The patio was decorated

with bales of hay, milk buckets, an old plow, lanterns, a wash tub and rub board, a windmill and scarecrow, and

### Pruitt receives award

A Service Award certificate was awarded to Dorthey Pruitt in grateful appreciation for dedicated service during an honorable career of more than 33 years of service to the Government of the United States given by "The United States Postal Service" on the occasion of your retirement, dated, Oct. 23, 1992.

A letter dated Oct. 23, 1992 from the General Manager Postmaster Dallas Division reads:

Dear Mrs. Pruitt,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present, with this letter a Service Award Certificate in commemoration of your more than 33 years service.

The good reputation the Postal Service enjoys is built on the loyal service of people like you, and I am happy to commend you for your contribution to our efforts for a better Postal Service.

I wish to extend my warm personal greetings and hope that you will accept the certifi-

#### Personal

Ms. Maurice Jones of Portland Oregon, Norma Allbright of Odessa, Noah and Dorthey Pruitt of Bronte met in Reno, NV recently for a few days visiting and sight seeing. Highlights visited were the Capitol at Carson City, Virginia City, Donner Pass in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in CA, Donner Memorial Park and Emigrant Monument and the famous Ponderosa Ranch, home of TV show Bonanza on the north shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe.

Joe and Brian Allbright joined them later in the week and the group was met at South Lake Tahoe, CA by Ruby Keesee Colins of Lodi, CA and daughter Debbie and two daughters. Maurice went home with them for a few davs' visit. The Allbrights and the Pruitts were in Tahoe for the Junior Invitational Golf Tournament. Afterward they toured and shopped all the way around Lake Tahoe and attended a Broadway show at Harrahs. After spending three days in Tahoe, returned to Reno for golfing and another trip to the famed Virginia City. NV before returning home.

**Dorthey Pruitt** 

cate as an expression of my deep appreciation for a career of commendable service. Sincerely,

#### W. H. Hathman

**General Manager/Postmaster Dallas Division** 

Coppell, Texas 75099-9998 The awards reception was

4-6 pm with dinner following at Zentner's Daughter's Steak House in Abilene, Saturday, Oct. 24. Directors of Fields Operation, Ft. Worth, Steve Moreland, in the absence of Ben Jasek, Manager/Postmaster of Ft. Worth, presided over the dinner and presented awards.

Mrs. Pruitt's Postal career started in Bronte and ended as Postmaster, Carlsbad, Tx., where she was detailed out working in Ft. Worth and San Angelo, on different Postal Teams and Operations by request of the division.

She was a strong supporter of the National Association Postmasters of the United States and will remain an Associate Member of that organization. She served on many committees as well as attending the NAPUS Mid-Winter Offices Conference inWash-

other reminders of days on the farm. Red checked tablecloths covered the tables, and Smith Brothers cough drops, Bon Ami, and other nostalgia tins on the tables brought back memories....and started some interesting tales. About the only thing missing from our last Farmer's Day was the outhouse, and it fell by the wayside somewhere along the way.

The ladies were decked out in their farm dresses and bonnets, and really outdid the men in dressing for the day. The volunteers and staff got into the mood of Farmer's Day and came up with some good costumes. After quite a bit of debate, Loma Preslar and Skinny Adams won the prizes for best dress for residents. There were so many good ones, it was hard to make a decision. Teresa Hall won the prize for best dress for staff.

While the hamburgers were grilling, we all enjoyed being out in the yard for our last summer fling, and visiting with all the friends and families that joined us. Forty-six residents were joined by 37 family and friends, and 23 volunteers and staff. The hamburgers were delicious and were disappearing about as fast as we could cook them! Ice cream topped off the meal.

Kyle Long, Matt Wilson, Michael Wilson and Dallas Johnson, of the Old Sundown Band, played from the Red Barn for our Barn Dance. They sounded great and everybody enjoyed the music and dancing.

The auxiliary made our last fling of summer a fun one with ice cream. All the help was

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**Robert Lee** 

appreciated...Robert Sanders and Jim Wilson for the hamburgers...the band for the entertainment....the families and volunteers for all their help in serving and cleaning up....to all who made our bonnets....and the staff for all their help with the props, serving getting everyone in and out, the "fixings" for the hamburgers.

September Tasting Party. We tried Chow Chow, Squash and Tomato relishes with crackers. And we wished for red beans so we could give them a true test. One of them was a tad warm....and Tommy will probably disagree with the "tad" part. Cleared your sinuses right out....didn't Tommy? But they were all good, and one of these days we'll try them again with red beans.

#### Movies Etc.

September was a fun month for videos and movies. We saw the videos of our 1989 County Fair and our 1990 Farmer's Day. It was kind of sad to see people who are no longer with us....Mary Cherry just kept popping up everywhere....and it was fun to see some of the goofy stuff we caught on film. We watched the video "touring Australia" and saw some beautiful scenery. Finally, we saw "True Grit" with John Wayne.

#### **Coffee and News**

Every Friday morning we have coffee and read the Observer/Enterprise, and last month, we also had a couple of treats. Bill McAdoo brought cookies one morning, and Joan Burns made Blueberry muffins another. Thanks!



Pauline Thompson, Naomi Meixner and Jettie Holmes had birthdays in September. Thanks to the Methodist Ladies for a nice party. **Coming Up** A. O. N. will host the birthday party on Tuesday, Oct.

27, at 6:30, in the Rec Room. Those having birthdays in October are: Pearl Ditmore, Bill Preston, Dollie Davidson, Roy Braswell, Lennie Jackson, Melvin Childress, Jerry Johnson and Ruth Wilkes.

Our annual Halloween carnival will be on Halloween night, Sat., Oct. 31, at 6:30. Most of the action will be in the Rec. Room and Dining Room. Back this year....the cake walk, wheel of fortune, ring toss, pumpkin pitch and witches brew....and we are trying to come up with some new booths. See you Halloween night for fun and games.





#### **Birthday Party** The U. M. W. hosted the September Birthday party.

They served root beer floats

to a big crowd, while Lucile

Bryan entertained us playing

the piano. Several U. M. W.

ladies sang and led us in

singing a variety of songs.

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination." **Tommy Lasorda**  ington, D. C. held each year in February.

Some 56 Postmasters and guests were present for the dinner and presentation. Among those present were her husband, Noah L. Pruitt, Jr., Postmaster-Retired of Bronte and daughter, son-inlaw, and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allbright & Brian of Odessa.

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confidence, support and patience over the last 4 years. Serving you as County Tax Assessor/Collector, I have tried to meet each day with the expectation of doing a better job for you than the day before. I promise to strive toward greater efficiency and fairness, remembering always that government is here to listen and serve. I solicit your vote on Election Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to

thank the people of Coke County for their

**Exercise** your rights

and vote Nov. 3rd.

Every One Matters

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D. Kristeen (Kristy) Roe Coke County Tax A/C

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Pol. Adv. Pd. for by D. Kristeen Roe, Box 951, Robert Lee, TX 76945

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### McGee gets transplant

[Editors Note

The accompanying article was submitted to the Observer/Enterprise by Juanice Miller. It concerns Lane McGee, a heart transplant patient. He and his family once lived at Silver where he attended school for four years. His mother and father, Lilly (Molly) and Poly McGee were employed by the school. Mrs. McGee now lives in Colorado City. Lane McGee's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamlin live in Robert Lee.]

#### Feeling Finer than a frog's hair

Lane McGee says its pretty dang irritating not to be able to whistle up the horses since someone stole his partial plate from his hospital room.

And he worked long and hard before he figured out how to rig up a milk crate on a rope so he could get in and out of his big one ton pickup.

And his new anti-rejection medicine costs a fortune and makes him so hyper he can't sit still.

But all in all, the rugged 56 year old Comyn cowboy with the new heart says he's doing "finer than a frog's hair."

Lane and Carol McGee remember a wonderful evening on June 5, 1991 when Dr. Marilyn Brister delivered their new grandbaby. Less than 24 hours later, Lane had suffered a massive heart attack and he was seeing Dr. Brister again, this time in a DeLeon emergency room.

"After that night I tried to adjust my lifestyle to fit the condition of my heart but it didn't work," he said. They didn't ever figure out why I had the heart attack -- my blood pressure was okay, my cholesterol was okay and they told me that smoking 2 1/2 packs of cigarrettes a day probably didn't cause it.

For the next few months, McGee says he "kept going over to the hospital and dying but then my heart would start up again." His condition continued to deteriorate until his heart was functioning at only 10 percent of its capability.

Dr. Brister suggested to McGee that he might be a candidate for a heart transplant and made arrangements to have transferred to Baylor Hospital in Dallas for evaluation.

"If you're not 100% every other way, they won't let you have a heart," he said.

he said. "I can't imagine being 19 years old and wanting to kill myself."

McGee stayed in intensive care a few days before being moved to a private room where he stayed two weeks. He and Carol remained in the Dallas area for two months so he could go to the hospital each day.

Friends in Dublin were concerned about Lane's dog. The duo were inseparable and Boliver had become despondent since Lane had been away. So family members loaded the dog into the car and took him to Baylor where the dog and man were able to see each other through a window. Both fared better afterwards.

"I had to get out of the hospital and come home," he said. "They just wouldn't let me sleep. They'd wake you up at 4:30 every morning with a needle. That's a terrible way to wake up."

The anti-rejection drugs, which cost \$240 a week, make McGee "nervous as a cat. I've always been hyper but not like this," he said, demonstrating his shaky hands.

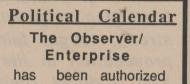
"But I'm not griping," he said. "I'm just glad to be here."

"This whole thing has been a lot harder on Carol than it has been on me," Lane said. She has slept standing on her head in a corner on the concrete or in the waiting room. And then someone came in the room and stole her money and my partial plate. Why the hell they wanted it I don't know. But I can't whistle up the horses until I can get a new one."

"McGee's symptoms were not classic. His chest and arm didn't hurt but the pain in the center of his back was like a charley horse.

Because symptoms can be so different, McGee says stress tests would be a good idea for anyone who is a heart attack candidate, particularly men from 38 to 50 years of

age. "I wasn't a likely candidate ate well, my cholesterol and blood pressure were okay. I was smoking two and half



packs a day but they say it wasn't a factor. It nearly broke the doctor's mouth to tell me that because he sure hates

cigarettes." scared of dying the way I did in the emergency room," Lane

said. "You're just here and "You don't need to be then you're not. A fellow ought to study about living -now that's harder."

### IS A COUNTY UNIT ROAD SYSTEM WHAT WE REALLY WANT IN COKE COUNTY?

Several months ago, a petition was circulated in Coke County calling for a referendum to be placed on the ballot in the November general election to allow the voters to express their opinion on unitizing our road system in the county. In order to make an informed decision, a plan needs to be presented to the voters explaining what the system is and how it will work. To date no information has been forthcoming.

While the results of this proposal is not binding on the Commissioners Court, there are a number of questions that should be answered.

1. Will a county unit road system really save money? If so, how much? A new county yard would have to be built at considerable expense. What disposition would be made of the present yards and equipment?

2. What type of person would be hired to serve as Road Supervisor? What would the salary be, and who would he be responsible to?

3. What type of services could we expect under this system for our towns and communities such as Robert Lee, Bronte, Tennyson, Blackwell, Silver, Oak Creek Lake, and Lake Spence?

4. In the event of extreme weather or disaster in some part of the county, how readily available would equipment be? How efficiently can it be shifted from one part of the county to the other?

5. County Commissioners are elected by the people and are responsible to the people. They are still in charge of the business affairs of the County. They know the people in their precinct. Why do we need a person to assume a part of their responsibility, yet be responsible to no one?

Citizens of Coke County have many things to be extremely proud of. Our paved streets and roads, county parks and golf courses, community buildings, volunteer fire department and ambulance service, excellent nursing homes, great schools, fine small businesses, outstanding recreational facilities at our lakes have all been made possible in large part through local taxes and services provided by our county government.

When compared to other counties of comparable size, our improvements and services are exceptional. Our The county unit road system taxes are reasonable. may benefit a few counties where there is only one town in the county, or a large city whose needs are

The preparatory tests were the worst part of it, McGee recalls. The tests went on for 24 hours a day for four days and "they would have done a stout cat in and I wasn't very stout."

The average wait (for a heart transplant) is five months," McGee said. "But I had one on nine days. Everything happened real fast."

"It's pretty traumatic but some people who have already had transplants come by and talk to you," he said. "They are real positive and besides that, they are walking around alive. That convinced me

After the 12 hour surgery on Aug. 9, McGee had the heart of a 19 year old man who had shot himself in the head.

"I'm proud I've got it but I'm not proud of the way I got it,"

to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke. County. Each candidate or a campaign representative has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, and printing is cash in advance.

17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE **Charles Stenholm** 

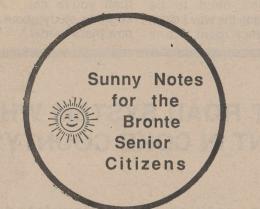
COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER **PRECINCT 1** Paul Burns

much different than ours. But, in Coke County, we may be forcing something on ourselves that is not in our best interest.

### WILL THE COUNTY UNIT ROAD SYSTEM SAVE ANY MONEY WITHOUT **REDUCING SERVICES?**

### WE THINK NOT! VOTE AGAINST **ADOPTING THE OPTIONAL COUNTY ROAD** SYSTEM IN COKE COUNTY!

Pol. Adv. pd. by Concerned Citizens of Coke County, PO Box 252, Bronte, TX 76933.



Flu Shots Available Dr. Mendoza will be here beginning at 12:00 noon, Friday, Oct 30th, to administer the flu shots that you have been asking about. The cost of the shots will be \$7.00. Dr. Mendoza will be at the Bronte Senior Center.

#### Commodities

Thursday, November 5th is our next scheduled day for commodities. The doors open at 8:00 am. Ballinger Home Health will be here to take your blood pressure at no cost from 8 to 9 am.

Get into the Holiday Spirit

Patty Bell has been asked to come lead a workshop on T-shirt or Sweatshirt decorations. She will be with us on Thursday, November 12th

#### San Angelo G&H Society

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, 1992, at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 901 North Main.

The program will be Fort Concho's Unknown Soldiers by speaker Bob Bluthardt.

The Beginners Genealogical class, taught by Billye Scattergood, will meet at 6:30 pm, at the church.

Visitors are always welcome.

#### Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sonnenburg and Lynn of Bronte were in Lubbock last weekend where they visited their son and brother. Lee Sonnenburg is a student at Texas Tech.

It was Family Weekend at the University. The Sonnen-burg family attended the Tech-SMU football game on Saturday and the services at Highland Baptist Church on Sunday. The church honored their Tech student members and their families.

#### Personal

beginning at 10:00 am. You must supply your T-shirt or sweatshirt and we will provide the supplies. Depending on what supplies you use the cost will be somewhere from \$2.00 to \$5.00. If you have any questions call the Bronte Senior Center for more information. Bring a covered dish and stay for lunch.

**Attention Quilters** Due to the Thanksgiving holidays you will meet a week early this month. You will meet on Thursday, November 12th also. We will have quilters and shirt decorators at the same time. Come join us. The quilt that we will be working on in November is for a fund raiser for the senior center. Watch for the quilt around town during the next month.

#### Meals for the Week

Monday, Nov. 2th **Beef Stew Brussel Sprouts** Pineapple **Cottage Cheese** Crackers Tapioca Wednesday, Nov. 4th Burrito w/Chili **Pinto Beans** Cabbage & Carrot Slaw Jalapenos Pear Half w/Gelatin **Peanut Butter Cookies** Friday, Nov. 6th Country Fried Steak Corn on Cob **Mixed Vegetables** 

**Cherry Applesauce** 

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Hot Roll

on the ballot November 3rd.

a year, plus fuel, tires and etc.

Superintendent to oversee our roads.

### Harmons celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harmon of Robert Lee recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15, 1992. The couple, both of whom come from pioneer Coke County families, were married in 1942. Alfred, one of eleven children born to Thomas and Amanda (Sparks) Harmon, was raised on the family stock farm near Edith. Ethel, one of nine children born to Alvin and Annie (McCabe) Counts, grew up on the Divide between Robert Lee and Water Valley.

The Harmons were married shortly after the outbreak of World War II, and spent those first few years living wherever the US Air Force stationed AIfred. After residing in West Texas for several years they moved near Houston, living there until early 1982 when they moved back to Coke County.

The anniversary couple managed to get out and cut a rug to celebrate the occasion. Their niece, Betsy Barton of Kerrville, along with her three daughters, treated A. B. and Ethel to dinner at Casa Blanca in San Angelo.

The Harmons then travelled down towards Houston, where long time friends and neighbors Gail and Arlene Barnett, of Crosby, took them out on the town for an evening of dining and danc-

A few nights later they were the guests of honor at a fish fry at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Nick and Barbara Harmon of LaMarque. Guests there included Barbara's sister Carol Pereira and her three children, who reside in Singapore, another sister Trudy, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, the Barnetts, their two daughters, one son, and their respective families, as well as



#### Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harmon.

several other friends of the family. Mrs. Pereira surprised the anniversary couple with sugee cake that she had brought all the way from Singapore. Sugee Cakes are traditionally served in Singapore on special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, etc.

Alfred and Ethel celebrated the actual night of their anniversary with their son and daughter-in-law at a Red Lobster near Galveston. The evening included an anniversary cake delivered to the table by restaurant staff singing "Happy Anniversary" for the couple.

The Harmon's received many nice gifts and visits from numerous friends and relatives and were very appreciative of all the attention shown them on their Golden Anniversary.



#### Crime in our communities affects us all and most profoundly the victims of crime. I promise to provide strong, tough, fair prosecution in the



Mr. and Mrs. Garry Bivins, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bivins of Bronte were accompanied by Melissa Bivins, student at Angelo State University to College Station last weekend. While there they visited with Christi Bivins, who attends A&M University.

They all attended the A&M -Baylor Football game on Saturday afternoon.

#### Personal

Norman Kiker of Bronte accompanied his children. Kreta Lee, LaJan Walters, and Kathy Allen to Waco early Saturday morning to the home of Ronnie and Kreta Lee:

On Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Ronnie, Amber, Heather and Robin Lee of Waco, they all attended the A&M - Baylor University football game in College Station.

It will cost taxpavers approximately \$46,700.00 for the first year and around \$26,700.00 thereafter a year, plus fuel, tires, and etc. This is for the Road Superintendent and coverage on him and equipment. Extra tax dollars.

TO THE TAXPAYERS

**OF COKE COUNTY** 

I am sure every one is aware of the unit road system which will be

He will probably receive around \$24,000.00 a year. Insurance on

this person will probably be around \$1,800.00 a year, a new car,

radio equipped, another \$20,000.00, Insurance on a car \$900.00

If this unit road system is passed, the county will hire a Road

We have a town and lake on each side of the County to take care of. We need to keep our county equipment in these areas and not have it all together.

We have school bus routes and mail routes that need to be taken care of in each precinct.

Let's keep our county in 4 precincts and let our commissioners oversee their precincts and have a voice over their precincts. Our Commissioners have worked hard to maintain these roads.

We have some pretty good roads.

If we go unit system some of our county roads may not be graded twice a year. If we let these roads run down from lack of attention, it will cost more to get them back in shape.

I live in a rural community and I have seen this happen before. I think we can save some tax dollars and still have good roads in exchange.

We can keep county equipment in their precinct and won't have to travel as far. That will cut down on wear on equipment.

There will be several county employees lose their jobs if this unit system passes.

Vote November 3 and vote AGAINST unit road system.

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51st Judicial District. With your support, we can continue the hard work of trying cases, winning cases and doing justice in the 51st District.

Charlotte Hamis

Charlotte Harris



Pol. Adv. Pd. by Charlotte Harris Campaign, 105 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas 76903, Mark A. Brown, Treasurer.

### Gray, Ensor wed in Bronte ceremony

Michelle Gray became the labras flanked a large arch bride of Waylon Ensor in a double-ring ceremony on October 17, 1992, at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Bro. R. W. Blackmon officiated

The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gray of Winters and the granddaughter of Mrs. Gene Verden of Winters. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Ensor of Bronte and his grandmother is Dela Dent of Carter, Ok., and Nathlee Ensor of Bronte.

Two heart shaped cande-

#### CC Archeological Society

The Coke County Archeological Society was established recently by a group of amateur archeologists in order to encourage interest in the archeology of the county and surrounding region. Their goal is to find, preserve, study, interpret, and document the material remains of post human cultures. The group hopes to exhibit these materials and make records and slides available to the public.

Good interest has been shown in the previous three meetings. The Society meets the third Thursday of each month in the conference room of the courthouse in Robert Lee. Next scheduled meeting is Nov. 19th at 7 pm.

At that meeting a slide program will be presented on Indian Rock Art including Coke County and surrounding counties of Scurry, Garza, Mitchell, and the wonderful Indian pictographs at Paint Rock.

At the present time a Bronte member of the Society is constructing a display case for exhibiting artifacts.

Recently a fascinated group of 4th graders at Robert Lee Elementary were treated to a hands-on program on artifacts by member Susan English.

For more information about the society, call Aaron Griggs, Chairman, at 453-4647.

decorated with English Ivy and large silk bows. The pews were marked with heart shaped baskets and silk bows.

The bride wore an ivory wedding gown of Glo-brite taffeta, off the shoulder tapered sleeves, dropped waist bodice and full gathered skirt. Schiffi lace hand-embroidered with seed pearls and iridescent sequins appliqued on bodice all around on front and back of bodice, also on sleeves. Schiffi lace outlined the bottom of skirt including the chapel length train. Schiffi lace appliqued design on the front of skirt and on back of train also was hand beaded with seed pearls and iridescent sequins. She carried a bouquet fashioned of floral colors.

Kim Halfman of Abilene was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Melanie Smith of San Angelo, Mindy Andrea of Dallas, and Gracie Rodriguez of Abilene. Flower girl was Katlyon Clark, niece of the groom, of Eastland.

The bridal attendants were attired in tea-length dresses of pink polished cotton. They carried floral bouquets.

Barbara Davis of Iowa Park registered the guests.

Roger Robinson of Bronte was best man. Groomsmen were Jeff Lee of Bronte, Paul Basquez of Bronte, and Michael Gray of Sunnyvale, Calif. Courtney Clark, nephew of groom, of Eastland was ring bearer. Ushers were Jeff Hallford, cousin of the bride, of Plano and Jeff Lee of Bronte.

The groom wore and ivory tuxedo enhanced with an ivory cumberbund. His attendants wore light gray tuxedos with pink cumberbunds.

Martha Sellers of Abilene was the wedding coordinator.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony. The bridal table held a heart shaped three tiered wedding cake made by Iris Champion of Bronte. The table was covered with Ecru lace cloth and featured crystal appointments, mints made by bride and her mother, and mixed nuts were served. Fruit punch was also served. Presiding at the bride's table were Lace Bowden, Mrs. Don Davis of Winters, and Martha Sellers of Abilene.

The groom's table was covered with ecru lace cloth. It held a chocolate sheet cake decorated with golf scene made by Iris Champion of Bronte. The bride and her mother made mints in shape of miniature golf bags, and golf balls. Coffee was also served. Kathy Clark, sister of groom, Karen Ensor, sister-inlaw of groom attended the groom's table.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner in the fellowship hall.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Winters High School. The groom is a 1988 gradu-

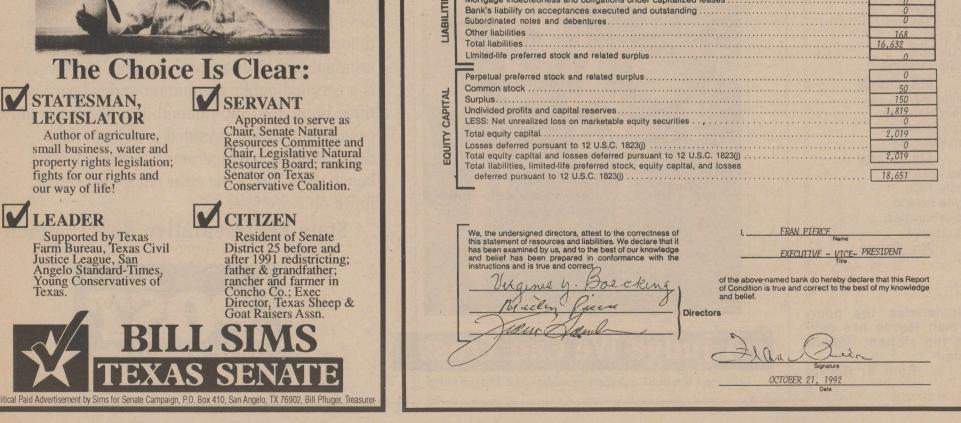
ate of Bronte High School.

Following a wedding trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Bronte, Texas.



Mrs. Waylon Ensor **Nee Michelle Gray** 

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### Blackwell ISD posts current honor roll

Superintendent, Richard R. Wood has reported the following students maintained grades high enough to qualify them for the "A" or "A-B" Honor Roll at Blackwell High School for the first six weeks:

#### "A" Honor Roll First Six Weeks 1st grade Megan Busby **Dustin Eoff** Sharla Holland **Heather Jones Ryan** Ragland Kayla Saunders Hilda Sims Katie Wilkinson **Joshus Watts** 2nd grade **Jared Airhart** John Allen Jones **Brandye McCarty** Chris Morgan **Colby Rideout**

Lindy Wilson 3rd Grade Mindy Boyd 4th Grade **Clint Morgan** Ashley Ragland **Ricky Wilson** 5th Grade Jennifer Boyd Lindsey Hamilton Leman Saunders Adam Wilkinson 7th Grade **Jimmy Loveday** 10th Grade **Jacob** Blair **Danyelle Rideout Todd Smith** Cody Wilkinson 11th Grade Cyndi Carlton Roseann Yarbrough 12th Grade Joey O'Malley **Christy Williams** "A-B" Honor Roll **First Six Weeks 1st Grade Rosalinda** Camarillo Chris Robinson Justin Roland 2nd Grade **Melissa** Pate

**Daniel Sanchez** 3rd Grade Will Blaine Cody Blair Jennifer Cooper Kammie Lisso Codi Jean Monsey 4th Grade Gayna Cantrell

Elizabeth Camarillo **Chris Haas Robert Harendt** Kallie Lisso Joanie Ussery 8th Grade Brandon Boyd Nathan Hayes **Rose Melton** Lucia Saavedra **Jerry Watts** 9th Grade **Clint Egger** 

Kristy Loveday

# **Euterpean Club**

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell held their meeting October 15th at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Margaret Stout, President, conducted the business meeting. Laura Seale, Secretary, read the minutes and club by-laws. Bea Murray, Treasurer, gave the financial report. Rosemary Ten Eyck was hostess and Sue Sweet co-hostess. The tables were decorated in the Halloween motif. The program "Flower Arrangements" was conducted by Earlene Alexander of Margaret's Flowers and Gifts, Bronte. It was educational, interesting and very lively with all present attempting arrangements under her expert guidance. A wonderful time was had by all who were present. Guest welcomed were: Verla Smith, Sue Parker, and Mildred McRorey. Members attending: Bobbie Barrett, Emma Lee Lanier, Mary Lee, Juanita McRorey, Bea Murray, Dona Sanderson, Laura Seale, Esther Smith, Margaret Stout, Sue Sweet, Rosemary Ten Eyck, and Noba Ware.

10th Grade Jason Murphy Marc Sanderson Prentice Westbrook 11th Grade Kelly Hayes Kelli Hindman Randy Kenney Shane Meffert **Tracy Smedley** 12th Grade **Stepheny Baucom** James Egger **Royce Jennings Tito Tovias** 

#### Planned **Parenthood Breast** Screening

Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. is making available free mammograms for low income women of 40 years age and older. Schedule for the service is: Monday, November 16, 9am-1pm, Winwood Mall, Odessa, Call (915) 561-8888 for appointment; Tuesday, November 17, 3pm-7pm, Gibson's Parking Lot, Cuthbert, Midland, Call (915) 561-8888 for appointment; Wednesday, November 18, 9am-7pm, Planned Parenthood Clinic, 2619 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Call (915) 944-1909.

The service will be offered at all clinic locations throughout the year. Women who are not Planned Parenthood patients can also obtain mammography screening and should contact the nearest clinic to set up an appointment or for more information. Breast Cancer is a leading killer of women. Early diagnosis and treatment can cure it.

Your vote and support on November 3rd would be greatly appreciated. Thank You, **Tim Millican** Candidate for Re-election Commissioner Prec. #3

Pol. Adv. Pd. for By Tim Millican, HC 60, Box 166, Robert Lee, TX



Local Postmaster Ray Barnett is one of the EMT's in the Bronte Ambulance Service.

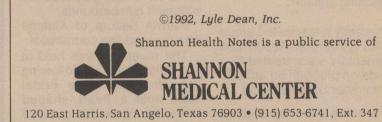


### **Using Your Head**

Several years ago, the Centers for Disease Control published a study suggesting that states with laws requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets had half the rate of motorcycle head injury deaths as states without such laws.

Opponents to such laws pointed out possible flaws in the study, so the CDC researchers went back to work. Their most recent report, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (3-25), shows regardless of the numerical denominator used - total population, motorcycle registrations, or motorcycle crashes - states with full helmet-use laws consistently had lower rates of deaths from head injury than states without such laws.

Drs. Daniel Sosin and Jeffrey Sacks acknowledge that whether or not to legislate helmet-use is still controversial, but the result of wearing the helmets, they say, is clearly beneficial.



**Proven Qualifications – Proven Experience** "The people in Coke County are fortunate to

Sleven Hayes LaTosha Roland Viola Sims **Pascual Solis** Shannon VanVleck 5th Grade

Jennifer Boyd Lindsey Hamilton Leman Saunders Adam Wilkinson

#### 6th Grade

**Jimmy Holland** Michelle Pate Chayne Roland Rosalia Sanchez Kristin Harvell 7th Grade

"Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance."

Ruth E. Renkel



A Judge We Can Trust

Let's elect the BEST qualified candidate 51st District Judge.

have Bob Post to elect as a District Judge. In addition to his extensive legal experience in family, criminal and civil law over the past 16 years, he is a certified public accountant and is board certified in oil, gas, and mineral law. Bob is the only candidate who has presided over jury trials, demonstrating a temperament suitable for the bench. Bob Post is the clear choice for District Judge on November 3."

**State Representative Robert Junell** 



Pol. Adv. Pd. by Robert Post Campaign Committee, B.P. "Beep" Cain, Treasurer

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# NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS, VOTERS AND CITIZENS OF COKE COUNTY

There are some aspects of the unit road system that are not real clear in some of our minds. We hope the following will help clarify this and help us better understand what the unit system can do for our county.

Question: What is a unit road system?

Answer: Basically, here is what the unit road system is:

Instead of four yards in the county, with duplications in equipment, there could be one yard with all the men and equipment working from this one yard. All equipment and men would be under the supervision of a road foreman who would be accountable to the commissioner's court. The budget for the road and bridge department would be countywide instead of being broken down into precincts. There would be no reason to have duplicated equipment as we now have. We could better utilize the work force and equipment and have a more efficient and economical system.

Question: Who would be responsible for setting this up and how would they go about doing this?

Answer: The guidelines for establishing this system are set by law. The commissioners are responsible for carrying out this mandate.

Question: How could we better utilize our work force under this system?

Answer: As the system is now, we have two men in each yard. If one of these men is off for any reason, the other man is limited as to what he can do. There are many jobs that one man cannot do alone. There are also many jobs that two men cannot do effectively. With a work force of eight (or more) men working from one yard, even if two or three of them are off, you still have an effective crew that can accomplish a lot of work on any job that might come up.

Question: There has been some talk that people would be laid off because of this system? Is this true?

Answer: There would be no reason to reduce the work force under this system. We are far behind on our road work now and it will take several years to get our roads up in good condition.

Question: Would we still have four commissioners under this unit system?

Answer: Yes. The state constitution requires this. Keep in mind, there are other duties required of the county commissioners. This would give them more time to attend to other county business. They would have more time to discuss issues with the people and get a better "handle" on what's going on and what the people want. How long has it been since your commissioner asked your opinion on any subject? You can't do what the people want if you don't know what the people want.

Question: Would the commissioner's salaries be cut and if so, how much?

Answer: There is no mention made by the state guidelines regarding a salary cut. The commissioners are the only ones who can change their salary. Since their responsibilities are being greatly reduced, a salary decrease seems logical and in order. They are now being paid about \$19,000.00 per year. We will leave it up to you to call this one. What do you think?

### Question: How much equipment could we do without under the unit system?

Answer: In most categories - from thirty to forty percent. Of necessity, we would need to get by for a while with the equipment we now have and gradually phase it out and get better equipment as we go along. We do not have to buy new equipment in all cases. There are many reputable equipment dealers where you can buy good, dependable used equipment and save big money. Also, if you only need equipment for a short time, it can be leased at big savings. It is time we ran this like a business.

Question: If we don't need all this equipment we now have - why do we have it?

Answer: Under the present system, it is almost necessary to have most of it. That is why we need to change the system. Under the unit system, you can concentrate the equipment and men on any given job and do more work with less equipment.

Question: Who would have the final word in hiring a road foreman?

Answer: The county commissioners. It would be up to them to hire the best qualified

Question: Under the unit system, could the county still do private work?

Answer: Yes. We would have more control over being sure the work was paid for by the individual because the road foreman would not be an elected official. There would be less temptation to swap favors for possible support. Many of our citizens never have occasion to have private work performed and it is not right for them to have to pay for others having work done. The county work should take priority over private work in all cases.

Question: Will the unit system result in lower taxes?

Answer: Probably not for a while. However, it can slow down the increases we have been seeing for a long time. We did not get in this mess overnight and we will not recover from it overnight. We must also keep in mind that the petroleum industry pays more than 60% of our taxes and we are rapidly losing this each year. We are going to be called upon to take up this slack in some way. We must either pay more taxes or reduce the amount we spend. The unit system will help cut down on the spending. We need to adopt it and also look for other ways to reduce spending. Once again - let's run it like a business.

Question: Have many counties adopted the unit system?

Answer: Yes. Of the 254 counties in Texas, 53 are below 5000 in population as we are in Coke County. We have been unable to come up with an exact figure on how many of these 53 have adopted the unit system but it is better than 60% from the information we have. All of these we have contacted are reporting positive results.

Jeff Davis County is one of the 53 and they do not have a unit system. They have 67 miles of county road and contract their road work. They also pay their commissioners \$5.00 per meeting!! We sure don't want that in Coke County. If our county road work was being done by a private contractor, do you think the contractor would:

Establish four yards in Coke County? Have a foreman and two road hands at each yard?

Have duplicate equipment in each yard and not be able to fully utilize either the equipment or his hands?

Ask for (and expect to get) more money each year?

FOLKS, THAT IS EXACTLY THE SYSTEM WE ARE NOW OPERATING UNDER!

Question: If the unit system is so great, why haven't we gone to it before now?

Answer: Many of us never knew about it and if we did, we did not fully understand it or what it could do for our county. No one ever took the time to really promote it and try and let the people know what it is and what it can do. That is our purpose now. WE NEED THIS SYSTEM IN COKE COUNTY. Also, some are of the opinion "If it ain't broke - don't fix it". Folks, you can rest assured that our system is broke and needs fixing - RIGHT NOW.

Our system is fast coming to the point of being "broke" financially. We should do some repairs before we become completely "broke". Some counties not too far from us have had to borrow money recently to keep operating. Coke County does not want that. And there are some of us who simply do not want to change. If it comes to a choice of change or financial disaster, let us hope we have the common sense to try to change.

Question: If this is such a good system, why are some of our county commissioners opposed to it?

Answer: We cannot answer for the commissioners. You will need to talk to them for your answer. We have not seen any alternative plans they have offered to save the tax-payers money.

By a split vote they refused to allow the unit system to be placed on the ballot until they were forced to do so by a petition from the people. We can only hope they will re-consider and decide to do the job they were elected to do - work for the people of Coke County.

Question: Is there any basis to the "rumor" that parts of the county would be neglected or ignored under the unit system?

Answer: NO. The road work in the county will be done according to need. The commissioners and road foreman will make the decision and then the work will be done. The commissioners will not lose control over the work - they simply will not have to oversee the work done.

#### person we could afford.

Question: How much can we save a year under the unit system? Answer: There is no way you can set an exact dollar figure. We would probably not realize a lot of this for the first couple of years due to the fact of building a yard and replacing equipment. But it will come and it will be substantial. While we are talking saving money, there is another subject that needs to be addressed here. And that is seal coating our paved roads.

Coke County has a huge investment in paved roads and we need to protect that investment. In order to stay "live" and keep moisture from penetrating the pavement, the paved roads need to be seal coated every eight or ten years. The last bond issue we voted on was for something like a million dollars. A large portion of these bonds are required for interest on the bonds, engineering fees and labor. It is certainly possible, under the unit system, to see where we could have our own seal coating equipment in a short time. It does not take all that "sophisticated" equipment to seal coat pavement. And we sure would not need an engineer. We have people working for the county now who could do this and do a great job. We probably could not seal all our pavement in one year with all the other work there is to be done. But we could do some each year and finally get it all sealed. Sure - we might just get finished in time to start over again - so what? - we would have the equipment to do it again. On the ballots, the unit system is called the "optional road system". We hope you vote "FOR" adopting this system.

It's not real difficult to figure this thing out.

We can vote against the unit system and continue to see our county go downhill, pay high taxes and watch our road system get worse each year.

OR - We can vote for the unit system and see our county progress as it should and have good roads to travel at less cost. The choice is ours.

If you are for the status quo - if you want to continue to pump money into a system that is not working - if you want to see our roads get in worse shape each year - if you like having your taxes go up each year - and if you like seeing the county as a whole go downhill - Then by all means you should vote against the unit road system.

HOWEVER - If you would like to see an efficient, money saving, smoother operating road system - with good equipment we could all be proud of - if you want to see better roads in our county - if you want the possibility of seeing the tax increases stop and possibly see some of the services and benefits we have lost be re-instated - THEN WE COULD SURE USE YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE NEXT TUESDAY. PLEASE VOTE "FOR" THE UNIT ROAD SYSTEM AND LET'S GET COKE COUNTY GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AGAIN!

We urge you to check for truth and accuracy all facts and figures presented either for or against this proposal.

#### Citizens for Better Use of Our Tax Dollars

Pol. Adv. paid for by Citizens for Better Use of Our Tax Dollars, HC 60, Box 64, Robert Lee, TX 76945

### SS number to be required

Beginning November 1, Texans applying for a driver's license and persons renewing their license or seeking a duplicate will need to show their Social Security card, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Social Security numbers already are required for Commercial Driver's licenses, which the DPS began issuing in September, 1990.

"We think this new policy will make it harder for an individual to fraudulently obtain a driver's license," explained DPS Driver's License Inspector John Hall. "This should pay off by reducing crimes where fake identification is important, like hot check cases. It also should make it much more difficult for a minor to obtain a license with an incorrect year

#### ECC Ambulance Service

The East Coke County Ambulance Service has received a donation of four new tires for the ambulance from Goodyear. Goodyear also had the tires mounted and balanced. Jerry Parker, President of the Bronte Ambulance Service, said that gifts from companies like Goodyear and from concerned citizens are essential for emergency medical services in small towns like Bronte and Robert Lee. "Without the help of local people and businesses like Goodyear, we would not be able to provide ambulance service to people in emergencies. Donations such as the new tires make us realize that others are aware of the hard work put in by Coke County Volunteers. We really appreciate what people give to us Medical supplies and other costs are rising so rapidly that the payments we receive cannot cover the expenses of the ambulance service, even though all the volunteers are unpaid."

#### LOOK WHO'S NEW! Skyler Rainwater

Skyler LaCole is a happy addition to a family of boys in the home of Randy and Toni Rainwater of Robert Lee. She arrived at Angelo Community Hospital, Oct. 22 at 8:41 am weighing 7 lb. 8 oz. and measured 20 1/4 inches long. Welcoming her home are three brothers, David, 12, Chase, 10, and Randall, who is three. Her grandparents are Tommy and Sherry Bryant of Robert Lee and Ben and Sue Rainwater of San Angelo. of birth."

Only Social Security cards issued by the federal Social Security Administration will be accepted, Hall said.

"I realize almost everyone knows his Social Security number by heart, but we need to see the actual card issued by the US government, not a commercially-produced metal or 'flea market' card, the inspector said. "If you do not have the government issued card, income tax documents, W-2 forms, payroll or other employer records may be presented.

Applicants for DPS Identification Cards also will be asked for a Social Security card, but is not a requirement for the ID card, Hall said.

The Inspector said Social Security numbers would not be printed on driver's license and were for DPS internal use only.

Signs explaining the new policy will be posted in DPS Driver's License offices across the state, he added.

For additional information contact: Mike Cox or Laureen Chernow, DPS Public Information Office, 512-465-2080. Supplemental

FOKE EDS

Feeding for Winter by Tommy Antilley We have been fortunate enough this year to have grown a tremendous amount of grass and forage for livestock consumption, but once grass has stopped growing and loses its lush green appearance, it begins to get course and fibrous. We still have the abundant amount of forage out there, but it loses much of its protein content and becomes harder for livestock to digest it.

Animals consuming diets that are lower in protein lose their appetites, developing a rough appearance, become weak and possess lowered resistance to disease, and overall growth, reproduction and weights of offspring are greatly reduced. There is a misconception that the animals can simply eat more to make up the needed nutrients, but since the grass is slowly digested, consumption is actually lowered and the animal receives even less nutrients.

COUNTRY AGENTS

NEWS

by Tommy Antilley

**Coke County Agent** 

If protein supplementation is added to this type of diet the digestion will increase, and eventually the animal will eat more, thus gaining the required nutrients.

Protein supplements come in many forms and types, such as cubes, cakes, blocks and liquids. Each will vary in nutrient composition and concentration and the producer should be aware of the actual protein content. When comparing price of feeds, figure the price by the pound of actual protein gained, and often this will point out that some of the so-called "bargain feeds" are actually more expensive for what you actually get from them.

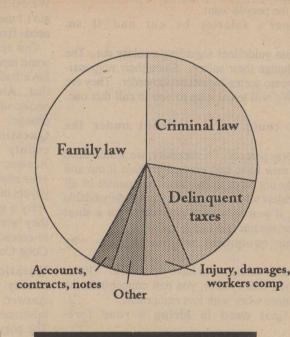
The way livestock are handled during the winter will have an influence on her offsprings future and next year's offspring as well. If cows are allowed to calve in poor and thin condition, the odds of her maintaining a 12 month long calving interval are greatly reduced. Also, milking ability and the level of lactation the animal will have at parturition is influenced by their nutritional status from 6-8 weeks before calving or lambing. A female with lowered nutritional availability at this time will cause her to start milking poorly and more than likely stay that way. Another good point to remember is that although supplemental feed is expensive, it is cheaper to maintain weight than to try to put it back on at a later date next spring.

BEFORE YOU VOTE ... COMPARE EXPERIENCE

## Barbara Walther

Has heard more than 5,000 family law cases during five years as a Family Law Master. Every one of the cases would have been heard by a district judge if the Texas Legislature had not created Barbara Walther's position.

Participated in more than 800 criminal cases while in private practice. Cases included



#### BREAKDOWN OF CASES HEARD

# Walther's opponent

"His practice is concentrated in estate planning and probate, real estate, oil and gas and corporate law."

> [Post for County Judge Campaign flyer]

"I have mostly an office practice, not a litigation practice."

[Interview with Bob Post in San Angelo Standard-Times when

#### Singing Winds Results

The following results are from Oct. 22, at the Singing Winds golf course: <u>1st place</u> Stephen Lee Gwen Baker Cornelia Baker <u>2nd place</u> J. W. Caudle Kerry Curnutt Russell Johnson <u>3rd place</u> Wade Stautzenberger Jackie Corley Mark Baker murder, sexual assault, and other First Degree felonies.

### IN 51ST DISTRICT COURT

he announced for County Judge.]

Courtroom experience makes Barbara Walther the best–qualified candidate for 51st District Judge BARBARA

### for 51st DISTRICT JUDGE

Walther believes cases should be heard in the county of origin. She will hold court monthly in Coke County.

PAID FOR BY BARBARA WALTHER FOR 51ST DISTRICT JUDGE, JOE MERTZ, TREASURER

### **GENERAL ELECTION** (ELECCION GENERAL)

#### (Condado de) COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

NOVEMBER 3, 1992 (3 de noviembre de 1992)

### SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may cast a straight-party vote (that is, cast a vote for all the nominees of one party) by placing an "X" in the square beside the name of the party of your choice. If you cast a straight-party vote for all nominees of one party and also cast a vote for an opponent of one of that party's nominees, your vote for the opponent will be counted as well as your vote for all the other nominees of the party or which the straight-party vote was cast.

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Candidates for: (Candidatos para:)	DEMOCRATIC PARTY (Partido Democrático)	(Partido Republicano)	(Partido Libertariano)	INDEPENDENT (Independiente)	WRITE-IN (Voto Estrito)
President and Vice President (Presidente y Vice Presidente)	Bill Clinton / Al Gore	George Bush / Dan Quayle	Andre Marrou / Nancy Lord	Ross Perot / James Stockdale	
United States Representative, District 17 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 17)	Charles W. Stenholm	Jeannie Sadowski			
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Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)	Oscar H. Mauzy	Craig Enoch	Alfred Adask	net All The State	E COLINE RUND AND
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)	Rose Spector	Eugene Cook	sevences of even he	8-943 0 T205	way and the lot
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)	Jack Hightower	John D. Montgomery	The second second	School Strange	Lister Por Pice
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)	Charles F. (Charlie) Baird	Joseph A. (Joe) Devany	and and and an	Depart on Million	
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Member, State Board of Education, District 15 (Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación Pública, Distrito Núm. 15)	and the second s	Monte Hasie	es production and and and and and and and and and an	dinan	
State Senator, District 25 (Senador Estatal, Distrito Núm. 25)	Bill Sims	Troy Fraser			
State Representative, District 72 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 72)	Robert Junell			allow the second	astress 1
Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 3)	John Powers				there is a
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District Judge, 51st Judicial District (Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 51)	Robert Post	Barbara Walther	and the second sec		Custom Calendary
District Attorney, 51st Judicial District (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 51)	Charlotte Harris	Richard O. Ely, II			and the Talking
County Attorney (Procurador del Condado)	Bill Helwig	a desire sister a	a, sentaria, couso elein chilencoust		1947 EAN/DURPO
Sheriff (Sherile)	Marshall Millican	and years	PLL MIL	-	diamentary too
County Tax Assessor-Collector (Asesor-Colector de Impuestos del Condado)	D. Kristeen (Kristy) Roe	-			14200 8 140 90 TH
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1)	Paul Burns		the manufacture		and second and
Constable, Precinct No. 1 (Condestable, Precinto Núm. 1)	Kenneth Rasco		The second second	Constant of the second	The second second

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#### **INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)**

Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote. (Marque con una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en que usted quiere votar.)

#### PROPOSITION (PROPOSICION)

FOR (EN FAVOR DE)

AGAINST (EN CONTRA DE)

Adopting the Optional County Road System in Coke County. (La aprobacion del sistema alternativo de caminos del condado en el condado de Coke.)

The above sample ballot is for Coke County, Precinct 1 voters. The content of county ballots is the same except for the County Commissioner and County Constable boxes on the three separate ballots.

This sample ballot is printed as a public service by the Observer/Enterprise.



nished on 1/2 acre. Seller motivated to deal.

**5 PLUS ACRES** w/option for more. Country living at its best.

**DESIRABLE** waterfront lot. Asking less than purchase price. Call for details. **11 UNIMPROVED LOTS.** Lots of room. Call today.



Elaine Lee 453-2995

Laura E. Crenshaw 453-2761

MATCHING SOFA AND CHAIR For sale. Call 453-2403. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_13-1tp

#### MUST SELL

1990 Red Mercury Topaz. Great mileage, power windows/locks, cruise, AM/FM cassette, A/C, new tires and muffler. \$7000 OBO. Call Donna Reeder, 453-2417, Robert Lee.

#### 12-2tc

**AGRI - PLEX** - Heating and air conditioning company of Ballinger is now working in Coke County.

We specialize in sales and services. Compare prices. For more information call Dale Monse at 1-800-530-4153. License number is TACLB00670SE.

44B-TNC

Six Weeks old. 1/4 Pit Bull, 1/4 Chow, 1/4 Katahula, 1/4 Aust. Shepherd. Great with kids, excellent watch dogs. Real growly. 453-2834. 09-tnc

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN To Tina, Kyla, and Kelly. From Grandma 13-1tc

#### J&K STORAGE Highway 277, Bronte. Contact Home Hardware for rental. \_\_\_\_\_\_13B-4tc

#### LOST MALE DOG

Brittany Spaniel, white with burned orange markings. Name-Hunter, camo bandana around neck and dog tag. Call 409-345-6296 or Sid Long, Robert Lee, 453-2383. Reward for return.

<u>13-1tp</u>

appreciate the flowers, cards, prayers, visits and food. God Bless You All,

God Bless You All, Pritch and Dot Brown <u>13-1tc</u>

#### NOTICES

#### NOTICE!

There is to be no entry for hunting or fishing on the land of J.E. (Jake) Scott, deceased.

All prior consent and authorization to entry given by Mr. Scott during his lifetime is hereby revoked. Sue Blair

Ind. Executrix 07-8tc

**REQUEST FOR BIDS** The East Coke County Hospital District is accepting bids for the construction of a



Water Temp. 70 Paint Creek Marina Bill Blair, Robert Lee, Tx., 21 1/2 lb. striper. James Seale, Midland, Tx., 17 3/4 lb. bluecat. Johnnie and Jimmie Shackelford, Odessa, Tx., 33 1/4 lb. yellowcat. Joey Bushong, Odessa, Tx., 9 1/4 lb. striper. Dee and Lil Anderson, Odessa, Tx., 25 lb. yellowcat & 2 bluecats, total of 17 1/2 lbs., caught on trotline.

#### Wildcat Marina

C. V. Venable, Clovis, N. M., 10 lb. 4 oz. striper. Freeman Bell, Midland, Tx., 5 stripers total of 15 lbs.

### Freon must be recovered

A new regulation recently signed by the administrator of The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that motor vehicle air conditioning refrigerant (R-12) be recovered and recycled. Previous practices of venting refrigerant (sometimes called Freon) from motor vehicle air conditioners is no longer permitted by law.

Stratospheric ozone laver. high above the earth, shields this world from harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Scientists worldwide believe that synthetic chemicals such as chloroflourocarbons (CFC's, also known as freon) are rapidly destroying this layer of gas 10 to 30 miles above the earth's surface. Ozone loss of 3.5% globally has already been recorded. Ozone loss is believed to lead to an increase in skin cancer, cataracts and weaken the human immune system. Plant and animal life may also be dramatically affected.

One of the single largest uses of CFC's in the United States is as a refrigerant in automobile air conditioning systems. CFC 12 accounts for over 20% of all CFC use in this country. CFC's, when released, rise to the stratosphere where they can remain active for up to 120 years.

The United States joined 75 other countries in a global effort to protect the ozone layer as a party to the International Treaty known as The Montreal Protocol. The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require the phase out of CFC 12 by the year 2000. President Bush later pledged to halt almost all United States production of CFC's by the end of 1995.

Section 609 of The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments gives the EPA authority to establish requirements to prevent the release of refrigerants during the servicing of mobile air conditioners. EPA developed two major requirements to implement this:

1. <u>Recover</u> refrigerant from air conditioning systems, rather than release it to the atmosphere, and

2. <u>Certification</u> on each individual repairing or servicing the refrigerant system.

Recovery of refrigerant requires the use of either recover/recycle or recover only equipment approved by EPA. Recover/recyle equipment must meet specifications of SAE Standard J-1990 and have capacity to purify used refrigerant to SAE Standard J-1991, for subsequent reuse. Recover-only equipment must meet SAE Standard J-2209 and then the refrigerant must be sent to a reclamation facility that can restore the purity of CFC-12 to ARI Standard 700-88. Technicians who repair or service motor vehicle air conditioners must be trained and certified by an EPA approved organization. Training programs must cover the use of recycling equipment in compliance with SAE Standard J-1989, the regulatory requirements, the importance of refrigerant containment, and the effects on ozone depletion. To be certified, technicians must pass a test demonstrat-

ing their knowledge in these areas. One of the leaders in industry providing this certification programs The International Mobile Air Conditioning Association (IMACA). IMACA is a non-profit organization catering to the interests of mobile air conditioning and protection of the ozone layer. More information on the certification program can be obtained by calling 713/867-9008 or writing to: Refrigerant Recovery/Recycling Certification Program, P. O. Box 664, Pearland, Texas 77588-0664.

Automobile repair facilities that performed over 100 service/repair jobs involving refrigerant in 1990, must already require that only certified technicians service/repair refrigerant systems and use only approved equipment. Smaller repair shops who repaired/serviced fewer thar 100 jobs in 1990 or "service their own" do not face this restriction until January 1, 1993 However, to discourage "doit-yourselfers" who typically dc not own recovery equipment an additional restriction on the sale of small containers goes into effect on November 15 1992. After this date, the sale of CFC containers under 2( pounds is prohibited to any one other than certified technicians.

Because of the planned CFC phaseout and tax on CFC's, the price of CFC-12 will increase and its availability decreased. Refrigerant recycling could substantially reduce the need for new CFC-12 and thus help keep costs down.

Several substitute refrigerants are being tested for use in motor vehicle air conditioning and research is being done to see if cars can be retrofitted for these alternatives. Possible replacements include HFC-134a (which will be used in some cars in model year 1992) and other blends of HCFC's. These substitutes cost more than CFC-12, making recycling more economical. By November 15, 1995, all substitute refrigerants will also have to recycled.

By complying with new regulations, you will help preserve the ozone layer for future generations.

Further information on recovery/recycling equipment can be obtained from auto parts suppliers and major automotive air conditioning companies. Information on the certification program can be obtained by calling 713/867-9008 or writing to: Refrigerant Recovery Recycling Certification Program, P. O. Box 664, Pearland, Texas 77588-0664.

#### Lady Longhorn Volleyball

The Lady Longhorn Junior Varsity was defeated by Water Valley 7-15, 14-16. They ended up the season with a 9-7 record. This group of girls did a fine job throughout the season. They are strong fighters and work well together.

The Lady Longhorns Varsity Volleyball team ended up 3-16. Water Valley defeated the Longhorns 13-15, 9-15. The first game was exciting, the Longhorns came out strong, but couldn't hold on to the win after making a few errors. The girls have certainly improved since the beginning of the season. This year has been a great learning experience for them.

Confidence and being consistent are their goals for the spring and next year. Through experience, which they have now and will gain more, they will be more successful. There's no doubt about how strong they will be next year.

#### Gifted Program Accepting Nominations

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Robert Lee ISD is accepting nominations for the 1992-93 gifted and talented program. Students currently enrolled in kindergarten through 11th grade are eligible for nomination. Nomination forms are available in the elementary principal's office. All nominations are due on or before November 13, 1992.

#### **TO: COKE COUNTY CITIZENS**

Next Tuesday the citizens of Coke County will vote in the most significant county government matter in many, many years. This is a vote FOR uniformity, efficiency, and economy in your county government. If you do not vote FOR the unit road system, you allow the continuation of a system that has become wasteful, without uniformity, without efficiency in purchasing, and without control in avoiding duplication of purchasing.

Opponents of the unit road system would have you believe this is an "east side" versus "west side" matter. It is being suggested that you will lose "power" and/or one side is trying to "get everything". This is not an issue of power or control. All four commissioners will still exist, all four commissioners will still vote, all four commissioners will still have input into a road foreman as to the needs of his precinct, and all four commissioners can vote to hire or fire a road foreman. No one loses "power" or influence over county government matters. The commissioners will still represent the interest of their precincts in Commissioners Court matters. This suggestion or "scare" of power or control is based upon the premise that power or control in county government exists because there is road equipment and machinery located in each precinct. Good county government focuses upon representation, not equipment or machinery located in four places, rather than one or two locations.

The taxpayers of Coke County should be aware of the continuous duplication of equipment purchase and replacement under the current system. Today, there are approximately 3,000 people in Coke County and approximately 375 miles of road (including county streets within this number). You, the taxpayer, finance and maintain, under the current system, a county fleet of approximately 36 vehicles and pieces of equipment and machinery including 8 motor graders, 7 front-end loaders, 12 dump trucks, 5 pickups, and 4 water trucks (please feel free to verify these numbers). At a replacement cost of approximately \$75,000 per motor grader, \$50,000 per frontend loader, \$30,000 per dump truck, \$12,000 per pickup, and \$20,000 per water truck, you can determine the significant cost of the continual replacement or trading of these assets.

Each year the Commissioners Court spends thousands of tax dollars to repair, maintain, and replace items of this fleet. Most of the equipment, if you will inquire, is significantly worn and old. Due to the current system of rotational purchasing on the basis of four precincts and the occasional buying of two items, rather than one, there is insufficient monies to buy new long-lasting equipment.

Rather than have a single or double road crew working in the county with good equipment and paying good salaries to these men, the current system requires maintenance of four of everything and can afford only to pay minimum wages to employees. The current system now spends approximately \$400,000 per year to maintain 375 miles of road, including city roads. Using these figures, you can compute that the current system is spending \$1,066 per year per mile of road, \$133 per person per year for county roads, and you can



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further figure with this fleet of equipment that there is a motor grader every 46 miles, a dump truck every 31 miles, and front-end loader every 53 miles of county roads. Do we need all of this rolling stock? Are you getting your money's worth under this current system or is it time for a change?

A vote FOR the unit road system is a vote for having better paid and trained road crews, better equipment, and less purchasing requirements of high-dollar equipment. It is a vote FOR efficient and uniform purchasing that may lead to better prices due to volume and uniform buying. It is a vote FOR economic and efficient purchasing as to what equipment is needed and how it is uniformly and routinely maintained. It is a vote FOR modern and efficient county government.

Please view this issue from the perspective of economy, efficiency, and non-duplication. Do not be scared as to the "power" claim. Do not succumb to the old "east side" versus "west side" claim. This is a vote FOR a uniform, modern, and efficient county road system and better county government.

**VOTE "FOR" THE UNIT ROAD SYSTEM.** 

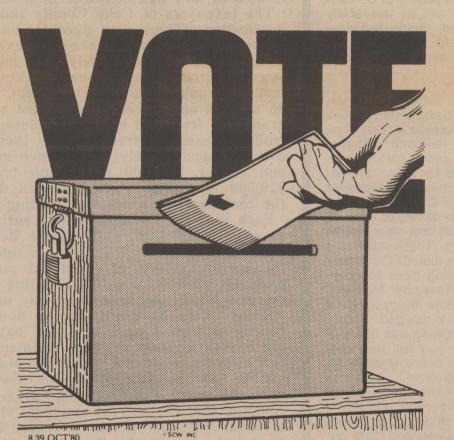
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# Don't forget to vote your choice Tuesday November 3rd



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