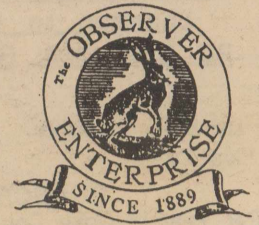


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Candidate filings listed

The filing deadline for local elective positions closed Wednesday, March 20 at 5:00 pm. Several seats on various boards will be up for grabs, as well as the mayoral seats in Bronte and Robert Lee.

City of Robert Lee

All places on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee will be uncontested. Kelly Nichols has filed for the 2 year term as Mayor. Two council seats will be on the ballot. John Conley and Donnie Devoll will be running uncontested for the 2 year terms. Because all positions will be uncontested, the City Council has the option of passing an ordinance making an election unnecessary. The council will meet April 8 to vote on that measure.

City of Bronte

Martin Lee has filed for re-election for the position as Mayor of Bronte. Three council positions will be on the May ballot and three candidates have filed for those seats. Leslie Rolls (I), James Lammers, and Martha Ratliff will appear on the ballot uncontested for the 2 year terms. Unlike Robert Lee, the City of Bronte will hold an election because a proposition concerning an increase in the sales tax will appear on the ballot.

RL School Board

Five candidates will vie for two seats on the Robert Lee School Board. Incumbents Mark Riley and Bill Burns have filed for re-election for the 3 years terms. Also appearing on the ballot for those seats will be Manuel Abalos, Harvey Wojtek and Steve Ebenstein.

Bronte School Board

Two three year terms will be filled in the May election for the Bronte School Board of Trustees. Incumbent Wayne Coalson has filed for re-election. Also appearing on the ballot will be Bob Frazee, David Scott and Jolene Henderson.

West Coke County Hospital Board

Three seats on the hospital board will be filled in the May election. Incumbents Winton Milliff and Bill Carwile have filed for re-election. Linda Burns has also filed for election to the board.

East Coke County Hospital Board

Two incumbents have filed for re-election to the board of directors for the East Coke County Hospital Board. LeDrew Arrott and Ed Cumbie have filed for re-election. Royce Fancher and Bill Thomas will also be on the ballot. Three 2 year terms will be filled in the May election.

T.A.B.C. selects local athletes

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches has selected its All-State and All-Region basketball teams for 1995-96. Robert Lee High School junior Shalon Waldrop was selected to the First Team T.A.B.C. All-State and All-Region II teams. Senior Jaclyn Waldrop was chosen as a Second Team player for the T.A.B.C. All-Region II team. Also receiving the honor was Aaron Hood, who was selected to the Second Team T.A.B.C. All-Region II team.

Personal

Kirk Bagwell, 15, of Robert Lee remains in critical condition in ICU at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. Kirk collapsed Wednesday, March 20 at the school track. He was taken by MediVac to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo and was transferred to San Antonio later that same evening. It was determined that Kirk suffers from a congenital heart problem known as White-Parkinson's-Wolfe syndrome. Kirk is the son of Mike and Cristie Bagwell of Robert Lee. Those wishing to send cards to the family and Kirk may do so at this address: Methodist Hospital, 7700 Floyd Curl Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229.

Holiday closing notices

Several offices will be closed Friday, April 5 in observance of Good Friday. The Coke County Courthouse and Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will all be closed.

Coke County Courthouse will also be closed Tuesday, April 9 for the run-off election for the Democratic nominee for the Senate seat currently held by Republican Phil Gramm.



March 8 was Rodeo Day for Mrs. Byrne's and Mrs. Payne's first grade classes at Robert Lee Elementary. The day's activities included stick horse racing, roping, sack race, three-legged race, and barrel racing. A great time was had by everyone.

Benefit car wash to be held

A benefit car wash for Kirk Bagwell will be held Saturday, March 30, at 9:00 am at the local fire station. All proceeds and donations go for the Kirk Bagwell Medical Fund at the Robert Lee State Bank.

Household items, canned goods, and any items necessary for housekeeping are needed to go to San Antonio for the Bagwell family. A drop-off box will be available at the car wash. For more information, contact Krystal Carver, 453-2074, or Kathy Waltz, 453-2785.

Ecumenical Easter service planned

The annual Ecumenical Easter Sunrise service held at Mountain Creek Amphitheatre in Robert Lee will begin at 6:00 am, new daylight savings time, April 7, 1996.

Ministers participating are Rev. Tommy Williams, Rev. Bobby Cox, Rev. Dan Adams, Rev. David Miracle, and Rev. Kenneth Green. Carolyn Long will direct congregational singing, and special music will be provided by Macy Hill. Local youth will distribute programs.

All who wish to attend the inspirational service are welcome.

Remember to set clocks UP an hour Saturday night before retiring.

Br. Easter Sunrise service

The Bronte Community-wide Easter Sunrise service will be held Sunday, April 7, at 7:30 am. Once again, this special worship service will take place just north of the Zada Denman home on Hayrick Road, west of Bronte, off Highway 158. Worship will be led by representatives from several community churches including First United Methodist Church, River of Life Church, Central Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to come and participate. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night so you will be on time!

Br. COC Egg Hunt

The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 am at the Bronte Gazebo. The Easter Bunny will be there to enjoy the festivities with the children. Punch will be served after the egg hunt. More details will be in next week's paper.

Republican Convention

The Coke County Republican Convention will be held at the Coke Co. Courthouse Conference Room on Saturday, March 30, at 1:00 pm. Please come. You can make a difference.

Southside COC to host program

Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee will host a series of programs based on the book by Dr. Paul Faulkner, "Achieving Success Without Failing Your Family". The meetings will be held each Tuesday in April from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Each meeting will be on a different topic, but all will have the goal of enriching family life in a fast-paced world. Childcare will be provided and the public is encouraged and invited to attend.

RL Rabies Clinic

The 4-H clubs will be sponsoring a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 30th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the south end of the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Show barn located in the Robert Lee Park. Pets 4 months of age or older should be immunized. Pets should be vaccinated for rabies annually. There will be a veterinarian in charge of giving all the shots. Rabies, parvo, wormer and other shots are available upon request.

40 + Dance

The 40+ Dance will be held on the first Tuesday, April 2, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Dancing begins at 7:30 and tickets are available at the door.

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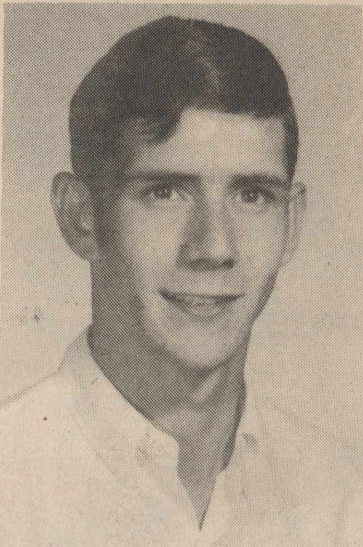
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Death Notices



Gibson

Clifford Dale Gibson, nephew of Babe Gregston of Robert Lee, died Sunday, March 24, 1996 in San Angelo. He served in Korea and was a surveyor.

Plumlee

S.B. Plumlee, 87, of Robert Lee, died Friday, March 22, 1996 in a San Angelo hospital. Services were conducted Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 pm in the Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Rogers officiating and Rev. David Miracle assisting. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Willa Plumlee, of Robert Lee; one son, Don Plumlee and wife, Wanda, of West Columbia, Texas; one daughter, Betty George and husband Sherman, of Lake Jackson; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Meador

Randal G. Meador, 71, died Wednesday, March 20, 1996 at an Abilene hospital. Services were held at 2:00 pm Friday, March 22 in St. Paul

United Methodist Church with Rev. Archie Echols and Rev. Bill Libby officiating. Interment was in Elmwood Memorial Park under direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine, two daughters, Cynthia Clark of Killeen and Linda Williams of Georgetown; two grandsons, Stoney Williams of Georgetown and Randy Clark of Killeen; one sister, Dorothy Horn of Dallas; and many special nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Troy Williams of Georgetown on January 3, 1996.

Obituaries

Hughes

Leola Wrinkle Hughes, 77, of Bronte died Tuesday, March 12, 1996 in a San Angelo hospital. Services were held Thursday, March 14, at 2:00 pm in the Central Baptist Church in Bronte, with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hughes was born in Sherwood, Texas, on September 23, 1918 to Tupton and Minnie Wrinkle. She was a housewife and a member of Central Baptist

Church in Bronte.

Survivors include one brother, Royce N. Wrinkle, and wife Johanna, of Muleshoe; two sisters-in-law, Joyce Wrinkle of Tyler and Clara Mae Solmon and husband Wallace, of Snyder; two sisters, Lora B. Brown of Tennyson and Evelyn T. Rippeoe of Eastland; one brother-in-law, Earl Hughes and wife Ethel, of Baird; and a host of nieces and nephews. Nephews served as pallbearers.

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- Upcoming -

WIC to visit RL

The Women, Infants, and Children program visits Robert Lee the first and fourth Wednesday of each month at Robert Lee Baptist Church, 11th street, from 10 am - 4 pm. For information and appointments, please call Ballinger WIC office, 365-5925, Tuesdays or Fridays. Walk-ins welcome.

BNH Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter egg hunt for the Bronte Nursing Home residents will be held on Friday, April 5th at 2:30 pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist wheelchair residents or to donate eggs for the hunt should contact Dean Pope at the nursing home at 473-3621.

Personal

Joan Davis of Robert Lee continues to improve after suffering a stroke earlier this month. Joan is in Hendrick's Rehab Center in Abilene. She is making good progress in her physical therapy and is anxious to improve more in order to return home. For those that would like to send cards or letters to Joan her address is Hendrick Rehab Center, 1242 N. 19th, Abilene, Texas 79601.



Wednesday, March 6, residents of the Bronte Nursing Home went to the fairgrounds to enjoy all the exhibits and animals. Residents who attended and are pictured were (l-r): J.B. Mackey, Truman Parker, Ruth Holland, Leona Spivey, and Ernestine Powell.

Nursing home residents were accompanied by Bronte High School students Courtney Stokes, Stephanie Martinez, Cory Robinson, Cody Holland, Russell Vaughn, and Shea Kelton. The Bronte Nursing Home provided a picnic lunch for everyone who attended.



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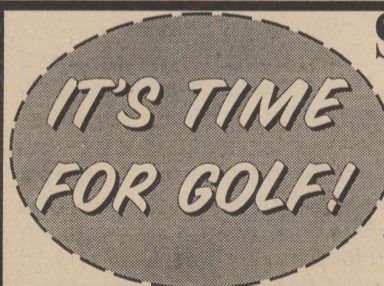
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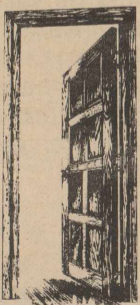
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County Government Week activities

The first week of April is County Government Week. The courthouse will be having special events on Monday and Tuesday to celebrate this week.

Monday, April 1, 1996, will be Commissioner's Court meeting at 9:00 am. As always, you are more than welcome to visit. We will even have an open forum agenda to allow you time to visit with the court. Your opinions and input are always welcome.

Tuesday, April 2, 1996, we will have the North Runnels Health Care Agency doing blood pressure and blood sugar testing in the hall from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Please come by and take advantage of this free clinic. The Robert Lee 6th grades will tour the courthouse at 2:00 pm. The Senior Citizens from Bronte and Robert Lee will have an "88" tournament at the Robert Lee Senior Citizen Center from 9:00 am until completed. The children ages 3-6 will have an Easter egg hunt on the front courthouse lawn at 10:00 am. The Easter egg hunt is sponsored by the library and the Silver/Robert Lee Lions Club. **All Coke County children ages 3-6 are encouraged to attend the Easter egg hunt.**

If you have not updated your voter's registration card and 911 address, you are encouraged to do so.

The offices currently in the courthouse consist of County Judge, Clerk, Coke County Extension Office, Tax Assessor, Treasurer, County Attorney (currently vacant), Sheriff, Auditor, Justice of Peace #1, Underground Water District, and visits in the Conference Room from Veterans Officer, Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Texas Department of Health, Driver's License, Career Center, and Abstract Office extension. As you can see, there is a lot going on and will touch your life sooner or later. Please come and be familiar with the courthouse. Outside the courthouse the county offices extend to Judge Moore's Justice Court in Bronte, the four County Commissioners' yards, the Parks and Recreation Buildings at Bronte and Robert Lee, the library in Robert Lee, Senior Citizen Centers at Bronte and Robert Lee, and the Old Jail Museum at Robert Lee.

50th Anniversary Tea

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Sorosis Study Club, a tea will be held at 7:30 pm, April 11 in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Bronte.

Special guest will be Mrs. Dorothy S. Kemp, President of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Members of Federated Clubs in Ballinger, San Angelo, Sterling City, Robert Lee, and Winters have been invited. Also a special invitation is extended to all the ladies in the county who are former members of a Texas Federated Club.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grey of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horn of Robert Lee are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Heather Renee and Russell Brandon. The engaged couple will exchange vows May 25 at 2:00 pm at the Montgomery Church of Christ in Albuquerque.

Miss Grey is a 1993 graduate of Sandia High School in Albuquerque and is attending Lubbock Christian University. Russ is a 1992 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is a candidate for May graduation from Lubbock Christian University with a degree in Mathematics.

New Restaurant opens in Bronte

The Longhorn Corral, Coke County's newest restaurant, located in Bronte, will open this Monday, April 1st, according to owners Kim and Don McDowell.

The Longhorn will be open for business from 6:00 am until 2:00 pm Monday through Friday, with plans for extended hours in the near future. Phone in orders are accepted, and the Longhorn features a drive-up window. It is located on Highway 277 immediately north of Bronte Nursing Home. There is plenty of parking available.

The Longhorn will feature burritos made to order most any way you like them from fresh ingredients daily. Also, traditional breakfast will be served featuring homemade biscuits, Longhorn Corral River Potatoes (a real treat) and, all the other items you expect for a hearty breakfast.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm featuring burgers made the old fashioned way (Don calls them Chest pains), and a pile of homemade fries. Also unique to the Longhorn will be home-cooked daily lunch specials at a moderate price.

The McDowells hope that everyone will be patient with them in the beginning. They will be the cooks, waiters, and bottle washers. They promise that if you help them grow you will always be rewarded with good food and friendly service.

This is a restaurant anxious to grow that will serve Bronte, Robert Lee, Coke County and the outlying community for the long run, according to the McDowells.

64 Study Club meets

The 64 Study Club met March 12 in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church for their regular meeting.

Three Robert Lee High School students, Megan Hill, Joe Gonzales, and Kannan Millican, read their U.I.L. selections for the program.

Charlotte McKnight's daughter, Ruth Ann O'Dell of Rowlett, Texas, and the students were guests. Fourteen members answered roll call.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated with the St. Patrick's Day motif. Hostesses were Peggy Davis, Leta Caston, Winnie Pitcock, Johnetta Lawrence and Patti Ivey.

The next meeting will be April 9. Mr. A.B. Smith with Concho Valley Drug and Alcohol Council will give the program.

FCE honors

birthday members

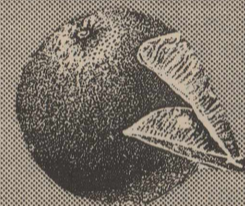
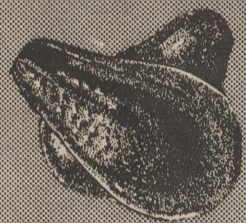
The Bronte FCE club served as hostesses to six March birthday residents of the Bronte Nursing Home on Friday, March 22nd. Those having a birthday were Ms. Jones who was born in Coke County, Ms. Mackey who was born in Coke County, Ms. Powell born in Miles, Ms. Awalt born in Winters, Ms. Campbell born in Cisco, and Ms. Banfield born in Kentucky. Those serving as hostess include Virginia Boatright, Marie Arrott, Annie Laurie McShane, Juanita Bradley, Charlie Belle Bagwell, and agent Jan Yanez. Providing entertainment for the club was Zada Denman, Dora Gallaway, and Pearl Mae Andrews.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL track teams travel to Garden City

The Robert Lee High School track teams met their district competition in a meet hosted by Garden City Saturday, March 21.

The high school boys team racked up 231 points for first place honors. Participants and their placings are as follows:

Running Events

440 Relay - 1st. Eric Torres, Adam Morgan, Aaron Hood, Marc Owen, 44:92.

110 High Hurdles - 1st. Adam Morgan, 15:61; 3rd. Mike Pentecost, 16:00.

110 Meter Dash - 1st. Eric Torres, 11:96; 5th. Marc Owen, 12:27.

400 Meter Dash - 1st. Matthew Millican, 53:10; 2nd. Aaron Hood, 53:32; 5th. Starsky Oleksiuk, 55:82.

330 Int. Hurdles - 1st. Adam Morgan, 40:85; 4th. Mike Pentecost, 43:24.

200 Meter Dash - 2nd. Matthew Millican, 24:52; 4th. Daniel Hayes, 24:71.

3200 Meter Run - 1st. Rocky Coates, 11:26:65; 4th. Chad Helwig; 5th. Polo Arellano.

800 Meter Run - 1st. Eric Hood, 2:08:57; 5th. Eli Boxell, 2:19:13.

1600 Meter Run - 3rd. Fred Wojtek, 5:24:32; 5th. Chad Helwig, 5:24:62.

Mile Relay - 1st. Aaron Hood, Eric Hood, Mike Pentecost, Matthew Millican, 3:31:58.

Field Events

Shot Put - 1st. Kory Pitcock, 48' 5 1/2"; 2nd. Aaron Hood, 46"; 3rd. Donny Edging, 44' 2 1/2".

Discus - 2nd. Kory

Pitcock, 128'1"; 5th. Jeremy Edging, 109'1"; 6th. Dustin Clendennen, 106'9".

Triple Jump - 2nd. Aaron Hood, 40'6"; 6th. Rocky Coates, 37'.

High Jump - 4th. Donny Edging, 5'8"; 5th. Mike Pentecost, 5'6".

Long Jump - 3rd. Adam Morgan, 19' 11 1/4".

Pole Vault - 1st. Daniel Hayes, 13'; 2nd. Adam Morgan, 12'6"(tie).

The Robert Lee High School girls track team took second place at the Garden City meet with 135 points. Their placings follow:

Running Events

440 Relay - 5th. Jaclyn Waldrop, Samantha Padgett, Whitney Montgomery, Jennifer Scott, 56:03.

200 Meter Dash - 1st. Jaclyn Waldrop, 29:52.

3200 Meter Run - 1st. Heather Millican, 12:43:98.

800 Meter Run - 1st. Heather Millican, 2:29:71; 5th. Kendra Bohannon, 2:47:83.

1600 Meter Run - 1st. Kendra Bohannon, 6:33:16.

Mile Relay - 3rd. Whitney Montgomery, Samantha Padgett, Jennifer Scott, Heather Millican, 4:36:78.

800 Relay - 2nd. Jaclyn Waldrop, Samantha Padgett, Whitney Montgomery, Jennifer Scott, 1:58:74.

Field Events

Shot Put - 1st. Shalon Waldrop, 34' 11 1/2".

Discus - 1st. Jaclyn Waldrop, 111'9"; 3rd. Shalon Waldrop, 98'1".

Triple Jump - 4th. Jennifer Scott, 30'5".

High Jump - 2nd. Bree Bolding, 5'2"; 5th. Samantha Padgett, 4'6".

Long Jump - 2nd. Samantha Padgett, 14'11".

RL golf teams compete

The Robert Lee High School boys golf team played Tuesday, March 19, in an invitational golf tournament. Of the two boys teams, one team placed second in the tournament with 355 combined strokes. The second team placed fifth, with 397 points.

Playing on the first team were Jason Tavarez, 82 strokes; Koby Howell, 94 strokes; Eric Torres, 98

strokes; David Sevier, 94 strokes; and Daryl Calder, 85 strokes. Playing on the second team were Fred Wojtek, 86 strokes; Jerrod Copeland, 99 strokes; Rocky Coates, 114 strokes; Randy Murphy, 107 strokes; and Justin Francis, 105 strokes.

Jason Tavarez was 1st medalist winner with 82 strokes on a one-hole playoff. Second medalist winner was Jimmy Holland, of Blackwell.

Other medalist players were Joe Gonzales, 110 strokes; Eli Boxell, 106 strokes; and Dustin Clendennen, 121 strokes.

The Robert Lee boys golf team also participated in district play Monday, March 25. The boys teams placed 1st and 3rd, with 340 and 373 combined strokes, respectively.

Playing for Robert Lee first team were Jason Tavarez, 85 strokes; Koby Howell, 88 strokes; Eric Torres, 87 strokes; Fred Wojtek, 85 strokes; and David Sevier, 83 strokes. Robert Lee's second team included Jerrod Copeland, 98 strokes; Daryl Calder, 84 strokes; Rocky Coates, 91 strokes; Randy Murphy, 100 strokes; and Justin Francis, 104 strokes. Medalist players were Joe Gonzales, 98 strokes, and Eli Boxell, 107 strokes.

RL school board meets

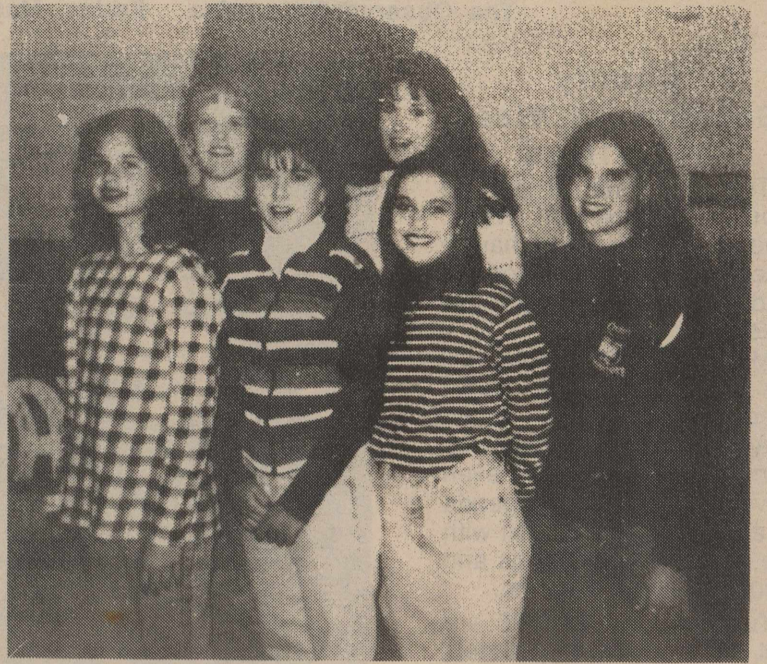
The Robert Lee ISD school board met in regular session on March 21, 1996, with all members present. The following business was conducted:

* Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

* Bills were paid.

* During the open forum, Superintendent Hood commended the performance of the local staff, volunteers and the EMS staff for their actions concerning the tragedy of Kirk Bagwell. The concern and care of the student body was also praised. Future inservice possibilities were explored. Future agenda items were also mentioned.

* The entire certified staff was extended contracts for the 1996-97 school year. All for.



Robert Lee High School and Junior High cheerleading elections were recently held in the Robert Lee school gym. Varsity Cheerleaders for the 1996-97 school year are (back row, l-r): Stacy Hendry and Meagan Hill. Pictured on front row, l-r, are: Macy Hill, Tracy Millican, Holly Copeland - Head, and Becca Emert.

* The board accepted the resignation of Jackie Tension as High School principal effective at the end of his 1995-96 contract. Mr. Tension has been selected Superintendent of Cross Plains Independent School District for 1996-97 school year.

* The board voted for representatives to the Region XV Service Center Board.

* The board called a school board election for May 4, 1996, with Winnie Pitcock to serve as election judge.

* Bus driving alcohol and drug testing policies were accepted.

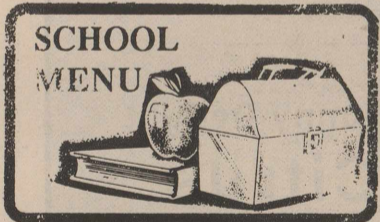
* Re-conditioning and a sprinkler system for the football field was approved.

* A new Shared Services Arrangement Contract with Small Schools Cooperative was approved.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be April 18, 1996.

Many who find the day too long, think life too short.

—Charles Caleb Colton



SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, April 1
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, April 2
Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk

Wednesday, April 3
Breakfast Bagel, Apple Juice, Milk

Thursday, April 4
Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk

Friday, April 5
Holiday

Lunch

Monday, April 1
Beef/Vegetable Stew, Fruit Cocktail, Crackers, Chocolate Clusters, Milk

Tuesday, April 2
Fish w/ Tartar Sauce, Seasoned Green Beans, Cheesy Potatoes, Hush Puppies, Banana Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, April 3
Beef Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Pears, Milk

Thursday, April 4
Ham & Cheese Subs w/Pickles, Raisins, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

Friday, April 5
Holiday

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Water Valley hosts jr. high meet

The Robert Lee Junior High boys and girls track teams competed Saturday, March 21, in a district meet hosted by Water Valley. The boys took the meet championship with 241 points. Participants and placings are as follows:

Field Events

Discus - 1st. Joel Gallegos, 115'4"; 6th. Jeremy Eaton, 91'.

Shot Put - 2nd. Dan McCown, 40'8".

Pole Vault - 1st. Deric Brothers, 8'6"; 4th. Daniel Cates, 7'6".

Long Jump - 1st. Andrew McCabe, 17' 5 1/2"; 2nd. B.J. Bessent, 16'4".

Triple Jump - 1st. Dan McCown, 36'5"; 3rd. B.J. Bessent, 34' 1/2"; 6th. Jeremy Eaton, 32'5".

High Jump - 1st. Dan McCown, 5'6"; 2nd. Andrew McCabe, 5'2"; 5th. Beau Boxell, 5'.

Running Events

2400 Meter Run - 1st. Lewis Samanigo, 9:08.8; 3rd. John Burdett, 9:29.7.

400 Meter Relay - 1st. Daniel Cates, B.J. Bessent, Beau Boxell, Andrew McCabe, 49.3.

800 Meter Run - 1st. Joel Gallegos, 2:29.87; 3rd. Chase Rainwater, 2:38.15.

110 Hurdles - 1st. Dan McCown, 18.06; 4th. Deric Brothers, 19.84; 5th. Jeremy Eaton, 20.11.

100 Meter Dash - 2nd. Daniel Cates, 13.3; 3rd. Beau Boxell, 13.34.

400 Meter Run - 1st. B.J. Bessent, 63.15; 6th. Matthew Pitcock, 72.81.

300 Meter Hurdles - 1st. Andrew McCabe, 47.06; 2nd. Deric Brothers, 49.75; 6th. Coke Hendry, 58.92.

200 Meter Dash - 3rd. Daniel Cates, 26.64; 4th. Chase Rainwater, 27.63.

1600 Meter Run - 2nd. John Burdett, 6:38.

1600 Meter Relay - 1st. Beau Boxell, B.J. Bessent, Andrew McCabe, Dan McCown, 4:04.3.

The Robert Lee junior high girls team also competed in Saturday's track meet in Water Valley. They took 3rd place with 121 points. Their participants and placings are listed below:

Field Events

Triple Jump - 2nd. Dixie Simpson, 31'3"; 5th. DeShira Dickey, 28' 9 1/2".

High Jump - 3rd. Dixie Simpson, 4'6"; 4th. DeShira Dickey, 4'6"; 5th. Monica Manning, 4'6".

Shot Put - 2nd. Griselda Rocha, 23'9"; 4th. Amber Freeman, 22' 2 1/2"; 5th. Cecilia Ortega, 21' 11 1/2".

Long Jump - 3rd. Dixie Simpson, 13' 1/2"; 6th. Monica Manning, 12'.

Discus - 3rd. Amber Freeman, 63' 10 1/2"; 5th. Amber Freeman, 55'9"; 6th. Macy Hill, 55'6".

Running Events

400 Meter Relay - 2nd. Dixie Simpson, Dee Van Huss, Monica Manning, DeShira Dickey, 58.19.

800 Meter Run - 4th. Christian DeLosSantos, 2:51.7; 5th. Gina Torres, 3:01.4.

100 Meter Dash - 5th. Ashley Townsend, 16.49.

800 Meter Relay - 3rd.

Tiffany Copeland, Erin Millican, Dee Van Huss, Monica Manning, 2:08.6.

400 Meter Dash - 1st. DeShira Dickey, 69.18.

200 Meter Dash - 6th. Tiffany Copeland, 32.67.

1600 Meter Run - 5th. Gina Torres, 6:46.2; 6th. Christian DeLosSantos, 6:54.7.

1600 Meter Relay - 3rd. Dixie Simpson, Cayla Jeffrey, Monica Manning, DeShira Dickey, 5:02.26.

Jones celebrates 94th

Laura Jones was honored with a party in celebration of her 94th birthday Saturday, March 16. The party was held in Robert Lee at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nellie and Joe Ross. The party was hosted by Mrs. Jones' children.

Family members, including many of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were in attendance.



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Toxic Plant Alert

As drought continues across the state, forage supplies for livestock are becoming increasingly limited. Forage quality is also extremely low. The result is that livestock are stressed nutritionally, and much more likely to consume unpalatable plants, some of which may be toxic.

Ranchers should be on the alert for possible consumption of two toxic plants this spring. The first is oak. Oaks will be budding out over the next few weeks. Oaks buds are palatable to livestock, especially if other forage is limiting. Unfortunately, oaks contain tannins which are toxic to most species of livestock. Also, the quantity of tannin in oak buds is elevated as compared to mature leaves.

The signs of oak poisoning include emaciation, constipation or diarrhea and mucus and/or blood in the feces. Poisoned animals will also appear drawn, have a rough hair coat and a dry nose.

If poisoning is suspected, animals should be immediately removed from access to oak. Calcium hydroxide (hydrated lime) is reported to be an efficient antidote to prevent oak poisoning. Supplemental feed containing 9 percent hydrated lime have reduced losses in cattle in experimental feeding trials.

The second toxic plant to be on alert for is twin-leaf senna. This plant is common on shallow limestone soils where it is usually left ungrazed by livestock. The plant is 6 to 12 inches tall, with several stems from a stout root. The most identifying characteristics are the bright orange flowers, paired leaves and inch long pods with many seeds. In a dry spring twin-leaf senna can be one of the

few green plants growing.

This plant is toxic to most species of livestock. Symptoms of toxicity include loss of appetite, diarrhea, weakness and in the late stages a reddish urine. Animals will lie down, look alert, but can't get up. Usually, animals are not able to recover once they show the dark urine. About 40% recovery is expected if the condition is recognized earlier.

Providing adequate forage and a mineral supplement with adequate phosphorous will reduce consumption of twin-leaf senna and most other toxic plants. Remember, the best long term solution to toxic plants is the management of rangeland so that animals do not become nutritionally stressed.

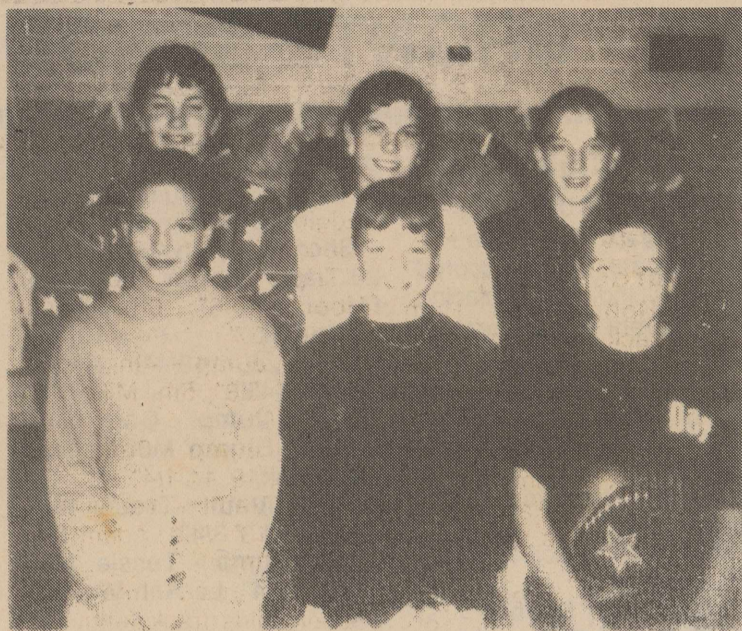
Prison visits set to help youth

A Day in the Life of a Prisoner - not the latest country-western single, but a real-life experience being offered to about 20 young people a month.

With funding furnished by the campaign of Robert Junell - no state funds are involved - youth between the ages of 10 and 16 will be bused by the San Angelo Independent School District to the "80 John" Wallace Unit in Colorado City - a state facility with about 1,300 prisoners.

There they will spend about five hours working alongside the prisoners, eating lunch in the prison mess hall, meeting in small groups with one or more prisoners to hear about what led to their incarceration and getting an up-close and personal view of a prison cell.

Hopefully, this experience will help deter the visiting youth from following a similar path.



Robert Lee Junior High cheerleaders for 1996-97 are (back row, l-r): Jodee Helwig, Whitney Millican, and Dixie Simpson. Pictured on front row, l-r, are: Jennifer Hamilton, Tiffany Copeland - Head, and Shanna Wojtek.

Poetry contest promises cash

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc. is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new "Distinguished Poetry Awards" poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes May 31, 1996. However, poets are encouraged to submit their work as soon as possible, since poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Winter 1997 edition of Treasured Poems of America, a hardcover anthology to be published in December, 1996. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure

publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be notified by July 31, 1996.

"Poetry is more popular than ever," says Jerome P. Welch, Publisher. "Our contest offers a public forum for new poets that allows them to share their work. We welcome poetry of all styles and themes. Many of our contest winners are new poets with new ideas."

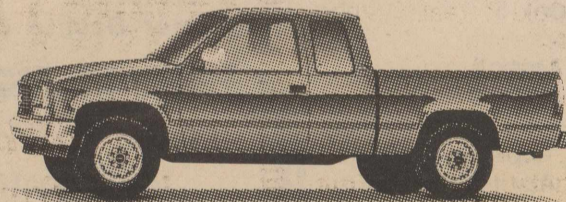
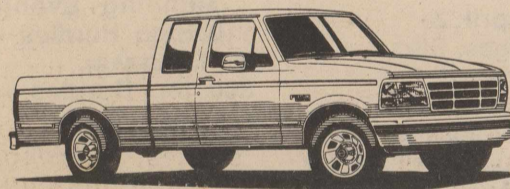
Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. E, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, WV 26175.

RL PTA Book Fair

Robert Lee PTA will hold a Book Fair in the Elementary Library Thursday, March 28, from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Parents are welcome to come and browse.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Br. Jr. High track teams compete

At the Blackland Divide Relays (Roscoe), the girls scored 11 points. Individuals placing in their event at the meet include:

Field Events

Long Jump - 3rd. Jessica Sturgill, 15'1"; 4th. Le Ann Walker, 15'

Discus - 6th. Brooke McCutchen, 71'6".

Other team participants and their results are:

Running Events

2400 Meter Run - Rosa Rodriguez, 14:00; Kara Thompson, 13:40.

400 Meter Relay - Amanda Bowie, Jessica Sturgill, Tessie McMullan, Le Ann Walker, 57.8.

100 Meter Low Hurdles - Le Ann Walker, 19.0; Tessie McMullan, 23.9.

800 Meter Run - Cara Sefcik, 3:06; Brooke McCutchen, 3:42.

100 Meter Dash - Amanda Bowie, 15.8; Kala Arrott, 15.7; Heather Duncan, 14.5.

400 Meter Dash - Heather Randazzo, :81; Kim Smith, :89; Jennifer Sturgill, :72.

300 Meter Hurdles - Kim Smith, :69; Angie Harrell, :67.

200 Meter Dash - Jade Richards, :38; Kala Arrott, :35; Crystal Moore, :36.2.

1600 Meter Run - Rosa Rodriguez, 8:23; Cara Sefcik, 7:23.

1600 Meter Relay - Jennifer Sturgill, Heather Duncan, Le Ann Walker, Tessie McMullan, 5:00.94.

800 Meter Relay - Amanda Bowie, Heather Ran-

dazzo, Jennifer Sturgill, Jessica Sturgill, Disqualified.

Field Events

Shot Put - Crystal Moore, 20'; Jade Richards, 19'; Angie Harrell.

Discus - Heather Randazzo, 48'4"; Angie Harrell, 44'6".

Triple Jump - Cara Sefcik, 23'; Brooke McCutchen; Kala Arrott.

Long Jump - Tessie McMullan, 14' 7 3/4".

High Jump - Tessie McMullan, 4'4"; Le Ann Walker, 4'4".

The district meet is Friday, March 29, at Water Valley. Come support the Short-horns!

Bronte Junior High boys track team also competed in Saturday's Roscoe Relays. Following are the results from their 48-point combined score:

Field Events

Discus - 3rd. Blake McKee.

Long Jump - 6th. Mario Minjarez.

Running Events

2400 Meter Run - 5th. Jake Graves.

110 Meter Hurdles - 5th. Zeb Speary; 6th. Harley Hall.

800 Meter Run - 5th. Tim Green.

200 Meter Run - 2nd. Mario Minjarez.

1600 Meter Run - 1st. Tim Green; 4th. Jerrod McClure.

1600 Meter Relay - 3rd. Mario Minjarez, Jeff Reed, Zeb Speary, Sam Sanchez.

Br. HS track teams travel to Water Valley

The Bronte boys and girls track teams competed at the Water Valley track meet this past weekend.

In the boys' division, the following athletes participated and placed:

Field Events

Shot Put - 2nd. Keith Treadaway.

Discus - 4th. Keith Treadaway.

Running Events

110 High Hurdles - 2nd. Keith Treadaway.

300 Int. Hurdles - 2nd. Keith Treadaway.

1600 Meter Run - 4th. Courtney Beam.

3200 Meter Run - 2nd. Courtney Beam; 5th. Scott Graves.

100 Meter Dash - 6th.

Kale Beck.

800 Meter Run - 5th. Billy Arthur.

In the girls' division, athletes who participated and placed are as follows:

Field Events

Shot Put - 1st. Wendy Johnson; 2nd. Sommer Beck; 4th. Natasha Carper.

Discus - 1st. Wendy Johnson; 2nd. Natasha Carper; 4th. Sommer Beck.

Running Events

100 Meter Dash - 4th. Natasha Carper.

200 Meter Dash - 3rd. Natasha Carper; 6th. Brandy Denton.

400 Meter Dash - 6th. Tammy Lowe.

100 Meter Hurdles - 2nd. Kim Hall.

300 Meter Hurdles - 2nd. Kim Hall.

The Longhorn Track Team will travel to Sterling City Saturday, March 30, to compete in the Eagle Relays.

Sorosis Study Club news

The Sorosis Study Club met at 7:30 pm March 14 in the community room of the Bronte Masonic Lodge Building with Mrs. Mildred Thomason as hostess.

Members present were Janet Womack, Mary Glenn, Jean Fancher, Frances Kemp, Diane Lockett, Dorris Sonnenberg, Celia Bowden, Pat Lee and the hostess.

In the business meeting conducted by Vice-President Mildred Thomason, plans were completed for the 50th Anniversary Tea to be held April 16.

Mrs. Pat Lee gave an interesting program on the railroad in Coke County and the three depots that served the railroad. She also related various stories and happenings related to the railroad.

A St. Patrick theme was used in decorations and the dessert served by the hostess.

Workshop offers info/insight

Areas school board candidates will have an opportunity to learn more about the challenges and rewards of board service at a school board candidate workshop, Monday, April 1, 7-9 pm at the Region 14 Education Service Center (1850 Highway 351, Abilene).

The workshop will provide school board candidates and



Jamie Morrow, daughter of Jim and Mary Morrow, recently paid a visit to the Bronte Senior Center while on Spring Break from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Jamie's grandmother, Christine Corley, quilts at the center. Jamie is shown here with Virginia Boatright and Maudie Collins (l).

other interested citizens with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. A staff member of the Texas Association of School Boards, and an experienced school board member, will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also review "A Call to Service", a Texas Association of School Boards video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to all school board candidates, interested community members, and current school

board members. Admission is free. For more information, call David Koempel at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6191.

Coke Co. retired teachers meet

The TRTA meeting was held March 18, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. President Paul Gothard presided at the luncheon meeting. A delightful program of prose and poetry was given by Robert Lee High School UIL students Joe Gonzales, Stacy Hendry, and Kannan Millican. Those in attendance were C.B. and Wanda Barbee, Jamie Boren, Jack and Nina Brewer, Kay and Paul Gothard, Luther Guffy, J.T. and Sybil Henry, Kenneth and Nancy Rasco, Lee and Janet Wommack, and guests Norma Baker, Rev. Don Adams and Dee Ann Adams, Alan Richey, Elaine Gregston, Tricia Ballew, Joe Gonzales, Stacy Hendry, and Kannan Millican.



Breakfast

Monday, April 1
Sausage, Waffles, Apple Juice, Milk

Tuesday, April 2
Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Orange Juice, Milk

Wednesday, April 3
Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

Thursday, April 4
Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Grape Juice, Milk

Friday, April 5
Holiday

Lunch

Monday, April 1
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Apple Sauce, Milk

Tuesday, April 2
Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Macaroni & Cheese, French Fries, Pineapple Tidbits, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk

Wednesday, April 3
Burrito w/Cheese, Tossed Salad, Tator Tots, Jello w/Mixed Fruit, Milk

Thursday, April 4
Sliced Ham, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Carrots, Rolls, Pink Panther Cake, Milk

Friday, April 5
Holiday

*All former members of a
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Blackwell CISD posts honor roll

The following students maintained grades high enough to qualify them for the "A" or "A-B" honor roll at Blackwell Schools during the fourth six weeks.

First Grade:

All A's - Kellyn Airhart, Kelsy Duncan, Rachel Smith, Daniel Jones, Jarred Walker.

A-B - Sylvia Solis

Second Grade:

All A's - Philip Buckner, Lynsey Matthews, Cody Morgan, Rikki Saunders, Jake Wilkinson, Jessica Chavez, Steve Henderson, Felica Murray, Justin Thompson, B.J. Jones.

A-B - Kelly Dove, Luis Morales, Yadira Padilla.

Third Grade:

All A's - Kinsey Airhart, Ambra Cole.

A-B - Melenda Solis.

Fourth Grade:

All A's - Heather Jones.

A-B - Sharla Hollan, Megan Busby, Angel Saavedra, Kayleigh Jones, Ryan Ragland, Dustin Eoff, Katie Wilkinson, Kayla Saunders.

Fifth Grade:

All A's - Auston Parr, Chris Morgan, Lindy Wilson.

A-B - Jenifer Breshers, John Allen Jones, Colby Rideout, Kaitlyn Saunders, Daniel Sanchez, Meghan McGhee.

Sixth Grade:

All A's - Cody Blair, Mindy Boyd, Justin Roberson, Matthew Jones.

A-B - T.J. Holland, Christina Nichols, Kammie Lisso, Jennifer Dove, Jessica McIntire, Will Blaine, Codi Monsey, Jackie Murray, Justin Scott.

Seventh Grade:

All A's - Katrina Buckner, Steven Hayes, Ashley Ragland.

A-B - Pascual Solis, Latosha Roland, Clint Morgan, Gayna Cantrell, Viola Sims, Katie Driver.

Eighth Grade:

All A's - Jennifer Boyd, Leticia Camarillo.

A-B - April Fox, Lindsey Hamilton, Adam Wilkinson, Maria Rangel, Leman Saunders, Gloria Solis, Stephanie Cantrell.

Ninth Grade:

All A's - Jimmy Holland, Lee Nault.

A-B - Justin Hart, Roy Daughtrey, Kristin Harvell.

Tenth Grade:

All A's - Jimmy Loveday.

A-B - Elizabeth Camarillo, Mauricio Chavez, Jennifer O'Malley, Miranda Scott, Joanie Ussery.

Eleventh Grade:

All A's - Carye Adkins, Chrissy Allen, Brandon Boyd, Nathan Hayes, Lucia Saavedra.

A-B - Julie Dolan, Rose Melton, Judith Taylor, Jessica Shafer.

Twelfth Grade:

A-B - Mark McMaster, Mariana Solis, Joe Blackburn.

Br. mission to begin new ministry

Mission Nueva Vida en Cristo (New Life in Christ Mission) will begin a new outreach ministry in Bronte on Wednesday, April 17th. Every third Wednesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm the members will distribute food and clothing to the needy.

The mission is located at

214 North Jefferson in Bronte. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry or obtaining more information should contact Ms. Maria Ema Cruz at 658-3747 in San Angelo, or Mrs. Edward Minjarez at 473-6441 in Bronte.

The mission is conducting a fundraiser on Saturday, March 30, to help fund this ministry. An enchilada dinner will be held at the mission. Check the classified ad section of this paper for more information.



Lake Spence fishing report

The High Sky Bass Club from Midland held a two-day tournament Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17, on Lake Spence.

Headquartered at Paint Creek area, there were a total of 21 anglers. Eighteen black bass were reeled in on the first day, and fourteen were caught on Sunday. Saturday's largest fish, weighing 9.82 lbs., was hooked by Debbie Stout. On Sunday, Melvin Dunn reeled in a 5.09 pounder, stealing bragging rights for the day. Stout was using a pink slug 6" long in 12' of water, and Dunn used a crank bait lure.

DeWayne Stout came in 1st place with 4 fish at 7 lbs, Melvin Dunn took 2nd place with 2 fish at 6.6 lbs, and Dow Scott's 3 fish at 4 1/2 lbs. earned third place for him. All fish were released.

Paint Creek Marina

* Lloyd and Judy Davidson - 2 black bass - 2 1/4 lbs., and 2 lbs., 10 oz.

* Bob Edwards, Midland - 5 lb., 13 oz. black bass

* Dusty Davis, Hobbs, NM - two stripers, 15 1/2 lbs. each, live shad.

* Mr. and Mrs. Riley, Sweetwater - 10 stripers, 2 lbs. each; one white bass, 2 lbs., cut shad.

* L.G. Aguilar, Seagraves - two stripers, 19 1/2" long; 9 white bass; 3 black bass; 2 crappie; 1 channel cat, bass minnows.

Wildcat Marina

* Douglas Futcell, San Angelo - black bass, 4 lbs., sassy shad lure.

* Cody Jordan, Hobbs, NM - 14 1/2 lb. striper, cut shad.

* Justin Jordan, Lubbock - 23 1/2 lb. striper, cut shad, fishing on bottom.

* Dave Laga, Midland - 6 1/2 lb. black bass, rattle trap.

* Jacob, Ryan and Robert Kuwik, Clovis, NM - 3 stripers, 19", 24", and 29" long.

* Michael and Tony, Monahans - 4 white bass, bank fishing.

Water Temperature - 59°

Paint Creek Marina

Chad Brooks - Midland, reeled in a 11 lb. 12 oz. striper.

Troy Gray - Big Spring, reeled in a 16 lb. 10 oz. striper.

Russell Heinrich - Slaton, reeled in a 6 lb. 6 oz. black bass on crank bait.

Wildcat Marina

Terry Brown - Midland, reeled in a 32 1/2 lb. striper on cut shad fishing on bottom.

Chris Payne - Lubbock, reeled in a 10 lb. striper and a 3 3/4 lb. black bass.

Ballinger holds annual festival

The 21st annual Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts and Crafts Show will be held in Ballinger again this year on the last full weekend in April, the 27th and 28th. The festival will be on the Runnels County Courthouse lawn (or in case of inclement weather, the Community Center).

Saturday, the 27th, the event will kick off downtown at 9:00 am with the Colorado River Bike Fest (100K, 35 mile, 18 mile, 5 mile), followed by a large parade at 9:30 am. Ethnic food booths, handmade arts and crafts, live entertainment, Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show, community booths, pony rides and games for the children and a big Saturday night dance featuring the band "SWIGS". Also, Miss Ballinger will be crowned during this two-day event!

Everyone's invited for two big fun-filled days!

Welfare reform announced by Stenholm

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) announced recently that the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has approved Texas' welfare waiver request, which allows the State to implement the welfare reform legislation passed by the Texas Legislature and signed by the Governor. The Texas welfare overhaul plan required a "waiver" from certain federal requirements before it could be implemented.

"Our Texas State legislators passed, and the governor signed, an excellent welfare reform package," said Stenholm. "I am very glad we were able to convince HHS officials of the value of these changes, and I'm confident we will now see some meaningful welfare reform."

Stenholm has been actively involved in welfare reform and, in addition to setting up local welfare task forces, has helped to develop federal legislation to implement much-needed reforms. Most recently, he served as the liaison between Governor Bush and the White House in order to move the waiver approval process forward.

"As one of the authors of the Individual Responsibility Act here in the Congress, I worked to develop a common-sense welfare reform proposal that increases personal responsibility, moves welfare recipients into the work place, and increases state flexibility to administer the program," said Stenholm. "Texas' waiver request embraced the principles of the Individual Responsibility Act, and I have



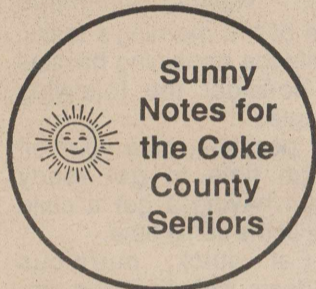
Showing off this quilt made for Lora Belle Brown are (l-r), Pearlle Mae Andrews, Helen Kirkland, Ella Pruitt, Charlie Belle Bagwell, Lora Belle Brown, Marguerite Sonnenberg and Christine Corley.

been very pleased to help resolve this matter so that these much-needed reforms can be made."

The Texas welfare reform legislation sets a 5-year window during which adult recipients who are required to participate in the JOBS program, but do not find a job after a certain period of time, would no longer be eligible for cash benefits.

If the recipient hits the time-limit, he/she is still eligible to receive transitional child care and Medicaid assistance. The time-limits established in this waiver begin only after recipients have been given an opportunity to participate in the JOBS program. Children of recipients who reach the time-limit would still receive assistance and other means-tested benefits.

"Texas' waiver request balances the administration's concerns with the need for states' flexibility in the overall goal of welfare reform," added Stenholm. "It is very important that States be allowed to implement demonstration projects, and I think all Texans will ultimately benefit from the changes made in this law."



Lunch Menu Monday, April 1
Fried Catfish, Corn O'Brien, Okra Gumbo, Hot Roll, Cherry Cobbler

Wednesday, April 3
Barbecue Beef, New Potatoes, Tomato, Bun, Sugar Cookies

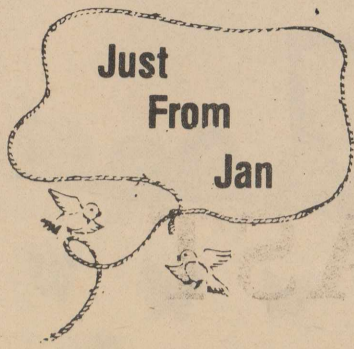
Friday, April 5
Meatballs w/Spanish Sauce, Noodles, Cooked Cabbage, Hot Roll, Banana Pudding

Monthly Dates to Remember
The VA representative will be at the City Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am; Social Security representative at the City Hall the 4th Thursday at 1:30 pm. The Texas Department of Public Safety will issue drivers license at the court house in Robert Lee, the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 9:00 am - 3:30 PM. They are closed from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm for lunch.

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THURSDAY: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes & White Gravy, Corn on Cob, Roll - \$4.30
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Balancing work/family during a.m. rush

While there will be an occasional hitch, with some planning you can lessen morning stress. Begin by asking yourself, "What tasks can I take care of the night before?" With the help of your toddler or preschooler, set out the next day's clothes, make lunches, set the table for breakfast and put coffee in the coffee maker and set the timer. Having eliminated some of the morning's tasks, identify the remaining hassles and consider the following strategies:

- * If possible, give yourself enough time to get ready without having a get a child ready at the same time.

- * Eat quick, nutritious breakfasts including fruit, yogurt, juice, frozen waffles, and bagels. Save more elaborate meal preparation for the weekend.

- * Set a morning routine. A familiar pattern of activities

West Texas Rehab to hatch "Spring Chicken Affair"

It's time for West Texans' thoughts to turn to Spring... Spring Chicken Affair that is. And Spring Chicken Affair was the topic Thursday, March 21, at a 2:00 pm press conference at West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Highlighting the conference was the "arrival" of the "Spring Chicken" and announcement of new sponsoring partners for the Rehab Center benefit event.

Joining hands with Southwest Bank to stage the "old-fashioned chicken dinner" on Sunday, April 21 will be 11 "Restaurants for Rehab" -- A Catered Affair, Chili's Grill, Cotton Patch, Country Kitchen, the two Dairy Queens of San Angelo, Golden Corral, Packsaddle Bar-B-Que, River Club, Rosa's Cafe and Spaghetti Western Italian Grille.

The Spring Chicken Affair originated back in 1983 when Southern Sea Restaurant and Southwest Bank teamed up to sponsor the unique fundraiser -- which in its 13 years has raised approximately \$218,000 for the Center.

Serving time will be from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, and continuous family-oriented musical entertainment will be provided throughout the three-hour April 21 event.

What remains unchanged will be the location -- under the "big tops" behind Southwest Bank on Knickerbocker Road -- and an ongoing commitment by everyone involved that people who attend enjoy themselves and want to come back year after year to help support West Texas Rehab Center.

such as eating breakfast, brushing teeth, and getting dressed, gives a child a sense of control by letting him know what will happen each day. Create a poster or these steps with your child from snapshots or drawings.

- * Create a routine to get the day started on a positive note. Favorites include games (e.g. peek-a-boo, pat-a-cake), silly songs, special hugs and going for a short walk.

- * Add extra time in your morning for the slow-to-wake-up child. These children benefit from a little time cuddling, watching TV or just laying in bed. If possible, feed him just a little breakfast and have your day care provider give him a mid-morning snack when he is finally ready to eat.

- * Help your preschool age child get ready by teaching her to dress herself and by placing breakfast foods and utensils at a level she can reach. Out of habit we often

do for children what they can do for themselves.

- * Ask older children for help with constant problems. "I hate having to nag you to get out of bed. Any ideas?" Children often amaze us with their ability to solve problems, and when they have had a say in the solution, they're more likely to cooperate. For help with solving problems, pick up a copy of "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen And Listen So Kids Will Talk" by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish.

- * Help your child remember that important blanket, stuffed animal or toy by placing a note on the door with a picture of the item and "Please remember me."

- * Designate a launching place for coats, hats, keys and everything else needed for a quick exit.

- * Keep an extra set of keys in a convenient place (just in case!)

- * If you ride the bus or park at meters, keep a roll of quarters or bus tokens in your car so you don't get caught short.

Mornings set the stage for how the rest of your day will go. If your morning routine leaves your children in tears and you in a rush, it's time for a change. Whether you need to make serious changes or just minor adjustments, your family can get off to a better start.

Counselor's Comments

by Vicky McCutchen

Building kids' respect for rules

Parents can help build a child's respect for rules by making rules important to the family. Children who obey rules at home, and are expected to obey them, find it easier to comply with rules when they're away from home.

In order to help children develop an understanding of the need for rules, one of the best ways is to discuss situations and what could happen when the rules are not followed. Following are some examples that could be worth trying:

- * What could happen if there were no rules about when you talk in class?

- * What could happen if you could take things from a store without paying for them?

- * What could happen if anyone of any age could drive a car?

Parents might try playing a game, for example, Monopoly, Scrabble, or kickball, without any rules. After a few minutes, stop and discuss how things are going. Continue to play the game with rules and later discuss the need for rules and laws in different areas of life. Model rules and point out the importance of following them as an adult. Have family meetings and discuss the family rules such as talking and listening. When a rule is broken at home, discuss the effects of it.

Building a child's respect for rules can lead to better relationships in life and better acceptance of rules that have been made. Children need to

see positive adult role models following rules on a consistent basis.

Ballinger Chamber hosts egg hunt

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6, 1996 at 2:00 pm in the City Park.

There will be four age groups: Toddlers 0-2; 3-5 years; 6-8 years; and 9-11 years. There will be no charge. All children are welcome. For more information, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 365-2333 or 365-5611.

THD to hold dutch treat luncheon

Retired highway employees are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 am on Monday, April 8, 1996, at Zentner's Daughter, on Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo.

The purpose of this luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to attend the luncheon.

Retirees planning to attend the luncheon should contact Doc or Kitty Watson at 915-944-3968, or Glenda Rampy at 915-947-9202, by April 5 to make reservations.

There may be more beautiful times, but this one is ours.

—Jean-Paul Sartre



The Birthday Party for March was sponsored by the Bronte Family Community Education Club on Friday, March 23. Zada Denman, Dora Gallaway and Pearl Mae Andrews provided entertainment. There were six birthday honorees. Pictured are Ernestine Powell, Georgia Mae Mackey and (seated) Laura Jones. Those celebrating, but not pictured, were Edith Banfield, Dorothy Awalt and Beulah Campbell.

Runoff Election poses voter problems

The April 9th runoff election may cause Coke County voters some confusion as to where to go to vote. Those voters who cast their ballots in the March 12 Primary were each questioned about the address listed on their voter registration records.

Those who have moved or had any kind of address correction, filled out "Statement of Residence" cards that were turned in to the Coke County Voter Registrar. Those changes, in many cases, result in a different voting precinct.

However, according to state law, changes to voter registration records are not effective for 30 days, and the runoff election is set for less than 30 days after the primary. This means that Coke County

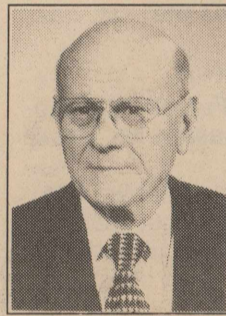
residents voting in the runoff election who filled out residence change cards on March 12, must go back to their old voting precinct to cast their ballot on April 9.

If you filled out a "Statement of Residence" card at the polls, and have not received a new voter registration card in the mail, you may need to contact the Coke County Voter Registrar's office at 453-2614, or come by the Coke County Tax Office in the courthouse for information on where to vote on April 9.

Voters will be asked to verify the address on the poll lists again, and asked to fill out the statement cards again, in accordance with the Texas Election code. These cards will be checked against the March 12 cards and filed with the voters registration records. The corrected voter registration cards will be mailed to voters on April 10.

Early voting begins April 1.

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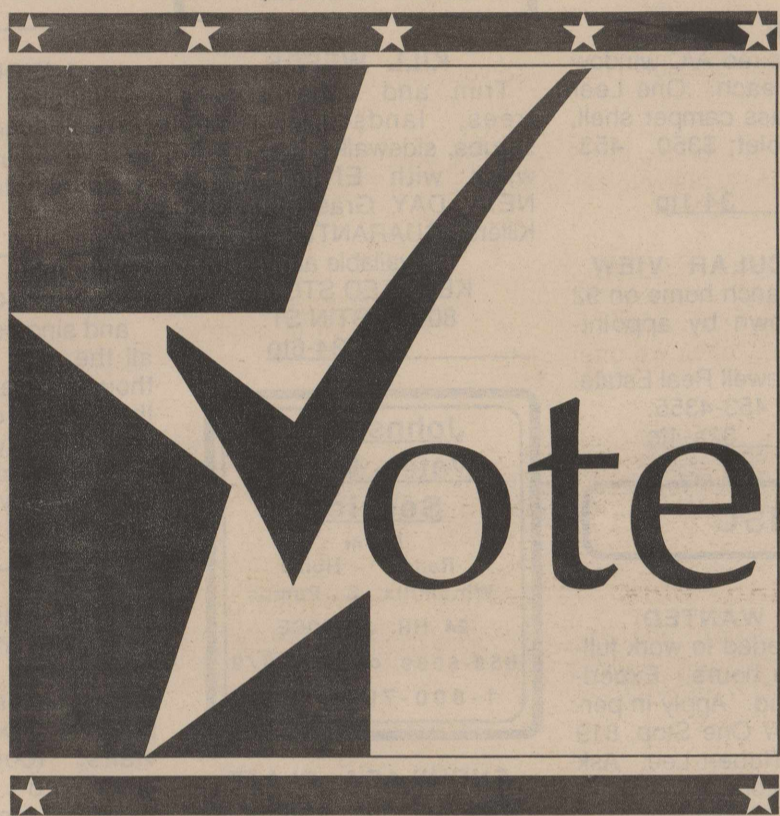
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**PROJECT GRADUATION
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your response and help with
the benefit bake sale for Kirk
Bagwell. All the baked goods
and donations were greatly
appreciated. We are truly
blessed to be a part of a loving
community. God bless each
of you.
Krystal Carver
Misty Williams
The family of Kirk Bagwell
34a-1tp

**I WOULD LIKE
TO THANK**
the people that supported
me in the Primary Election. I
do appreciate it.
Tim Millican
34a-1tc

OUR SPECIAL THANKS
and sincere appreciation for
all the acts of kindness and
thoughtfulness shown us at
the time of our loss. Thank
you to everyone who had a
part or helped in any way.
The family of Leola Hughes
and Lora Belle Brown
34B-1tc

YOUR SPIRIT OF LOVE
in ministering to us at the
loss of our loved one will
always be remembered. Your
prayers, flowers, memorials,
visits, food and cards
sustained us when we
needed it most. Every act of
kindness and concern was
deeply appreciated. Thanks
for caring.
The family of Lenora Good
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NOTICES

**REQUEST FOR BIDS
ON TEXAS HIGHWAY
CONSTRUCTION**

Sealed proposals for 0.000
miles of modernize traffic
signals at various locations on
US 83, US 87, US 277, SH
163, and LP 467 covered by
C 34-4-32, C 69-4-32, C 160-
1-27, C 412-3-26, C-264-5-
12, C 141-14-9 and C 69-7-88
in Runnels, Sterling, Sutton,
Crockett, Coke and Tom
Green counties will be re-
ceived at the Texas Depart-
ment of Transportation,
Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm,
April 10, 1996, and then pub-
licly opened and read.
Plans and specifications,
including minimum wage rates
as provided by Law, are avail-
able for inspection at the of-
fice of Angie Ortegon, District
Traffic Engineer, San Angelo,
Texas, and at the Texas De-
partment of Transportation,
Austin, Texas. Bidding propo-
sals are to be requested
from the Construction and
Maintenance Division, 200
East Riverside Drive, Austin,
Texas 78704-1205. Plans

are available through com-
mercial printers in Austin,
Texas, at the expense of the
bidder.
The Texas Department of
Transportation hereby notifies
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33a-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Bronte Independent
School District will accept
sealed bids to purchase two
(2) diesel powered school
buses. The bids shall be in
the Bronte School District's
Business Office at PO Box
670, Bronte, Texas 76933,
no later than 12:00 noon on
April 11, 1996. Bid en-
velopes must be marked in
lower left hand corner "School
Bus Bid."
Specifications may be ob-
tained from Mr. Alan Richey,
Supt., 915-473-2511 at the
school Administration office.
The bids will be presented
to the school board at their
regular meeting on April 11,
1996. Bronte ISD reserves
the right to accept or reject
any or all bids in the best in-
terest of the Bronte ISD.
33B-2tc

**CONTRACTOR'S
NOTICE
Maintenance Work
Texas Department of
Transportation**

Sealed proposals for con-
tract maintenance of PICNIC
AREAS and REST AREAS in
various counties will be re-
ceived at the Texas Depart-
ment of Transportation's Dis-
trict Office, Loop 306 &
Knickerbocker Rd., San An-
gelo, Texas 76906 on the
date and time indicated be-
low; and then publicly opened
and read.

**APRIL 3, 1996 - 2:00 PM
PICNIC AREAS**
Contract No. 077XXM4002,
Irion, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM4003,
Concho, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM4006,
Tom Green County
Contract No. 077XXM4007,
Sutton, etc.

REST AREAS
Contract No. 077XXM4014,
Sutton County - South Side
Contract No. 077XXM4015,
Coke County

**APRIL 4, 1996 - 2:00 PM
PICNIC AREAS**
Contract No. 077XXM4001,
Runnels, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM4008,
Sterling, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM4009,
Coke, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM1010,
Edwards, etc.

REST AREAS
Contract No. 077XXM4012,
Concho County
(cont'd. next page)

Contract No. 077XXM4013, Sutton County - North Side Plans, specifications, and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, at the above mentioned address.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBIDDERS MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.

Minority contractors are encouraged to participate. Usual rights reserved. 33a-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Election

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives the notice of election May 4, 1996 for the purpose of electing three Directors for a two year term.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Monday, April 15, 1996 and continue through Tuesday, April 30, 1996 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

Early voting in person shall be conducted at the business office of the Bronte Nursing Home, 900 State Street, Bronte, Texas. Application for early ballots by mail should be mailed to Bronte Nursing Home, PO Drawer M, Bronte, Texas 76933.

The polling place shall be City Hall, 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas and will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on the day of the election.

NOTICIA DE DIRECTORES DE ELECCION

Los de el distrito y de la mesa directiva de el Hospital de el candado de Coke Hacen Saver de la Eleccion que se ya a abtener el dia 4 de Mayo 1996 para el proposito de electar tres directores para el termino de dos anos.

Votos temprano por apariencia personal se comeisa el lunes, 15 de abril 1996 continua asta 30 de abril 1996. Comensando desde lar 8:00 am asta las 4:00 pm. Cada dia cual no sera savado, domingo ni de festivo.

Votos temprano en persona seran condusidos en la ofecian de negocio de la Nursing Home de Bronte. Calle state numero 900 en Bronte, Texas. Aplicacioner para votor temprano por Correo divisons dirijirse at Bronte Nursing Home, PO Drawer M, Bronte, Texas 76933.

Lugar para votar sera en el City Hall, 114 S. Washington, en Bronte, Texas. La ofician estara abierta de las 7:00 de la mañana asta lar 7:00 de la tarde el dia de eleccion. 34B-2tc

BRONTE ISD IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

for a maintenance person. Mechanical background necessary. Salary negotiable. Contact Alan Richey, Supt., Box 670, Bronte, Texas, 76933, 915-473-2511. 33B-2tc

BRONTE ISD IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

for a janitor. Salary negotiable. Contact Alan Richey, Supt., Box 670, Bronte, Texas, 76933, 915-473-2511. 33B-2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of Texas - County of Coke

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **JOE HARMON BARRETT**, Deceased, were issued on March 25, 1996, in Docket No. 1487, pending in the County Court of Coke County, to Betty A. Barrett. The addresses for the Independent Executrix is:

Betty A. Barrett
P.O. Box 571

Robert Lee, Texas 76945

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to Betty A. Barrett, at the above address.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1996.

J. RUSSELL ASH
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Post Office Box 924

Big Lake, Texas 76932

State Bar No. 00785672

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF JOE HARMON BARRETT

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Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.

Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

COKE COUNTY

SHERIFF

Mike Harris

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Pat Percifull

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

Paul Burns

COKE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Lane Arthur

COKE COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2

William "Keith"
Fletcher

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for contract MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY in various counties will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation's District Office, Loop 306 and Knickerbocker Rd., in San Angelo, Texas on the dates and times indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

April 16, 1996

2:00 pm

Contract No. 077XXM1005, Crockett, etc.

Contract No. 077XXM1008, Sterling, etc.

Contract No. 077XXM1009, Coke, etc.

Contract No. 077XXM1010,

Edwards, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM1011, Tom Green
Contract No. 077XXM1012, Schleicher, etc.

April 17, 1996

2:00 pm

Contract No. 077XXM1001, Runnels, etc.

Contract No. 077XXM1002, Irion, etc.

Contract No. 077XXM1003, Concho, etc.

Contract No. 077XXM1004, Kimble, etc.

Contract No. 077XXM1006, Tom Green, etc.

Contract No. 077XXM1007, Sutton, etc.

Plans and specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915-944-1501, Loop 306 and Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904.

Minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid.

34a-2tc

1996 Farm Bill completed

Congressman Charles Stenholm has announced the completion of the House and Senate conference on the 1996 Farm Bill.

"One of my chief concerns has been completing action on this bill so that farmers could finalize their planting and credit decisions," said Stenholm. "While I can't say that I am happy about all aspects of this legislation, I am relieved that farmers will shortly have some type of assurance about just what they can expect for the coming year."

Some of the bill's provisions which affect the 17th District of Texas are as follows:

Sheep Improvement Center

The legislation established a \$50 million fund to promote strategic development activities and enhance the production and marketing of sheep and goats in the United States. Funding will be subject to the appropriations process.

"Given what has happened to our domestic sheep producers as a result of the phase-out of the wool and mohair program, our producers need a boost to keep going," observed Stenholm. "I will continue to work for the full funding of this project."

Haying & Grazing

The new legislation allows unlimited haying and grazing for alfalfa and other forages on contract acres. "The drought and rising feed costs have exacerbated the current problems within the cattle market, and this provision should bring some immediate relief to our cattlemen," said Stenholm.

Conservation

*Wind Erosion Pilot Project

The success of the wind erosion pilot project in the Texas High Plains is noted in the Conference report as an example of the effectiveness of on-farm research. Due to Stenholm's efforts, this pilot project has resulted in the inclusion of the "soil roughness" practice in conservation farm plans to

reduce wind erosion. The conference report urges USDA to move quickly to include this common-sense practice in the field office technical guide.

*Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

The CRP was reauthorized at 36.4 million acres, and includes authority for new enrollments to maintain this program level.

*Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The 1996 farm bill includes a new voluntary program that combines four existing cost-share programs (ACP, Great Plains Conservation Program, Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program and the Water Quality Incentives Program) and provides technical assistance, cost-sharing payments and incentive payments to operators for conservation work for agriculture and livestock production. Participants will have to enter into a contract and develop a conservation plan.

*Conservation of Private Grazing Lands

The bill establishes a new voluntary program to provide coordinated technical and educational assistance to improve resource conditions on private grazing lands.

"Because cropland has received the lion's share of attention over the past ten years, this program will provide some much-needed help for our grazing lands," noted Stenholm.

*The Resource Conservation and Development Program

This regional program was reauthorized and is designed to encourage and improve the capability of State and local units of government and nonprofit organizations to carry out programs which will conserve natural resources and enhance the social and economic conditions in rural America.

*Farmland Protection Program

This new, voluntary program provides for the purchase of easements up to 340,000 acres in order to protect prime or unique land from being converted to non-agricultural uses.

*Flood Risk Reduction

This new, voluntary program allows farmers with cropland that is frequently flooded to retire this land and receive up to 95% of their projected market transition payments.

*Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

This new, voluntary program provides cost-sharing to develop habitat for wildlife.

*Conservation Farm Option

This new, voluntary pilot program provides owners and operators of farms that have production flexibility contract acres with the opportunity to develop and implement conservation farm plans. Participants will enter into ten-year contracts and receive annual payments.

*State Technical Committees

Membership on these committees is expanded to include producers, related nonprofit organizations and others. Public notice of meetings will be required.

*Fund for Rural America

Under the 1996 farm bill, \$300 million will be available over a three-year period for research, rural development, and a discretionary fund for the USDA Secretary.

"With the nation facing even tighter budget restrictions in the years ahead, this fund will provide critical resources for our rural communities to address unmet needs as they work to diversify economies and compete in the rapidly changing global market," said Stenholm.

Other

*Permanent Agricultural Law

The 1949 Agriculture Act is retained as permanent law. "Retention of the 1949 law should give Congress the capability and leverage necessary to revisit some of these issues on down the line," added Stenholm.

*Commission on 21st Century Agriculture

The 1996 farm bill establishes a new commission to conduct a comprehensive review of US agricultural conditions, the effects of the new production flexibility contracts, and related issues and to make recommendations for future farm policy.

*The Edward R. Madigan Exports Excellence Award

This new award will recognize companies or individuals whose efforts result in expanding agricultural exports.

Health tips for travelers

If you have special health problems, here are some tips to make traveling a bit easier.

Dr. James H. Runnels of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston recommends that you:

* Talk to a physician before planning a trip.

* Obtain the names of physicians in destination cities.

* Carry a letterhead letter from your physician explaining the need for any medicines or medical equipment.

* Take along an ample supply of necessary medicines as well as duplicates of prescription orders.

* Wear a medical-alert necklace, or carry a wallet card explaining any medical conditions and allergies.

* Contact airlines, cruise lines and hotels to advise them of special medical needs.

Students to compete at RL Music Festival

The second annual Robert Lee Music Festival will take place this Saturday, March 30. Schools from Robert Lee, Bronte and Miles will be competing for plaques and medals. Starting time is 11:30 am. The following schedule will be followed for competing schools: 11:30 am - Miles 6th grade; 11:50 am - Miles 5th grade; 12:10 pm - Robert Lee 3rd grade drums; 12:30 pm - Robert Lee 4th grade; 12:50 pm - Robert Lee 5th grade; 1:10 pm - Robert Lee 6th grade; 1:20 pm - Bronte 4th grade; 1:40 pm - Bronte 5th grade; 2:00 pm - Bronte 6th grade.



Rosa Fuentez was selected Employee of the Month at Bronte Nursing Home. Rosa works in the Housekeeping and Laundry Departments.

Paper or plastic?

Choosing between paper or plastic bags at the checkout stand doesn't have to be a "lesser of two evils" decision. Neither has been proven to be significantly tougher on the environment. Reusing bags - whether they're paper, plastic or a tote bag from home - is the most environmentally sound way to go.

"The environment is affected by the manufacturing and use of both paper and plastic bags," said Oscar Carrillo, a recycling market development specialist at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. "Both create air and water pollution and consume energy, resources and landfill space. The paper or plastic dilemma can be avoided altogether by bringing along a tote bag for a few groceries or by reusing paper or plastic bags that you may have received on your last trip to the store."

The paper versus plastic debate has been going on for years, but there has been no definite conclusion that one is more harmful to the environment than the other. There are differences in the pros and cons of each type of bag and it is up to the consumer to consider environmental effects as well as convenience when making a decision.

For instance, paper bags hold about four times more groceries than plastic bags. They're more biodegradable than most plastic bags and can even be added to compost piles. However, paper bags can take decades to biodegrade after disposal because of the lack of sunlight and oxygen in landfills. Biodegradable plastic bags are available, but like paper

bags, they can take years to break down because of landfill conditions. When they do biodegrade, these bags leave behind a non-biodegradable plastic dust. Regular plastic bags take an estimated 300 years to break down.

"If you're recycling your bags, it probably doesn't matter if they're paper or plastic," said Carrillo. "Reuse is the most environmentally friendly

option whether you use paper, plastic or durable containers."

Some grocery stores have begun offering small rebates to customers who reuse bags of any kind. Many also sell canvas and string bags designed to carry as many groceries as paper bags. A few stores allow customers to avoid the bagging process altogether by selling reusable

plastic bins than can be moved right from the cart into the car. Ask your local grocer what options are available to you.

Tips for stopped-up ears

Stopped-up ears while flying? Then wait, chew or blow. The situation occurs when air pressure in the sinuses and ear tubes is not the same as that of the immediate surroundings. The result can be

difficulty in hearing and, in some cases, pain. Time will usually take care of stopped-up ears.

But, if that doesn't occur readily, Runnels recommends these methods for reclaiming full use of the ears:

* Chew gum. This is particularly helpful for children because it is something they already know how to do.

* Block the nostrils with the fingers and gently blow against the fingers.



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