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Project group discusses aging issues

Betty Ford and Deborah Ellsworth of the Concho Valley Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging and Judge Walker put together a program of information and services available for Coke County. Presenting the information was Mike Matthews, Supervisor of Adult Protective Services; Wanda Westbrook, Caseworker, Community Care for the Aged and Disabled; Mike Loving, Director, San Angelo/Tom Green County Health Dept.; Robert Stephens, Director, Thunderbird Transportation, Concho Valley Council of Governments; and Michael Turner, Concho Valley Council of

City of Bronte to host Clean-Up Days

The City of Bronte will hold its annual Clean-Up Days beginning July 8.

In a cooperative effort with Coke County, the City of Bronte, and inmates from Carlsbad, tree limbs and lumber will be picked up.

ONLY tree limbs and lumber will be picked up. No paper, cardboard, or plastic bags will be accepted.

Items to be picked up must be placed adjacent to the street by 8:00 am Monday, July 8th.

If there are any questions, contact the City Hall at 473-3501.

Governments. They presented some new and some old information. There is a great deal of help for those in need, but it doesn't come free. It was determined that a group must be formed to analyze the situation and decide what most needs to be done. Thirty-three percent of the county's population is over 60 years of age, so there are

RL urges citizens to conserve water

The City of Robert Lee, in an effort to help conserve water through the summer months, is asking for your cooperation in water conservation. Beginning July 1 through September 30, please refrain from all outdoor watering from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm daily.

Fireworks precaution

Due to the extreme heat and dry conditions, absolutely NO fireworks are to be discharged in the city limits of Robert Lee during the July 4th holiday.

Robert Lee pool closed

The Robert Lee swimming pool is currently closed due to water problems. The pool is expected to reopen Saturday, June 29. All season tickets will be honored at Bronte during this time.

several areas of need in the Aging Department, besides the other areas. Christmas in April was one project suggested.

The group will meet again July 9 at 9:30 am and decide what they see as the most needed. They will accomplish that and proceed to the next need. Anyone who has a desire to help with this project is encouraged to attend the next meeting. The committee is aware they can't do everything, but with the help of everyone in the County, some help can be rendered. Please offer your help and information, so these services can be made available.

All preachers, hospital board members, and hospital directors, the Area Aging Representative, mayors, and senior center directors were invited to the first meeting in order to help determine if there was truly a need. Everyone is needed to jump in and help; don't wait to be asked - just volunteer!

Present at the first meeting were A.L. Brasuell, Iris Conner, Della Alexander, Roger Alexander, Bill Carwile, Mary Percifull, Linda Burns, Kelly Millican, Pam Stokes, and Rev. Morris Johnson.

4th of July Bake Sale

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Ladie's Auxiliary will hold a bake sale to raise money for the volunteer fire department Thursday, July 4 at 8:00 am at Super H grocery.

Anyone wishing to donate baked goods may do so by bringing items to Super H or for pick up of goods call Lorrie Martin at 453-4500. The volunteer firemen appreciate any and all help.

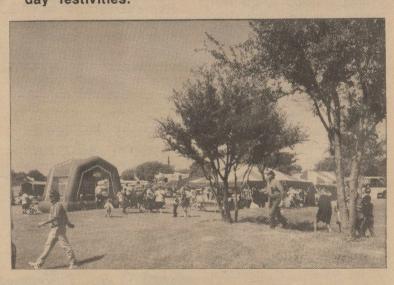
BNH to hold Firework Social

Celebrate July 4th at the Ice Cream and Firework Social at the Bronte Nursing Home. Please bring a freezer of ice cream and your lawn chairs. Time is 7:00 pm. Fireworks will be set off about dark by the firemen.

A quilt and a few cakes will be auctioned off. If you would like to donate to the auction, please call Pam Stokes at 473-3621.



Master of Ceremonies Royce Lee (left) introduces Mr. and Mrs. Garland Richards at the opening ceremonies of Fort Chadbourne Days, held last Saturday at the Bronte Depot. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the all-day festivities.



An overall view of the area around the depot in Bronte reveals a multitude of tents and participants at this year's Fort Chadbourne Days activities.

4-H record book deadline

The 4-H Record Book deadline has been changed. Record books will be due on Tuesday, July 9, 1996. Any 4-H member wanting to receive a year pin or project pin must turn in a record book. If you need assistance with your book, please contact the Extension office (915) 453-2461.

Br. Class of '81 to meet

The Bronte High School graduating class of 1981 will hold their 15th year reunion Saturday, June 29, at the Bronte Senior Center beginning at 9:00 am.

Graduates of other classes and friends of the class of 1981 are invited to attend.

Golf news for ladies

All ladies interested in golf are invited to gather at the Singing Winds Golf Course on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. This golfing time is for beginners as well as experienced lady golfers of any age. For more information, call the golf course shop at 473-2156 or Mary Morrow at 473-7044. This group will meet every Monday evening.



Izzard slates stop in RL

A "Meet Rudy Izzard" free hot dog supper will be held at 6:00 pm Saturday, June 29, at the Robert Lee Park. Free hot dogs will be served to all who come.

Izzard is running for the U.S. Congress 17th District seat. Izzard campaigned in Robert Lee Tuesday, June 25, and met many Coke County citizens.

Izzard believes a balanced budget, tax reform, and term limits are issues which the people in West Texas believe in and will be good for the nation as a whole. "I believe that Congress should be in session only 4 or 5 months every year instead of being in session almost year round," Iz-

zard said. Izzard also supports a 12-year limit on both congressmen and senators.

Izzard is a rancher and a dentist.



Rudy Izzard

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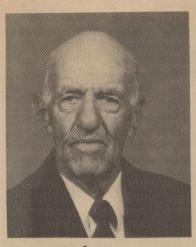
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Obituaries-



Lee

Hurlin Lee, 82, died Thursday, June 20, 1996, in Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo following a brief

Service was at 2:00 pm Sunday, June 23, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with the Rev. R.W. Blackmon officiating assisted by the Rev. Morris Johnson. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Hurlin was born in Gregg County, Texas, on Sept. 17, 1913, to Needham and Lillie Lee. He married Eula Verne Nixon in Robert Lee, Texas, on April 8, 1936. Hurlin was a stock farmer and businessman in the Bronte area. He was a member of Bronte Masonic Lodge 962 and a member of the First Baptist Church of Bronte, and served as president of the Bronte school board for several years. He was a charter member of the Bronte Evening Lions Club and great supporter of Bronte and Coke County

community. He is survived by his wife, Eula Verne Lee of Bronte; two sons, Martin Lee and his wife Pat Lee, of Bronte and Tom Lee and his wife, Elaine Lee, of Robert Lee; eight grandchildren, Lisa Curnutt and husband Kerry, Sheila Boshears, Stephen Lee and wife Mollie, Todd Lee, Michael Lee, Chancey Burrows and wife Wendi, Brande Burrows

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and Shelly Burrows; nine great-grandchildren, Alexander Curnutt, Tiffany Coulter, Chase Coulter, Kelsey Boshears, Jarrett Lee, Jordan Lee, Jacy Lee, Cody Lee and Kyler Lee; and two brothers, James Lee of Bronte and Joe Lee of Galveston.

Active pallbearers were Kerry Curnutt, Stephen Lee, Todd Lee, Michael Lee, Chancey Burrows and Bill Thomas. Honorary pallbearers were Royce Lee, Les Rolls, C.B. Barbee and Royce Fancher.

Memorials may be sent to the East Coke County Ambulance Fund, Bronte, TX, 76933, the American Cancer Society, or a favorite charity. 47a-1tc

WIC to visit RL

Representatives of the Women, Infants, and Children program will be at Robert Lee Baptist Church the first and fourth Wednesday of each month. Walk-ins are welcome.

Taylor to lead gospel singing

J.D. Taylor will be conducting a gospel singing at Sterling City Community Center Sunday, June 30, from 2:00 -4:00 pm. Everyone is cordially invited.

Community mourns loss of teenager (excerpts taken from Sweetwater Reporter newspaper)

Timothy Bryan Schiwart, a "good kid" and "tremendous competitor" by accounts of teachers, coaches, and neighbors, died Tuesday, June 18, 1996, when he suffered electrocution at the job site where he was employed for the summer.

Sixteen-year-old Schiwart, formerly of Robert Lee and a resident of Sweetwater, was working for Sweetwater EC&M, an electrical construction firm. Initial reports say Schiwart was rolling up inactive wire at a site about a mile west of FM 1170 in the southern part of Nolan County. Some of the wiring with which he was working apparently came in contact with a power line. Schiwart's coworkers immediately started emergency life support and contacted the county 911 system in Sweetwater, and Blackwell ambulance emergency service responded within five minutes. An emergency helicopter was dispatched from San Angelo to the site, and Schiwart was transported to Shannon Hospital in San An-Despite efforts of emergency technicians to revive him, the victim never re-

Among the honors and activities of Tim's life were his positions on the Sweetwater High School football and baseball teams and selection to Who's Who Among

Tennyson singing

Tennyson Baptist Church will have their monthly singing on Sunday afternoon, June

Tennyson Community Party

The Tennyson Community Party will be held Saturday evening, July 6, at 7:00 pm at the Center.

Bring a covered dish and maybe some homegrown music, and get ready for "42", dominoes, and



American High School Students.

He attended school in Robert Lee through the fourth grade. His mother is Audrey Williams Palmer, who was born and raised in Robert Lee. The family has lived in Sweetwater for the past six years, and Audrey is an LVN working in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Thursday, June 20, in the McCoy Chapel of Memories with Rev. Mark Spence and Rev. Scott Whittenburg officiating. A graveside service was also held at 2:00 pm Thursday at Robert Lee Cemetery.



Timothy Bryan Schiwart

—Death Notices——

Hale

Edward Everett Hale, 66, of Burnet, died June 14, 1996 in Austin, Texas.

Survivors include two sons, Evan Hale of Burnet and Nathan Hale of Austin; three daughters, Marie of California, Ramona and Lena of Oregon; three sisters, Della Arms of San Marcos, California, Barbara of Washington and Lena of Texas; one brother, John Hale of Texas; and seven grandchildren, Christina and Brandon Kraft, Emily and Elizabeth Hale, Nathan

Thomas Hale, Miles Brewster, and Emily Richardson.

Mitchell

Edith Thomas Mitchell of Whittier, California, formerly of Bronte, died Sunday, June 23, 1996.

Service was held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, June 25 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier, Califor-

She is survived by one sister, Polly Thomas Waters of Odessa and several nieces and nephews.



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Four of ten surviving members of the Sterling City High School Class of 1928 were present for a class reunion at Bryan's Barn Saturday, June 15. Classmates pictured are (I. to r.): Wanda Becker, Edwina Cope, Hazel Beam, and Lucile Bryan.

SCHS Class of '28 meets

Four of the 10 surviving 1928 graduates of Sterling City High School met in reunion at the Wilson Bryan Family recreation cottage known as "Bryan's Barn" one mile west of Robert Lee. The group met Saturday, June 15, 1996, and the four attending considered it a fair number since it had been 68 years since their graduation.

The Class of 1928, the largest ever to graduate from Sterling City HS until 1995, has had regular reunions through the years since the graduates vowed to do so until only one is left. All future meetings are planned to be held at "The Bryan's Barn" so Lucile Bryan, former Class President, plans to be that last one in order to continue being hostess.

Eight of the eleven girls of the Class of 1928 are living. Those present for the June 15 reunion were Edwina (Bynum) Cope, Sterling City; Hazel (Edwards) Beam, Fernandina Beach, FL; Wanda (Collins) Becker, San Angelo; and Lucile (McWhorter) Bryan,

Hood signs with Sul Ross

Eric Hood, son of Bill and Rhonda Hood, will attend Sul Ross State University and play basketball for the Lobos.

Eric is a 6'1" guard. He has been an outstanding player for the Robert Lee Steers. Dr. Roger Grant, the Lobo basketball coach says, "Eric can play the 1 or 2 guard. He is a good shooter, a good defender and a great passer. Eric will fit right into our program and will be a great asset."

Coke Co. pageant nears

The annual Coke County pageant, entitled "Ole Coke County, Home of the Rabbit Twisters", will again be performed on the dates of July 25, 26, and 27 at the Mountain Creek Amphitheatre in Robert Lee. Clear your calendar for this celebration and make plans to attend.

Robert Lee. Two of the original 12 boys are living, W.Y. Benge of Sterling City and Audie Peays of Vacaville, California. Neither was present for the 1996 affair.

Others attending were Eloise Davis of Coahoma - wife of deceased class member Lawrence Davis; Ala B. (Collins) Davidson of San Angelo, class member of the SCHS graduating Class of 1929 and sister of Wanda Becker and Wilson Bryan.

Those unable to attend were Helen Drake of Richland Hills; Avis Logan of Arlington; Evelynne Murray of Houston; Doris Durham of San Angelo; W.Y. Benge, Sterling City; and Audie Peays of California.

Deceased members re-

membered and missed were: Mary Stone, James Conger, Vernon Phillips, Truman Davis, Claude Collins, Lawrence Davis, Gwinn Welch, Worth Durham, James Rushing, Gladys (Copeland) Newcomb, Wayne Munn, Ross Welch, Helen McCabe, and Miss Johnnie Weyerts, Class Sponsor.

Class members presented the Bryans with a framed certificate of thanks for furnishing the place for the gathering since 1991. All agree it is ideal for the celebration.

Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee has served as photographer and reporter for the group for several years. The next meeting date will be June 14, 1997.

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Myers graduates SMU's Banking School

The Southwestern Graduate School of Banking (SWGSB) at Southern Methodist University recently held commencement exercises for its 1996 graduates. Among those bank officers and bank regulators who received their diplomas this year was Stephen J. Myers, Executive Vice-President of Robert Lee State Bank, Robert Lee. He is a member of Class XXXVII, the thirtyseventh class to have completed the requirements for this world-renowned professional program.

"Our trustees, faculty, and staff join me in honoring Stephen J. Myers," said Dr. George H. Hempel, director of SWGSB. "He has completed a rigorous three-year program, and is admirably suited to meet the challenges of a technologically complex, highly competitive financial services industry. Stephen is a credit to Robert Lee State Bank, which recognized his leadership abilities and generously supported him in his educational quest.'

Lowell "Stretch" Smith, Jr., chairman of the board First State Bank in Rio Vista. Texas, and current chairman of the board of trustees of SWGSB Foundation, delivered the commencement address. He recalled for Stephen and the other graduates his own experiences as a long-time banker and encouraged them to continue to

"You are a part of a rapidly changing industry," Mr. Smith said. "Forces inside and outside banking will never allow you to rest either on your laurels or on the way you have always done things. How fortunate you are, then, to have

gained such a solid education at SWGSB. It will enable you to further your career and to help your institution rise to meet the challenges of the

21st century."
SWGSB Class XXXVII was composed of 90 bankers and regulators from 13 states and more than 80 financial institutions. Five of the participants were bankers from Eastern Europe. Enrolling in this prestigious graduate program the SWGSB students each had at least five years banking experience, with two of those years as a bank officer.

Blackmon to be honored

Central Baptist Church in Bronte will honor Bro. R.W. Blackmon on Sunday, June 30th with a day named "Celebration Sunday" in honor of Bro. Blackmon's 50th anniversary in the ministry. Bro. Blackmon will preach at the 11:00 am service which will be followed by lunch at the church. He will preach at the 2:00 pm service also. Bro. Blackmon has served as pastor for several Coke County churches during his ministry. All residents of the county and surrounding area are invited to join in this special celebration. For more information, contact Bro. Randy Johnson, Central Baptist pastor, at 473-4811.

Personal

Melissa Smith of Robert Lee played in the Haverty's Tour Golf Tournament held in San Saba Tuesday, June 25. Melissa gained first place honors in the 15-18 year old division. She shot an 84 on the 18-hole course.

Winners from each age division will go on to play for the Area Championship in Midland/Odessa July 24-25.

4-H seamstresses display talent

The 4-H Fashion Show was held Tuesday, June 26, at the Coke County Courthouse. Best of Show went to Junior Division Daywear contestant Nicole Sanchez with her sunflower smock dress. Winning in the Junior Division Sportswear were Michelle Sanchez and Kindra Johnson. Winning in the Intermediate Buying Division was Cayla Jeffrey. Each of these 4-H members will represent Coke County in the District Fashion Show on July 11th in San Angelo.



Nicole Sanchez models sunflower-print dress she sewed for the 4-H Fashion Show. Nicole won Best of Show in the Junior Di-Daywear vision category.

* The King Ranch in Kingsville is the largest ranch in Texas; it is slightly larger than the state of Rhode Island.



The 4-H Fashion Show was held Tuesday, June 26th at the Robert Lee Courthouse. 4-H Fashion Show winners include Kindra Johnson (top left), Junior Division Sportswear; Cayla Jeffrey, Intermediate Buying Division; Nicole Sanchez (bottom left), Best of Show in the Junior Division Daywear; and Michelle Sanchez, Junior Division Sportswear.

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Personal

The Brice Family Reunion was held June 15th and 16th, 1996, in the Winters Community Center. Attending were 125 relatives and friends.

Those attending were: Juanita Bradley of Bronte; Marvin and Fayrene Henager, Janie Potts and boys, Eddie and Vickie Watts and children, Katy Duncan, and Gary Brice and family, all of Belton; Kenneth Henager and family of Moody; Gaylon and Tina and family and Bobby Faglie of Midland; Iris Coffey, Francis Faglie, and Doc Bramble of Port Lavaca; Teresa and Brandi Long of Placedo; Allan Coffey and family of Waco: Change your life Coffey and family of Waco; Horace and Odell McGinnis, Scarlette Bridges and son, Bodie and Kelly McGinnis and daughter, Greg and Sherry Johnson and family, and Cod Calvin of Mineral Wells; Joyce Weidner, Carolyn Weidner and daughters, Stoney Weidner and family, Carl and Brenda Braden and family, Sandi Camp and family, Gene Evans, Leslie Brice and family, Rocky Weidner and family, Ellen King, Johnny Groom, Ben and Rita Blakeney, and Mary Ann Rogers, all of San Angelo; Kyle and Sylvia Bradley of Carrizzo Springs; Darlene Gower and Justin Wiley of Ballinger; Rusty Weidner and family of Lubbock; Ricky Weidner and family of Brownwood; Darrell and Denise Coffey and family of San Antonio; Vonda and Dwayne Grun and girls, of Ovalo; Jim Bob Webb of Cisco; Justin and Bryan Webb of Coppell; Leon and Maetta Brice, Debbie Parker and girls, Gloria Smith and family, of Comanche; Billy Brice of Sweetwater; Allen McGinnis of Arlington; Nita Stevens and daughter of Round Rock; Terry Sanders, Bruce Sherrod, Christa Gower of Abilene; Myrtle Nicholds, Roy and Pam Nicholds of Coleman; Tracey Waller of Lamesa; Bob and Oleta Webb, Charles Brewer, Helen Grantham, and Johnny and Ann Walker of Winters.

into the socket if you can. If that's not possible or practical, try to keep the tooth in your mouth while you hustle off to the nearest facility that can provide the kind of help you need. Your own dentist may be your first line of assistance, but a well-equipped emergency room is probably your best bet if the accident occurs after hours. If holding the tooth in your mouth is not possible, keeping it immersed in a bit of milk is the next choice (since it contains some of the same minerals found in saliva), or just plain water if nothing else is available. Emergency treatment consists of adjusting the tooth back in the socket, and fastening it in place with bonding materials or wire. It will be about 8 weeks before you can expect to be sure of the results, which depend upon how badly the tooth was damaged, how rapidly the treatment was begun, the condition of the socket and your age group. Youngsters are more likely than adults to have a tooth reattach solidly. Root canal treatment is also needed to complete the repair as the nerve inevitably

4-H shooters on target

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza was recently held at the Texas 4-H Center located on Lake Brownwood. Over 300 4-H members from across the state participated in this event. Those attending from Coke County were Melanie Johnson, 2nd place junior, competitive light rifle, Colby Eubanks, 1st place subjunior, competitive light rifle, and Casey Eubanks, 8th place subjunior, competitive light ri-These 4-H members shoot 5 rounds at 5 targets with a total of 25 shots.



Melanie holds the second place plaque she received for her performance at the junior level of the competitive light rifle competition in the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza.



Colby Eubanks (I) displays the first place plaque he received at the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza. Colby placed first in the subjunior competitive light rifle division. His brother, Casey (r), received 8th place in the

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Low home interest rates remain

Texas homes remained affordable in the first quarter, thanks to the continued decline of mortgage interest rates, says Jack C. Harris, research economist for the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

The Texas Housing Affordability Index (THAI), a measure of the typical family's ability to purchase Texas homes, was 1.77 for the first three months of 1996, compared to 1.80 for the last quarter of 1995 and 1.76 a year ago. "The higher the index, the more affordable the housing - depending on the homebuyers' ability to qualify for mortgage loans," Harris says.

The THAI compares median household income to the amount of income needed to qualify for a mortgage loan sufficient to buy the medianpriced home in various Texas cities. The first-quarter median price of a home sold through Texas' Multiple Listing Services was \$85,000.

Harris estimates that 72 percent of Texas households could afford to buy the median-priced Texas home sold in both the current period and one year ago. This high level of affordability and the falling interest rate has stimulated demand. Harris says that statewide the number of sales has risen 9 percent.

"The rise in price is not simply a shift to more expensive homes," he says, "but an overall expansion of the mar-

Blackwell VFD to hold BBQ, dance

The Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department will have its 18th annual bar-b-que, parade, and dance on Saturday, July 6.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm. Participants will line up behind the school on Hwy. 70 at 4:30 pm. For information contact Janet Roland, 282-2115 or Marsha Harris, 282-2323.

The barbecue will begin at 5:30 pm at the Blackwell volunteer fire department, and the dance will begin at 9:00 pm. The band Ricochet will provide the music.

CRMWD lakes report

With the probability that the overall weather forecast for West Texas will remain hot and dry this summer, the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) has prepared its facilities to meet the increasing water needs of its customers. Currently, the District is delivering water from all three of its lakes and ground water well fields. CRMWD's three lakes, Lake J.B. Thomas, E.V. Spence Reservoir, and O.H. Ivie Reservoir contain approximately 524,000 acre-feet of water. Their wells have a combined production capacity of 24 million gallons per day. Together, these sources will be sufficient in supplying CRMWD's customers through the coming summer months, even if little rain is received.

Presently Lake Thomas is about 5 percent full, Lake Spence contains approximately 22 percent of its capacity, and Ivie Reservoir is around 73 percent full, which

certainly leaves ample room for runoff. CRMWD's General Manager, John Grant, said, "Admittedly, we would like to have more water in Lake Thomas, and a better quality of water in Spence Reser-

Due to the drought experienced across our region, municipal water usage has increased dramatically this year. For May 1996, the daily average of water delivered to the District's customers was 68 million gallons per day, as compared to 55 million gallons per day for May 1995. Grant said, "The average daily deliveries experienced in May of this year are what we'd normally expect during July and August." If the rains don't come, this trend will probably continue through the summer months, so the CRMWD is encouraging everyone to use water wisely.

Across the state and in other dry areas of the country, the public is being asked to voluntarily conserve water. There are many small things



The Bronte Nursing Home Employee of the Month for June is Jeane Salmon. Jeane has been an employee of the nursing home for 11 years.

that everyone can do, like being careful not to leave water running while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing a car. Also, water grass only when needed, and then just water early in the morning, when evaporation between the sprinkler and grass is less. Running the washing machine and dishwasher only when full saves not only water but also energy, detergent, and money. Leaks at taps or water lines cost homeowners and can waste as much as 170 gallons of water per day. Water is a precious commodity for everyone at all times, and the many ways which can be implemented in conserving it will not only benefit the public financially, but also secure water sources for the future.



Lake Spence Fishing

Paint Creek Marina Harold Foshe - Odessa, 5 stripers to 20 1/2 Lbs., down

Daniel Walser & Allen Williams - Pecos, 1 striper, 12 3/4 Lbs. & stringer of 5 stripers totaling 11 3/4 Lbs. Wildcat Marina

Les Smith - Robert Lee, 1 catfish, 1 Lb. Chris Thomasson &

Donny McCulloch - Odessa, 8 stripers to 13 1/2 Lbs., cut shad. Paul Cox - Midland, 1 striper, 6 1/2 Lbs., cut shad.

Kenneth Parks - Robert Lee, 1 striper, 12 Lbs., perch. Philip, Dustin & Stacey -3 stripers, 9 1/2 Lbs., 13 Lbs., & 14 1/2 Lbs., cut shad.

WWII reunion slated

World War II Veterans who served in the 37th Combat Engineers in Camp Bowie, Texas, or the 591st Engineer Boat Regiment in Europe are being sought for a reunion July 10-13, 1996 in Irving's Holiday Inn Holidome D/FW Airport South.

To make reservations, veterans are asked to call 214-986-8806 or 800-360-2242; please be sure to mention the 591st EBR.

Lamar graduates from HSU

A total of 228 students were awarded degrees in a wide spectrum of disciplines during Hardin-Simmons University's commencement exercises in Behrens Chapel on May 11,

Dr. Lanny Hall, HSU's president, encouraged graduates to visualize success in their lives, encouraging them to plan as they pursue careers. "There are many steps on the stairway to success," he said. ... Action, attention to detail, patience, perserverance, and faith. As you leave HSU in pursuit of success, I challenge you to ask yourself: 'Am I stepping up the stairs?' It's up to you--start stepping.

Wendy Lamar of Robert Lee graduated Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 3.85 or above) with the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Bessent appointed Dealer-Operator of family business

Chevrolet Motor Division and General Motors Corporation has appointed Randy Bessent as Dealer-Operator of Ben Bessent Chevrolet in Robert Lee, Texas. Randy has been co-owner and active in all phases of the dealership operation for the past 18 years. He is the third generation dealer of a family-owned Chevrolet Dealership that has been successfully active for the past 44 years in the same location. Ben and Mary Bessent are still involved in the daily operations of the business.

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Lamar makes President's List

Hardin-Simmons University has announced its academic honor lists for the spring semester.

For academic achievement, students are named to the President's List, the Dean's List, the Honor Roll and the Honorable Mention List.

The President's List requires taking at least 12 semester hours and completing all courses with a perfect 4.0 grade point. The Dean's List requires at least a 3.75 average on all courses taken with a minimum of 12 semester hours; the Honor Roll, at least a 3.60 GPA on at least 12 semester hours taken; and the Honorable Mention List, at least a 3.60 GPA on six to 11 semester hours taken and completed.

Wendy Lamar of Robert Lee was named to the President's List.

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Fireworks spark wildfire concerns

Scattered rain showers across the state have done little to dampen concerns about the use of fireworks this July Fourth holiday.

"We're optimistic," Bobby Young, associate director of Forest Resource Protection with the Texas Forest Service, says of the recent rains. "But we also realize that we're not out of the woods by any means. By the Fourth of July it (rainfall) may all be gone, so we're concerned."

Much of the state remains gripped by drought, and wildfire conditions remain high across most of West and Central Texas.

The "fire siege of 1996" has claimed more than 500,000 acres so far this year. In East Texas alone, more than 65,000 acres have been charred through May - about 3.5 times more than was lost in all of 1995.

And drought has dried up thousands more.

It would be "tragic" to lose any more Texas land, especially to something like fireworks, Young says.

In an attempt to prevent fireworks-related wildfires, several counties in the Pan-

Exercise key to weight loss

Exercise alone, not diet and exercise, is the key to keeping the weight off, study findings show.

According to a two-year study conducted at Baylor College of Medicine's De-Bakey Heart Center, people who exercise without following a restricted diet control their weight.

'This confirms what we have known all along - people who diet fail at it because they feel deprived," said Dr. Ken Goodrick, an assistant professor of medicine at the Behavioral Medicine Research Center at Baylor. "By overcoming negative attitudes about exercise, people can learn to enjoy it and appreciate the benefits."

The study consisted of 127 overweight men and women who were placed in one of three groups - a diet and exercise group, a diet-only group, and an exercise-only group.

The first year involved group instructional sessions led by registered dietitians.

After the first year, the dietonly and diet and exercise groups lost the most weight. But the second year, both groups regained the weight. The exercise-only group lost weight and maintained the

Exercise-only participants were taught the psychological and physical benefits of exercise and how to exercise vigorously, not strenuously. They gradually increased their exercise to 45 minutes three to five times a week.

The study findings were published recently in the Journal of the American Di-

etetic Association. The DeBakey Heart Center is a joint program at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital supporting cardiovascular research, treatment and education.

handle recently banned the sale, use and possession of fireworks. Other counties and cities across the state also are considering similar action. Young hopes those local officials will first gather input from their local fire departments about the situation and how they feel about the fire dan-

Gray County turned to the governor's office for help earlier this month. County officials asked for and were granted an executive order from Gov. George W. Bush banning the use and sale of fireworks because of the drought and extreme fire hazard there.

But, the governor's office is

urging other counties planning similar action to use the provisions of a new state law, HB 828, which allows counties to limit the use and sale of certain aerial fireworks during times of drought, provided the county designates a safe area where such fireworks can be used.

The Texas Pyrotechnic As-

sociation, which represents most of the fireworks industry in the state, has voluntarily banned the sale of aerial fireworks such as bottle rockets.

Professional displays aren't affected.

So, Young encourages Texans to enjoy such organized shows put on for July

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