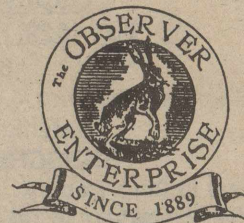


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## Filing deadline looms

The filing deadline for vacancies on the boards of several County taxing entities is drawing near. March 19 will be the last day anyone wishing to appear on the ballot for Robert Lee City Council, Bronte City Council, East Coke County Hospital District,

### County 4-H'ers wind up year

4-H members from Coke County made it a clean sweep last week by placing their livestock exhibits at the San Angelo Stock Show. This makes the third year in a row that Coke County 4-H members have placed their projects at every major stock show entered.

In the Market Lamb show Jake McCabe placed his lightweight Finewool lambs 6th and 7th. Lance Millican placed his light heavyweight Finewool Cross 14th and Ashlee Millican exhibited the 1st place heavy Finewool Cross, 6th heavy Finewool, 15th medium Finewool Cross and 16th medium Finewool.

All of the Coke County lamb, steer, swine and goat exhibitors have represented our area extremely well and should be commended for their dedication and hard work.

West Coke County Hospital District, Bronte School Board or Robert Lee School Board, may file.

Incumbents Pete Percifull and Gerald Sandusky have filed for re-election to the Bronte City Council as of presstime Wednesday. The City of Robert Lee has had no filings for council seats. West Coke County Nursing Home reported one candidate filing for re-election. Bronte Nursing Home reported three candidates have filed: incumbents Charles Sonnenberg and Ron Cooper and newcomer Russell Johnson will be vying for two seats on that board. Because of Spring Break at Bronte and Robert Lee schools no information was available on school board filings.

### CRP meeting scheduled

The FSA and NRCS offices will hold a meeting Tuesday evening, March 18th at 5:30 pm in the FSA office, 214 7th St., Robert Lee. All interested individuals are invited to bring your questions concerning the current CRP sign-up. For more information call the FSA office at 453-2751 or NRCS at 453-2623.

### Bronte COC honors locals

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce held their annual banquet Saturday evening, March 1, at the Community Center. "Fiesta" was the theme of this year's successful affair with El Ranchero catering the meal and Ballet Azteca Folklorica providing the entertainment. Steve Stephens of Town and Country Food Stores was featured speaker.

Four Bronte citizens and one Bronte business were honored during the awards presentation. Named "Students of the Year" were Shea Kelton and Felicia Beam. Kathy Howel was recognized as "Educator of the Year," with Earlene Alexander named "Citizen of the Year." "Business of the Year" went to Town and Country Store #114.

New directors were announced to replace those going off the board. The outgoing directors included Richard Hembree, Jimmy Ed Mackey, and Pat Lee. Debbie Mackey, Bob Frazee, and Rick Howell were welcomed as new directors. Officers will be elected at the next board meeting set for later this month.

### Diabetes support group to meet

North Runnels Hospital is pleased to announce a Robert Lee Diabetes Support Group meeting to be held in

Robert Lee on Thursday, March 20, 1997 beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Speaker for the meeting will be Pat Segelhorst, RN, Certified Diabetes Educator, from Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo.

Anyone with diabetes or an interest in diabetes is invited to attend. There is no charge for this meeting.

For more information, contact Lou Wright at (915) 754-4553.

### Free clinic offered

A free blood pressure and blood sugar health clinic will be held Friday, March 21, at the Tennyson Post Office. The clinic will be held from 8:30 am until 9:30 am and is sponsored by the North Runnels Home Health Agency.

A similar clinic is held the third Friday of each month. It is free to anyone, regardless of age or income.

For additional information, please contact the Tennyson Post Office at 473-6002.

### RTA to meet

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, March 17, 1997. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

### Square Dance set

The Bronte Happy Harts Square Dance Club will hold their monthly dance on Saturday, March 15, 1997, at the Bronte Community Center. Kathy Oliver will be cueing for round dancers at 7:00 pm and Ed Hart will be calling for square dancers at 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come watch and visit. We will have a practice session on Thursday, March 13th, at the Community Center at 7:30 pm.

### Martin to celebrate 80th

Margaret Martin, longtime Bronte resident, will celebrate the occasion of her 80th birthday Saturday, March 22, at the Bronte Senior Center. The party will be hosted by her daughter, Dot Mitchell.

Margaret began work in 1969 with the COG and Area Agency on Aging for Coke County. She retired in 1990. She was also a long-time employee of the Observer/Enterprise.

### District Court disposition

Judge Barbara Walther presided over 51st District Court in the following case disposition February 27, 1997.

State of Texas vs. Ricky Cantu; Charge: Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Plea: 6 years Texas Department of Criminal Justice I.D.



Members of the Ballet Azteca Folklorico Dancers perform for the chamber banquet, held Saturday, March 1, at the Bronte Community Center.



Ashlee Millican of Robert Lee won first place with this Finewool lamb at the Houston Livestock Show. Ashlee is the daughter of Waldon and Judy Millican.



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**Death Notices**

**Gesch**

Georgia May Fulghum Gesch, 84, died Saturday, March 8, 1997, at West Coke County Nursing Home in Robert Lee, Texas.

Service was held at 2:00 pm Thursday, March 13, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Eola, Texas. Graveside service followed in Belvedere Memorial Park.

Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

**Spring Fling**

Experience spring and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas". That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when several hundred will enjoy the annual Spring Fling during April, says Jan Yanéz, Coke County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, two weeks are offered from which men and women alike may choose: Spring Fling I - April 8-11; Spring Fling II - April 15-18.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn leather working, oil painting, wood-working, stained glass and other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticultural, photography, nutrition, finances, and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Boat rides (weather permitting) and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and game tables are all popular activities.

A special "Put Some 'Spring' in your Step" theme featuring a costume contest (utilizing flowers) on Thursday afternoon will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. Thursday's theme party will feature some exciting activities and entertainment.

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Georgia is survived by her husband, Ernest; five sons and their wives, William and Alva Fulghum of San Angelo, Robert and Esta Fulghum of Robert Lee, Donald and Lynda Fulghum of Terrell, Texas, David and Judy Fulghum of Arlington, Virginia, and Dan and Suzanne Fulghum of Conroe, Texas; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ava Jean Ring of Winona, Kansas, Joan Whitaker of Poway, California, and Dorothy Madden of Pasadena, California.

**Gospel singing slated**

An old timey country gospel singing will be held at the Pecan Baptist Church Sunday, March 16 from 2:00 until 4:30 pm. Pecan is a church that sits at the foot of a large mountain 12 miles west of Robert Lee on the Sterling City highway.

Mrs. Leonard Potter of San Angelo, who teaches piano, and is an all time great pianist of the West Texas Gospel Singers, will be playing.

People ask, "Who are the West Texas Gospel Singers?" If you sing and like gospel singing, then you are a West Texas Gospel Singer.

J.D. Taylor, of Blackwell, who was once offered a job by James Blackwood to sing bass for the Blackwood Brothers, will be present.

**Runnels Baptist Association to hold festival**

A Music Festival will be the emphasis for Runnels Baptist Association. The festival will be held Sunday, March 23, at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The Music Festival will begin at 4:00 pm. The festival will consist of special music, presentation of church choirs, groups, and individuals. Dale Ellis, Association Music Director, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend this special festival.

"What am I supposed to do with this?" grumbled the motorist as the police clerk handed him a receipt for this traffic fine.

"Keep it," the clerk advised. "When you collect four of them, you get a bicycle."

**Special services slated for Bronte FBC**

Bronte's First Baptist Church is sponsoring a series of special services March 16-20. David Burk, staff evangelist for the First Baptist Church in Sterling City, will be leading in these services. Music will be under the direction of pastor Morris Johnson.

The Bronte church is in the midst of a study of "Fresh Encounter: God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual Awakening." These special services, though not a specific part of this study, will center around the theme of "Isn't it about time that you had a fresh encounter with God?"

David Burk is no stranger to the people of Bronte, having

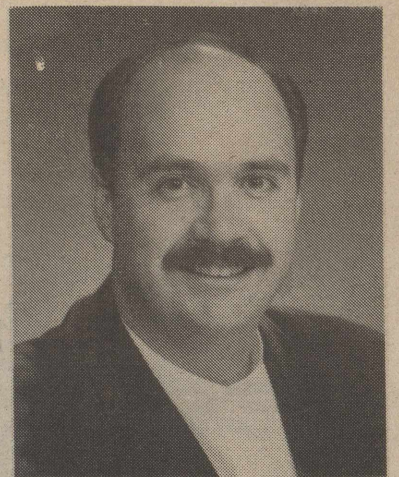
**A 23-year-old suspect heisted a bag full of cigarettes from a store in Lexington, NC, and fled on foot. Police pursued him through the neighborhood, but were losing the chase when he ran across the grounds of Lexington Senior High School, where the football team was holding practice drills. About 30 players tackled the suspect and held him for the cops.**

True Scoop

previously led in two series of revival meetings at FBC. David and his wife, Debbie, have three children: Ashley, Kayla, and Garrett. David has served as pastor and youth minister in churches in Oklahoma and Alaska. For the past several years he has been involved in a ministry of full time evangelism. He has spoken to groups of all sizes and in all settings. He has preached revival services in several states and has made two evangelistic mission trips to Russia and one to Brazil. This past January, he spoke in Fort Worth for the Texas Conference of Evangelists rally prior to the state Evangelism Conference.

Morris Johnson has been pastor of First Baptist Church in Bronte for the past two years, having previously served as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Monahans and as music minister for churches in Slaton, Andrews, Tahoka, Munday, Eula, and Abilene. He and his wife, Judy, have three sons: Dustin, Kevin, and Eric.

The schedule for these special "Fresh Encounter" services will include Sunday services at 10:55 am and 7 pm and Monday through Thursday services at 12 noon and 7 pm. There will be a pot luck lunch for everyone on Sunday following the morning service. Noon services



David Burk

Monday through Thursday will feature a pot luck lunch and Bible study time led by David Burk. Wednesday evening will be Youth Night with a supper being served at 6:15 pm for all junior high and high school youth. Thursday evening will be TeamKids/Parents Night. During the service, the TeamKids group will be presenting special songs they have been learning. Each service will include inspiring music and solid, biblical preaching. All of these services are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Pastor Morris Johnson says, "I want to encourage everyone in our community to take advantage of this opportunity to have a fresh encounter with God." For more information, please call 473-2331 or 473-5661.

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Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry honors John and Charlotte Waddill of Spindle S Ranch in Coke County. The ranch has been operated by the family for 100 years or more and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a January 24 ceremony in Austin.

**Commissioners' Court actions detailed**

Commissioners' Court was held Monday, March 10, 1997. The following actions were reported.

Meeting was called to order with pledge to the flag and prayer by Stover Taylor.

Minutes were presented and approved.

Paul Burns reported that he had been requested to purchase more chairs for the Robert Lee Recreation Center. This item has already been budgeted and will be seen about.

Court reviewed questions from Bronte Park Caretaker interviews. Four applicants were interviewed and the Court felt all four were qualified. Clint Porter was hired and will begin work April 1.

Lane Arthur was appointed Emergency Management Coordinator effective March 10, 1997.

Fund transfer was approved from the County Trapper's Association to General Fund of which \$240.40 will be used for thirteen months of Internet. The balance of the \$1400 will remain in general miscellaneous. The money came from lack of a trapper for one month.

Lane Jackson and Kary Rawlings resigned from the Child Welfare Board. Frank Daniels was appointed. The board is still in need of one representative.

Sheriff Mike Harris requested that the Courthouse have locks changed for security reasons. Court approved this action and process will begin.

Commissioners are taking care of the work on repair to the Robert Lee swimming pool roof, they will begin repairs as soon as they can take the men off the roads.

Commissioners are also taking care of repairs to the Bronte caretaker's house and will proceed on this as soon as possible.

Final approval was given to the Grievance Committee as follows: Troy Wimberly, Leta

Caston, Douglas Wilkes, Tommy Sisemore, Dana Robinson, Elaine Lee, Betty Mackey, Sidney Long, and Luis Charles.

We are still waiting on a response from the Attorney General's office regarding the paving project.

General information was received from Judge's office and commissioners.

Treasurer's affidavit was approved: cash as of February 28, 1997 - \$998,576.84, other assets and CD's \$566,396. This is compared to last year's: cash - \$754,377.66; other assets \$732,000. Taxes have come in faster this year, we are currently at 94.71%.

Grant selection for next year was discussed. Hopefully, road repairs can be selected. Public hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Trapper's report approved. Purchase of a 12 yard dump truck for \$8000.00 to be split between Precincts 1 and 3. The two will share the truck.

Approved geophysical sur-

vey for Sinclair Oil Corporation on two tracts.

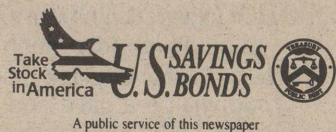
Court made quarterly visit to Wackenhut Facility and found everything looking good.

Bills were paid and meeting adjourned.

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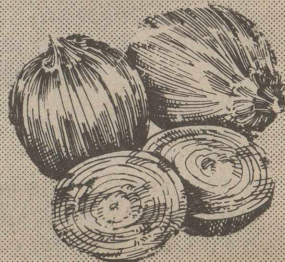
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**Bronte School Menu**

**Breakfast**  
**Monday, March 17**  
 Cereal, Pineapple Tidbits, Pop Tart, Milk  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
 Pancake, Sausage on a Stick, Grape Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday, March 19**  
 Scrambled Eggs, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk  
**Thursday, March 20**  
 Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk  
**Friday, March 21**  
 Oatmeal, Apple Sauce, Cinnamon Toast, Milk  
**Lunch**  
**Monday, March 17**  
 Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Banana Pudding  
**Tuesday, March 18**  
 Chick Fil-Lay Sandwich, French Fries, Pickle Chips, Red Grapes, Bun, Milk, Sugar Cookies  
**Wednesday, March 19**  
 Frito Pie, Chili & Cheese, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Fritos, Milk, Jello w/Mixed Fruit  
**Thursday, March 20**  
 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Diced Peaches, Bread Sticks, Milk, Brownies  
**Friday, March 21**  
 Bar-B-Q Sausage, Macaroni & Cheese, Pinto Beans, Fresh Fruit Salad, Roll, Milk, Ice Cream Cup

**Rosson chosen to perform with All State group**

Anna Rosson, a member of the Lubbock-Cooper High School Band performed with the Texas All-State Band in San Antonio, Saturday, February 15, 1997, as part of the 1997 Texas Music Educators Association Convention meeting. She was chosen for the honor in competitive auditions held this year across the state at district, region and area levels. Anna is a private student of Anthony Brittin and plays at school under the direction of Tom Crumpler who is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, an 8,000 member group headquartered in Austin. This is her third time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State group. Her other interests at school include Future Business Leaders, musicals, and Math Club. She is also active in church activities at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church where she attends, plays in the church orchestra, and is employed in the church nursery. Anna is also employed at Blockbuster Video. She is the daughter of Kerry and Leah Rosson and the granddaughter of C. B. and Wanda Barbee of Bronte and Ken and Patty Rosson of Winters.

**Father:** "It doesn't bother me that my son makes more money than me. What bothers me is that he is only 6 years old."

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**BNH Auxiliary formed**

Thursday, March 6, was the first meeting the Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary. The purpose of the Auxiliary is to provide funds and services for Bronte Nursing Home. Twenty-one people were present for the meeting with several more unable to attend due to previous commitments. Officers of the Auxiliary are: Lanette Fletcher, president; George Snapp, vice president; Phebe Heffernan, treasurer; and Glenda Fletcher, secretary. The gift shop committee is Dian Coulter, Christine Clark, Lanette Fletcher, Bill Fletcher, and Glenda Fletcher. The Auxiliary will meet the third Thursday of each month from 6 to 7 pm in the conference room of the Bronte Nursing Home. Everyone is invited and urged to join the Auxiliary and be a part of this opportunity to help our older friends in BNH. Dues range from \$5 per year active membership to \$100 for charter membership. The next meeting is slated for April 17.

**Euterpean Club meets**

The Euterpean Club met February 20 in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church. Myrle Thompson, president, conducted the business meeting. She led members in the club collect. Lillie Burwick, secretary, read minutes from the last meeting. Dona Sanderson gave the treasurer's report. Members voted on a new slate of officers to be installed in September. The Tacky Party was enjoyed by everyone. Betty Cole was the emcee, each member modeled their tacky clothes. The fellowship hall was decorated in black. Hostesses were Betty Cole, Sharon Taylor, and Linda Watts. Other members attending were: Esther Smith, Bea Murray, Mary Lee, Margaret Stout, and Bobbie Varnadore. The next meeting will be March 20.

**Spring Trail Ride set**

The Spring Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled for the weekend of April 19 and 20 at the Chadbourne Ranch in Coke County near Bronte. Registration will begin April 18 after 3 pm and continues Saturday, April 19 beginning at 8 am. Volunteer Trail Ride Chairmen are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles, and Thomas Hicks. The weekend will feature a day-long ride on Saturday and a shorter ride on Sunday morning, and three meals will be served. First aid and restroom facilities will be available. Saturday evening entertainment will be provided by Sam Davis, cowboy poet, from Abilene. Davis will also lead a worship service on Sunday

morning. In addition, weekend activities will feature a number of auction items.

The Chadbourne Ranch is located in the picturesque hills of Coke County and is the site of historic Fort Chadbourne. The fort was established in 1852 and in use until 1864. Shortly after the Civil War, G.G. Odom settled in the area and founded the Chadbourne Ranch at the site of the fort. The ranch is still owned by his descendants.

Expenses for the event are underwritten by Lawrence Hall Chevrolet, which means that participants' freewill donations will go directly to treatment services at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene and San Angelo.

Trail Ride co-chairman Kelly Gill said, "Effective January 1, 1997, regulations require a negative Coggins test within the past twelve months for any participation in any trail ride, show, fair, competition or other event where equine are gathered. Your voluntary compliance is appreciated."

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact John Thomas, Abilene, (915) 691-7290, Ellen Brown, San Angelo, (915) 949-9535, or after 7 pm, Mac Sayles, Tuscola, (915) 554-7884.

**Ballinger COC Egg Hunt**

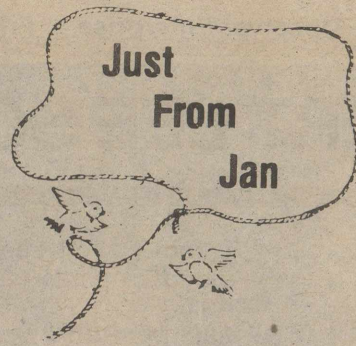
The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and KRUN/KCSE will sponsor it's 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29, 1997 at 9:30 am in the City Park. Children will need to register between 9:00 am and 9:25 am. Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 9:30 am. There will be over \$1400 worth of prizes given away. Prizes will be drawn immediately after the hunt. Each child must be registered and present to win. All prizes have been made possible by donations from local Chamber individuals and businesses.

There will be four age groups: Toddlers, 0-2, 3-5 years; 6-8 years; 9-11 years. Prizes will be awarded in each age group. Grand prize in each group will be a girl's and boy's bicycle. There will be no charge. All children are welcome.

For more information please call the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at 365-2333 or 365-5611.

A new family moved into the neighborhood, and while mowing the lawn, the man's lawnmower broke. His neighbor came over with a bunch of tools and fixed the lawnmower. "What do you make with those tools?" the man asked. The neighbor replied, "Mostly, friends."

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**"Worth Remembering II"**

As promised last week, here are more kitchen hints 'worth remembering'.

\*Potatoes soaked in salt water for 20 minutes before baking will bake more rapidly.

\*Sweet potatoes will not turn dark if put in salted water (five teaspoons to one quart of water) immediately after peeling.

\*Let raw potatoes stand in cold water for at least half an hour before frying to improve the crispness of french fried potatoes.

\*Use a strawberry huller to peel potatoes which have been boiled in their 'jackets'.

\*Use a greased muffin tin as a mold when baking stuffed green peppers.

\*A few drops of lemon juice in the water whiten boiled potatoes.

\*The skins will remain tender if you wrap potatoes in aluminum foil to bake them. They are attractive served in the foil, too.

\*If you add a little milk to water in which cauliflower is cooking, the cauliflower will remain attractively white.

\*When cooking cabbage, place a small tin cup or can half full of vinegar on the stove near the cabbage, and it will absorb all odor from it.

\*It is important when and how you add salt when cooking. To blend with soups and sauces, put it in early, but add it to meats just before taking from the stove. In cake ingredients, salt can be mixed with the eggs. When cooking vegetables always salt the water in which they are cooked. Put salt in the pan when frying fish.

\*It is easy to remove the white membrane from oranges - for fancy desserts or salads, by soaking them in boiling water for five minutes

before you peel them.  
 \*You can get more juice from a dried up lemon if you heat it for five minutes in boiling water before you squeeze it.

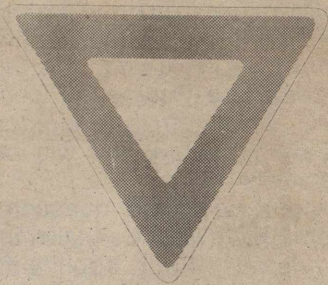
\*If it's important to you to get walnut meats out whole, soak the nuts overnight in salt water before you crack them.

\*If the whipping cream looks as though it's not going to whip, add three or four drops of lemon juice or a bit of plain gelatin powder to it and it probably will.

\*For quick and handy seasoning while cooking, keep on hand a large shaker containing six parts of salt and one of pepper.

\*Dip your bananas in lemon juice right after they are peeled. They will not turn dark and the faint flavor of lemon really adds quite a bit. The same may be done with apples.

\*When cooking vegetables grown above the ground - cook without a lid and vegetables grown below ground - cook with a lid. Cooking broccoli and asparagus in this way will maintain their green appearance.

  
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## RLHS track results

Robert Lee track field was the site of the Irion County Hornet track meet Friday, March 7, 1997. The Steers ran away (no pun intended) with the meet scoring a total of 252 points. Eden came in second at the event with 87 point. RL's girls came in 5th with 63 points. Following are individual events and stats:

### Boys Results

**Pole Vault**  
1st. Starsky Oleksiuk, 11'6"; 2nd. Will Simpson, 10'; 4th. Deric Brothers, 10'.

**Triple Jump**  
1st. Rocky Coates, 40' 4 1/2"; 2nd. Micheal Pentecost, 39' 4"; 3rd. Dan McCown, 38' 9 1/4".

**Long Jump**  
1st. Starsky Oleksiuk, 20' 6 5/8"; 4th. Gilbert Torres, 19' 4"; 5th. Jerrod Copeland, 18' 6".

**High Jump**  
2nd. Matthew Millican, 6' 2"; 3rd. Dan McCown, 5' 10"; 4th. Michael Pentecost, 5' 10".

**Shot Put**  
1st. Jeremy Edging, 44' 2 1/2"; 3rd. Donny Edging, 42' 7".

**Discus**  
1st. Jeremy Edging, 129' 7"; 2nd. Kory Pitcock, 127' 7"; 3rd. Dustin Clendennen, 117' 5".

**3200 M. Run**  
2nd. Rocky Coates, 11:20.91; 4th. Jeremy Ortega, 12:13.71.

**400 M. Relay**

2nd. Robert Lee (No individual names available), 46.53.

**800 M. Run**  
1st. Matthew Millican, 2:10.68; 3rd. Rocky Coates, 2:15.91; 5th. Deric Brothers, 2:23.31.

**110 M. Hurdles**  
1st. Michael Pentecost, 15.39; 3rd. Dan McCown, 17.21.

**100 M. Dash**  
6th. Ross Schultz, 11.90.

**400 M. Dash**  
1st. Matthew Millican, 54.65; 5th. Eli Boxell, 57.65; 6th. Chad Helwig, 57.70.

**1600 M. Run**  
3rd. Chad Helwig, 5:21.87; 4th. Jeremy Ortega, 5:21.88; 5th. Polo Arellano, 5:32.94.

**300 M. Hurdles**  
1st. Michael Pentecost, 42.57; 2nd. Dan McCown, 45.56; 3rd. Andrew McCabe, 45.67.

**1600 Meter Relay**  
1st. RL (Starsky Oleksiuk, Rocky Coates, Michael Pentecost, Matthew Millican), 3:40.54.

### Girls Results

**Long Jump**  
6th. Kannan Millican, 13' 3 3/4".

**High Jump**  
1st. Bree Bolding, 5'.

**Discus**  
6th. Kendra Bohannon, 64' 3".

**Triple Jump**  
6th. Bree Bolding, 29' 8 1/2".

**3200 M. Run**  
3rd. Gina Torres, 15:07.49.

**400 M. Relay**  
4th. Robert Lee (No individual names available), 56.15.

**800 M. Relay**  
4th. RL (No individual names available), 1:59.64.

**800 M. Run**  
2nd. Kendra Bohannon, 2:47.48; 5th. Christian DeLaSantos, 2:58.25.

**400 M. Dash**  
5th. Christian DeLaSantos, 1:18.66.

**1600 M. Relay**  
2nd. RL (No individual names available), 4:46.48.

## RLJH takes first in meet

Robert Lee's Junior High track teams competed in the Irion County JH track meet Friday, March 7. Due to construction of Irion County's track, the event was held in Robert Lee. Both the boys' and girls' teams outdistanced the 7 other teams attending the meet. The boys' team

outscored the second closest team 211 to 129. The girls' team scored 206 points to 2nd place Bronte's 127.5 points. Individual results and stats are as follows:

### Boys

**Pole Vault**  
1st. Freddy Landeros, 9'; 2nd. Justin Fluhmann, 7' 6"; 5th. Taylor Clendennen, 7'.

**Long Jump**  
1st. Beau Boxell, 18' 1/4"; 3rd. Lewis Samaniego, 15' 10 1/4"; 5th. Freddy Landeros, 15' 3 1/8".

**High Jump**  
1st. Beau Boxell, 5'; 4th. Brady Bolding, 4' 8"; 5th. C. Eubanks, 4' 6".

**Shot Put**  
1st. Chase Rainwater, 34' 2 1/2"; 3rd. John Gallimore, 32' 2 1/4"; 5th. Matthew Tinkler, 31' 6".

**Discus**  
1st. John Gallimore, 112' 6"; 5th. Zeke Montgomery, 88' 3".

**Triple Jump**  
1st. Freddy Landeros, 34' 9 1/2"; 2nd. Chase Rainwater, 33' 9 1/4"; 3rd. Lewis Samaniego, 33' 7 1/4".

**2400 M. Run**  
1st. John Burdett, 9:25.34.

**400 M. Relay**  
1st. RL (Lewis Samaniego, Chase Rainwater, Justin Fluhmann, Beau Boxell, 50.07.

**800 M. Run**  
1st. Lewis Samaniego, 2:22; 4th. Favian Minjarez, 2:32.98.

**110 Hurdles**  
2nd. Justin Fluhmann, 19.66.

**100 M. Dash**  
1st. Chase Rainwater, 12.47; 6th. Freddy Landeros, 13.30.

**400 M. Dash**  
1st. Beau Boxell, 59.42.

**300 M. Hurdles**  
3rd. Beau Blair, 52.48.

**1600 M. Run**  
4th. John Burdett, 6:10.74.

**1600 M. Relay**  
1st. RL (Freddy Landeros, Beau Boxell, Chase Rainwater, Lewis Samaniego), 4:03.54.

### Girls

**Long Jump**  
1st. Dixie Simpson, 13' 8 3/8"; 4th. Jodee Helwig, 13' 2 3/4".

**High Jump**  
1st. DeShira Dickey, 4' 8"; 2nd. Dixie Simpson, 4' 6".

**Shot Put**  
1st. Bobbie Sparks, 25' 4"; 2nd. Amber Freeman, 24' 6"; 4th. Melissa Landeros, 23' 5".

**Discus**



Lance Millican (l) and Clay Antilley of Robert Lee met Governor George Bush at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo recently. Lance is the son of Waldon and Judy Millican. Tommy and Kei Antilley are Clay's parents.

3rd. Amber Freeman, 62' 7".

**Triple Jump**  
1st. Dixie Simpson, 31' 2 1/2"; 2nd. DeShira Dickey, 29'; 4th. Jodee Helwig, 28' 1/2".

**400 M. Relay**  
1st. RL (Dixie Simpson, Rachelle Mills, Shanna Wojtek, DeShira Dickey), 56.26.

**800 M. Run**  
6th. Jamie Chesshir, 3:10.22.

**100 M. Hurdles**  
2nd. Cayla Jeffrey, 19.05; 3rd. Jodee Helwig, 20.61.

**100 M. Dash**  
1st. Kizre Matthews, 14.84; 4th. Rachelle Mills, 14.97.

**800 M. Relay**  
1st. RL (Tiffany Copeland, Erin Millican, Dee VanHuss, Shanna Wojtek), 2:05.41.

**400 M. Dash**  
1st. DeShira Dickey, 1:05.60.

**300 M. Hurdles**  
2nd. Cayla Jeffrey, 56.84; 3rd. Dee VanHuss, 59.09; 4th. Jodee Helwig, 59.56.

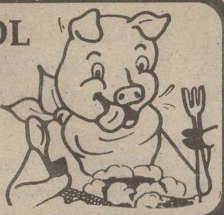
**200 M. Dash**  
5th. Tiffany Copeland, 31.74; 6th. Kizre Matthews, 32.14.

**1600 M. Run**  
4th. Melissa Landeros, 7:28.79.

**1600 M. Relay**  
1st. RL (Dixie Simpson, Rachelle Mills, Shanna Wojtek, DeShira Dickey), 4:36.22.

If you think fishermen are the biggest liars in the world, ask a jogger how far he or she runs every day.

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

Menus subject to change.

**Monday, March 17**  
Nutra-Grain Bar, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

**Tuesday, March 18**  
Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

**Wednesday, March 19**  
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.

**Thursday, March 20**  
Sausage & Biscuits w/Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk.

**Friday, March 21**  
Pop Tarts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

**Lunch**

**Monday, March 17**  
Corn dogs w/Mustard, French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese, Pears, White Cake, Milk.

**Tuesday, March 18**  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/Pickles, Tator Tots, Fruit Cocktail, Brownies, Milk.

**Wednesday, March 19**  
Fish w/Tartar Sauce, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Hushpuppies, Spice Cake, Milk.

**Thursday, March 20**  
Chick-Fil-A w/Pickles, Tossed Salad, Grapes, Milk.

**Friday, March 21**  
Submarine Sandwich w/Ham & Cheese, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Hashbrowns, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.



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Monday, March 17th



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**THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE**  
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32a-2tc

**GARAGE SALES**

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Saturday, March 15 9 - ?, Nice clothing, lots of crafts, used tires, baby crib, bikes, wedding items, bridal satin, and more. 601 North Jefferson (The Beauty Den), Bronte.  
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"I've looked the world over in search for teacher's true, And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you. Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain, Nor hate Me when I come to call, to take him back again?"

I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done. For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may; And for the happiness we've known, will ever grateful stay.

"But shall the angels call for him much sooner than we planned, We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand."  
poem by Edgar A. Guest

In Memory of Our Beloved Son  
Troy Don Lee  
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With our heartfelt thanks to  
Ricky & Eunice Basquez for  
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Wendell & Jeanna Lee

**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**  
The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 3, 1997, Election. Two Directors will be elected for a term of two years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 17, 1997, and March 19, 1997. Applications and petitions may be obtained at West Coke County Nursing Home during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.  
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NOTICES

INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOR

El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Deistrito Del Condado Oeste De Coke hacen saber que el dia 3 de Mayo, 1997 sera el dia finale para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada dos (2) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 17 de Febrero, 1997 hasta el 19 de Marzo, 1997 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 9 am - 5 pm in el Hospital Deistrito del Condado Oeste de Coke los dias Lunes a Viernes. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Adminstrador Roger Alexander.

31a-2tc

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Robert Lee will hold a public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1997, and ending March 31, 1998. This hearing will be for input into the budget process. The hearing will be held at the City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at 7 pm.

Kelly S. Nichols, Mayor  
City of Robert Lee

32a-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE  
COKE COUNTY  
TEXAS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM

Coke County will hold a Public Hearing at 5 pm March 17, 1997, at the County Courthouse in regard to the

submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The County encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the County Judge at the Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the County Judge to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

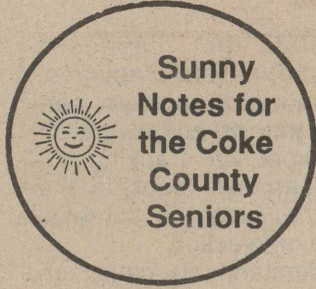
County Judge  
Coke County  
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NOTICE

The Robert Lee ISD is accepting bids on one (1) 1997 19 passenger Carpenter Crown School Bus or equal. Bids are due by 4 pm, March 19, 1997. For specifications, please contact William Hood, Superintendent at 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas, (915) 453-4555.

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One good thing about always telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.



Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors

Quilting

The Bronte Senior Center will be open Thursdays until March 20 at 9 am for quilting. The quilt this month will be for this year's Senior Class. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is cordially invited to come and join us.

Menu

- Monday, March 17  
Beef Stew, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Chocolate Pudding
- Wednesday, March 19  
Fried Fish w/Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffin, Bread Pudding w/Raisins
- Friday, March 21  
Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake

February

arrests/charges

The Coke County Sheriff's Department reports the following arrests and charges filed in February.

- Cliffon Daniel Calder - Burglary of a habitation, 2-2-97.
- Jayde Carstle Jolliff - Burglary of a habitation, 2-2-97.
- Felipe Rangel - Assault - 2-

3-97.

Carrie Lynn Green - Possession of marijuana in a drug free zone - 2-11-97.

Jose Francisco Gonzales, Jr. - Minor in possession of alcohol - 2-14-97.

Juan Jesus Garza - Driving while intoxicated - release of surities - 2-23-97.

Cody Lee Johnson - Driving while intoxicated - Motion to revoke probation - 2-26-97.

Gerald Jay Parker - Criminal Mischief - 2-26-97.

Gerald Jay Parker - Making a false statement to a peace officer - 2-26-97.

John Edward Vega - Theft Class B - Capias Pro Fine - 2-27-97.

Eye drops can cause problems

Over the counter eye drop medications designed to reduce redness can actually cause more serious problems.

Researchers at the Cullen Eye Institute at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston found that these nonprescription eye drops can produce redness, swelling, and itching - symptoms of conjunctivitis.

"Some people experienced a rebound effect, where their eyes became increasingly red," said Dr. Douglas Koch, co-author of the study and a Baylor associate professor of ophthalmology. "The other problems we found were allergic reactions in the eyes

and eyelids and swelling of the eyelids."

Patients who used the drops over a prolonged period of time increased their risk of developing complications. However, the study found that even people who used eye drops only once experienced conjunctivitis.

While there does not appear to be any permanent damage to the eye due to the drops, they may be covering up or contributing to an underlying condition that needs to be treated.

"It's best to limit the use of the drops to no more than a few days," said Koch. "Almost every condition that these are used to treat can probably be better treated with another medication."

Artificial tears, without medications to reduce redness, are safe alternatives, according to Koch.

The study followed 70 patients, whose eye drop use prior to the study ranged from once a day to 12 times per day.

The widespread incidence of adverse reactions to these over the counter eye drops is unknown, but even if the incidence is low, the number of patients suffering reactions may be substantial, since more than 15 million bottles of the drops are sold each year in the United States.



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

Gear up for garden pests

Gardening season is just around the corner, and with it the need for early preparation against insect pests that are sure to be around.

First, gardeners should inspect insecticides left over from last year to determine if they are still good. Product age and storage conditions must be considered. If properly stored, most products have at least a two year shelf life once they begin to be used.

Dusts sometimes have a tendency to absorb moisture if the bag is not sealed tightly after each use; they should not be used if lumpy. Place bags containing insecticides in a clear, polyethylene bag and seal it with a rubber band to keep moisture out. If dusts are two years old or older, and there is any doubt about their storage, dispose of them according to label directions and buy new insecticide.

Although liquid materials are not as likely to absorb moisture, storage is still important. Caps should be resealed tightly on the product after each use. Do not use liquids

which are cloudy or milky in color or which have sediments on the bottom of the container.

Do not store pesticides on a shelf in front of a window, especially if the window gets strong afternoon sun. Do not store liquids in an area subjected to extreme temperature fluctuations. Extremes from summer to winter temperatures may not hurt the active ingredient in the insecticide, but it may damage the ability of the product to mix properly in water.

If the liquid materials are at least two years old and have not been stored properly, monitor vegetables closely after spraying to determine if the pesticides are controlling insects.

It's important to anticipate pesticides that will be needed for the crops to be grown. Select insecticides by considering the plants and the period for insect control before repeating.

Finally, know exactly what is being sprayed on plants and the amount. Don't jeopardize your plants by spraying first and then checking for possible plant damage.

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### Mexican feeder cattle restricted

Many Mexican feeder cattle will find a padlock on pastures and feedlots this spring in the border states of Texas, California, New Mexico, and Arizona. That's because the first of March marked the deadline for Mexican states to make sufficient progress in wiping out tuberculosis (TB) in their cattle herds.

Only four of the 32 Mexican states - Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila and Tamaulipas - met specific requirements to reach "Stage II" in tuberculosis eradication and are the only states that can ship feeder cattle to the border states and other US states that have adopted similar restrictions. Feeder stock from the Mexican Stage II states can enter with one negative TB skin test.

(The March 1 deadline does not affect sexually intact heifers from Mexico that are destined for finish-feeding. If they meet federal requirements, these animals can enter and go directly to a quarantined feedlot. Likewise, the deadline does not involve Mexican breeding cattle, which enter under separate regulations, including herd of origin testing, TB testing at the port of entry by USDA staff, quarantine on arrival, and follow-up TB and brucellosis testing.)

"Cattlemen's unions in the Mexican Stage I states are making significant progress in TB disease control and eradication," said Dr. Beals. "They're moving toward Stage II by refining and improving epidemiological investigations and reporting, increasing disease surveillance in slaughter plants, conducting herd testing, and updating laboratories for diagnostic work. Furthermore, most work in Mexico is funded by the cattlemen, with technical assistance provided by the federal and state governments."

"Despite free trade, animal health must be addressed to protect domestic herds. In 1993 an alarm sounded, when in Texas alone, nearly 350 TB infected cattle from Mexico were found in our slaughter plants," said Texas' state veterinarian Terry Beals. "The other border states, which also receive thousands of Mexican feeder stock, experienced a similar situation."

More than a million Mexican feeder cattle move to the US in a normal year. Although the feeder cattle had a negative TB skin test before being shipped, an alarming number had TB lesions when they were slaughtered. In the meantime, these animals potentially could expose native Texas herds to the bacterial infection, as most graze on pastures before proceeding to feedlots for finish feeding.

"In August 1994, the border states' veterinarians partnered to draft a 'consensus document' we shared with all US and Mexican states. It defined requirements and set specific deadlines for progressing in the control and eradication of TB in Mexico," he said. "This document was incorporated into the border states' import regulations and later was adopted by other states."

The number of infected

Mexican cattle found in Texas slaughter plants dropped dramatically when Mexican cattlemen's unions initiated TB eradication programs and the importation of high-risk Holsteins was banned, said Dr. Beals. "By 1996, the count fell to 104 TB-lesioned Mexican animals. In this federal fiscal year, which began in October, we've found nine TB-infected animals at slaughter. We're completing tracing and epidemiology work to find the origin of these animals."

To keep their feeder cattle moving freely, Mexican states had to achieve Stage I status by September 1995, and move to Stage II by March 1, 1997. A Binational Committee, which has eight each American and Mexican representatives, has the final word on a Mexican state's status, after a TB review team assesses the state and makes recommendations.

The TB review team can complete an inspection in two to four days. Usually having five to seven members, the team is headed by Dr. Bill Brown of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), and Dr. Cindy Gaborick of the USDA-APHIS-VS, (the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services). Of the two Mexican members, one represents the federal government, and the other is from the USDA's International Services. Other trip team members may include state or private veterinarians, cattle producers, or university personnel.

In Stage I, states set up their infrastructure, such as gaining legal authority to make regulations, test and quarantine herds, and conduct slaughter inspections for TB lesions, explained Dr. Beals. Laboratories are set up, veterinarians and other staff are hired, herd testing is started, and education programs are introduced, he said.

When states are reviewed for Stage II, the review team looks at quality, as well as quantity of testing, diagnostic work and tracing of infected animals, said Dr. Beals. The TB program staff, working with Mexican private practitioners, must have tested 75 percent each of the beef and dairy cattle. TB tests must be conducted correctly, and records maintained accurately to enable animals to be traced and source-verified.

The Mexican state's TB staff must demonstrate their ability to find and test herds of origin for their infected animals detected in US packing plants. This epidemiology work must include written records, test documents and quarantines.

"Key to successful disease management is controlling the movement of livestock and animal products," said Dr. Beals. "The team makes observations at livestock movement and control stations, where trucks are stopped and shipments are checked for testing and paperwork requirements."

The review team also travels to three to five slaughter plants in each state to ensure inspections are thorough and that any lesions are collected and sent to a designated laboratory for diagnostic work. The laboratories, too, are

checked for diagnostic equipment and facilities, preparation of samples, personnel training and the trail of paperwork for tracking affected animals back to the herd that was the potential source of infection.

"Understandably, cattlemen are disappointed when a Mexican state is inspected but not approved for Stage II status," said Dr. Beals. "In most instances, it's due to a shortage of herd testing, particularly dairy herds. Or, the epidemiology - disease tracking - could be incomplete, and slaughter surveillance activities may not be adequate to detect TB lesions in carcasses. After a review, the TB review team provides the cattlemen's union with a specific list of improvements that are required. When the standards are reached, the committee can pass their recommendation for upgraded status to the Binational Committee."

States which have regulations patterned after those of the border states include: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire,

New York, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. Several states accept feeder cattle from all Mexican states but require another TB test on the animals after they arrive. These states are: Georgia, Iowa, Maryland, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wyoming.

"Disease control and eradication are keys to keeping trade corridors open," said Dr. Beals. "Countries - or portions of countries - will be required to demonstrate they are actively working to eradicate disease, or prove that a particular disease is not present."

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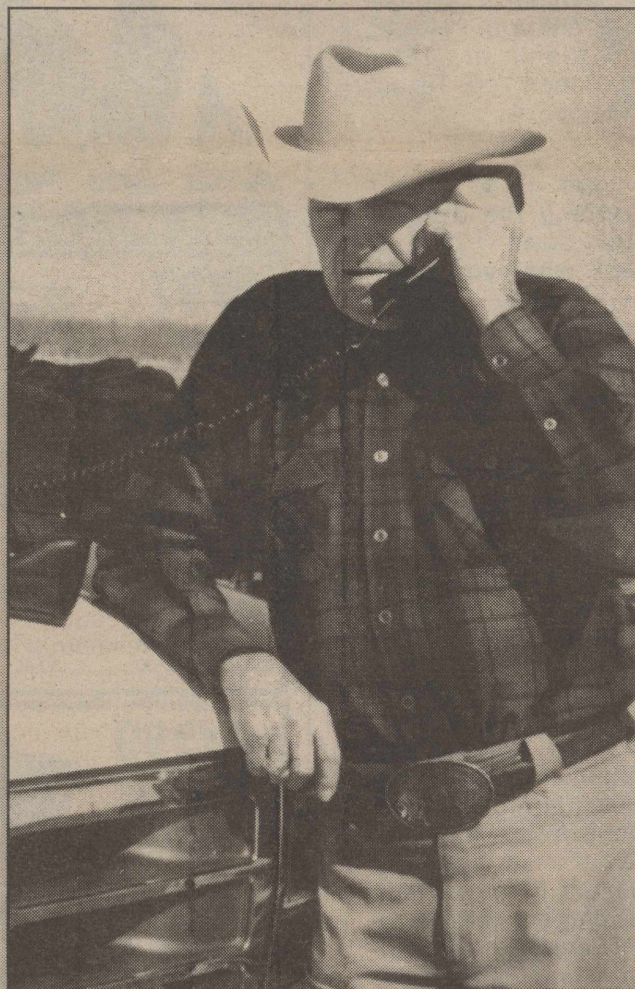
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