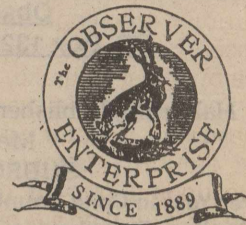


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Early voting continues for local elections

Early voting in area elections began Monday, April 14, 1997, and will continue through April 29, 1997. Both the Bronte and Robert Lee City Councils have taken advantage of recent legislations allowing them to cancel elections if all candidates are unopposed. Coke County Underground Water Conservation District also falls under this ruling and will not have an election May 3, 1997.

Early voting for Robert Lee Independent School District and West Coke County Hospi-

tal District is in the Coke County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, from 8 am to 5 pm, Mondays through Fridays. Ettie Hubbard is the election clerk for this early voting.

For the Bronte Independent School District, early voters need to go to the Superintendents Office at Bronte School between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Mon-

days through Fridays. Glenda Draper is the election clerk for this early voting.

Keith Fletcher is the election clerk for the early voting in the East Coke County Hospital District election. The early voting for this entity is in the Bronte Nursing Home Administration Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays.

Ride-A-Thon slated to benefit St. Jude

A Ride-A-Thon benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is scheduled for April 26, 1997, from 10 am to 3 pm at the San Angelo State Park - North Entrance.

Participants are needed to sign up sponsors for each mile they ride.

For more information or to obtain pledge sheets, call Karen Dillon at (915) 949-4757.

McCown heads to Nationals

ASU sophomore Lee McCown is headed to the national track meet. Lee, a 1995 RLHS graduate, qualified for the Nationals Saturday, April 12 after two days of competition during the Angelo State Relays. McCown finished up the Elite Decathlon competition with 7,250 points, a personal record.

Lee set two personal records during the first day of the meet. One in the long jump and another in the 400 meters. He racked up 3,814 points on Friday and was well on his way to the 7,000 he needed to qualify for the nationals.

Saturday, Lee was faced with the possibility of no-heighting in the pole vault, his weakest area. He cleared the 11' opening height on his 3rd attempt and went on to set a pr of 13' 4".

Lee is the son of Sid and Kathy McCown of Robert Lee.

He stated in an interview with a Standard-Times reporter, "This (the nationals) is where you see how good you are." We can answer that for you, Lee, you are the best.

SWCD poster winners told

Randi Thomason, of Mrs. Heather Lee's Bronte 6th grade, is the winner of the poster contest for students in the 5th and 6th grade. The contest is sponsored by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. In addition to a ribbon and certificate, Randi received a \$100 US Savings Bond and was honored at an awards banquet in San Angelo on March 20, 1997. Randi is the daughter of Mary Dostie of Ballinger.

Diane Womack, of Mrs. Pat Lee's 5th grade, was the district runner-up and the recipient of a \$50 Savings Bond. Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Womack of Bronte.

The top two places in each class were (Robert Lee) Mrs. Suzie Wilson's 5th grade class: 1st. Amber Perez; 2nd. Monica Rodriguez; Mrs. Linda Burns and Mrs. Kathy Gardner's 6th grade class: 1st. Amie Kendall; 2nd. Stewart Millican; (Bronte) Mrs. Pat Lee's 5th grade class: 1st. Ashley Denton; 2nd. Diane Womack; Mrs. Heather Lee's 6th grade; 1st. Randi Thomason; 2nd. Joel Webb. Every student who submitted a poster received a certificate from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) in appreciation for the thought, effort and publicity on the need and worth of soil and water conservation that the posters depicted. These posters will be displayed at the Robert Lee State Bank and First National Bank in Bronte during April.

In recognition of the growing response from teachers and students, the directors instituted a new award in 1995. The class with the most

outstanding posters will be honored as the year's Outstanding Class and presented a rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year.

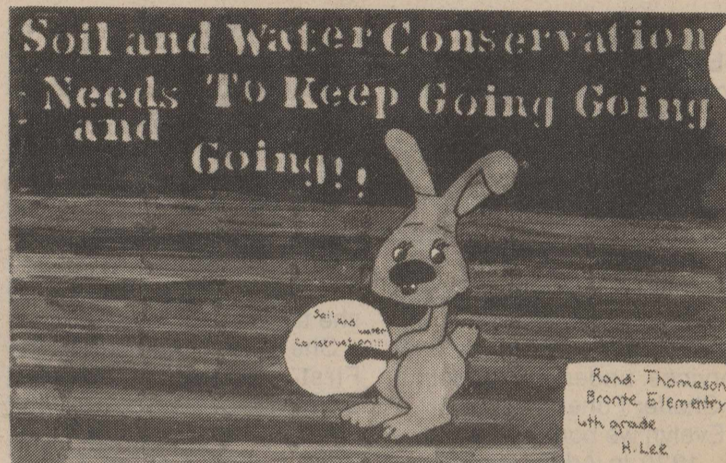
Mrs. Heather Lee's/Missy Boyd's 6th grade was chosen Outstanding Class for 1996-97. All the youngsters seemed to regard the award with enthusiasm and there was talk among next year's Coke County 5th and 6th graders about plans to win the plaque for their class next time. Three posters done by Randi Thomason, Diane Womack, and Joel Webb were entered in the Texas Regional Contest which includes 52 counties.

Pupils could choose any phase of resource conservation that is part of the work of the local soil and water conservation district. Included in this work are: soil use and treatment; erosion control practices; crop, range, and pastureland management; drainage problems; watershed protection; flood prevention; fish and wildlife management; and promoting the involvement of all citizens in conserving water and renewable resources.

Response from teachers and students was excellent and posters submitted were outstanding, both in art work and content. Each year choosing only four winners per class and two overall becomes more and more difficult for the board of directors.

CC RTA to meet

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 21, 1997. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.



Randi Thomason designed the first place poster in the Coke County Soil & Water Conservation District's annual poster contest.



Diane Womack displays her second place poster. Diane was the runner-up in the Coke County Soil & Water Conservation poster contest.

4-H District camp deadline

Attention 4-H members 13 years and older. District camp will be held June 29-July 3 at Camp Scott Able in New Mexico. Camp will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. Deposit for camp is due as soon as possible. For more information please contact the Extension Office at (915) 453-2461.

Refreshments needed during clean-up

The week of April 21-25, inmates from Carlsbad will be working in Bronte. Projects will include work at the cemetery and cleaning

around street signs.

Anyone wanting to donate desserts or drinks for the inmates can contact Pat or Lori at City Hall, 473-3501.

Free clinic offered

A free blood pressure and blood sugar health clinic will be held Friday, April 18, at the Tennyson Post Office. The clinic will be from 8:30 am until 9:30 am and is sponsored by the North Rannels Home Health Agency. A similar clinic is held the third Friday of every month. It is free to anyone regardless of age or income.

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

The future of Mountain Creek Dam & RL water in next week's issue

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Obituaries

Harmon

Evelyn Harmon, 77, of Robert Lee, died Friday, April 11, 1997 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Sunday, April 13, 1997 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Reverend Jimmy Rogers officiating. Burial was in the Paint Creek Cemetery with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Evelyn was born on February 12, 1920 in Addington, Oklahoma. She married Bill Harmon on October 17, 1950 in Lovington, New Mexico. She was a homemaker and had made her home in Robert Lee since February 1984, moving from Denver City where she and Bill had made their home since 1954. She was a member of the Pecan Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Harmon, of Robert Lee; one son, Jimmy Eicke, of Plainview, Texas; two daughters, Barbara Garrett of Mart, Texas and Sandy Mader of Cannon City, Colorado; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Pete Garrett, Joe Autry, Bill Carwile, Tommy Blair, Nick Harmon, Russell Pierce, and Don Lawrence.

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Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors

Dominoes

The Bronte Senior Center will open at 9 am for dominoes. A pot luck lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun.

Menu

Monday, April 21
Swiss Steak, Peas & Carrots, Corn Muffins, Tossed Salad, Orange Sections
Wednesday, April 23
Chop Suey, Cabbage, Egg Noodles, Hot Roll, Waldorf Salad, Tapioca Pudding
Friday, April 25
Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies

Newell

Irene Newell passed away Friday, April 11, 1997 at the age of 85. She was a resident of the West Coke County Nursing Home.

Mrs. Newell began teaching in the Silver schools. She later taught in Mississippi and returned to Robert Lee where she taught until retirement.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, the '64 Study Club, Coke County Retired Teachers Association, and the West Coke County Nursing Home Auxiliary.

She is survived by two daughters, one son, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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WCCCD seeks new members

Do you enjoy the Labor Day Extravaganza? Would you like to see the volunteers in Coke County honored? How about the Hunter's Bar-B-Que? Got any ideas for new projects? All these questions and more can be answered by becoming a member of the West Coke County Community Development. We need you, the citizens of West Coke County, to become interested and involved. We have several committees with very dedicated chair-persons and we need you as members of these committees. Wherever your "niche" is, you are needed. Call, sign up, volunteer. For more information on becoming a member call 453-2713 or 453-2412.



Tri-State Attractions

Appearing in Robert Lee April 17-20

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Death Notices

Flowers

Graveside services for Randy Flowers, 46, of Arlington, Texas were held at 2:00 pm Sunday, April 13, 1997 in the Guthrie, Texas Cemetery with Mr. Paige Baize of Wingate and Rev. Ted Short of Odessa officiating. Arrangements were by Seigler Funeral Home in Paducah, Texas.

Mr. Flowers died Sunday, April 11, 1997 at his home in Arlington, after an extended illness.

Survivors include his wife, Tarra Nann Townly Flowers of Arlington; two sons, Marty Flowers of Odessa and Jason Flowers of Arlington; a daughter, Tarra Michelle Flowers of Arlington; his mother, Yvonne Mingus of Odessa; two brothers, Ronny Flowers and Richard Flowers, both of Greenwood; a sister, Delilah Jones of Odessa, several nieces and nephews, his father-in-law and wife, Myron and Viola Townley of Paducah and Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Quisenberry

Audra Marie Quisenberry, 94, of Robert Lee, and formerly of Quanah, Texas died Sunday, April 13, 1997 in the West Coke County Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at the Price-Jackson Funeral Home with burial in the Quanah Memorial Park. Local arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sons, J.E. Quisenberry of Robert Lee and Bobby Quisenberry of Vienna, Virginia; two sisters, Blanche Harwell of Abi-

Exes game set

Robert Lee and Bronte ex-athletes will be playing basketball Monday, April 28th at the Robert Lee High School gym. The game time has not been set as of presstime.

Anyone that is interested in playing in the game should contact Jerrod Pitcock at 453-2038 or Keith Treadaway at 473-3500. Everyone in the area is aware of this in-county rivalry, if you would like an opportunity to get revenge on some long-ago transgression this is your chance.

lene, Texas and Laura B. Quisenberry of Quanah, Texas; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Bloodworth

Gertrude L. Bloodworth of Silver, Texas, died Tuesday,

April 15, 1997, at Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas, following a lengthy illness. Services will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church Friday, April 18, 1997, at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at McKenziville Cemetery in Silver.



Winners of the WCCNH Hat Decorating Contest for the Easter Parade were Sadye Chumley (r), first place, with a hat she described as "simplicity is the essence of good taste", and Jessie Faye Russell, second place. An Easter Parade stroll through the halls of WCCNH followed the judging by Cathy Hendry and Beverly Sinclair. Thirteen resident participated in the decorating and parade.

"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."

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Commissioners' court actions detailed

Meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag and prayer led by Lane Arthur.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports were heard from Extension Agents, Tommy Antilley and Jan Yanez, regarding the work they have done for the last month.

Mike Harris reported from the Sheriff's office and the calls and action they have had since February 1.

Ettie Hubbard, County/District Clerk reported on her office and went over her report that she gives to the County and the State.

Treasurer's affidavit is as follows - March 31, 1997, Cash \$930,773.45 and other assets \$556,396.00, prior month cash \$998,576.84 and other assets \$556,396.00, prior year \$734,349.00 and other assets \$732,000.00. The report was approved.

Kristy Roe reported that collections of taxes are currently at 95.74% or \$887,717.04. Mrs. Roe also informed court of some things her office does and what is involved. She will be visiting with the Bronte School Board and the City of Bronte regarding collection of taxes.

Discussion followed on the rentals of the recreation buildings and the condition of the buildings. We have completed quite a bit of work on the buildings. The commissioners plan to coat the roofs, in hope of stopping the leaks. New gutters will be installed. The need of infrastructure repairs is great and the commissioners are working as hard as they can to catch up. This is hindered by money and time, do be patient, we are working.

Court agreed that the County Precincts do comply with law and order. No changes have been made.

Discussion followed regarding the County having 1/2 percent sales tax. This would lower the property tax by the amount collected. The court feels this would be an opportunity to lower taxes. More information will be coming on this soon. This will have to be done by a vote of the people. It would be next year in May before it would be voted on, so it may be awhile before we start public hearings.

Trappers' report was approved.

The TCDP application was discussed and it was noted that the Public Notice was printed in the paper last week. The commissioners will be doing a survey of the people living on the roads that will be covered by the grant.

Proclamation was approved declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

Resolution was passed to allow Sheriff Harris to request exempt license plates.

Pittencrief America, Inc.'s request to open trench and backfill across Lake Dam Road was approved.

The 1997 seal coat was discussed. The City of Robert Lee has \$2000.00 to purchase materials with. The county will do an inter-local agreement with the City and begin some repairs of the city



Wayland and Mary Beth Drennan of Robert Lee are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debra Ann, to David Earl Wyatt, son of Jim Wyatt of Comanche and Mrs. Linda Mitchell of Abilene. The couple will be married on June 7th at 7:00 pm at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Debra graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1993 and David is a 1994 graduate of Brownwood High School. She is attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville and is a candidate for December graduation.

David has attended Tarleton and is employed by Pizza Hut in Stephenville.

streets.

A letter was reviewed from Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Paint Creek Bridge replacement. It will be 1998 before this happens.

Walter (Sonny) Sweet and Dub Martin met with the court with a request that court pave Lake Keeper Road and that they would match half the direct costs involved. They have formed a group and have around \$14,000 in pledges. This road is about two miles long. Commissioner Lee wanted to check prices first. Mr. Sweet was told the

court would call a special meeting and decide.

Under private road work a request by Les Snider was approved.

Filter for the Robert Lee pool was discussed. This matter will be looked into.

Hal Spain made a request for West Coke County Community Development for permission to construct a slab in the County Park. Request was granted.

It was announced that it was time to start work on budget planning. Meetings will begin with the next scheduled meeting.

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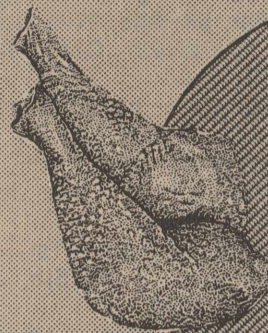
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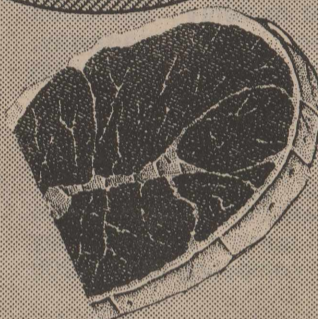
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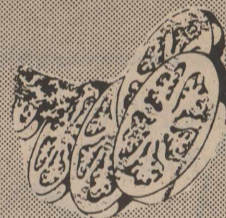
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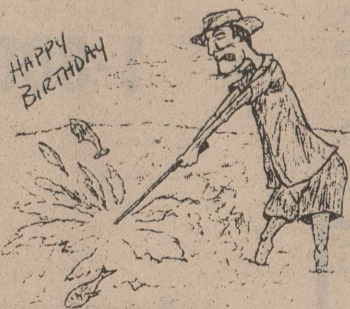
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorn district track results

The Longhorns competed recently at the district UIL track meet. The varsity accumulated 37 total team points. Individual results are listed below.

3200 m run - 2nd, Courtney Beam, 11:10

400 m relay - 5th, Scott Graves, Michael Martinez, Scott Thompson, and Michael Sallee, 48.2

110 m hurdles - 1st, Keith Treadaway, 15.55

400 m - 6th, Dustin Scott, 55.8

300 m hurdles - 3rd, Keith Treadaway, 42.8

1600 m run - 4th, Courtney Beam, 5:18

1600 m relay - 5th, Scott Graves, Keith Treadaway, Courtney Beam, and Dustin Scott, 3:49

Keith Treadaway and Courtney Beam each qualified for the regional track meet. Keith will be competing in the 110 m hurdles and Courtney will be competing in the 3200 m run.

The Junior Varsity Longhorns came away with a first place team win and a total of 160 points. Following are the individual results.

3200 m run - 3rd, Jose Rodriguez, 13:03; 5th, George Tomes, 14:05

400 m relay - 2nd, Blake McKee, Wes Howell, Jimmy Soto, and Jerrod McClure, 50.6

110 m hurdles - 1st, Dustin Holland, 17.2; 3rd, Rod Harrell, 20.4

800 m run - 1st, Billy Arthur, 2:30; 2nd, Jimmy Soto, 2:36; and 3rd, Dusty White, 2:37

400 m run - 1st, Chris Keller, 58; 2nd, Wes Howell, 59.7; and 6th, Cody Harris, 1:07

300 m hurdles - 1st, Dustin Holland, 47.06; 4th, Rod Harrell, 52.4

200 m run - 4th, Jerrod McClure, 25.8

1600 m run - 1st, Jose Rodriguez, 5:35; 5th, Jake Graves, 5:50

1600 m relay - 1st, Wes Howell, Dustin Holland, Billy Arthur, and Chris Keller, 4:06

Shot Put - 1st, Blake McKee, 42' 3 1/4"

Discus - 4th, Blake McKee, 111' 1"; 6th, Cody Harris, 107'

Triple Jump - 6th, Billy Arthur, 31' 10 1/2"

Long Jump - 6th, Dusty White, 16' 1 1/4"

High Jump - 1st, Dustin Holland, 5' 4"

Lady Shorthorns are runners-up at district meet

The Bronte Junior High Girls finished up the season strong at the District meet in Water Valley last Tuesday. The "A" team girls placed as runner-up with 122 points and the "B" team girls finished with 47 points. Individual results are below.

"A" Team Results

Field Events

Shot Put - Crystal Moore and Lacy Schoenfield

Discus - 4th, Brooke McCutchen and 5th, Lacy Schoenfield

Triple Jump - Cara Sefcik, 25' 1"; Chrissie Counts, 24' 4"; and Kara Thompson, 23' 6 3/4"

Long Jump - 1st, Tessie McMullan, 15' 6 1/2"; 4th, Kala Arrott, 13' 11"; and Stormy White, 12' 11 1/2"

High Jump - 1st, Tessie McMullan, 4' 8"; 4th, Natasha Reed, 4' 6"

Track Events

2400 m run - 3rd, Kelly Cooper 11:12.14

400 m relay - 2nd, Natasha Reed, Tessie McMullan, Kala Arrott, and Lauren Williams, 57.31

100 m hurdles - 1st, Tessie McMullan, 16.40, Kala Arrott, 20.08

800 m run - 4th, Chrissie Counts, 3:06, Kara Thompson, 3:25

100 m dash - 2nd, Cassandra Casares, 13.93, Chrissie Counts, 14.96

400 m dash - Kara Thompson, 81.4, and Cara Sefcik, 80.8

300 m hurdles - 1st, Tessie McMullan, 51.44

200 m dash - 2nd, Cassandra Casares, 29.38, and Kala Arrott, 30.9

1600 m run - 3rd, Kelly Cooper, 6:57, Chrissie

Counts, 7:23

1600 m relay - 3rd, Natasha Reed, Brooke McCutchen, Stormy White, and Lauren Williams, 5:00.8

800 m relay - 4th, Natasha Reed, Cara Sefcik, Stormy White, and Lauren Williams, 2:07.88

"B" Team

Field Events

Shot Put - 1st, Shannon VanVleck, 24' 6", 5th, Mauragan Bullard, 20' 9", and 6th, Angie Harrell, 20' 4"

Discus - 1st, Angie Harrell, 53'

Long Jump - Cheyann Head, 9' 10 1/2", Chrissie Israel, 9' 2 1/2", and Morgan McCutchen, 7' 7 1/2"

Track Events

400 m relay - 5th, Michelle Owens, Morgan McCutchen, Cheyann Head, Jenna Thompson, 60.2

100 m hurdles - 1st, Angie Harrell, 21.3

100 m dash - Michelle Owens, 17.3; Chrissie Israel, 17.8, and Morgan McCutchen, 18.1

400 m dash - 5th, Jenna Thompson, 83.1

300 m hurdles - 2nd, Angie Harrell, 62.07

200 m dash - Mauragan Bullard, 35.2, Cheyann Head, 36.1, and Michelle Owens, 37.19

Shorthorn District Track results

Individual results are listed below for both the "A" and "B" team Shorthorn track teams.

"A" Shorthorns

2400 m run - 2nd, Jesse McClure, 9:50; 3rd, Erick Johnson, 9:54

400 m relay - 4th, Justin DeLaCerde, Steve Eldred, Zeb Speary, and Jason Stamper, 52.5

110 high hurdles - 4th, Zeb Speary, 18.43; 6th, Henry White, 19.5

800 m run - 2nd, Tim Green, 2:27; 4th, Josh Schoenfield, 2:36

100 m dash - 5th, Steve Eldred, 13.1

300 intermediate hurdles - 5th, Steve Eldred, 52.78

200 m run - 5th, Henry White, 27.28

1600 m run - 1st, Tim Green, 5:32

1600 m relay - 2nd, Justin DeLaCerde, Tim Green, Henry White, and Zeb Speary, 4:12

Discus - 4th, Henry White, 104' 1"

Triple Jump - 6th, Zeb Speary

High Jump - 5th, Zeb Speary

"B" Shorthorns

2400 m run - 3rd, Gene Butts, 11:00

400 m relay - 4th, Lorenzo DeLaGarza, Joey Rhodes, Coby Carper, Dalton Graves, 59.2

100 m dash - 4th, Lorenzo DeLaGarza, 14.4

400 m run - 6th, Coby



Students are excelling academically in Texas schools and the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency recognized some of these students at ceremonies all over the state.

Bronte High School students recognized are (from left) Michael Martinez, Nicole Butts, Felicia Beam, Shea Kelton, George Tomes, and Michael Blair. These students were selected based on more than one criteria which demonstrated outstanding academic accomplishments in curriculum, state and national test results, and UIL honors and participation. The ceremony and reception was held at Angelo State University April 2, 1997.

Carper, 74.00

200 m run - 6th, Dalton Graves, 30.4

1600 m run - 5th, Gene Butts, 7:1

1600 m relay - 4th, Coby Carper, Dalton Graves, Lorenzo DeLaGarza, Joey Rhodes, 5:10

Discus - 3rd, Dalton Graves

Long Jump - 6th, Lorenzo DeLaGarza

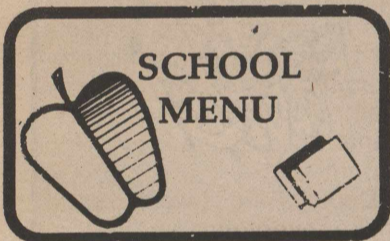
uled his April visit to Robert Lee and Bronte. He will be at the County Courthouse Conference Room in Robert Lee on Thursday, April 24, from

11:00 am - 11:30 am. In Bronte, he will be at the City Hall Council Room, Thursday, April 24, from 1:30 - 2:00 pm.

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

SS Rep visit scheduled

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has sched-



SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, April 21
Pancake, Sausage on a Stick, Apple Juice, Milk

Tuesday, April 22
Cereal, Apple Sauce, Biscuit, Milk

Wednesday, April 23
Sausage, Orange Juice, French Toast, Milk

Thursday, April 24
Scrambled Eggs, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk

Friday, April 25
Oatmeal, Apple Juice, Pop Tart, Milk

Lunch

Monday, April 21
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Sliced Peaches, Rolls, Milk

Tuesday, April 22
Burrito w/Cheese, Fresh Fruit Salad, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Milk, Pink Panther Cake

Wednesday, April 23
Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Sliced Apples, Rolls, Milk, Blueberry Muffin

Thursday, April 24
Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Pork & Beans, Apple Sauce, Milk, Sugar Cookies

Friday, April 25
Chopped BBQ Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Pickle Spears, Bun, Chips, Milk, Ice Cream Cups

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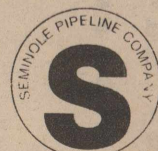
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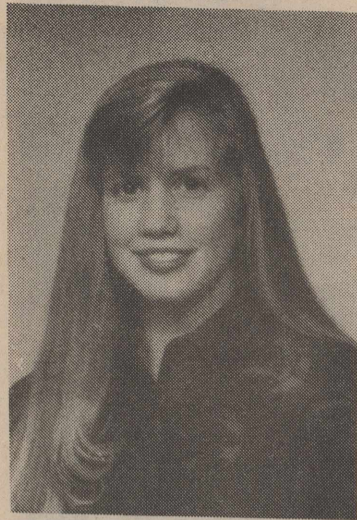
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Amy Harrell, former BHS student, recently received an award in General Marketing at state competition in Houston. Amy is a student at Flour Bluff High School. She is the daughter of Betsy McKinney of Corpus Christi. The competition was held in conjunction with the District I DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) conference.

BISD Board minutes

The Bronte Independent School District held its regular board meeting on April 10, 1997, at 7:00 pm in the board room. All members were present.

The board heard the reports of the principals, Scott Turner and Rick Howell.

The band director, George Tomes, reported on the band program and presented a budget for 1997-98. Grades 8-12 will be in the varsity band next year and grades 6 & 7 will be in junior high band.

Approved Cheerleading Administrative Policies and Procedures.

Approved the amending of Special Education Coding.

Approved the list of transfers received prior to May 1.

Discussed auxiliary personnel and a female coach. Approved salary schedule.

The Technology Program was discussed.

Funding for Fairview Accelerated Education co-op was discussed.

Heard the legislative update on HB 465. Read letter from Speaker of the House, Pete Laney on resolution for fair restructuring of taxes.

The board was updated on the track facilities.

Board/Site Base Committee Planning Retreat was set for May 17th, 8:00 am April 23, the board will have breakfast at 7:45 an tour the facilities at CCJJC. A tour of the campuses on Jefferson will take place prior to the board meeting May 8 at 6:00 pm.

Paid the March 1997 bills. Adjourned at 10:05 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for May 8 at 7:00 pm.

ECCHD minutes

The Board of Directors of East Coke County Nursing Hospital District met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 1997.

A presentation was given and discussion followed on services necessary to qualify as a Medicare approved skilled nursing facility. Application has been made and approval is anticipated in the

next few weeks for these expanded services.

A letter was read from the Appraisal District giving official notice of the cancellation of contract for the collection of taxes and considerable discussion was given to the option that might be available to the hospital district. No action was taken at this time pending further study.

A summary of disposition of tax money as a result of the rollback election was given showing that a total of \$216,062 was refunded to taxpayers. The amount refunded to taxpayers in Coke County amounted to \$48,901 or 22.6% of the total. Refunds to taxpayers out of county totaled \$167,144 or 77.3% of the total. Of this amount \$66,758 or 30.9%, was refunded to oil companies.

Other items of business were a presentation by Worldwide International, administrator's report, and approval of monthly bills and financial report.

Happy Harts news

The Happy Harts Square Dancers have been quite busy this past month. Ed and Mary Hart treated the Happy Harts and the Winters Squares to a quail fry on March 27. The food was wonderful, as usual, and a great time was had by the 60 people in attendance. Our regular meeting was held at this same gathering. New officers for the 1997-98 year were elected as follows: President Benny Corley, Vice-President Ray Barnett; Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Corley; Reporter Linda Badgett.

On April 5, nineteen members of the Happy Harts participated in the Texas Trash-Off Day, followed by rolls and coffee at the Harts' home.

The weekend of April 11-12, Ed and Mary Hart, Benny and Jackie Corley, Bill and Jane Wheat, and Dow and Robbie Ferguson of Sterling City, attended the 11th anniversary celebration of the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club in Ozona. A terrific time was enjoyed by all!

The regular monthly dance of the Happy Harts Club will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 8:00 pm in the Bronte Community Center with Ed Hart calling. Come join us!

Euterpean Club meets

The Blackwell Euterpean Club met in the Methodist Fellowship Hall on March 20 with Myrle Thompson, president, presiding for the business meeting. Bobbie Varnadore, hostess, presented Judy Gulley, Nolan County Extension Agent, who gave an entertaining program on making bunnies from kitchen towel sets. Mary Lee presented each member an Easter basket and Bobbie Varnadore gave Judy a gift of a cookbook.

Refreshments with an Easter motif were served to those mentioned and Tommy Lucas, Juanita McRory, Dona Sanderson, Esther Smith, Heather Sanderson, Margaret Stout, Rosie TenEyck, Geneva Zarafonotis, and one guest, Mary Ann Gossett of Midland.

UMW meet

United Methodist Women (UMW) gathered in regular second Wednesday meeting on April 14, 1997, in the Fellowship Hall of their church. Emma Lee Bickley served refreshments, then President Alice Beaty called the meeting to order.

A rather long but enjoyable business meeting was held in which several special projects to be completed during the year were discussed.

The program for the day was presented by Ava Lou (Tubb) Davis. Her subject was, "I Learned It From My Mother". Scripture has many references to mothers, several of which were read. In developing the subject, she naturally referred to her own mother, Mary Tubb, well remembered by most of those present. Ava Lou had brought numerous items from Mary's cedar chest, things she lovingly kept there and treasured by her family. It was a very sweet time of remembering. Every person listening thought of her own mother and of her own place as "mother" in her family. It was a good time with both laughter and tears.

Poster contest underway

Texas students have the chance to compete for one of 15 lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses as winners of the Texas Wildlife Expo '97 poster, essay and poetry contest. "Touch the Great Outdoors" is the theme for the this year's event.

Last year, more than 2,000 Texas youngsters submitted entries to the contest. Entry forms for this year's contest were mailed to schools in March. Deadline for entering the contest is June 1.

The poster contest is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade and must be on standard-size poster board (approximately 22 inches by 28 inches) and be in any medium. Students in grades seven through 12 are eligible to enter the essay contest. Essays must be 500-1,000 words. The poetry contest is open for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Poems must be 50-500 words.

In addition to the lifetime hunting and fishing license, winners will receive the Texas Wildlife Viewing Guide and a one-year subscription to Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine. The total value of each prize is more than \$1,000.

One winner will be selected from each grade level for the poster and essay contests. Two poetry winners will be selected, one in the kindergarten through sixth grade category and another for the seventh through 12th graders. The entries again will be judged by members of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association.

One entry (either poster, essay or poetry) per individual may be submitted. Winners must be Texas residents. Winning poem and essay entries will be published statewide; winning posters will be exhibited at the 1997 Texas Wildlife Expo. All winning entries are posted on the TPWD internet site.

Texas Wildlife Expo '97 is



Three elementary students placed in the poster contest sponsored by the BHS Student Council during Red Ribbon activities held in November. Their posters were entered into the Substance Abuse Prevention Media Fair, sponsored by the Education Service Center Region XV in San Angelo. The students didn't advance, but received recognition for their participation and received Honorable Mention ribbons and certificates.

The students who placed in Bronte's contest were (from left) Salena Soto - 1st, Nick Flores - 2nd, and Tana White - 3rd. These students are all in Mrs. Garmon's 4th grade class. The posters were very colorful with powerful drug-free messages. All students who entered the poster contest are to be commended for their participation also.

scheduled for Oct. 4-5 at TPWD headquarters in Austin. Winners will be recognized during the Texas Wildlife Expo Celebrity Banquet on Oct. 3. Mail entries to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wildlife Expo '97 Contest, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. For more information or entry forms, call 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 389-4472. Children can also contact their school principal for an entry form.

Personal

Visitors in the home of J.W. and Ida Belle Service, were Tommy and Carol Kirkpatrick of Missoula, Montana. They arrived in Robert Lee Tuesday, April 8 and departed Saturday, April 12.

The Kirkpatricks had been on an extended vacation visiting Carol's family in Arizona. Tommy recently retired from teaching at the University of Montana. He is the son of the late A.J. Kirkpatrick, who was the editor of the Robert Lee Observer during the 40's, 50's and early 60's.

Scouts fingerprinted

On April 8, 1997, members of Boy Scout Pack No. 461, under the leadership of Lori Martin, were fingerprinted and photographed by Deputy Jeff Barnes of the Coke County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Barnes presented a short program on personal safety to the boys and several parents who were present. This program is presented by Deputy Barnes concurrently with National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Deputy Barnes would like to make everyone aware that child abuse is a realistic problem and anyone that wishes to have the program presented should contact him at the Sheriff's office at (915) 453-2717 or (915) 453-2260.

Boys present at the meeting were: Shannon Martin, Tim Barnes, Brian Abalos, Josh Conner, Colton Holmes, Kyle Mayfield, Leslie Smith, Zachary McBee, Brian Eubanks, Tony Munoz, and Kevin Honse.



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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLHS track results

The Robert Lee High School track teams were in Water Valley Friday, April 11 to participate in the District Track Meet. In spite of less than ideal conditions, the Robert Lee boys track team stacked up points and won the District 11A championship for the tenth year in a row. Several tracksters qualified for regional competition. Individual stats are:

RLHS Boys District Champs 146 points

400 Relay
4th. 46.62 (Starsky Oleksiuk, Gilbert Torres, Bobby Longoria, Ross Schultz).

110 High Hurdles
2nd. Michael Pentecost, 15.66*; 3rd. Dan McCown, 16.24**; 6th. Deric Brothers, 17.85.

400 M. Dash
2nd. Matthew Millican, 53.62*; 8th. Starsky Oleksiuk, 56.25.

300 Int. Hurdles
4th. Michael Pentecost, 43.69; 7th. Dan McCown, 45.38; 8th. Andrew McCabe, 47.02.

200 Meter Dash
8th. Matthew Millican, 25.37.

3200 M. Run
1st. Rocky Coates, 11:07.53*; 7th. Jeremy Ortega, 12:01.46.

800 M. Run
4th. Rocky Coates, 2:14.12; 6th. Chad Helwig, 2:14.97.

1600 M. Run
7th. Joel Gallegos, 5:31.59; 8th. Jeremy Ortega, 5:33.38.

Mile Relay
1st. 3:38.75* (Starsky Oleksiuk, Rocky Coates, Michael Pentecost, Matthew Millican).

Shot Put
2nd. Jeremy Edging, 47' 10 1/2**; 4th. Korey Pitcock, 46 3 1/4; 6th. Donny Edging, 45' 3 1/2".

Discus
3rd. Jeremy Edging, 143**; 4th. Korey Pitcock, 138' 9"; 6th. Dustin Clendennen, 126' 2".

High Jump
1st. Andrew McCabe, 6' 0**; 3rd. Matthew Millican, 5' 10***; 4th. Dan McCown, 5' 6".

Long Jump
5th. Gilbert Torres, 19' 8 1/2".

Triple Jump
4th. Dan McCown, 39' 4 1/4"; 5th. Rocky Coates, 39' 2".

Pole Vault
1st. Starsky Oleksiuk, 11' 0**; 2nd. Jerrod Pitcock, 11' 0**; 3rd. Will Simpson, 11' 0***.

Girls

400 Relay
6th. 57.81, (Whitney Montgomery, Bree Bolding, Kannan Millican, Tara Gardner).

100 M. Dash
7th. Whitney Montgomery, 14.43.

800 M. Run
6th. Kendra Bohannon, 2:53.62; 7th. Christian DeLosSantos, 3:14.20.

1600 M. Run
7th. Kendra Bohannon, 6:40.21.

800 Relay
5th. 2:06.58 (Whitney Montgomery, Bree Bolding, Kannan Millican, Tonya Gardner).

Shot Put
1st. Shalon Waldrop, 37' 1 1/2**.

Discus
5th. Shalon Waldrop, 93' 10".

High Jump
2nd. Bree Bolding, 5' 0**.

Long Jump
6th. Whitney Montgomery, 13' 11 3/4".
*Reg. Qualifier
**Alt. to Reg.

Correction

In last week's RL Elementary UIL results Leslie Smith was left out. Leslie a third grade student at Robert Lee Elementary placed second in Ready Writing.

Accelerated readers named

Accelerated readers at Robert Lee Elementary for the month of March were recently named. They are as follows:

First Grade

Byrne
1st. Allison Millican; 2nd. Ashley Hopson, Michael Smith.

Payne
1st. Kasie Skinner; 2nd. Chase Roe.

Second Grade

Duncan
1st. Becca Skinner; 2nd. Katie Bessent.

Horn
1st. Kelsy Duncan; 2nd. Brettanie Reed.

Third Grade

McCown
1st. Stephanie Trejo; 2nd. Cara Eaton, Leslie Smith.

Devoll
1st. Vincent McClelland; 2nd. Tiffany Bagwell, Teka Long.

Fourth Grade

None

Fifth Grade

Wilson
1st. Becky Leugers.

Sixth Grade

Burns
1st. Kindra Johnson.

Gardner
1st. Alice Beach; 2nd. Becky Welch, Justin Sexton.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Physical activity not only independently protects against the development of cardiovascular disease, but also has effects on other CVD risk factors of high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and obesity.

In appreciation of the volunteers and Jump Rope for Heart Coordinators in Robert Lee and across the state who help reinforce the benefits of physical exercise as well as encourage volunteerism, the American Heart Association publicly acknowledges our volunteers and JRFH coordinators during National Volunteer Week, April 13-19.

The Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) program is a joint educational and fundraising program of the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate and the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance



RL Elementary students show off awards they received from Robert Lee State Bank for their efforts in the Accelerated Reading program during the month of March.

(TAHPERD), two organizations that share a long-standing interest in the health of Texas citizens. The JRFH program, adopted in 1980, is designed to teach children how to develop positive health attitudes and behaviors and raise funds to help fight the leading cause of death in Texas. The JRFH program is helping save lives as a result of the JRFH coordinators' dedication to teaching a healthy lifestyle curriculum. Coach Gayle Bolding at Robert Lee ISD coordinates events locally and has led her students in raising dollars to benefit the American Heart Association.

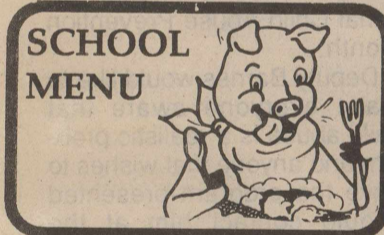
The AHA Memorials and Tributes program is run locally by Cathy McGinley at Robert Lee State Bank. As donors send donations to her as the local AHA contact, she volunteers her time to send cards to the families acknowledging the gifts made in honor of loved ones. The money

raised from these memorial donations helps to raise funds for community education programs and lifesaving medical research relating to heart disease and stroke.

On behalf of the American Heart Association, Coke Division, we salute our Memorials Clerks and JRFH coordinators and extend our appreciation to their dedication in helping make a difference in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Sincerely,
Donna G. Crumpler
Regional Director
American Heart Association

In addition to tornadoes, lightning, large hail, and damaging wind, thunderstorms also produce flash flooding. A flash flood is a flood that develops quickly along a river or creek, low water crossing, or along a dry stream bed due to heavy rain or water releases from dams upstream.



Menu is subject to change.

Breakfast

Monday, April 21
Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Tuesday, April 22
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.

Wednesday, April 23
Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Thursday, April 24
Pop Tarts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Friday, April 25
Sausage & Biscuits w/Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, April 21
Burritos, Tator Tots, Corn, Spice Cake, Milk.

Tuesday, April 22
Pigs in a Blanket, Black Eye Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

Wednesday, April 23
Tacos w/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Chili Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.

Thursday, April 24
Ham, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches, Milk.

Friday, April 25
Hot Dogs w/Chili & Cheese, French Fries, Apple, Milk.

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WCCNH Eden Alternative takes flight

by Della Alexander

As reported several weeks ago, the WCC Nursing Home has implemented a new concept in nursing home care called the Eden Alternative. This program creates a more humane living environment.

The program kicked off with four parakeets and two cats. The parakeets reside in pairs in the east and west lobbies. One of the cats chose to wander off to find other living accommodations but has since been replaced. Guidelines for the program state that the cats and dogs will know where they are welcome and find places to call home. One has only to walk down the hall and observe the true meaning of "cat nap" as a resident takes an afternoon nap and one of the cats is parked right next to or on top of the sleeping resident.

The main attraction to date is the bird aviary, which is located in the Activity Center. This glass enclosed case is home to a group of very active finches, two canaries, and a button quail. Activity in the aviary provides entertainment to visitors as well as residents. As word spreads around town, we even have people dropping by to see that "bird thing".

The bulk of the funds to purchase the aviary came from a generous donation by the WCC Nursing Home Auxiliary. Additional donations are being accepted from any individual or organization wanting to help pay for the aviary or to help with any part of the program.

Employees have willingly volunteered to take on the daily duties of the "animal housekeeping". Several residents have helped in locating just the right pets, get "good bargains" on pet housing and assisted with pet grooming.

Future plans indoors, include birds in the rooms of residents who wish to have them and the addition of a couple of dogs and another cat. Live plants are also being added as ivy takes root and funds become available to purchase hanging baskets and wall planters.

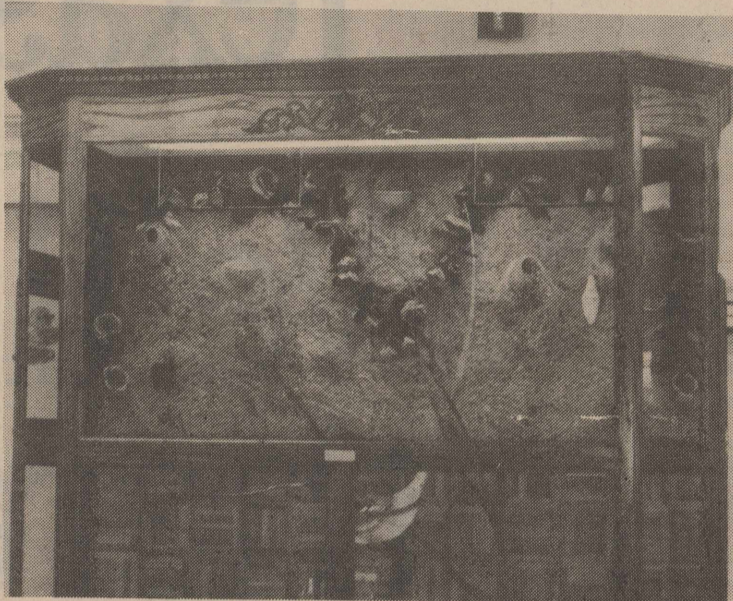
If you pass by the east side of the facility and see a large pile of dirt, watch it disappear as the ground is being prepared for a garden area. This

area will host both a flower and vegetable garden. The area is to be fenced in with the RLHS FFA students doing the fencing. Planning for this area includes a pond and water fall. All areas will be constructed with resident safety as the primary goal.

As author of this article, I am also an employee of the nursing home and will be the first to tell you I am not a pet lover. However, when I walk out my door and see a resi-

dent sitting in the lobby with the birds or walk by a room and observe a "cat nap", I am reminded that I only work here 40 hours of the 168 hours in a week; then I go home. This program is not for me. It is for the residents who are here all 168 hour per week because this is their home.

Any time you are out and about, feel free to drop in and experience for yourself the Eden Alternative.



As a part of the Eden Alternative recently implemented at West Coke County Nursing Home, an aviary has been placed in the nursing home.



Roger Alexander, administrator of West Coke County Nursing Home, and Louise Walker, treasurer of the Nursing Home Auxiliary, show off the new aviary in the nursing home.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

RESOURCES

	March 31, 1997	March 31, 1996
Loans and Discounts	\$14,912,340.81	\$13,875,306.07
C. D.'s Purchased	.00	.00
U. S. Bonds	7,716,655.45	5,227,545.25
U. S. Government Agency	3,533,022.67	4,008,559.43
Municipal Bonds	3,956,296.71	3,280,278.34
Other Bonds	3,258,262.47	3,800,389.69
Federal Funds Sold	2,250,000.00	3,425,000.00
Banking House	467,602.11	485,171.31
Furniture and Fixtures	58,587.21	65,208.02
Cash and Exchange	1,241,421.57	1,051,899.82
Other Assets	803,386.29	872,882.28
	<u>\$38,197,575.29</u>	<u>\$36,092,240.21</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	2,557,545.71	2,449,705.38
Other Liabilities	1,775,264.26	1,166,661.02
Deposits	32,664,765.32	31,275,873.81
	<u>\$38,197,575.29</u>	<u>\$36,092,240.21</u>

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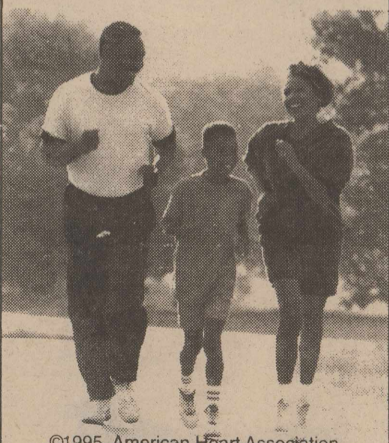
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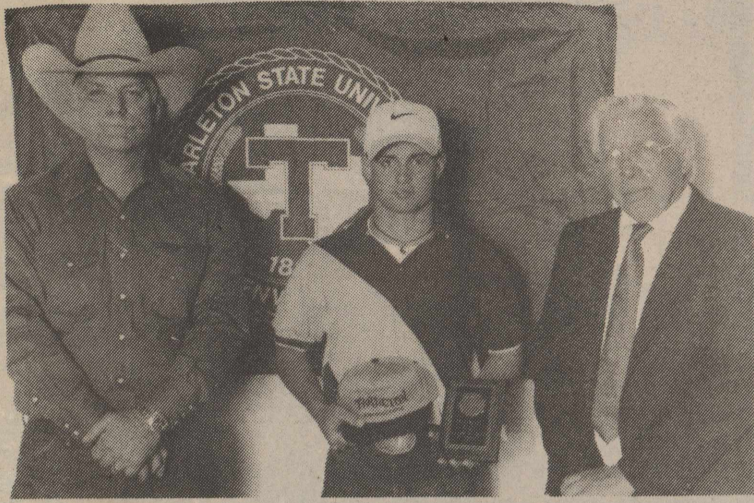
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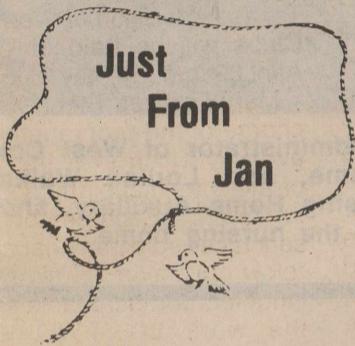
Start to Finish Heart Disease



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Jimmy Holland of Blackwell High School was the fifth high individual in the Land Judging held recently at Tarleton State University. Over 5000 students and their sponsors participated in the annual Statewide Invitational FFA Career Development Day. The top 20 individuals in eight contests were recognized during an awards ceremony and presented with plaques and caps. Tarleton's Dr. Joe Cadle (l) and Dr. Clyde Stahnke (r) were supervisors of the land contest.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Vacuuming with vigor

When it comes to vacuuming, it's almost safe to say that too much is never enough! Frequent vacuuming will not harm carpets and furnishings, but if ground-in soil is not removed, it can dull, discolor, and damage these textiles. Here are some guidelines for getting the most out of vacuuming efforts.

Keep in mind that an excessively soiled carpet can hold up to one pound of dirt in each square yard. That's a lot of dirt to create a lot of damage. If the choice is between a light vacuuming all over the room or a thorough vacuuming in heavily trafficked areas, choose the latter. Most of the damaging soils, oily or gritty particles collect where there is the most foot traffic. In a residential setting, heavily trafficked areas should be vacuumed once or twice a week. For areas that receive little traffic, once every two weeks may suffice. In the commercial setting, carpets should be vacuumed thoroughly at least three to five times per week. In high traffic areas, the carpet should be vacuumed nightly.

To remove soil and improve the carpet's appearance, vacuum against the nap. Six or even eight strokes over the same area constitutes a heavy vacuuming. Three or four overlapping strokes equals a light vacuuming.

Vigilant maintenance will affect the vacuum cleaner's performance. Never let the dirt collection bag become more than half full. Otherwise, the suction power will be reduced and the vacuum will operate less efficiently. Cloth dirt collection bags should be turned inside out and brushed off at least every third emptying.

An upright vacuum with a beater bar is the best choice for a carpet. Adjust the bar's

height to match the pile height of the carpet. Carpets that have a high pile or are loosely textured may show shading marks that identify the vacuum's last pass. To create an even surface appearance, keep the final vacuuming strokes all in the same direction. A canister-style vacuum is preferable for upholstery, draperies, blinds and light dusting.

Doncaster appoints locals

Becky Ross and Leigh Ann Stephens have recently been appointed as Fashion Consultants for Doncaster, the largest direct sales organization in the US specializing in women's fashions.

For over 60 years, Doncaster fashions have been the best kept secret of beautifully dressed women across the country. Admired for their exquisite fabrics and fine quality these stunning New York designer creations are marketed through a nationwide network of over 3,000 fashion consultants who sell to friends and acquaintances in their community, through private home showings.

"In this new position, Becky and Leigh Ann will be offering a unique fashion alternative - an exclusive and versatile collection of apparel and a level of personalized service you can't find in stores," said Dave DeFeo, President of Doncaster. "Appointments are scheduled at which you can select the right combination of styles, sizes, colors, and fabrics to enhance your personal image."

Becky and Leigh Ann have been trained as fashion experts and are making plans for an upcoming showing. For more information, or to arrange a private appointment, contact Becky at 453-2415.

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Sharon Pearson, a registered nurse with the local office of North Runnels Home Health, was recognized last Thursday as the Employee of the Quarter. Ms. Pearson attended the Big Spring School system prior to obtaining her nursing degree at Angelo State University. She has lived in Robert Lee for the past 19 years with her husband, Frank. They have four children, Craig, Gregory, Dana and Tracy, and six grandchildren, with one more due in November. Her daughter, Dana, also works in the same office.

Carver honored with shower

Crystal Carver, bride-elect of Randy Murphy, was honored with a bridal shower at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Sunday, April 6. Forty-five guests registered during the afternoon. Hostesses were Marla Bloodworth, Katie Drennan, Beth

Heard, Patsy Dunn, Linda Coates, Christie Bagwell, Patty Bryne, Kei Antilley, Debbie Wilkes, Donna Waldrop, Mary Beth Drennan, Dolores Roe, Jackie Walker, and Jaclyn Waldrop.

Special guests were mothers of the couple, Mrs. Sheila Carver and Mrs. Kay McKelroy, the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Melba Heck, and the

bride's aunt, Mrs. Pam Millican, all of Robert Lee.

The couple will exchange vows April 19 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

RLSB to host credit seminar

Most of us don't think about credit until a specific event sparks our interest. Maybe we want to buy a car or a home. Or perhaps we receive a pre-approved credit offer in the mail. Or we go through a divorce or death and don't know what to do about our credit.

It's then that questions come to mind: What's in a credit report? How can I get a copy of it? What should I do if I find an error in my credit report? Can you have too much credit? How would a divorce affect my credit? How long will bad credit affect me? How does my name get on a credit card mailing list?

You can find out the answers to these questions and more at the Credit Information Seminar given by Robert Lee State Bank and Credit Data of West Texas on Tuesday, April 29, 1997 at 7:00 pm at Robert Lee State Bank. Guest speaker will be Randy Bobb, Area Sales Director for Experian (formerly TRW).

If you are one of the 180 million people in the United States with a charge account, gas card, car loan, student loan, or home mortgage, then information about you is probably stored in the Experian consumer credit database. Please join us Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm to learn more!



Recognized for 50 years membership in the Sosis Study Club of Bronte were (from left) Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, and Jean Fancher.

Local women recognized by club

At a meeting in the home of Mary Glenn Thursday, April 10, 1997, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, and Jean Fancher were recognized by President Pat Lee as being 50 year members of the Sosis Study Club of Bronte.

Others present at the meeting were Mildred Thomason, Janet Wommack, Celia Bowden, Earlene Moore, Diane Lockett, Peggy Hembree, and one guest, Fredna Moore.

A report of the March 22 District Meeting in Sterling City was given by Pat Lee and Diane Lockett who attended

that meeting.

It was announced that the Centennial Celebration of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Waco April 29 through May 2.

Mary Frances Glenn was in charge of the program for the evening which took the form of a Centennial birthday party for TFWC. Each person present received a party hat and a "blow out" favor. Amid much laughter, pertinent facts about the work of TFWC were shared through a game of "gossip."

To complete the birthday theme, hostess Mary Glenn served a beautifully decorated birthday cake and banana punch from a lovely tea table.

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Wednesday, July 2nd, swim suit competition, tickets cost \$15; Thursday, July 3rd, talent competition, tickets cost \$15; Friday, July 4th, evening gown competition, tickets cost \$20 and Saturday, July 5th, top ten competition, tickets cost \$30. General admission tickets will be sold after April 20, based on availability.
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THE FAMILY OF IRENE NEWELL
will be forever grateful to the staff of the West Coke County Nursing Home for the loving care she received as a resident there.
To Mom's friends in this community goes our sincere appreciation for the food, flowers, cards, visitations, thoughts, and prayers.
Mom always knew this was a special place filled with special people.
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NOTICES

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
Sealed proposals for **RENOVATION OF HEATING-VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM** at the Sonora Maintenance Office Building, US 277, Sonora, Texas, in Sutton County, Texas, and covered by BMA No. 077XXR1002, and sealed proposals for **PAINTING OF OUTSIDE SURFACES** at the Robert Lee Maintenance Office Building, SH 158, Robert Lee, Texas, and the Sub-section Bldg. US 277, Bronte, Texas, in Coke County, Texas, and covered by BMA No. 077XXR1003 will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of
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THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBID MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.

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 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF HILL-BURTON UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES

West Coke County Hospital District of Robert Lee, Texas, will provide from October 1, 1996, to September 30, 1997, uncompensated services to all eligible persons unable to pay who request those services. All services of the facilities funded by the West Coke County Hospital District will be available as uncompensated services. Eligibility for uncompensated services will be limited to persons who currently are and have been residents of the WCCHD for a period of six months or more and whose family income is not more than 100% of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services and shown to be effective May 8, 1997. Application for this program can be made at the business office of West Coke County Nursing Home. This notice is published in accordance with 42 CFR 124.504 Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Services. We invite interested parties to comment on the allocation plan.

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ORDINANCE #1071

AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING THE MAY 3, 1997, REGULAR ELECTION AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 1997.

Kelly S. Nichols, Mayor
ATTEST:

Kay Torres, City Secretary
ORDINANZA #1071

UNA ORDINANZA PARA CANCELAR LA ELECCION REGULAR DE 3 DE MAYO DE 1997 Y PARA DECLARAR A CADA CANDIDATO ELEGIDO A SU CARGO PUBLICO; ESTIPULAR QUE ESTE ORDINANZA SERA ACUMULA-

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Esta ordenanza sera en fuerza completo y efecto desde y despues la aprobacion, y asi esta ordenado.

PASADO Y APROBADO EL 14 DIA DE ABRIL DE 1997.

Kelly S. Nichols, Alcalde
ATESTIGUAR:

Kay Torres, Secretaria de lo Cuidad

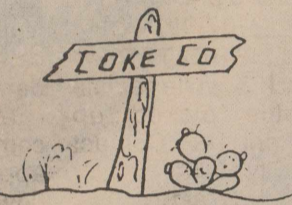
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In Springfield, Va., a store that sold tropical fish and supplies: "Tanks a Lot".

There's a mattress store in Kenil, N. J., called "Off-Track Bedding".



Heather Lee's 6th grade class in Bronte was chosen as the Outstanding Class in the Coke County Soil & Water Conservation District's poster contest.



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Freeze damage to wheat crops

The Canadian airmass that enveloped much of the state over the period from April 10 to 14, has caught much of our area wheat crops in a stage of growth that is vulnerable to very cold temperatures. When wheat is in a vegetative stage and is only growing leaves, it is usually quite hardy, and can take temperatures as low as -5° F without much injury from the freezing temperatures, although the level of damage will vary greatly with conditions such as drought, temperature and hardening, and other variables. The lateness of this Arctic front, coupled with a mild and wet winter that caused accelerated development of the wheat crop, has resulted in a considerable amount of damage to the Texas wheat crop.

Most of our wheat is at Feekes 10.0 to 10.5, or booted to headed, with a good deal at prebloom. When spring freezes occur, the less physiologically developed a wheat crop is, or indeed the less developed a tiller is on a given wheat plant, the more likely it is to survive. Reproductive tissue (the developing head) and the tissue immediately surrounding above ground nodes are the most susceptible tissue to freeze damage.

Damage to leaf tissue on wheat that has not yet jointed can appear serious, but usually does not affect yield to a great degree. This injury is most apparent as dried or desiccated leaves, usually the uppermost leaves. Frozen tissues often give off a distinct silage odor as they begin to decay in the field. In cases where wheat was tall and rank but not jointed, flash grazing or mowing will help remove damaged tissue and aide in growth of new leaves by letting sunlight in to newly developing leaves. Freeze injury is difficult to diagnose,

typically taking 5 days to a week before it is readily apparent which tissue is destroyed and which is normal.

Stem damage is difficult to assess. The area around the uppermost node or two nodes is most likely to be damaged. Apparent symptoms include discoloration (a light colored band), splitting, collapse of internodes, and enlarged, dark colored nodes. Results from stem injury vary with the level of injury to this tissue. In light cases of stem damage, wheat might stress a little quicker than uninjured wheat, and lodging may be a problem as the heads gain weight. In wheat with severely damaged stems, sudden desiccation and lodging will occur as temperatures warm. Frozen stem tissue is soft and mushy with a "water soaked" appearance shortly after the freeze.

The developing spike or head has little tolerance to freezing temperatures. The most sensitive tissue to freezing weather is the anther or pollen sac. Anthers are normally lime green to yellow, with the color at boot being green and phasing towards yellow as the floret approaches bloom. If the anther is frozen, the floret is sterile, with resulting blank heads or portions of heads. The color of a frozen anther changes fairly rapidly from the green-yellow appearance to a brown, water soaked appearance, then to white as the tissue continues to degrade. In a healthy condition, anthers are plump and turgid. When frozen, they become shriveled and flaccid.

There is a substantial difference in age between tillers in young wheat (jointing and earlier). This difference in physiological age diminishes as wheat progresses towards bloom and grain fill. This age difference is very important in young wheat subjected to freeze injury. The main stem tiller is the first tiller to joint,

and in early jointing, the second, third, and subsequent tillers may still have growing points below the soil surface, where they are protected from a sudden, sharp freeze. In many instances where main stem tillers were lost to freeze, later tillers resulted in acceptable wheat yields. It is important when assessing wheat freeze injury to look at all tillers in a row segment to determine what fraction of the total number of viable tillers have survived, what is the potential head size and evaluate stem and vegetative tissue injury.

Banner turkey season expected

No excuses. For the first time in several years, all indicators point to what state wildlife officials predict should be an excellent spring turkey season in Texas.

"If you define a good hunt by the amount of gobbling activity, this spring ought to be a good one," offered Dr. Markus Peterson, turkey program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). "For the hunter who likes to call in birds, this is probably going to be one of the best seasons is quite awhile."

In nine East Texas counties, this spring will not only be the best season in quite awhile, it'll be the first season, as turkey and turkey hunting return to the Pineywoods after several generations. In addition to Red River County, which marks its third spring eastern turkey season, hunting will take place in Bowie, Cass, Marion, Harrison, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, Trinity, Jasper, and Newton counties. The spring eastern turkey season runs April 21-May 4 and is limited to shotgun only and one gobbler bag limit. Harvested turkeys must be checked at any of the 45 mandatory check stations set up in the counties having an open spring eastern turkey season.

Rio Grande turkey hunting season opened March 29 in South Texas and runs through May 4, and began in the remaining counties having a spring turkey season on April 4 and runs through May 11. In recent years, the number of hunters who participate in the spring turkey season

has stabilized at about 100,000. In addition to possessing a valid Texas hunting license, turkey hunters are required to purchase a Special Turkey Hunting Stamp. The annual bag limit on turkeys is four, and only gobblers may be harvested during the spring season.

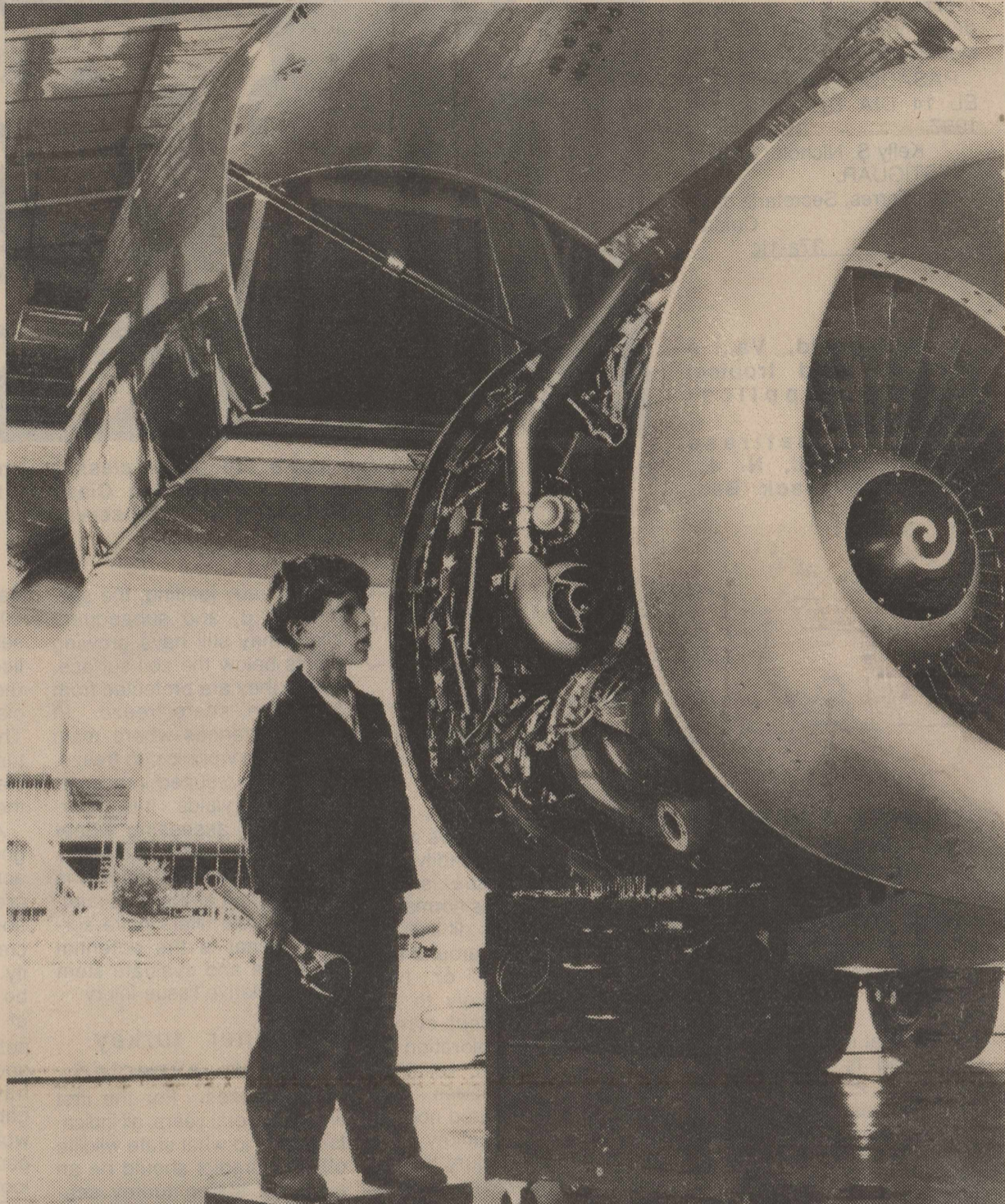
According to Peterson, good fall and winter rainfall across much of the state has created ideal range conditions, which equates to increased turkey breeding activity. "The birds aren't going to be hungry due to the amount of available vegetation," he noted. "So, if you define a good hunt in the spring as having huge numbers of gobblers coming to bait, this won't be a red letter year, because the birds don't have to look to corn to survive."

Because this marks the first year that eastern turkeys will be hunted in the nine newly opened counties, hunters can expect to find some trophy class eastern gobblers, according to John Burk, TPWD eastern turkey program leader. "Because there will be higher proportion of older birds in the population, combined with excellent body conditions due to available food supplies, the serious turkey hunter has a golden opportunity to harvest a truly trophy class gobbler this year in any of the 10 East Texas counties."

Burk indicated the average gobbler harvested last year in Red River County weighed nearly 22 pounds and sported 10 1/2 inch beards, with inch-long spurs. "We had six birds with inch-and-a-half long spurs taken last year," said Burk. "To put that in perspective, the world record eastern turkey had two-inch spurs, so we've got some birds of a lifetime out there."

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