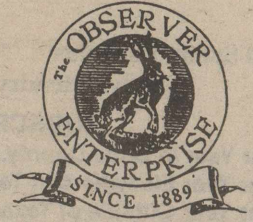


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Runoff election set for Tuesday, April 14

A runoff election will be held in Coke County Tuesday, April 14. Only voting precincts 2, 4, 5 and 10 will cast ballots in the Democratic runoff election to decide precinct commissioners of #2 and #4. Either Wayne McCutchen or Sid McGinnis will be elected Coke County Commissioner of Precinct 2. Rick Styles and David Rawlings are vying for commissioner of Precinct 4.

Polling sites for the Democratic runoff election are Bronte City Hall, Precinct 2; Tennyson, Precinct 4; Old

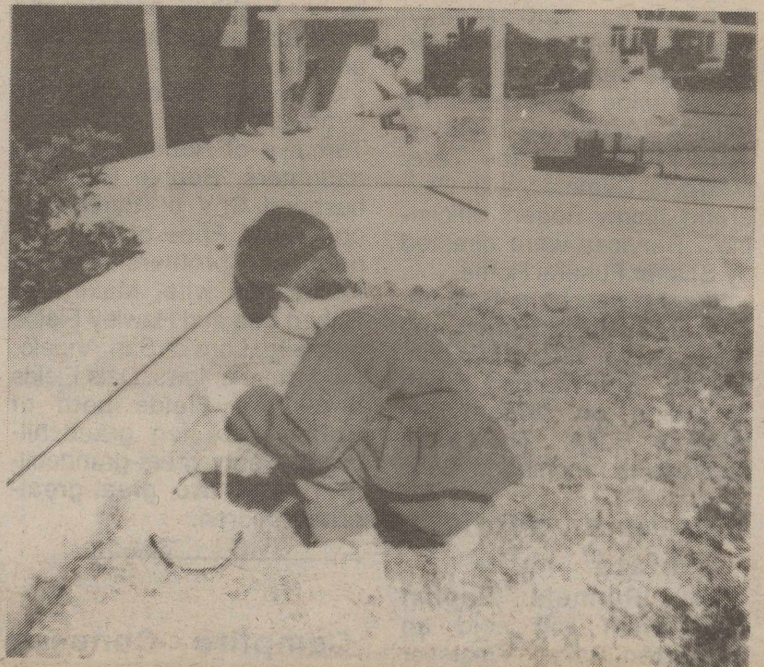
Depot, Precinct 5; and Robert Lee Southside Church of Christ, Precinct 10. Polls will remain open from 7 am until 7 pm.

Although there will be no Democratic runoff election in the west Coke County precincts 1, 3, and 9, one polling site will be open for Republicans who have some statewide races to be decided by runoffs. The Republican runoff election will be in the Coke County courthouse, 7 am-7 pm, on April 14.

A vacancy now exists for the constable position, Precinct

2, created by the resignation of Keith Fletcher. That position will be filled in the general election on November 3. Candidates will be nominated for a place on the ballot by political parties.

The Democratic party was scheduled to make their selection April 7. Those who wish to file as an independent candidate must file intent by May 14, with County Judge Jackie Walker. Judge Walker will also take filings for write-in candidates for the November 3 election.



Sarah Coppedge, daughter of Lee and Carolyn Coppedge, picks up an egg during the Easter Egg Hunt held at the Courthouse Tuesday morning. Sarah is in Kindergarten at Robert Lee Elementary.

Celebrate Easter with sunrise services

Sunrise Service slated

Christians around the world will gather in various settings to await the sunrise with hymns of praise, prayers and preaching centered on the resurrection of Jesus. Traditional Easter sunrise worship remembers the service of the three women who, on that morning, went to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body with burial spices and found an empty tomb.

In Robert Lee, local citizens will gather at 7 am in the Amphitheater for a multi-church worship service. Local churches who have indicated that their minister or a lay representative will participate in the Easter Sunrise service this year are Emmanuel Pentecostal, First United Methodist, North Side Church of Christ, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic church, Pecan Baptist, Robert Lee Baptist, South Side Church of Christ, and Victory Assembly of God. Brother Garry Bivins of Robert Lee Baptist church will give the Easter message, while ministers of the other churches will read scripture, offer prayers, or lead congregational singing. Several music specials will be presented in the thirty minute service, and hymn singing will be accompanied by guitar. The Easter message will be given by a different pastor each

year. Robert Lee Baptist will provide the sound system and First United Methodist will provide the worship bulletins.

Make plans now to attend this special 7 am Sunrise Service as all the churches in the community proclaim that, despite their doctrinal differences, they can join together in their faith that God raised Jesus from the dead so that people might have eternal life by believing God did so for our salvation.

RL Methodists to celebrate Easter

First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will celebrate Easter by participating in the 7 am community-wide sunrise service at the Robert Lee Amphitheater. At 10 am, the church's Sunday School will begin with classes for adults and children of all ages. A nursery for infants through age four is always provided during the Sunday School and worship times.

The church will celebrate an 11 am traditional Easter worship service following Sunday School. During worship, Rev. Jim McWilliams will invite the children down to the front of the sanctuary where he will spend a few minutes speaking directly to them. Easter worship will also include special music by the Altar Choir, solo music, traditional Easter

hymn singing, prayers, and an Easter message by Rev. McWilliams.

If you do not have a church home, the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee invites you to worship with them on Easter Sunday at 11 am. Children are welcome in worship and are invited to remain with their parents during the service if they wish.

Johnson to lead Mt. Margaret sunrise service

Rev. Morris Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bronte, will preach and lead the music for the annual Easter Sunrise service on Mt. Margaret at 7:15 am. Another service will be held across the highway at Tennyson Baptist Church at 7:15 am for those who do not want to climb the mountain. Rev. Bryan Ross, pastor, will bring the message and Bob Wilcox, music director, will lead the music.

Those attending either service are invited to remain for a free breakfast at the church.

The regular Sunday Service will be at 11:00 am, but Sunday School and evening service will not meet.

Christians of the San Angelo area have gathered on Mt. Margaret for worship and Bible Study since 1932.

Courthouse Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by children from Bronte and Robert Lee. All pre-school children, pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade and Head Start children met at the Coke County Courthouse on Tuesday, April 7. Approximately 140 children showed up to see if the Easter Bunny would visit. The Bunny had to make an early trip and was not there during their visit, but he left plenty of eggs and a few prizes. This was a lot of fun for the children hunting the eggs and the older children from Robert Lee Care Center who came to observe.

Courthouse employees, Robert Lee/Silver Lions and Walker's Tax Service purchased eggs and refreshments. Ace Hardware, Ivey Motors, and Bessent Chevrolet purchased prizes.

Ashley Wheat, Stetson Nesbit of Robert Lee, Taylor Feiles of Bronte, Sara Coppedge of Robert Lee, Jesse England of Bronte, and Tanner Brickey of Robert Lee found prize eggs.

There is no need to worry about the future of Coke County. These children were well mannered and will represent us well in the years to come.

Community Easter Egg Hunt set

The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 11, 11:00 am at the

gazebo. Area children, pre-school through 4 grade, are invited to join the fun. Area businesses will help make sure the Easter Bunny has plenty of prize eggs for everyone!

Free clinic

A free blood pressure and blood sugar health clinic will be held Friday, April 17, 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 every month. It is free to anyone regardless of age or income.

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

Sanco homecoming

A planning meeting for the Sanco homecoming will be held Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm, at the home of Cuin and Elaine Norvell in Robert Lee. This year's homecoming has been set for June 13 and 14, 1998. All those interested are welcome to attend the planning meeting.

Christian Drama set for Bronte

"A Real True Friend", a play written by Brad Reed, will be performed for the first time at the River of Life Church (old Texas Theater) in Bronte, 7:30 pm, Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11. Admission is free. Call 473-2802 or 473-5901 for more information.

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Obituaries

Davidson

Louella Davidson, 87, of Robert Lee died Monday, April 6, 1998, in the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 1998, in the Terry Memorial Cemetery with Reverend Jimmy Rogers officiating. Services were directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Louella was born September 26, 1910, to Hubert and Kellie Brown Fields in Edith, Texas. She married Elbert Davidson on August 11, 1930, in Edith. They were engaged in ranching in Coke

and Brown Counties.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and three brothers; Buster, Dick, and Bob.

Survivors include one son, Lynn Davidson and wife, Tommye of Robert Lee; two daughters, Bobbie Box and husband, S. V. of Robert Lee, and Doris Price of San Angelo; two brothers, Carlton Fields and wife, Maxine of Robert Lee and Hawley Fields and wife, Lora of San Angelo; two sisters-in-laws, Dale Fields and Zera Fields both of Robert Lee; ten grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

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**Runnels Baptist
 slate rally**

The Runnels Baptist Association will hold an Evangelism Rally - "Whatever It Takes", Wednesday, April 15, at First Baptist Church, Ballinger.

The Evangelism Rally will begin at 7:00 pm. No meal will be served.

Randy Allen, head football coach at Cooper High School in Abilene, will give his testimony. Meredith Hare, student at Hardin-Simmons University, will share her testimony and bring special music. Bailey Stone will bring the message.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**Campfire Concert
 to be held**

"Campfire Concerts," an old west musical variety show will open its new season on Saturday, April 18th, with Ed Stabler, Western Artist nominee for entertainer of the year. Ed is one of the most versatile cowboy entertainers performing today.

Make plans to attend the first "Campfire Concert" in San Angelo State Park at the North Concho River Day area on FM 2288. For more information call 949-6870.

**Business
 Renditions Due**

Businesses and property owners are reminded of the April 15th deadline to file their annual property tax renditions to ensure that the value of their property is fairly assessed for their local property tax bills. State law requires business owners and operators to submit an annual report to their county appraisal district listing any taxable property that the business owned or managed as of January 1, 1998.

Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers. They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct address so they receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills. If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect or old address, the property owner is not only responsible for paying the taxes, but also for any late payment penalties that may be due.

Filing a rendition and stating their opinion of their properties' value can also be advantageous to owners of other types of properties, such as homes, land, etc.

A property owner may request additional time to file a rendition or report from the chief appraiser who may grant an extension through April 30th. The owner must demonstrate good cause for an extension to be granted.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the owner should render in each appraisal district office. One appraisal district may appraise a property for county tax purposes, while a neighboring appraisal district may appraise the property for

school taxes if the school district is in both counties.

Taxpayers may contact the Coke County Appraisal District office for the rendition forms, in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, in Robert Lee, or call 453-4528. The forms are also available from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division by calling 1-800-252-9121.

**Area seniors
 receive Carr
 scholarships**

Three high school seniors from this area have been awarded Carr Academic Scholarships at Angelo State University for 1998-99.

The students include Courtney Beam from Bronte High School, James Loveday from Blackwell High School, and Becca Emerl from Robert Lee High School.

Approximately 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1998-99, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, have been awarded to qualified high school seniors. During the current year, over 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, students must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 27 on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the re-

quired academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

**Dewbre named
 administrator**

The East Coke County Hospital District has employed Nancy Dewbre as administrator of Bronte Nursing Home. She replaces Ron Burrows, who has served as interim administrator the past five months.

Ms. Dewbre has served as assistant administrator of Holiday Hills Nursing Home in Coleman the past two years. She was responsible for supervision and maintenance of records of the medicare unit. She has also served as a social worker consultant in several nursing homes in Central Texas.

She is married to Randy Dewbre and they have two sons, ages 14 and 9.

**Postal poll
 results announced**

The United States Postal Service announced recently the 15 stamp subjects selected by the public to represent the 1950s in the *Celebrate the Century* commemorative stamp and education program.

The program, which honors significant people, places, events and trends of each decade of the 20th century, and marks the first time the public has been invited to vote for stamp subjects.

"Drive-In Movies" came out on top followed closely by "I Love Lucy" and Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat." The '50s stamps are scheduled to be available in post offices in April 1999.

DON'T FORGET!

**VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC
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 14TH.**

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Basquez couple celebrates 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Basquez celebrated their golden anniversary April 5, 1998, with a reception at St. James Catholic Church.

Gilbert Basquez and Beatrice Montano were married April 3, 1948, in San Angelo. They have four children and four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Basquez have lived in Bronte since their wedding. He is retired from the Texas Highway Department, and she is a homemaker. They are members of St. James Catholic Church.

Hosts for the celebration were the couple's children and their families.

CC child welfare board members listed

Each month during the fall, winter and spring, the Coke County Child Welfare Board meets to assist the case workers who work in our region. The role of the Board is primarily supportive, though education is a function in which they hope to have a larger part. The Board meets on the first Friday of each month at noon. As Board members are from both sides of the County, meetings are conducted alternatively in Bronte and Robert Lee. The next meeting will be May 1st, at the Coke County Courthouse.

This month were welcomed three new members to the Board, Neva Austin, Jeanna Lee and Donna Hall. These ladies are beginning their service following the retirement of John and Judy Driggers and Janie Munoz.

Retired highway employees luncheon set

Retired highway employees are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 am on Monday, April 13, at Zenter's Restaurant, 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

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

Coke County Library News

One of the new books added to the Coke County Library shelves is "Splashes



Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Basquez

of Joy (in the Cesspool of Life)" by Barbara Johnson, who also wrote "Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy." Johnson writes inspirational and humorous everyday life material. A few of her sayings are: "You are what you eat, so I eat only rich food;" "My mind works like lightning...One brilliant flash and then it's gone again;" and "A perfect example of minority rule is a baby in the house."

A few of the life situations that Johnson covers are represented by the chapters: "Smile! It Kills Time Between Disasters," "Wherever I Go, There I Am," "How Can I Be Over the Hill When I Never Even Got to the Top?" and "We are Easter People Living in a Good Friday World," in which she says that when God measures a person, he puts a

tape around the heart instead of the head. Another quote, "He loves each of us as if there were only one of us," by St. Augustine, is in this chapter.

She also includes in this chapter a poem by an unknown author:

The more you give, the more you get

The more you laugh, the less you fret

The more you do unselfishly,

The more you live abundantly...

The more of everything you share,

The more you'll always have to spare

The more you love, the more you'll find that life is good and friends are kind...

For only what we give away Enriches us from day to day.

TO ALL PATIENTS & FRIENDS OF NORTH RUNNELS HOME HEALTH:

As of April 1, 1998, all of North Runnels Home Health Agency's administrative offices have been combined in the Winters home office. However, home health service to the Robert Lee area (as well as all other areas served by our home health personnel) has not changed. North Runnels Home Health will be holding blood pressure/blood sugar checks as always, time and dates will be posted and published soon. If you need service or need to talk to a nurse, North Runnels Home Health continues to have staff on call seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, and we will continue to give the same warm wonderful service our patients have come to expect.

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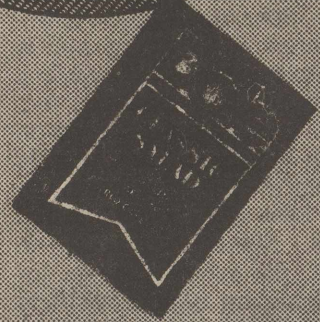
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Safety pays huge dividends for Bronte ISD

Mr. Allan Richey, Superintendent, Bronte ISD, was recently recognized for their outstanding safety record by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at the Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin, Texas. The district has saved \$103,691 since September 1, 1992, because of their dedication to preventing work related injuries. More than 320 Texas schools are current participants in a program that focuses on employee safety and savings for the school district. This uniquely designed program was developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and is administered by CAS-Claims Administrative Services, Inc. Both companies, located in Tyler, Texas, currently provide workers' compensation to over 30% of Texas school districts. Since its inception in 1991, combined savings for participating school districts have exceeded \$49 million.



BISD Meal Menu

- Breakfast**
Monday, April 13
 Holiday!!
Tuesday, April 14
 Sausage, Orange Juice, Pancakes, Milk
Wednesday, April 15
 Scrambled Eggs, Sliced Ham, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
Thursday, April 16
 Breakfast Burrito, Apple Juice, Blueberry Muffin, Milk
Friday, April 17
 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Sliced Peaches, Donuts, Milk
- Lunch**
Monday, April 13
 Holiday!!
Tuesday, April 14
 Chicken "O"s w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Rolls, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars
Wednesday, April 15
 Pigs in a Blanket, Tator Tots, Diced Pears, Milk, Chocolate Cake
Thursday, April 16
 Lasagna, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit Salad, Bread Sticks, Milk, Sugar Cookies
Friday, April 17
 Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Pinto Beans, Pickle Spears, Potato Salad, Bun, Chips, Milk, Ice Cream Cups

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Bronte ISD was a Star award recipient, with actual losses for the district amounting to 24.92% of funds reserved for potential claims expenses. Savings for the 96/97 school year totalled \$24,428.00. "Our self insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the greatest potential for savings for Texas school districts," said Barry Jones, Claims Administrative Services, Inc. President. "Regular visits from our team of safety professionals assist each district in implementing strict safety policies and procedures."

Wesley Slade, Senior Vice President of CAS explained, "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the reasons for the success of the Association. District participation in HHC/CAS programs set the standard for schools statewide, in reducing on-the-job injuries, as well as saving tax dollars. Taxpayers should be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of Bronte ISD are working to provide the safest working environment possible for their employees and to reduce the cost of worker's compensation to each participating district."

Longhorns

compete at Wall

The Longhorn Varsity and Junior Varsity Track Teams competed at the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall. The results are as follows:

- 3200 Meter Run - 5th, Courtney Beam, 11:27
- 200 Meter Dash - 5th, Jerrod McClure, 23.73
- 1600 Meter Relay - 4th, 3:38, Wes Howell, Jerrod McClure, Courtney Beam, Dustin Scott
- Shot - 2nd, Blake McKee, 47'10 1/2"; 6th, Michael Sallee, 44'10"
- High Jump - 5th, Rodney Adams, 5'10"

Junior Varsity

The JV Boys earned 62 points at the same relays.
 3200 Meter Run - 4th, Chad Barton, 12:42
 110 Meter Hurdles - 2nd, Henry White, 18.80; 3rd, Zeb

- Speary, 18.81; 5th, Harley Hall, 19.1
- 800 Meter Run - 2nd, Josh Schoenfield, 2:11
- 300 Meter Hurdles - 3rd, Harley Hall, 48.1
- 1600 Meter Run - 4th, Jesse McClure, 5:45; 6th, Eric Johnson, 5:48
- 1600 Meter Relay - 4th, 3:57, Henry White, Zeb Speary, Chad Barton, Josh Schoenfield
- Triple Jump - 2nd, Josh Schoenfield, 37'; 5th, Brandon Titus, 35'2"
- High Jump - 4th, Josh Schoenfield, 5'2"; 6th, Ryan McCorkle, 5'2"

Ambulance Service reports donations

Contributions received in March, 1998, by East Coke County Ambulance Service are listed below.

DONATION

- Bill & Diane Luckett
- MEMORIALS**
- Betty Lee
- Frances Kemp
- Minnie Kraatz
- J. B. & Martha Arrott
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- E. F. & Mary Glenn, J. B. & Martha Arrott
- Nathalee Ensor
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- Howard Brock
- Stanley & Kay Daulong
- Mary Duncan
- Larry & Dana Robinson
- Joe "Binks" McCutchen
- Horace & Mary Scott
- J. T. Johnson
- Emogene Thornton
- Vernie Smith
- Billy & Charlotte Tounget
- Emma Jo Troublefield
- Horace & Mary Scott
- Larry & Dana Robinson

Bronte Band Boosters

There will be a meeting of the Bronte High school Band Boosters, Tuesday night at 8pm in the Band Room. The spring trip will be discussed.

Blackwell FFA news

Students of the Blackwell FFA traveled to several judging contests recently. The Nolan County Judging Contest was held March 21, 1998.

In the land judging contest, the team members of Jimmy Holland, who placed 2nd high individual of the contest, Jimmy Loveday, Lee Nault, Chayne Roland, and Adam Wilkinson placed 4th overall.

Range judging team of Gayna Cantrell, Stephen Cantrell, Katy Driver, Freddie Peacock, and Keshia Stidham, placed ninth in the competition.

Poultry team members placed 6th. The team consisted of Leticia Camarillo, Elizabeth Camarillo, Gloria Solis, 6th high individual of the contest-Luis Solis, Justin Dove, and Will Carter.

Tarleton State University held their invitational judging contest March 26th. Over 5,000 individual students competed in the contests. Among those from Blackwell were LaTosha Roland, Ricky Jones, and Tony Dove, Horse Judging; Gayna Cantrell, Stephanie Cantrell, Katy Driver, Keshia Stidham and Freddie Peacock, 8th place in Plant Identification. The Poultry and Land teams also participated.

March 27th, the Land, Range and Pasture, and Horse teams participated in the WTAMU contests in Canyon. The Land team placed 5th with team members being Jimmy Holland, who was also 7th high individual, Jimmy Loveday, Chayne Roland, Adam Wilkinson, and Lee Nault.

Fourth place honors went to the Range and Pasture team of Katy Driver-11th high individual, Stephanie Cantrell, Gayna Cantrell, Keshia Stidham, and Freddie Peacock.

In the horse judging, Ricky Jones was 23rd and LaTosha Roland, 30th.

On the road again, March

28th, to Clarendon Junior College, the Range and Pasture team placed 9th with team members Katy Driver, Gayna Cantrell, Keshia Stidham, and Stephanie Cantrell.

The Land team came in 19th with Chayne Roland, Jimmy Holland, Lee Nault, Jimmy Loveday, and Adam Wilkinson.

Results of the California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District Land, and Range and Pasture contests held March 30th ended with the Blackwell Land team gaining top honors of 1st place and the Range and Pasture team bringing home 5th place. Jimmy Loveday was the high individual in land and teammate Jimmy Holland was 2nd high individual in land.

During the ACU invitational contest held March 31st, Jimmy Holland was 4th high individual in the Land contest.

April is child abuse prevention month

The month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services report that there were 112,766 reports of child abuse, 75,728 investigations of child abuse, 22,598 confirmed investigations and 34,110 confirmed victims during fiscal year 1997.

While the number of reports increased over the previous year 1996, the number of confirmed cases declined. What we all need to appreciate is that just one confirmed victim of abuse is one too many. Every child is entitled to an environment that is safe. It is the responsibility of all citizens to prevent child abuse. So, let all citizens of Coke County work together to assure that the children who live in this county receive all the love and nurturing they ought to receive to enable and enhance their development in every way.

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Blackwell UIL students advance to Region

Five students from Blackwell High School will compete in the Region II UIL Academic Meet. To qualify for regional competition, these students placed first, second, or third at the District competition held at Highland on March 31st and April 2nd.

Seniors qualifying for regional competition are: Kallie Lisso, 3rd place Prose Interpretation, and Jimmy Loveday, 1st place Headline Writing. Juniors qualifying are: Lee Nault, 1st place Feature Writing, 3rd place Computer Applications; Kristin Harvell, 1st place Persuasive Speaking, and Justin Dove, 3rd place Persuasive Speaking.

Results from the district competition held are as follows.

Elizabeth Camarillo received 4th, which is a regional alternate, in Poetry Interpretation while Katy Driver received a 5th.

In Prose Interpretation Blackwell placed two, Kallie Lisso, 3rd and Katrina Buckner, 4th and regional alternate.

Lee Nault with his 4th place in News Writing earned a regional alternate position.

Jimmy Loveday placed 5th in the Number Sense category.

In the computer applications contest, Lee Nault received 3rd place.

Katrina Buckner gained a

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Enclosed you will find a check for another year's subscription to the Observer. Please note the change of address. A different city, but only about ten miles away from my old stomping grounds. One would not know I have moved from one town to another as there are no open spaces between zip codes.

Recently we experienced some unusual weather here, hail, the size of marbles, then two blocks down the street we drove into blinding sun, our destination was a few blocks farther on. Reaching it, we found the wind so strong we had difficulty opening the car doors.

Hail in south California is unusual, winds of that density also are not on the weather menu. The funnel clouds that touch down in the sa then become water spouts, were unheard of in this area until a couple of years ago.

What is scary, they are now coming up on the land and tearing up a few trees, some roofs, and moving some light cars around. Now being from Texas, I call them major twisters.

No big deal you say? Well, San Diego County sits on more earthquake faults than Mexico City or any other place that I know of. We most certainly don't need tornado's too. So keep them east of the Rockies will ya? I'll take my chances with them later on this year as I am looking forward to experiencing the Rabbit Twister pageant in July.

Sincerely,
Della Arms

6th place ribbon in Spelling.

Feature writers Lee Nault, Katrina Buckner and Elizabeth Camarillo received 1st, 5th, and 6th respectively.

Michele Pate placed 5th in Editorial Writing.

Jimmy Loveday won the Headline Writing competition.

Kristin Harvell took top honors in Persuasive Speaking while classmates Justin Dove received 3rd, and Lee Nault placed 4th to be a regional alternate.

Blackwell High School had the fourth highest team total. Regional competition will be April 24-25 at Hardin-Simmons University.

In the Zone One Act Play competition, four students from Blackwell received recognition. Lee Nault and Elizabeth Camarillo were selected to the All Star Cast. Slater Simmons and Katrina Buckner received an Honorable Mention.

Personal

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Labenske several days were Mr. and Mrs. Bill LaShier of Lawrence, Kansas. Bill is a retired teacher at Kansas University and Pat is retired

from the State of Kansas.

Monday night, a "cousins get-together" was held at the Labenske's. Present were Ernest and Maxine Allen of San Angelo, Ronnie Robbins of Midland, Mary Payne of Abilene, Rupert Robbins, Carroll and Lillian Robbins, Katherine Patterson and Portis and Mary Robbins, all of Bronte.

The group spent the evening visiting and remembering days when all were "kids" in the Hayrick community. Pat had spent several summers in her early life in San Angelo.

Part of the group spent Tuesday driving and looking around at Hayrick at the Robbins homeplace, cemetery, and then on to Fort Chadbourne to visit. Later, Bill and Maxine Labenske, Pat and Bill LaShier and Mary Payne drove to San Angelo looking at places that Pat could remember as a child.

The LaShiers left Wednesday morning for Amarillo after visiting with Ollie Mae Cowley. They will visit in Amarillo with his mother before returning to Lawrence.

Tax Deferral Available For Elderly Homeowners

Texans aged 65 or older may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "Over-65 Deferral," by signing an affidavit at the Coke County Appraisal District office. Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home. Chief Appraiser, Patsy Dunn, stressed that the tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home. It does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 8 percent per year continue to add up. For more information, contact the appraisal district office in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, in Robert Lee, or call 453-4528.

EMS memorials reported

The West Coke County EMS reported the following memorials during the month of March.

- Bob L. Gravis**
Anonymous
- Robert Vaughan**
Kenneth and Nita Hester, Fay, Estelle and Rhonda Askins
- Joann Runnion**
Anonymous
- Gorman Walker**
Kenneth and Nita Hester, Fay, Estelle and Rhonda Askins
- Nathalee Ensor**
Fay, Estelle and Rhonda Askins
- Mrs. Chesshir**
The Brewer Family
- Myrtle Alford**
Ben and Mary Bessent
- J.T. Thetford**
Ben and Mary Bessent
- Bryan Barnes**
Ben and Mary Bessent, Nell Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ross
- Peggy Shaddax**
Ben and Mary Bessent, Mrs. Robert Vaughan

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- That will work with others on the court in caring for our County facilities & programs.
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLISD calendar change

A change in the school calendar has been made at Robert Lee Independent School District. The weather day scheduled for April 17 has been changed from that date to May 4. Students will have a holiday on May 4 instead of April 17. Please mark your calendars accordingly.



Breakfast

- Monday, April 13**
Holiday
- Tuesday, April 14**
Orange Juice, Biscuits & Jelly, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Wednesday, April 15**
Orange Juice, Donuts, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Thursday, April 16**
Orange Juice, Muffins, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Friday, April 17**
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, April 13**
Holiday
- Tuesday, April 14**
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, English Peas, Rolls, Peaches, Milk
- Wednesday, April 15**
Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Chili Beans, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Thursday, April 16**
Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
- Friday, April 17**
Chick-Fil-A, French Fries, Pickles, Apple Crisp, Milk

RLHS track teams compete at Wall

The Robert Lee High School girls and boys track teams competed at a meet at Wall High School Friday, April 3, 1998. Results are listed below.

Boys

- 440 Relay: 5th, Munoz, Bessent, Boxell, Schultz, 47.07
- 110 High Hurdles: 4th, McCabe, 17.25; 6th, Brothers, 19.66
- 400 Meter Dash: 1st, Millican, 53.15
- 330 Int. Hurdles: 4th, McCabe, 43.23
- 3200 Meter Run: 2nd, Ortega, 10:56; 6th, Landeros, 12:07
- 800 Meter Run: 2nd, Gallegos, 2:08.4; 3rd, Millican, 2:09
- 1600 Meter Run: 1st, Gallegos, 4:56.52; 3rd, Ortega, 5:00
- Mile Relay: 5th, McCabe, Boxell, Bessent, Millican, 3:41.59
- Shot Put: 1st, Edging, 53'6"
- Discus: 1st, Edging, 145'6"; 3rd, Clendennen, 138'7"
- Triple Jump: 6th, Brothers, 38'9"
- High Jump: 6th, Millican, 5'8"
- Long Jump: 4th, Millican, 20'8"; 5th, McCown, 20'4"; 6th, Bessent, 19'6"
- Pole Vault: 5th, Bell, 11'6"; 6th, Brothers, 11'
- JV Pole Vault: 3rd, Clifton Bohannon, 9'
- Girls**
- 400 Meter Dash: 2nd, Dickey, 1:04.72
- High Jump: 2nd, Bolding, 4'10"
- Long Jump: 4th, Montgomery, 15' 2 3/4"

Take your daughters to work

The Robert Lee ISD will be participating in the Take Our Daughters to Work Day on Thursday, April 23. This day is endorsed by T.E.A. This program encourages career awareness. On this day, parents are allowed to take their child to work without the student being counted absent. School officials do ask that parents send a note to school as documentation of participation in the Take Our Daughters to Work Day program.

Blair, Gallegos take 2nd place in JV District Tennis

Beau Blair and James Gallegos finished in second place in the JV boys doubles competition. Also competing were Jamie Luna and Tara Gardner in girls singles and Favian Minjarez in boys singles.

Tax Deadline Nears

Texans who can't file their federal tax return on time can get an extra four months if they mail Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," to the IRS by April 15.

According to IRS District Director Glenn Henderson, the automatic extension is only an extension of time to file the tax return. It does not, however give the person extra time to pay the taxes due on the return. Texans need to estimate the amount of tax they will owe and send that with the Form 4868, he said.

Texans who are able to file by the April 15 deadline, but who can't pay the tax due can request a monthly payment plan when they file. To request the payment plan, attach Form 9465 to the front of their tax return and show the amount they propose to pay each month and on what day. To set up the installment payment plan, the IRS charges a \$43 fee which will be billed at a later date. "To

reduce interest and penalty charges, people should pay as much as they can when they mail the extension or installment agreement forms." Henderson said.

Anyone who finds that they owe money this year may want to consider adjusting their W-4 "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate" at work to have more money taken out each payday.

Extension and installment request forms are available at many Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly sites (TCE) across North Texas. For location of nearby TCE sites, people can call toll-free 1-888-227-7669.

Look Who's New Lucas Levesque

Rebecca and Michael Levesque of San Angelo are the parents of a son born March 28, 1998. Lucas Rowan Levesque was born at Shannon Medical Center. He weighed nine pounds. Lucas was welcomed home by his sister and brother, Sarah and Christopher.

Alto Bilbo of Robert Lee is Lucas' great-grandmother.

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Tips For a Successful Easter Egg Hunt

(DM)—As you begin to plan your Easter celebration with family and friends, incorporate these helpful tips provided by Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc., into your festivities. Why Tootsie Roll and Easter? Because Tootsie Roll has made sweet treats and Easter favorites since 1896. Here are the tips:

1. Before Easter baskets were introduced, children used their caps and bonnets to collect eggs. Have children bring their favorite hat or baseball cap to the Easter egg hunt to use while collecting their hidden treasures.

2. To help your egg hunt look and feel more like the Easter holiday, decorate your surroundings. In Germany, people in the past hollowed out eggs, dyed them and then used the eggs to decorate shrubs and trees. This Easter, do what the Germans did and decorate the bushes and trees around your house (if held inside, decorate flowers and plants) with creatively colored eggs in honor of this festive occasion.

3. The Easter Bunny was introduced in the United States during the 1700's and has become a familiar icon representing the Easter holiday. This year, host a contest to see who can draw the best Easter Bunny for the 1990's. The prize for the winner could be an oversized Easter basket filled with a variety of sweet treats.

4. Choosing Easter candy for your egg hunt can be expensive as well as time consuming because of the wide selection of items in stores. Tootsie Roll Industries has relied on the same recipes since 1896 to produce their Easter treats which have remained favorites among children and adults for years. This Easter, fill your colored hunting eggs with goodies such as Tootsie Rolls, Tootsie Pops, Junior Mints and Charleston Chew. Each of these



inexpensive products come in special packaging designed for Easter.

5. Go beyond the norm of using just food-grade dyes, stickers and stencils to decorate your Easter eggs. Do like the Austrians did years ago and boil your eggs with ferns and tiny plants to create unique shapes and patterns on the eggs

6. As we enter into a healthier day and age, consider using low-fat candy for your Easter egg hunt such as Tootsie Rolls (1 gram of fat) and Tootsie Pops (0 grams of fat). Low-fat treats are a healthy alternative to chocolate bunnies and peanut butter filled eggs.

7. To reach out into your community, have your children create special Easter baskets for them to deliver to senior citizens you know in your neighborhood. Passing these treats along will help children experience the Easter spirit.

Remember that these suggestions can be used for an Easter egg hunt either inside or outside your home, and can involve people of all ages. After the Easter festivities are over, ask your children to tell you what they enjoyed most about the Easter egg hunt activities. Hearing their feedback will help you start planning for next year's events.

Too good to be true?

Are multi-level marketing and pyramid schemes too good to be true? We have all heard pitches telling us how easy it is to get rich quick. These are tempting offers - we'd all like to be rich - but you should look at any promise of easy money with skepticism. If it *sounds* too good to be true, it probably *is* too good to be true.

The Attorney General's office knows that it can be difficult to tell a legitimate business or investment offer from an old-fashioned swindle. And they want you to be informed.

The granddaddy of all get-rich-quick scams is the Ponzi scheme, named for a famous swindler active in the 1920s. Investors are lured into a Ponzi scheme by promises that they will earn a lot of money on a modest investment. All they have to do to get their money back is to convince friends and family members to make similar investments.

The original investors are paid off with money taken from the new investors they recruit. This gives the scheme the appearance of a low-risk, high-return venture. But as more people are recruited into the scheme, the amount owed grows dramatically, while the pool of potential investors shrinks.

When the supply of new in-

vestors runs out, those who have already invested are left with little or nothing to show for it. In most cases, only the original con artist really makes money off the scheme.

Pyramid schemes operate on the same principle as the Ponzi. The pyramid is designed to look like a legitimate business selling a product or service. To invest, you usually have to pay a large fee or pay for sales training, and may have to buy inventory in advance, but your real profit comes from recruiting new salespeople.

Other types of pyramid schemes may be disguised as games, chain letters, buying clubs, mail-order operations, or motivational companies. They use a wide variety of appealing names.

Some legitimate companies sell products and find new customers through what is called multi-level marketing. In multi-level marketing, consumer products are sold through independent distributors, usually in customers' homes.

The company encourages each distributor to recruit a local sales force to sell the product or service.

Before investing in any business opportunity, get all the facts about the company, its officers, and its products. Contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General (800) 621-0508 or contact your local Better Business Bureau.

Teen parenting tips listed

As a teen, you can be a good parent. But parenting will require you to make changes, learn new things and seek out adults who can help you make some positive decisions about life. Talk to your parents, school counselor, school nurse and any other professional you trust.

If you think you might be pregnant, talk to an adult who you trust to help you make important decisions about you and your baby.

No matter how difficult it may be, stay in school. All communities must provide an education for pregnant teens and teen mothers. Day care is offered in many schools while you attend class.

Seek financial and medical help for you and your baby. Contact a local agency such as United Way or your local Department of Public Health.

Create a support system to help you cope with possible loneliness and depression. Reach out to those who can help give you guidance.

Take parenting classes and learn how to care for a baby.

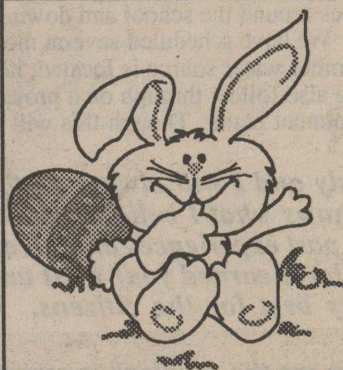
Make staying in school, getting a job, and making a home for your baby your goal.



Almost all large metropolitan newspapers publish in the morning. However, in 1996, there were 846 afternoon dailies and 686 of their morning counterparts.

JIM NAICO
FOR
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Individuals to get tips on battling boll weevils

Ways individual cotton producers can adjust their production systems this season to better manage boll weevils will be presented during a special 3 hour workshop April 17 at the Texas Cotton Inners Conference & Trade Show at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Without a coordinated weevil eradication program in operation on the Texas High Plains, individual growers are on their own this season in battling what is shaping up as a heavy onslaught by the insects, said Dr. Randy Boman, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

To help them, and growers across Texas and in neighboring states, mount the best possible attack on boll weevils, the Extension Service and Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., are conducting the special workshop from 1:30 to 4:30 pm the final day of the ginners conference. Producers who participate will

Houseworkers' reports due with returns

Do you have people working around the house on a regular basis--a handyman, house cleaner or gardener? If so, don't forget to report their wages for Social Security purposes with your 1997 federal tax returns. It can mean benefits for them when they retire, or if they become disabled, and to their families, according to Fredi Franke, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas.

A recent law has simplified reporting requirements to make it easier to report the wages on which many household workers' Social Security benefits will depend.

Under the new law, employers only have to file once a year instead of quarterly, and they only have to pay taxes for those household workers to whom they pay \$1,000 or more during the calendar year (beginning with calendar year 1998, the figure increases to \$1,100).

For additional information, contact the San Angelo Social Security office.

Williams-Frasier wed

On March 29, 1998, Brother Garry Bivins united Lois Elaine Williams and Edwin Ray Frasier in holy matrimony at Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee, Texas.

Elaine is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Denton, Texas. Edwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Raney of Robert Lee, Texas.

After the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Frasier will reside in Sanger, Texas. The family wishes to thank all who attended the wedding ceremony.

As we walk through life, we look for someone special to share our lives with. This marriage proves that you can find them if you look deep in the heart of each other. Always remember to never live in silence and always look up.

receive continuing education units needed for state certification of pesticide applicators.

"On the South Plains, the state's largest and most concentrated cotton production region, we're looking at record numbers of weevils that went into overwintering habitat last season," Boman said. Surveys by scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service are finding the survival rate of these overwintered weevils is very high, he noted. "What this points to is probably a record year for weevils in the Southern High Plains," Boman said.

The seminar will open with an overview of the weevil situation across the state by Dr. James Supak. He is the associate head of the department of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University and former Extension Service cotton agronomist at Lubbock. Brant Baugh, Extension integrated pest management (IPM) agent in Lubbock County, will identify weak links in the weevil's biological structure.

Boll weevil management

Look Who's New Rial Denman

Bill Rial and Mary Denman of Baird have announced the arrival of a new grandson, Robert Rial Denman. Rial, son of Don and Christy Denman, was born March 12, 1998, at Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton.

Bill Rial Denman is a Coke County native as was his mother, Ruth Bell Denman. His father, William Rial, came to Coke County at a young age from Hunt County.

Robert Rial is the fourth Rial in four generations of Denmans. Bill and Mary's elder son is the third Rial.

Don Denman, father of the newest Rial, is grounds manager for St. Mark's School of Texas.

March 12th is a red letter day for Christy's family. Her son was born on her birthday, as she was born on her father's birthday, and he was born on his father's birthday. Christy's father is Bill Spraberry of Anson. His father was Robert Spraberry.

Alta Bilbo of Robert Lee is the great-great aunt of Robert Rial Denman.

"Spring Chicken Affair" set for April 19

The sensational singing sounds of 11 year old Mikaila and the talents of Texas singer/guitarist Don Walser will be showcased at the 16th annual Spring Chicken Affair Sunday, April 19.

Benefitting West Texas Rehabilitation Center, this "Sunday-after-church" chicken dinner and family-oriented entertainment will take place in giant tents at 3451 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo. Continuous serving of both a delicious meal and hand-clapping music will be from 11 am to 2 pm.

Sponsoring this popular, area-wide event are San Angelo National Bank, H-E-B Food/Drugs and the San Angelo Restaurant Association.

from start to finish will be covered by Phillip Kidd, Extension IPM agent in Terry and Yoakum counties. Proper timing of control efforts will be chronicled by Clyde Crumley, Extension IPM agent in Gaines County. Lubbock County Extension agricultural agent Mark Brown will discuss the importance of planting for an early crop.

In-season management will be covered by Dr. Dan Krieg, Leigh Professor of Crop Physiology at Texas Tech. Boman will discuss timely termination. A panel of crop consultants will present their perspectives on crop management for the 1998 season. Panel members will be Dana Palmer, John Hunter, Donald Kitten and Bob Glodt. Following a question and answer period, Dr. John Abernathy, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Tech, will summarize the situation.



Tired of throwing your weight around?

Exercise

Limiting your outdoor morning activities when the pollen count is high or the

Controlling allergies

Allergies can be controlled. Don't let them make you miserable.

An allergy is an unusual reaction or sensitivity to a substance. In most cases, allergies are mild like a runny nose, sneezing or even hives. More rarely, allergies are life threatening reactions which can cause swelling in the throat and lungs and create a difficulty in breathing.

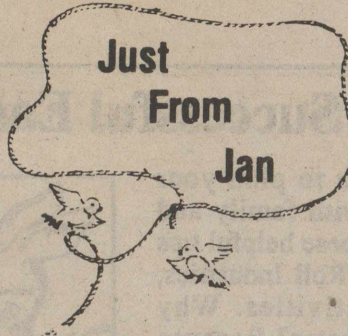
There are many substances which can trigger an allergic reaction. Some of the most common are found in your own home or yard such as various foods, cosmetics, pollen, dust, and even your pet. To lessen contact with allergens, it is a good idea to wear a mask when vacuuming or mowing the lawn.

wind is strong. Use your dryer instead of air drying your clothing because clothing hung outside can trap pollen or mold. If you can identify what you are allergic to, you are better able to adjust your activities and limit your exposure to the allergen.

Make sure your pet is washed and brushed frequently. This will help reduce some of the irritants. There are special shampoos available, but plain water works just as well. Keeping a pet well groomed is the key to lessening pet related allergy problems.

Work with your physician to determine the best remedy for your allergy symptoms.

There are medications available to combat the effects of an allergic reaction. A prescription nose spray or antihistamine may be recommended by your physician. You can lessen your misery and breath easier when you follow these guidelines.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Since 1994, I have been privileged to be a part of the decision making process for the City of Robert Lee. I have been on both sides serving as a council member and now serving as your MAYOR. Please let me share with you some of the accomplishments we have achieved:

GRANTS

Water Line Replacement • Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements • Building of a Waste Water Storage Pond • First Time Sewer for the East Side of Town • A Recycling Center at the Post Office as well as the School • A New Fire Station

WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Since I have taken the office of Mayor, I have spent a tremendous amount of time looking for a different water source. I have tried to purchase a water line to tap on to the Lake Ivey water supply, as well as purchase water from the Oak Creek water supply. We have had drilling companies come and talk with our council on possible water wells in the area. In 1996, we applied for a grant to build our own reverse osmosis water plant. The State turned down our request for funding. We have spent time and money in efforts to clean and treat our water supply we now have more effectively. Since I have taken office, we have completed the needed repairs to our water clarifier, as well as needed repairs to our above ground water storage facility.

ORDINANCES

We have implemented an animal control ordinance, as well as an animal control officer. This has helped control stray animals within the city with which we have had great success. We have posted a vendor ordinance to keep down door-to-door sales. This has also been a success. We have just recently put into place a junked vehicle ordinance. We also are revising our dilapidated building ordinance and plan to be enforcing this ordinance again very soon.

PROJECTS CURRENTLY WORKING

At this time, we have several projects which are being completed. We are replacing old water lines on the east side of town. After this project is completed, we will begin our new projects listed below:

We are completing a beautification program at the intersection of Highways 158 and 208. We are planting 42 Red Oak trees which will not only aid in beautifying our city, but make an environmental impact on the city. These projects must be done in a certain time frame to satisfy the State in complying with the grant. This must be done in addition to the normal day-to-day work that must be completed.

We are starting a street paving project that will provide paving to certain needed areas, as well as pothole repairs.

I feel very strongly about our city employees and feel they do an excellent job. After taking office, I implemented a work order program which has aided in the working operations of the city. This system allows us to keep track of requests for services and the time taken to complete each job. I feel our city is fortunate to have the employees it has, not only in the field, but in the office as well.

FUTURE PROJECTS AND GOALS

We have been awarded a grant project that we will begin this summer. We will be completing the replacement of the old cast iron lines around the school and down 15th Street. We will also be starting a paving project on certain streets. We have scheduled several meetings to help search our options for additional water sources. Until another water source is located, however, we must do the best we can with what we have. I have plans to also follow through on a project which will allow us to replace the old existing filters in the water treatment plant. Though this will not solve our water problem, it will help.

I take this job very seriously and I will always do the best I can. Most everyone knows me personally and knows what I believe and what I stand for. I know that you have seen first-hand my past experiences and accomplishments, and I hope that in the past two years, that I have earned your trust and confidence. I care for this city, and only want the very best for the citizens. Please remember to go and exercise your right to vote.

Thank you again for allowing me the privilege to serve as your mayor.

Sincerely,

Kelly S. Nichols

Mayor, City of Robert Lee

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Kelly S. Nichols

Lighten Up Your Easter Brunch

(DM)—This Easter, celebrate the arrival of spring and the traditions of the season with a menu and recipes that focus on flavor and texture, without the traditional fat and calories.

"Tradition is good, so don't change that menu," urges Kathy Stark, executive chef for The HoneyBaked Ham Company. "Your favorite recipes can be easily adapted to reflect a more health-conscious attitude. The alternative lightened meal maintains all of the tradition, yet doesn't mask the flavor of vibrant foods with heavy butter or cream bases. The result is a meal complete with all of the ornamentation of Easter, but with a significantly reduced fat and calorie content."

The foods of Easter are steeped in tradition, but loaded with fat. Scalloped potatoes, for example are traditionally made with rich cheeses, heavy cream and butter. That style contains a whopping 49 grams of fat per serving. To lighten up this classic dish, Stark suggests substituting a light sauce of milk and flour for the butter and cream.

The Easter ham is one tradition Stark recommends upholding. Ham doesn't bog down a meal in fat content. In fact, lean ham is one of the lower fat meats (HoneyBaked Hams are noted for their quality and leanness) containing about half the fat of a serving of pork loin or beef tenderloin.

For Easter, The HoneyBaked Ham Company has a few ideas on how to lighten up a meal and a few recipes to help you along:

- In recipes that call for sour cream, use equal amounts of plain, low-fat yogurt instead.
- Use cooking sprays as much as possible instead of oil or butter when frying or sautéing meats, eggs and vegetables.
- Try Neufchatel cheese in place of cream cheese. Neufchatel is a creamy cheese made with lower fat milk.
- Use chicken broth in place of milk or cream for mashed potatoes, soups and sautéed vegetables.



ENLIGHTENED HAM AND EGG STRATA

Serves 8

Perfect for Easter Brunch

- 1 pound HoneyBaked Ham slices, thawed
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1/2 cup reduced fat cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon sage
- 1 teaspoon salt, pepper
- 1/4 cup scallions, chopped
- 6 French bread slices, cut into 1 1/2" cubes
- 2 Roma tomatoes
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Combine egg substitute, milk, seasonings, cheese and scallions in a large bowl and mix well. Add the ham slices and bread cubes and toss gently to coat. Coat a large 11"x17" baking dish with cooking spray and pour mixture into pan. COVER AND CHILL OVERNIGHT.

Before baking, top the strata with ripe Roma tomato slices and sprinkle Parmesan cheese over the top. Bake in 350° oven for 45 minutes until

golden. Cut into squares and serve warm.

QUICK & LIGHT SCALLOPED POTATOES

Serves 4

A lightened version of our favorite Holiday side dish!

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 potato, large, sliced thin
- 1/2 onion, sliced thin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons flour
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

Coat a 9-inch skillet with cooking spray and heat the olive oil until hot. Place half of the potato slices in concentric circles in the skillet and top with half of the onions. Sprinkle half of the flour over the onions and season with salt and pepper. Add half of the cheese. Repeat layers and pour milk carefully around the sides. Bring to a boil and reduce to medium low heat. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Uncover and simmer until sauce is thickened, 5-10 minutes. Serve hot from the skillet.

Victim rights workers honored

Texas and the rest of the nation will honor those who serve victims of crime. During the week of April 19-25, the 18th annual National Crime Victim Rights Week, we will celebrate the achievements of crime victim advocates and reflect upon the need to continue promoting victim rights.

This year's theme, "Victim Rights for America," emphasizes that crime victims have specific legal rights and that these rights benefit every citizen, of every race, creed, age, and gender and from every walk of life.

At the office of the Attorney General, it is a privilege to administer the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. Through this fund, victims of violent crime can receive financial assistance to help with hospital bills, counseling, and other expenses not covered by insurance or other resources.

Here in Texas, the commemoration will begin on the steps of the State Capitol on April 19, and ripple outwards through communities large and small.

Crime victims in Texas have a right to be protected from further harm or threats as a result of their cooperation with prosecutors. They have a right to separate and secure waiting area when they must testify at trial, and it is their

right to have their safety considered in the setting of bail.

Crime victims have a right to information about relevant court proceedings, about a defendant's right to bail, and about the procedures in a criminal investigation. They have a right to be provided information about the parole process and to be notified of the offender's release.

A crime victim also has the right to inform the court about the impact of the crime on his or her life. This information can be considered at the time of sentencing or parole.

Victims have a right to be present at all court proceedings, subject to the judge's approval, and their employers must be notified if testimony results in absence from work.

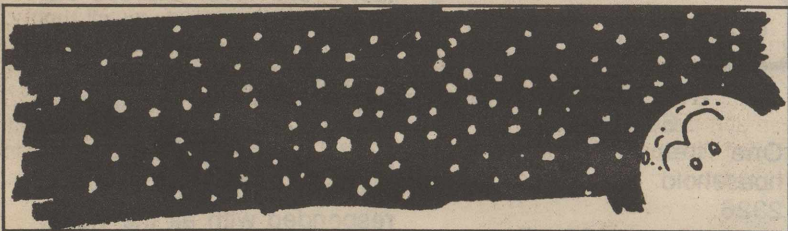
Victims of crime also have a right to information about the Crime Victims' compensation program. The program is funded by convicted offenders who pay court cost and fines. Recently, Texans have taken the additional step of passing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing that funds intended to benefit victims of crime cannot be used for any other purpose.

Here in Texas, victims have many needs that can be met only through the compassion, understanding and dedication of our communities. Volunteering to assist with victim services is one of the most worthwhile and rewarding experiences anyone can have.

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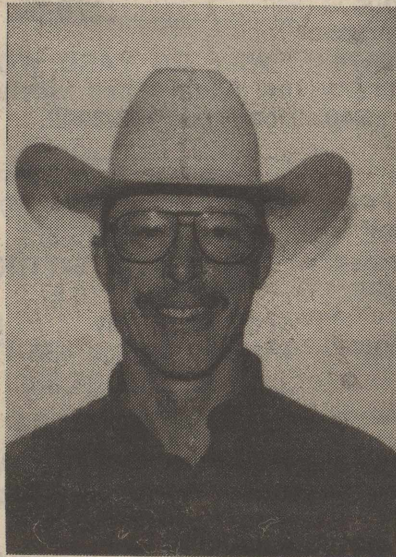
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common sense approach, with the conviction we must work together for a prosperous Coke County.

I cannot promise that I can solve all of our problems, but I can promise I will work hard, plan for the future, listen to all concerns, and show respect and courtesy to all citizens.

Thank you for your past support! I ask for your continued support in the runoff election on April 14.

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

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Jackie Walker

COKE COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK
Mary Grim

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
Sid McGinnis

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George & Jimmie Snapp
36b-11c

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Robert Lee ISD is accepting competitive proposals for the construction of a 28 ft x 64 ft classroom building for choir and theatre arts classes. Specifications can be obtained at Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, from 8 am to 4 pm Monday-Friday. Deadline is April 15, 1998.

35a-21c

WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER OPEN ADMISSIONS POLICY:

It is the policy of the West Coke County Hospital District and Robert Lee Care Center to admit and to treat all patients without regard to race, color, or national origin. The same requirements for all admissions are applied to all, and patients are assigned within the Care Center without regard to race, color, or national origin. There is no distinction in eligibility for, or in this manner of providing patient services provided by or through the Care Center are available without distinction to all patients and visitors regardless of race, color or national origin. All persons and organizations that have either occasion to refer patients for treatment or recommend West Coke County Hospital District and Robert Lee Care Center are advised to do so without regard to the patient's race, color, or national origin.

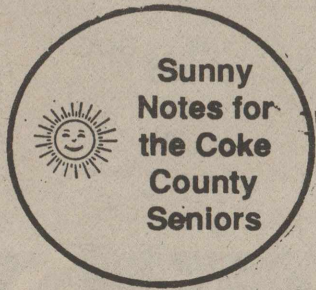
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Mary Bessent
Board President
Roger Alexander
Administrator
36a-11c



Sunny
Notes for
the Coke
County
Seniors

Menu for the Week

Monday, April 13
Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Apple Juice, Peach Crisp
Wednesday, April 15
Pork Chop w/Gravy, Grilled Diced Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Baked Custard
Friday, April 17
Cattfish nuggets w/Tartar Sauce, Oven Fried Potatoes, Wheat Bread, Coleslaw w/Carrots, Banana Pudding

Quilters
Bronte Senior Center will be open at 9:00 am, Thursday, April 16 for Quilting. A pot luck lunch will be served at noon.

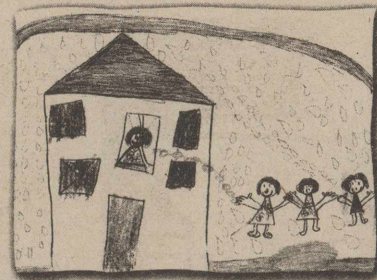
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- ◆ Create a stimulating environment that includes bright colors, various textures, and interesting sounds and smells.
- ◆ Talk to your baby or toddler often, using complete sentences. Children are eager to learn and to understand. Tell them about their environment—situations, people, places. Don't worry about how much you think they understand.

What You Can Do For Emotional Development

- ◆ Show how much you care by providing a lot of love, concern, and care for your child.
- ◆ Monitor your own stress and mental health. Find help if you feel overwhelmed. Your state of mind will affect your child's development.
- ◆ Shield children from stressful and violent environments.
- ◆ Cuddle, hug, kiss, and hold your infant or toddler. Children need a lot of affection many times a day!

What You Can Do For Physical Development

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