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Raymond Westbrook. Operation Superintendent for Mitchell Gas Services (C & L Processors) presented a donation in the amount of \$800 to Mrs. Cindy Bessent, Robert Lee ISD 4th grade teacher, for use in the Robert Lee Outdoor Education Program. Mitchell Gas recently purchased all operations of Western Gas Company and has consolidated the local operations at the Bronte location.

West Texas Ranch for Christ Singing

There will be a gospel singing for all denominations at the West Texas Ranch for Christ, Sunday, July 19th, from 1:00pm until 4:30pm. The ranch is located 22 miles south of Sweetwater, or 6 miles north of Blackwell, on Highway 70 and 3 1/2 miles east. Please drive slowly going through the ranches because there are alot of cattle and goats.

The ranch is a very beautiful place, and has been visited by Billy Graham. Bring your lawn chairs and cameras. For more information call J.D. Taylor in Blackwell, at 282-2756.

Benefit Golf Tournament at Singing Winds

There will be a benefit golf. tournament at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte benefitting the Bronte Voluntary Fire Department, Saturday, July 11, 1998, starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be three people per team.

Call the Singing Winds Golf Course at 473-2156 for more information or to sign up.

Attention Lady Golfers

We will be playing at 7:00 on Mondays instead of 6:00, at Singing Winds in Bronte.

Beat the "heat" this summer with a good book from the CC Library

students who are participating in Camp Read-A-Lot and the high school drawings, the Library continues to be a busy, fun and hopping place. The new books don't stay on the shelves very long and even the old books are enjoying a revival. One day 123 books were checked out. The kids are bringing lots of parents in,

The weather has been listed as reasons to get a book it's too hot to do anything else. To check to see how long the reading boom would last, some facts were selected from the Texas Almanac: A 28-year record shows that in Coke County the average high temperature for July is 96 degrees. Thinking about the average temperature of 28 degrees for January makes things seem a bit cooler. The hottest on record is 111 degrees and the lowest temperature has been -2.

"Drought" is defined by the Almanac as being determined by an area having less than 75% of the 1931-1960

1998 Texas Farm Bureau Talent Find Contest

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau has scheduled a Talent Find Contest for August 15, 1998. Contestants must be between the ages of 16-19 as of September 1 1998 and be a member of Texas Farm Bureau. The winner will receive \$100 cash and advance to the District contest in October where the winner is awarded a \$1000 College Scholarship.

If you are interested in the TFB Talent Find Contest, please call or come by the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Office in Robert Lee and pick up your entry form today. The entry deadline is July 31,

4-H Fashion Show

Attention all 4-H'ers wanting to enter the county fashion show Monday, July 13. You must turn in your paper work and the garment you made by 10:00 a.m. July 13 in the Extension office. The fashion show will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Because of the 50 school average precipitation. From 1931-1960 our area had 25.91 inches of rain. A record was set in Wink in 1956 when the yearly total of rainfall was 1.76 inches. In 1921, Thrall got 38.20 inches in a 24-hour period.

The students may set a record of books read this year, and so may the weather.

The winner of the drawing this week is Kanah Coalson. She will receive a free drink from Super H Grocery.

Library books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

Soccer teams are now forming

Soccer teams for girls and boys ages 4 & 5, and 6 & 7 are now forming. They will play on Saturdays in San Angelo. Practices will be held locally twice a week.

Registration forms are available at the Observer/Enterprise in Robert Lee and S&S Printing in Bronte.

For more information, contact John Chamber at 473-2125 or Jimmy Glover at 473-7013.



Lynne McWilliams is a new addition to the Observer/Enterprise staff. Lynne has previously worked for two Thrifty Nickle publications and she and her husband, Jim, operated a weekly newspaper in Eldorado, Texas. Jim is the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Mountain Creek to hold Junior Tournament

Mountain Creek Golf Club will hold a junior tourney for ages 6 to 17, on July 11th. It will begin at 9:00 a.m.

For more information or to enter the tournament, call Jesse Flores at 453-2317.



David Dewhurst, Republican candidate for Texas Land Commissioner, stopped by the Observer/Enterprise offices Tuesday afternoon following his visit at the Coke County Courthouse. Dewhurst's stop in Robert Lee was one of 104 in his "Dirty Boots" campaign tour across Texas.

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- Death Notices-

Hood

Mary Hood, 77, of Robert Lee died Friday, July 3, 1998, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Southside Church of Christ with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, James Hood of Robert Lee; and a niece, nephew, greatniece and great-nephew.

Court dispositions for June told

Dispositions handed down during the June 16, 1998, session of the Coke County Court include:

State of Texas vs. Trelbus Edwin Hail, Jr. - Driving While Intoxicated 1st, \$600 fine, 90 days jail, probated 6 months, 24 hours community service, \$209.25 court costs;

State of Texas vs. Jason Harrell - Making alcohol available to a minor, 30 days jail time served, court costs \$184.25, \$300 fine.

State of Texas vs. Matthew Dean Hodges - Driving while intoxicated 1st, \$500 fine, 30 days jail - time served, driver license suspended 180 days, \$184.25 court costs.

Disposition handed down in 51st District Court on June 22, 1998: State Texas vs. James Jacob Golson - Possession of a controlled substance, 2 years state jail/probated for 4 years, \$750 fine, \$140 restitution.

Personal

The Snyder Rangerettes were recently awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy in the 5-6 Pixie Softball League. Micayla Redman was a member of this team and her mom, Nicole Redman, was one of the coaches. Micayla is the great granddaughter and Nicole is the granddaughter of Patsy Brown of Bronte.

Miles

Larry Glen Miles, 56, of Sweetwater, died Sunday, July 5, 1998, in Odessa.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in McCoy Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with burial in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Bettye Miles, and a son, Matt Miles, both of Sweetwater; two daughters, Sandy Mahaffey of Longview and Robbie Clarac of Santa Fe; a sister, Dorothy Smith of Plainview; four granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Railhead Trade Days & Boer goat cook-off

Mark your calendars now for July 18-19, 1998, to get out of the house and enjoy the great shopping opportunities in downtown Colorado City during the Railhead Trade Days show. The Fourth Annual World Championship Boer Goat Cook-off and Goat Show will also be held the same weekend in Ruddick Park with plenty of food, fun and entertainment for the entire family.

With more than 100 vendors attending the Railhead, this show promises to offer an exciting shopping experience for everyone. Many unique gift items will be available at the July Railhead show including antiques, clothing, gourmet jellies and jams, quilts, knives, baseball cards, sports memorabilia, and personalized door mats.

Carnival rides, live bands and plenty of food and fun will be had by all who attend the Boer Goat Cook-off and Goat Show in Ruddick Park and the Railhead Trade Days in downtown Colorado City.

Contact the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce for more information at (915) 728-3403.

Roe reunion held on 4th of July

The families of Andrew Jackson and Georgia Idane Mapes Roe gathered on Saturday, July 4th, at the home of their grandson, Billy Wayne Roe, of Robert Lee. The families used to get together yearly but had stopped a few years after the death of "Granny and Papa". This was the Third Annual gathering of the clan, which is call the Annual Cousins Reunion. The first gathering was in 1996 at the home of Kenneth and Shirley (Roe) Powell in Wall, the second was at the home of Clint and Sandy (Roe) Caves in Christoval, and the third at the home of Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe in Robert Lee. There were 80 relatives and three friends

The late Andrew Jackson Roe was the son of Andrew Jackson Roe and Emily Juanita Musgrove Roe and the late Georgia Idane Mapes Roe was the daughter of J.M. Mapes and Eugenia Tucker Mapes. There were nine children: Hiram, Ollie Leon, Gladys (Auntie), Emily Juanita (Sister), Bill, A.J. (Snookie), Jirld Lin, Bobbie Ruth and Donald Lee. All but two families were represented at the reunion.

Attending the reunion were: Gladys (Auntie) Roe Slaton of San Angelo, Arthur (Ott) and Juanita (Sister) Roe Dean of Robert Lee and their family: Royce and Betty J. Dean Griffith, Jerry and Pennie Dean, Alan and Genifer Dean Corley, Anthony and Anissa Dean Dominquez, Barbara Ann Dean Tilley, Rhonda Tilley Orr, Missy and Slaton Orr, Randy and Sydney Dean, Hollie B. Dean Leal, Courtney and Remi Smith.

Also attending were Bill and Inez Roe and their family, Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe, Kevin, Tammy, Lindsey and Chase Roe, Clint and Sandy Roe Caves, Mike and Shery Caves Wilkes, Rikki and Brook, attending with Rikki and Brook were Heath Mathis and Brice Wilkins, Ray Don Roe and Danielle Roe, Billy Jack and Kristy Roe, T.J., Michelle and Cayleb Roe, Russell and Irene Millar.

The A.J. (Snookie) Roe family that attended were: Fay Roe, A.J. (Pete) and Deone Roe, Amber and Alan. Also attending with Pete was a friend from Winston-Salem, N.C., Larry Pennington.

Attending from the Jirld Lin Roe Family were: Erwin and Lena Roe Voss, Kenneth and Shirley Ann Roe Powell. Steve and Stacey Powell Flanary and Cody, Conrad, Hunter and Haley Flanary, David and Sheila Roe Hooper, Brooks and Lara Hooper and



Roger Alexander (left), Cookie Burns, and Chris Ertresvaag in the saloon scene during a 1995 performance of "Ole Coke County". This year's performances are scheduled for July 23, 24, and

Tabitha, David Lee and Sandy Roe, Mindi McComb and Bubba McComb.

Bobbie Ruth Roe Lee attended along with her son and daughter-in-law Ronnie and Kreta Lee.

Also attending were Donald Lee and Sharon Roe, Mark and Roxanne Roe, Kristin and Courtney.

Special guests attending were Doyle and Frances Roe of Crawford, Texas who is a newly found cousin and we were all especially glad that they could attend our reunion.

*Plans were made to have the next reunion on July 3, 1999 at the same place. The fellowship, visiting, swimming (or dunking, as the case may be), and food (David outdid himself again on the barbeque) was great and a good time was had by all.

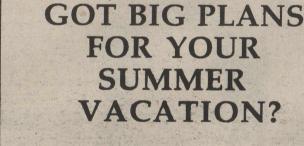
Social Security questions

Question: I only work part-time. Do I qualify for Social Security?

Answer: Part-time work counts for Social Security benefits. To qualify for benefits, you must earn Social Security credits. This year, you earn one credit for each \$700 of earnings, up to a maximum of four credits per year. When you earn 40 credits, you're fully covered for Social Security benefits.

Question: Does Medicare pay for things like eye exams and dental checkups?

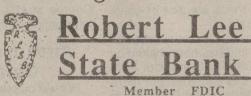
Answer: No. Medicare does not pay for dental care, dentures, eye exams and eyeglasses. For more information, call Social Security and request the booklet,





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Bilbo family reunion held in Oklahoma

Mrs. Alley J. (Alta Mur) Bilbo of Robert Lee was honored when her family convened in Oklahoma for a Bilbo family reunion. Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield, assisted by their three sons and daughter and their families, hosted the gathering of the clan. The Littlefields live on the Grand Lake of the Cherokees, about 8 miles north of Grove, Oklahoma.

About 70 family members attended the three day celebration, which was held July 2nd through the 4th.

Thursday evening was a Hillbilly Get-Together. The clan members, dressed as hillbillies, gathered at the beautiful log home of Jim and Debbie Littlefield. One family portrayed the Clampetts of the Beverly Hillbillies. Other celebrities portrayed were Lil Abner and Daisy May and Minnie Pearl. They all chowed down on roasted pork, red beans, cornbread, biscuits, fried potatoes, salad and strawberry dessert.

Friday's activities included swimming, fishing, boating, card games, and the beginning of the horseshoe pitching tournament. That evening was Mardi Gras time at the lakeside home of Jo Ann and Jarvis. The king and queen of the Mardi Gras (Steve and Mary Evans) arrived by pontoon boat accompanied by their attendants. They were greeted by their costumed and masked subjects. Cajun fare was served on the decorated patio overlooking the lake. The menu included: shrimp gumbo, jambalaya, Mardi Gras chicken, fried rice, rice salad, fruit salad, melon balls, tossed salad, puddings, cakes, and cookies.

All day Saturday, July 4th, the patriotic theme in decor and dress was demonstrated at Jo and Jarvis' place. The horseshoe pitching tournament concluded, with Bebo Boren and John Boren proclaimed winners. Winners of the Bunco games were Shannon Dean and Lynda Caudill.

Saturday night was Pirate Night at Jerry and Debbie Littlefield's unique hilltop home. The outside picnic setting featured a full size pirate ship with the name "Bilbo Pirates" on and Will of Austin. the sail and side of the ship. Host for the night was Captain Hook (Jerry). Also attending were Captain Kidd, Jean Laffite, Blackbeard, and numerous other mateys in pirate attire. A supper of barbecued venison, chicken, sausage, beef and baked salmon was served with grilled potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, salads, garlic bread and cakes.

The final activity of the final night was a talent show and music at Jerry's gazebo. Steve Evans served as master of ceremonies as singing and musical talent was presented by the very young, the young, and some older family members. The program concluded with the singing of "May the Circle Be Unbroken"

Included in the 70 family members attending were Alta's four daughters, three sons-in-law, 11 grandchildren,





Alta Bilbo and her four daughters celebrated Mardi Gras at the Bilbo family reunion. The ladies include (from left) Janet Rathmell, Jo Ann Littlefield, Alta Bell Kay, Alta Bilbo, and Jamie Boren.

22 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren.

Attending from Texas were: Alta Bilbo of Robert Lee; Alta Bell and Lamar Kay of Alpine; Jan and Boddy Hungate, Kara and Kayce of Waco; Mark and Judy Kay and Nicholas of Andrews; Jamie and Bob Boren of Robert Lee; Bebo Boren of Lubbock; John and Jill Boren, Lauren, Jordan, and Slean of Snyder; Janet Rathmell of Mertzon; Sandy and Jill Evans, Samantha, Ashley and Trace of Arlington; Steve and Mary Evans and Allen of Water Valley; Billy Havins, Zachary

Those attending from in and around Grove, Oklahoma, were: Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield, Jerry and Debbie Littlefield, Michelle and Jim Curry, Jeremy Littlefield, and Casey Littlefield; Jim and Debbie Lit-

tlefield, Shannon and Chuck Dean, Joseph, Brent and Charlie; Robin Littlefield and Chelsea, Tyler and Ashley; Travis Moore, Shane Littlefield; Rick and Alicia Littlefield and Creed; Tony and Lynda Caudill, Braden and Kristin Caudill, Jeremy and Ryan, Kari and Tyson Medlin, Bretton and Dakota, Katie Caudill, and Krissy and Forrest Hummel and Hayley of Crystal Lake,

There were three guests from Grove and one from Fritch, Texas.

Family members unable to attend were: Kathy Alexander, Miranda, Jamie Jo and Joe Bob of Midland; Pvt. Lance Evans of Fort Hood, Texas; Rebecca and Mike Levesque, Sarah, Christo-pher and Lucas of San An-

Thank You

Donations from various corporate donors have helped to fund the Robert Lee Outdoor Education Program. Robert Lee ISD, parents and students greatly appreciate the interest and support of each of the following donors. Your generosity helped to make the program a success.

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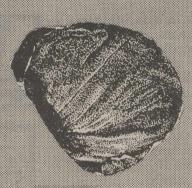
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Bronte Elementary. School Supply List Pre-K

Blunt 5" Fiskar Scissors 1 - 4 oz. nontoxic school glue

1 - box facial tissue Ziplock bags

1 - set washable markers

2 - dispensers clear tape 2 - glue sticks

1 - spiral notebook 1 - pocket folder

- zippered top closure backpack

1 - towel for rest time 1 - set of extra clothing

Kindergarten

2 - Crayola 8 ct. crayons 3 - 100 ct. facial tissues 6 - No. 2 pencils - American

1 - thick 8 ct. marker (14410) 2 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue

6 - assorted pockets only folder 1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors

- 8 ct. watercolors (P108,8000) 1 - box gallon size Ziplock

1 - pink bevel eraser

1 - plastic school box - 70 ct. spiral notebook 8.5"x11"

1 - school bag or backpack

1 - small pillow 1 - small blanket

1 - small prefold (not roll up) mat for nap (no mat covers) First Grade

1 - 1/2" x 500" Scotch tape, transparent

6 - assorted pockets only

1 box crayons (16 ct.) 1 - pink bevel eraser

1 box 100 ct. facial tissue, Puff's quality

2 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue 10 - #2 pencil - American

1 - plastic school box - 1/16" wood ruler, standard

& metric - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors 1 box map pencil 7" 12 ct.,

sharpened 1 box Ziplock bags (sandwich

Second Grade 1 - 1/2" x 500" Scotch tape,

transparent 6 - assorted pockets only

folder 1 box crayons (24 ct.) 1 - pink bevel eraser

2 boxes 100ct. facial tissue, Puff's quality

1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue 12 - #2 pencil - American

1 - plastic school box 1 - 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric

- sharp 5" Fiskar scissors 1 box map pencil 7" 12 ct., sharpened

1 box Ziplock bags (qt. size) 2 m

2 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper 1 - thick 10 ct. markers (assorted colors)

Third Grade 1 - 1/2" x 500" Scotch tape.

transparent 2 - assorted pockets only folder

1 box Crayola crayons (24 ct.) 1 - pink bevel eraser 2 boxes 100 ct. facial tissue,

Puff's quality 1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue

12 - #2 pencil - American 1 - plastic school box

1 - 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric

1 - sharp 5" Fiskar scissors 1 box map pencil 7", 12 ct.,

sharpened 2 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper 1 set thick 10 ct. Crayola markers, assorted colors

1 set 8 ct. watercolors 2 - red check pencil, uncapped

2 - 70 ct. spiral comp. book, wide rule

1 box Ziplock bags, quart size Fourth Grade 3 - assorted pockets & brad

folder 1 - 1/2" asst. heavy poly

binder

2 - 200 ct. wide rule filler

1 - 70 ct. spiral comp book, wide rule 1 box Crayola crayons (24 ct.)

1 set thick 10 ct. Crayola markers, assorted colors 1 box map pencil 7", 12 ct., sharpened

4 - #2 pencil - American 1 - black med stick pen,

erasable 1 - red med. stick pen

Elmer's 8 oz. school glue 1 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric

1 pair sharp 8" imported scissors

2 - 1/2" x 500" Scotch tape, transparent 2 boxes 100 ct. facial tissue, Puff's quality

Fifth Grade 3 - assorted pockets & brad

1 - 1/2" assorted heavy poly binder 1 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper 1 - 70 ct. spiral comp. book,

wide rule 1 set 8 tab index divider 1 box Crayola crayons (24 ct.) 1 set thick 8 ct. Crayola markers, assorted colors 1 box map pencil 7", 12 ct.,

sharpened 3 - #2 pencil - American

1 - blue med. stick pen 2 - red med. stick pen

1 - pink bevel eraser 1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue

1 - 1/16" wood ruler, standard & metric 1 pair sharp 5" Fiskar scissors

1 - 1/2" x 500" Scotch tape, transparent 2 boxes 100 ct. facial tissue,

Puff's quality Sixth Grade

2 - 200 ct. wide rule filler paper 1 - 100 ct. spiral comp. book, wide rule

1 box Crayola crayons (24 ct.) 1 set thick 10 ct. Crayola markers, assorted colors 1 box Crayola map pencil 7", 12 ct.

5 - #2 pencil - American 1 - black med. stick pen 1 - red med. stick pen

1 - Elmer's 8 oz. school glue 1 - 1/16" wood ruler, standard

& metric 1 pair sharp 5" Fiskar scissors 2 - 1/2" x 500" Scotch tape, transparent

2 boxes 100 ct. facial tissue, Puff's quality

Capitol Comment by U.S. Senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison Homestead is where

the heart is Thomas Jefferson told a friend shortly before his death in 1826 that: "I believe the States can best govern our home concerns..." I'm not sure he had bankruptcy laws in mind when he said that, but with Congress proposing to reform federal bankruptcy laws in a way that could endanger the Texas "homestead exemption," I'm beginning to wonder.

There's no doubt we need bankruptcy reform. Congress should close loopholes in the law that allow irresponsible individuals to slide out from under what they lawfully owe. Too many people are taking advantage of current laws. Many debtors have failed to make good on their promises to creditors to repay debt by filing for bankruptcy. This raises costs for everyone, as businesses raise their prices to account for bad debts.

As Congress considers what to do about this, though, I will be working with my Texas colleagues from both parties to ensure that the Texas homestead exemption is not ignored.

The homestead exemption protects a family's home even if everything else is lost to bankruptcy. Specifically, the law protects a Texan's primary residence located on 200 acres of rural land or one acre in the city. While several states have copied it, the idea was born in Texas. This basic protection grew out of the United States Panic of 1837 and subsequent depression in which many families lost their homes and farms through foreclosures. Business stagnated. Money was scarce. No one could obtain credit.

The idea had three purposes: to protect families, the basic unit of society; to give debtors a second chance after bankruptcy rather than force their families into becoming a public burden; and to preserve the individual freedoms that are critical to democracy.

So important to those early Texans was the homestead exemption that, upon joining the Union in 1845, the new state preserved it in its Consti-

Congress has the authority under the U.S. Constitution to



their 50th wedding anniversary on July 2, 1998, at a special dinner hosted by their children and grandchildren at the Oxford Street Pub in Bryan. They were married at First Baptist Church in Stephenville, Texas.
The Wylies have a son, Milton and wife, Mary

Anne of Gilmore, and a daughter, Barbara and

husband, Gary of Lewisville.

The couple has four beautiful grandchildren, Matt and Meredith Wylie of Longview and Shea and Audra Smith of Lewisville. Mr. Wylie retired from GTE after 39 years. Mrs. Wylie graduated from Shannon Memorial School of Nursing in San Angelo, Texas.

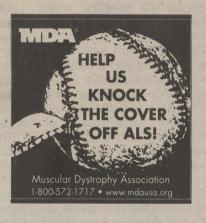
establish "uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States." Federal lawmakers have used this authority more than once to streamline bankruptcy proceedings among the states. In the past, reforms were carefully crafted to avoid undoing state law.

But the bankruptcy reform bill now before Congress goes too far by trying to set one homestead exemption on all 50 states. Texas' elected representatives, who are closer to the situation than federal officials, are well aware of the problem of bankruptcy abuse. But at the same time they appreciate something legislators from the other states cannot: the history and values of our state.

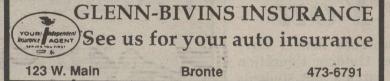
The proposal in the Senate puts a \$100,000 cap on the amount that can be claimed under the homestead exemption. The Texas Constitution bases its exemption on acreage and not value, to protect against inflated property

values. Our state law ensures that families will still have a home even if their property has grown in value over time and would otherwise be lost. I will work to see that protection is included in the federal law.

The homestead exemption is critical to Texas' small farmers and ranchers. If Congress changes the law, I want to make sure the protections written into the Texas Constitution are preserved to the maximum extent possible.



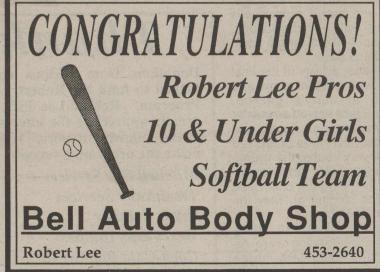




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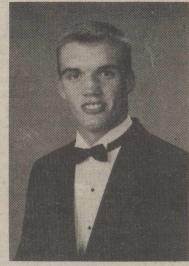
Millican awarded \$500 scholarship

The Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau awarded this year's \$500 scholarship to Matthew Millican of Robert Lee High School. Matthew is the son of Tim and Pam Millican. He plans to attend Tarleton State University in the fall and obtain a degree in Agriculture.

All of the applications we received were excellent this year, and we wish that we could give each and every applicant a scholarship. As you know, Farm Bureau is an independent organization made up of its members. It is from the membership dues that we are able to give this scholarship to one of our members. As our membership continues to grow, we hope to increase the number of scholarships we can give.

Ambulance

Service Memorials The following memorials were received by the East Coke County Ambulance Service in the month of June: Bill Kinnaird Royce & Jean Fancher Christine Corley Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg Joe & Glenda Draper Lois Wallace Marian Rabb Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg Wanda Fox Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg Charles Ray Brice **Bronte Senior Center** Juanita Bradley Virginia Boatright Juanita Bradley Chelsea Johnson Jerry & Lorena Landers Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg Benny & Jackie Corley Jimmy & Carolyn Lee Wendell & Jeanna Lee Bill, Betty & Genie Thomas Cotton, Joyce & Sam Morgan Leona Spivey Jerry & Lorena Landers Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg Wendell & Jeanna Lee Jimmy & Carolyn Lee Cotton, Joyce & Sam Morgan Cecil Ellis Wendell & Jeanna Lee



Matthew Millican

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Jordan Camri Digby Janzen Digby is announcing the birth of his baby sister, Jordan Camri Digby. She was born June 28, 1998, at 1:23 p.m. in Odessa. Jordan weighed 6 lbs 7 oz. and was 20" long.

Proud parents are Joe and Nikki Digby. Grandparents are Mario and Sheryl Tavarez of Robert Lee, Rick Digby of Odessa and Lynda Roberts of Lamesa.



Tara Bruning is the 1998 recipient of the Australia and New Zealand scholarship pre-\$250 sented by Robert Lee Chapter #187, Order of Bonilla pushed hard for imthe Eastern Star.

TSGRA to hold 83rd annual convention in Kerrville.

The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will hold its 83rd Annual Convention at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, July 16-18. Scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 16, is the Goat Ropers Golf Tournament at the Scott Schriener Municipal Golf Course.

The convention gets under way at 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 17. Mike McMurry of Texas Department of Agriculture and State Representative Bob Turner of Voss will be addressing natural resource and environmental issues. Health & Product Development Committee speakers Dr. John Reagor of Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab and Tevis Herd, sheep and goat industry representative on the Texas Animal Health Commission, will address health matters. Committee chair Dr. William Edmiston will present a proposed resolution of Scrapie for consideration and discussion.

Featured speaker for the noon lunch will be Charlie Scruggs, retired Editorial Chairman of Southern Progress Corporation, the parent company of Progressive Farmer, Southern Living, Creative Ideas for Living, Southern Accents, Cooking Light and Oxmoor House. His topic will be "The Five Surprising Faces of Agriculture."

Livestock protective issues will be addressed right after lunch, and goat meat marketing and membership issues will be discussed later in the afternoon.

U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla will be honored at a poolside reception at 7:00 p.m. When lamb imports from jumped to nearly 30% of the total domestic lamb supply, mediate investigation and implementation of trade mea-



Harrell Johnston portrayed the Rabbit Twister (Narrator) during the 1995 production of "Ole Coke County". This year's performances are scheduled for July 23, 24, and 25.

sures, tariffs and quotas to ensure fair and equitable trade for U.S. sheep producers. This resulted in an announcement by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman in May that USDA will purchase up to \$8 million of lamb products to help improve prices for U.S. lamb producers and the lamb industry. USDA did the same thing earlier in the year for U.S beef and pork producers. Congressman Bonilla also spoke eloquently on behalf of funding for wildlife services in the western states and opposed inclusion of Texas rivers in the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. TS-GRA president Dr. Tim Turner stated, "Agriculture has too few champions these days, and we must let those we do have know that we appreciate their efforts in our behalf. Henry has gone to the wall for us many times, and it's time to show our appreciation."

Saturday's activities will include speakers on lamb marketing, wool and mohair mar-

keting and tax and labor issues. State Representative Warren Chisum will be on hand to discuss what he sees ahead for agriculture in the next session of the legisla-

Keynote speaker for the noon luncheon will be acclaimed western writer Elmer Kelton. The evening's entertainment will include the annual membership banquet, a wool and mohair style show presented by Kay King of Houston Community College, presentation of awards and a dance with music by the Johnny Adair band.

In addition, the Woman's Auxiliary will hold a breakfast meeting on Saturday, July 18, and the one-day Kids Crazy Olympics, which will include both land and water events, will be held that day. Sheep and goat producers across the state are urged to attend the convention and learn more about what is going on in the industry.





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Contestants sought for 1998 Miss Texas Teen All American Pageant

tional cost. Contact City Hall

Contestants are now being accepted for the 1998 Miss Texas Teen All American Pageant to be staged Saturday and Sunday, October 31st and November 1st at the DFW Lakes Hilton in Grapevine. The 1998 event is the Official Preliminary to Miss Teen All American, now in its 21st year, staged annually under the magnificent Florida sun.

All judging is on the basis of poise, personal interview and beauty of face and figure. Applicants who qualify must be ages 13 through 19 as of August 1, 1998; never married and a legal resident of the U.S. To apply, send a recent photo along with your Name, Address, Telephone Number, Date of Birth, and a short bio by fax or mail to Dept. B - Miss Texas Teen All American, 603 Schrader Avenue, Wheeling WV 26003-9619. Fax number is 1-304-242-8341, and the phone number is 1-304-242-4900.

Among her many prizes, Miss Texas Teen All American will receive an expense-paid trip to Florida where she will compete in the 21st Annual Miss Teen All American Pageant. She will compete for a prize package that includes a Personal Appearance Contract, cash jewelry, luggage and more. In addition, each State Winner will be interviewed by representatives from the TV/film industry and modeling agency personnel. Miss Texas Teen All American will also be awarded a host of prizes including cash, jewelry and luggage. The reigning Miss Texas Teen All American is Stephanie Guerrero of Lake

Many of the winners have signed with major agencies and enjoy careers as TV and film stars, international models and spokespersons.

Managing wheat residues for greater production benefit

by Bruce Deere, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Although extended drought has reduced the county's wheat crop, spring showers have made harvest feasible in some areas. Many farmers overlook managing wheat residue following harvest as a benefit. Although harvest is low and rainfall sparse, many fields will still have residues available in amounts that can provide advantages for future crops.

Residues maintained on the soil surface provide cover and shade that can substantially reduce evaporation and retain soil moisture. Just one additional inch of moisture stored in the soil profile can result in a two or three bushel yield increase the following year. Surface residues can also greatly reduce erosion resulting from high winds or intense thunderstorms.

Management of residue after harvest largely depends on the amount of residue produced. As a rule of thumb, approximately 100 pounds of straw will be produced for each bushel of grain. For example, a field yielding 15 bushels will have about 1,500 pounds of straw per acre.

Chiseling, sweeping with small sweeps, or using field cultivators are tillage operations that lend themselves to light residue amounts. These implements do not invert the soil, so reasonably good residue cover can be maintained until seedbed preparation time. Deep chiseling may be needed if a plowpan is present. This will shatter the restrictive layer so that it will accept rainfall and still leave adequate surface residues to prevent excessive evaporation or erosion. It will also allow deeper root penetration and moisture utilization by the next crop.

Using approved herbicides to minimize tillage operations

and keep fields weed-free during fallow is another option worth investigating. Applied properly, they can be as effective for weed control as tillage and will minimize fuel and labor costs.

Most of our livestock producers are in a jam for forage and wheat straw is likely being considered for grazing or baling. Before doing so, however, several factors should be considered. Wheat straw is practically devoid of digestible protein. Used as roughage, it will have to be fed along with protein supplement at additional expense. The straw may have more value as an addition to the soil.

In addition to reducing erosion and evaporation, the straw can provide long-term benefits if returned to the soil. One ton of wheat straw contains up to 13 pounds of Nitrogen and 20 pounds of Potassium. It can contribute to increased organic matter levels which will, in turn, improve the moisture holding capacity and tilth of the soil. Over the long term, the benefits of maintaining wheat residues on or near the soil surface and eventually returning them to the soil far outweigh any of the short-term benefits of removing them.

For more information on protecting your valuable natural resources, contact your local USDA-NRCS office in the Ag Service Center on East 7th Street in Robert Lee or call 453-2623.

Local student attends FB seminar

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 35th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo June 15-19 was Amanda Sex-

Get Prenatal Care Early Call 1-800-311-2229 Confidential ton of Water Valley High School. Sponsored by the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau, she was among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to John Stephens of Robert Lee, county FB president.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo State University. "Farm Bureau - Your Host,' was presented by Bob Stallman, president of Texas Farm Bureau. Chuck Senter (TFB Field Representative), Brenda Schumann (1997 Miss TFB), and Lucas Price, the 1997 TFB Speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activi-

For the first time, the students participated in a new



Amanda Sexton

program, Congressional Insights, which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Free Enterprise"; Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution"; Kurt Swanda, Fort Worth, "American", and Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, "Press on Regardless"

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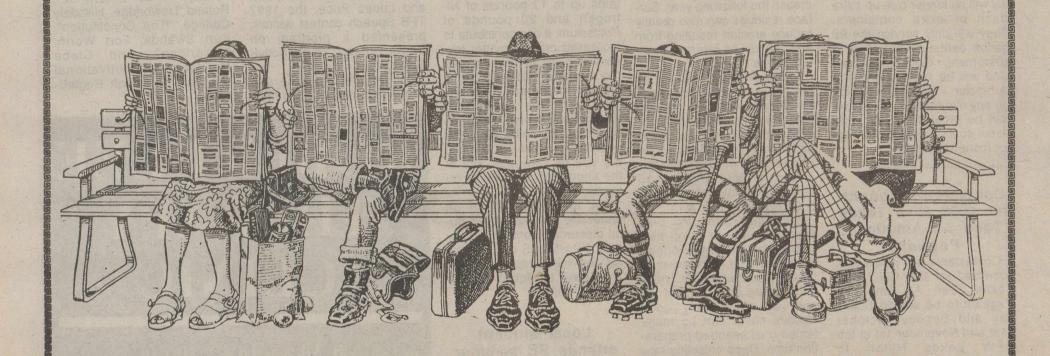
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