

# THE OBSERVER/ ENTERPRISE



Serving Coke County

(USPS 467-480)  
(ISSN 8750-197X)

Vol. 111, No. 04

Friday, August 21, 1998

## People are getting into the spirit of the Labor Day Extravaganza

The cooler weather may be responsible for the added interest in the Labor Day Extravaganza. People are getting into the spirit of the Robert Lee celebration! The annual Extravaganza, sponsored by West Coke County Community Development, will be at the county park on Saturday, Sept. 5.

### Home Landscape School set for September 14 & 15

by Tommy Antilley  
County Extension Agent

A landscape which is both functional and pleasing to the eye should be the goal of the professional as well as the novice gardener. Many variables are involved in the selection of plant materials and their placement in the landscape. For this reason, no two are alike or should be.

In an effort to assist West Texans, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service offices in Coke, Sterling, and Irion Counties have planned a Basic Home Landscaping School. John Begnaud, County Extension Agent-Horticulture from Tom Green County, will cover topics that include soil structure and modification, plant materials, design principles, and maintenance guidelines, as they all pertain to this area of Texas.

The school will consist of two classes, meeting the evenings of September 14 and 15 from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Sterling City Community Center. Registration will begin at 6:30 pm each evening. The development of an acceptable plan for your landscape will be the objective. Whether you are establishing a new landscape or renovating an existing one, this class will be educational.

An enrollment fee of \$15 per person or \$15 per couple will cover educational materials including textbook, handouts, and supplies. In order to pre-enroll, or for more information, contact the Coke County Extension Office at 453-2461. Due to limited space, the deadline to pre-enroll is Friday, September 4.

All efforts will be made to accommodate individuals with disabilities who request services by contacting the Coke County Extension Office.

Activities will begin at 9:30 am with the parade, starting at the courthouse downtown and ending in the swimming pool parking lot at the park. Some of the entries include horseback riders; Katie, the Helmet Lady; some classic vehicles; motorcycles; and Slipshod Sally on her mule. Kids are encouraged to ride their bicycles, skateboards, or just walk with the parade. Adults are asked to drive a unique car or ride horseback in the procession.

Three area politicians will be in the parade and will be at the park at least part of the day. On hand will be State Representative Rob Junell; US Congressman Charlie Stenholm; and Rudy Izzard, Republican candidate for congress.

A good number of booth spaces have been reserved including various crafts and fun booths. Food available at booths will be drinks, watermelon, cotton candy, turkey legs, sausage, fajitas, potatoes, hamburgers, and sweets.

The open-air pavilion will be the site of the day's entertainment, with a DJ setup which will also provide music for the dancing Saturday night from 8-12.

Plan now to spend the day. Bring a blanket and lawn chairs and have a good time. If you need a booth, please call 453-4777, 453-2548, 453-2301, or 453-2713 for information. To be a part of the

### BNH Auxiliary Meeting

The Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary will have their monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is August 20 at 7 pm in the Conference Room of the Nursing Home.

### Pecan Singing

There will be a gospel singing for all denominations at the Pecan Baptist Church on Sunday, August 30, from 2:00 pm til 4:30 pm. Pecan is twelve miles west of Robert Lee on the Sterling City Highway, at the foot of a large mountain on the left.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this old time southern, country gospel singing.



On July 30-31, the Robert Lee High School PALS embarked on a new adventure. Six students, selected by their peers and faculty, attended a peer-helper training workshop at the Education Service Center in San Angelo.

The workshop consisted of activities designed to enhance the leadership abilities of those attending. This will be the first year the PALS program is implemented in the curriculum of RLHS. These students will spend approximately 1 hour each day in an elementary classroom as role models as well as leaders to students in these selected classes. Those participating will be seniors Justin Francis and Chad Helwig, juniors Jamie Luna, Kelli Osborn, Melanie Johnson, and Joel Gallegos. Counselor Nita Rowley is sponsor.

parade, contact any of the numbers listed above, and get ready to enjoy a fun, hometown day!

### RL Baptist slates revival meeting

Robert Lee Baptist Church is holding a revival Sunday, August 23, through Wednesday, August 26.

Services are scheduled for 10:45 am and 7 pm on Sunday and at 12 noon and 7 pm on weekdays.

Featured speaker is Scooter McCurdy, Pastor of Glen Meadows Baptist Church in San Angelo. Patrick Hamilton, Minister of Music/Education at First Baptist Church in Plains, Texas, will be in charge of the music for the services.

Special activities planned for the revival include a church-wide covered dish luncheon at 12 noon on Sunday; a children's hot dog supper at 6 pm on Monday for ages 3 years through 6th grade; "Bring A Friend Night" on Tuesday; and Youth Pizza Night at 6 pm and a church-wide ice cream fellowship at 8 pm on Wednesday night.

The noon weekday services will be held in the Fellowship Hall with everyone bringing a lunch for these services. Evening services will have a nursery available.

### Court sets date to approve budget

The Coke County Commissioner's Court met on August 17, 1998, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the proposed budget tax increase.

The meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag and a prayer led by Stover Taylor.

Other than the regular court, the following were in attendance: Wayne McCutchen, Phelan Wrinkle, Kristy Roe, Lane Arthur, and Clint Porter. No comments were addressed to the court.

Commissioners set the date of Monday, August 24, 1998, as the date to approve the budget and set the tax rate.

### Mountain Creek slates tournament

Mountain Creek Golf Course will host a 3-person, 27 hole, select shot tourna-

ment on Saturday, August 22. Tee time has been set for 9:00 am.

For more information, contact Jesse Flores at 453-2317 or Ken Brackeen at 378-8561.

### Retirement reception planned for Rogers couple

A retirement reception honoring Bro. and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers will be held at Pecan Baptist Church, August 30, 1998, from 2:00 until 4:00 pm. The Rogers' served Pecan Baptist Church and the Bronte and Robert Lee communities for over 30 years. The public is invited to attend.

### Host an exchange student

Welcome an exchange student into your family. Each year some 3,000 Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange Students from 50 countries arrive in the USA to experience life with an American host family. It's a wonderful educational experience for the entire family. To learn more call 1-800-TEENAGE.

**THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE**

Published Weekly Except Christmas  
707 Austin (915) 453-2433

(USPS 467-480) (ISSN 8750-197X)  
Periodical Rate Postage paid at Robert Lee, TX.

**POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to  
Observer/Enterprise  
PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, TX 76945.**

**STAFF**

Hal Spain, Publisher Melinda McCutchen, Editor  
Lynne McWilliams Morgan McCutchen Carolyn Hendry

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

Per Year in Coke County.....\$15.00  
Per Year Elsewhere in Texas.....\$17.00  
Per Year Outside of Texas.....\$20.00

**Farm Bureau holds annual county convention**

The annual Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau County Convention was held in the Robert Lee Recreation Center on Saturday, August 15, 1998. A dinner of brisket, sausage, and all the trimmings was catered by McGowen's Catering Service of San Angelo and served to about 100 people.

Entertainment was provided by Macy Hill of Robert Lee High School. She was presented with a check for \$100.00 as the winner of the County Talent Find Contest. Macy will go on to compete in the district contest in October.

A brief business meeting was held. The main item on the agenda was a proposal to increase membership dues from \$30.00 to \$35.00. The increase was approved and will take effect November 1, 1998. Amanda Sexton of Water Valley High School was this year's participant in the Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar. She gave a speech about her experiences at the seminar.

The guest speaker this year

**Consumer Tips**

Investigate the track record of any contractor. Get recommendations from friends or co-workers.

was Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman. Mr. Stallman spoke about the challenges agriculture and its producers face today. He urged every Farm Bureau member to learn about and endorse the AgFund. He also stated that agriculture in the world is going to have to depend on technology of the future to feed the populations of the future.

Door prizes were last on the agenda with several winners taking home some very nice prizes.

**Death Notices**

**Martin**

Mary Inez Martin, 75, of San Angelo, died Monday, August 17, 1998, at her residence.

Service was conducted at 11:30 am Wednesday at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Waymon Childress officiating. Graveside service was at 4 pm in Varga Chapel Cemetery in the Bowser Community.

Survivors include a son, Randy Martin of Bowser; a daughter, Judy Proctor of Red Rock; two brothers, Ross Watkins of Denison and Lucian Watkins of Shepard; a sister, Sue Millican of Robert Lee; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Service couple celebrates fiftieth**

J. W. Service, Jr. and Ida Belle Eaton were married August 10, 1948, in Maverick, Texas. The Reverend Fred Blake officiated the ceremony before a Tuesday night revival service.

The groom graduated from Robert Lee High School and was stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base. The bride is a 1948 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

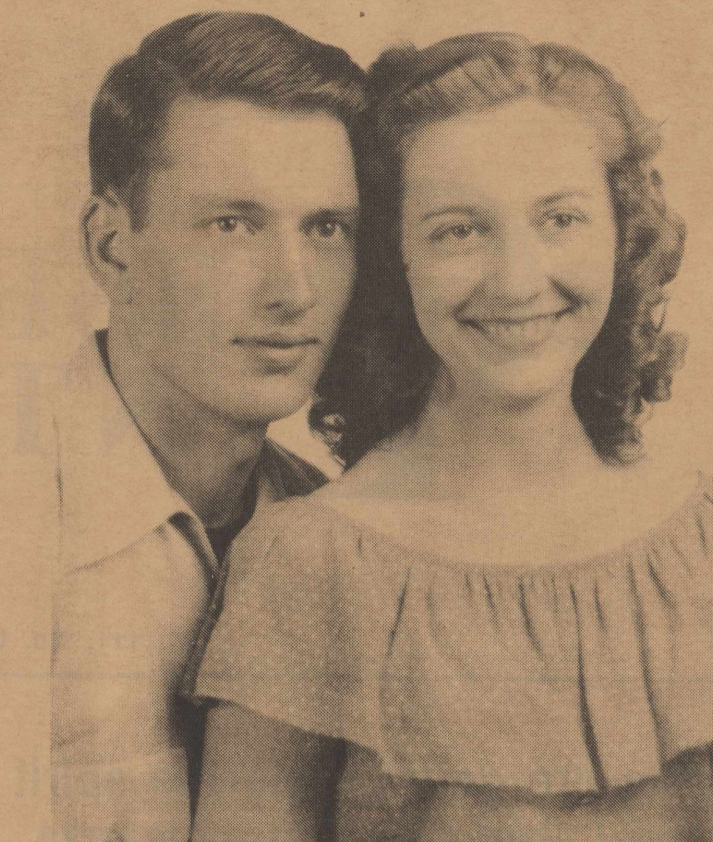
Mr. and Mrs. Service have made their home in Robert Lee, pursuing their farming and ranching interests. Mr. Service was employed by Sun Oil Company and Oryx Energy Company for thirty-one years, while Mrs. Service corralled their five children and an assortment of grandchildren.

A reception honoring the couple on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage was held August 8, 1998, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, followed by a family dinner at Zentner's Daughter.

The couple's children and their spouses; Joe and Kathy Brasher, John Service, Jay Lyn and Celeste Service, Gary and Konny Davis, and Rod and Kaylan Gardner hosted the celebration. Eleven grandchildren, their spouses, and three great-grandchildren also helped with the festivities.

**Chilling method may make eating raw oysters safer**

As recent outbreaks of illness from Galveston Bay area oysters show, eating raw



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr.

shellfish during the summertime can be risky. A new method to rapidly chill oysters after harvesting may greatly reduce this risk, said Dr. John Schwarz of Texas A&M University at Galveston.

The Food and Drug Administration requires harvesters to store oysters at 45 degrees Fahrenheit or below, but oysters placed in cold storage may take hours to reach this temperature, allowing bacteria to continue to reproduce.

Schwarz found that chilling oysters in an icewater slush for 15 minutes before storing

eliminates as much as 90 plus percent of Vibrio vulnificus Bacteria, which can cause illness or death among those with poor immune systems, liver disease, or diabetes.

"It's just rapidly cooling them as opposed to letting them slowly cool," Schwarz said. "It's not a process that should have to go through regulation."

No studies have been completed on how rapid chilling affects Vibrio parahaemolyticus -- the recent cause of illness among those eating Galveston Bay oysters.

**Notice**

**of Vote on Tax Rate**

**The East Coke County Hospital District conducted a public hearing on a proposal**

**to increase the total tax revenues of the East Coke County Hospital District by 10.89 percent on August 17, 1998, 6:30 pm.**

**The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase**

**at a public meeting to be held on August 24, 1998, at 6:30 pm at Bronte Nursing Home Conference Room.**

You are invited to attend the

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**



Sunday, August 23rd - Wednesday, August 26th

Sunday: 10:45 am and 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays: 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**Feature Speaker**

**Scooter McCurdy**

Pastor

Glen Meadows

Baptist Church

San Angelo, Texas

**Music Minister**

**Patrick Hamilton**

Minister of

Music/Education

First Baptist Church

Plains, Texas

**Special Activities**

Sunday, 8/23

Church Wide Covered Dish Lunch, 12 Noon

Monday, 8/24

Children's Hot Dog Supper, 6 PM for ages 3 yrs - 6th

Tuesday, 8/25

Bring A Friend Night

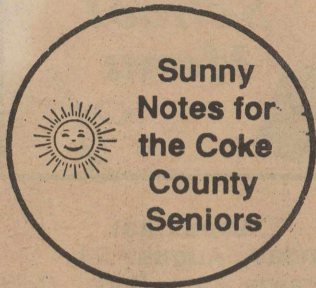
Wed., 8/26

Youth Pizza Night, 6 pm Church Wide Ice Cream Fellowship 8 pm

Evening services will have a nursery available.

Bring a lunch for the weekday noon services.

They will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



**Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors**

**RL Senior Citizen News**

On Thursday, August 11, 1998, Robert Lee received a new Thunderbird Rural Public Transportation van. The van will run on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings for in-town trips. On Tuesday the van makes trips to San Angelo. If you need a ride call Annice at 453-2314 to schedule a ride. There will be a small charge for each trip.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the van will pick up senior citizens for the meals at the senior citizens' building. Seniors are encouraged to come for lunch. Serving begins around 11:30, and the meals have been very good. Call 453-2314 on the day before to make reservations for the noon meal.

The Senior Citizens also play 42 and 88 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. Come join in the fun.

**RL Senior Citizen Menu Monday, August 24**

Meat Loaf, Potato Wedges, Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Bread Pudding.

**Wednesday, August 26**

Cucumber & Onions, BBQ Chicken, Corn Cobbette, Lima Beans, Bread, Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

**Friday, August 28**

Tossed Salad, Popcorn Shrimp, Baked Potato, Carrots, Garlic Bread, Lemon Squares.

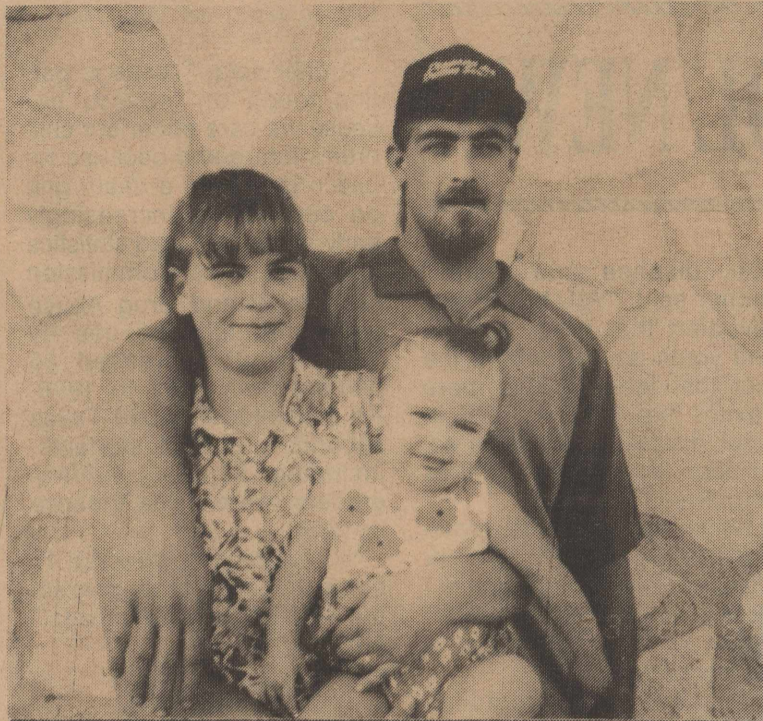
**Depot Daze slated for Ballinger**

When looking for something fun to do in Texas... mark your calendar for a visit to historic Ballinger, Texas, and "Depot Daze". The trade day is scheduled for the last weekend of each month through September. The next show date is August 29 & 30.

Display booths full of arts and crafts, commercial items, trader/flea market goods, and food will be set up on the pecan tree shaded land adjacent to the railway in beautiful downtown Ballinger, directly behind the restored Santa Fe Depot.

The two-day event is sponsored by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact them at (915) 365-2333, or 365-5611.

**BARN DANCE & BBQ**  
**Saturday, Sept. 12**  
**Roger Graves' Barn**  
 2 mi. S of Bronte on Brunson Rd.  
**BBQ 8 pm - Dance 9 pm**  
 \$5 per person.  
 FMI, Roger Graves  
 473-6901.  
 Dance to Blackhawk!



Gary D. Bilbrey Jr. and Mica D. Carper were wed on August 10, 1998, in San Angelo, Texas, with Justice of the Peace Floyd officiating. The groom is the son of Gary D. Bilbrey, Sr., of Bronte and the late Sheila Hanna of Robert Lee. The bride is the daughter of Tanja Jones of Bronte. Both attended Bronte High School. Gary graduated from BHS in 1994. The couple will make their home in San Angelo with their daughter, Crystal Michele Bilbrey.

**Library News**

The first county-wide Story Hour for children ages three to five at the Coke County Library has been set for Tuesday, September 9. Parents and care-givers may bring children at 10 am each Tuesday for a story, a treat, and to check out books. A volunteer or two would be welcomed to read, or serve, or guide the children in checking out their books.

The children will be receiving stickers on their book sacks and small cookies for treats. If any group or person is interested in providing for these "extras", contact the Library at 453-2495 during Library hours, or contact the librarian at home at 453-2169.

The Head Start group will begin their Story Hour on Friday, August 26, at 10 am. There will be eleven children from Head Start to hear a story and check out books. The children are accompanied by their teacher and they also enjoy interaction with other adults. If Friday at 10 am is a convenient time to come to

the Library, volunteers will find a rewarding interaction with the children from the Head Start program.

The energy created by the three-to-five year olds is often overlooked by adults. Everyone is invited to come to the Library during Tuesday or Friday Story Hours to soak up some energy. It makes a day more fun.

**County Court disposition told**

The County Court released the following disposition as of August 18, 1998:

State of Texas vs. Joseph Teague; assault; fine \$200, court costs \$214.25.

**District Court releases case disposition**

District Court met on August 3, 1998, and handed down the following ruling concerning the following court case:

State of Texas vs. Leta May Mott; theft; two years state jail/probated for five years, \$1,000 fine, \$2,995 restitution plus court costs.

**6.50% APY Deposit Notes**

- Issued by major depository institutions
- Due 08/28/2013
- 15 Year Final Maturity
- Interest paid semiannually
- Callable beginning 08/28/99 at 101.00\*\*
- FDIC-insured up to \$100,000

\*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) - Interest cannot remain on deposit periodic payout of interest is required. Effective 08/28/98. Market value will fluctuate if sold prior to maturity.

\*\*This deposit note is callable at the option of the issuer, not the investor.



Call or stop by today.

Jimmy Newsom  
 719 Strong Avenue  
 Ballinger, Texas 76821  
 (915) 365-2505  
 www.edwardjones.com

**Edward Jones®**

LONE STAR CARDS WELCOME **Super H IGA** LIMIT RIGHTS RESERVED

501 Commerce - Robert Lee, TX

Store Hrs: Mon.-Sat. 8-8 Sun. 8-6

SPECIALS GOOD 8/19 Thru 8/25

Farmland Country Style  
**Pork Ribs**  
 Lb. **.99**

Bone-In  
**Rib Eye Steak**  
 Lb. **\$2.99**

Sweet & Juicy  
**Cantaloupe**  
 Ea. **.59**

Asst'd Varieties  
**Gandy's Ice Cream**  
 2 Half Gallon Rounds **/\$5**

2 Ply IGA White  
**Bath Tissue**  
 4 Roll Pkg. **.59**

Fresh Lean  
**Ground Beef**  
 Lb. **.99**

**Coca-Cola or Sprite**  
 12 Pk, 12 Oz. Cans **\$2.99**

# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Minor tobacco users may suffer penalties

Some 64 percent of Texas youth said the threat of losing their driver's license would keep them from smoking, according to a recent statewide survey conducted for the Texas Department of Health (TDH). Another 23 percent said the sanction would make them cut back on smoking.

Senate Bill 55 imposes a range of penalties for tobacco use by Texans under 18, including mandatory attendance at tobacco education classes, required community service, a \$250 fine and suspension of the driver's license for repeat offenders.

The 75th Texas Legislature charged TDH with conducting a public education campaign aimed at curbing tobacco use among youth. NuStats International conducted the survey for the department to identify the attitudes of Texas children ages 10 through 17 and their parents about tobacco and the new state law that aims to keep kids tobacco-free.

"We surveyed young Texans and their parents to find out what would have the best chance of making kids think twice before using tobacco,"

explained TDH Commissioner Dr. William Archer. "Overwhelmingly, teens said that losing their driver's license is the sanction most likely to deter them from using tobacco."

NuStats interviewed 233 sets of parents and children (466 total), chosen to represent the geographic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of Texas. Survey findings include:

- Youth surveyed said the threat of losing driver's licenses (64 percent) and the \$250 fine (48 percent) would be the top two deterrents for youth smoking.

- Tobacco education class (45 percent) and community service (44 percent) would be slightly less effective deterrents.

- More than half (58 percent) of Texas youth say family members smoke and about a third (34 percent) have close friends who smoke.

- About half the parents and youth were not aware of the new law.

- 86 percent of parents and 87 percent of youth approve of Texas' new tobacco prevention law.

"Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable deaths in Texas, and it is the only product that, when used as directed, causes mass addic-

tion, disease and death," Archer said. "Yet, the survey revealed that most parents and youth do not believe the fact that tobacco kills more Texans than alcohol, AIDS, illegal drugs, auto accidents, suicides, homicides, and fires combined."

While some of the provisions of Senate Bill 55 took effect in September, the most far-reaching aspects took effect in January. Highlights of the law include:

- Prohibits minors from buying, using or possessing tobacco products except in the presence of their parent or guardian.

- Allows law enforcement officers to write citations to minors caught smoking or possessing tobacco products.

- Penalizes minors for violating the law by requiring them to attend eight hours of tobacco awareness classes or pay a fine of up to \$250.

- Allows judges to suspend the driver's licenses of repeat offenders and youngsters who fail to attend the required tobacco awareness class or pay the fine.

- Prohibits the sale of "kiddie packs" containing fewer than 20 cigarettes.

- Restricts cigarette vending machines and other self-service sales except in places not

open to those under 18 or in places used as cigar humidors.

Archer said, "Texas is getting tough on tobacco because we care about our children's future and because tobacco is seizing a death grip on our kids at increasingly early ages." He said statistics from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse show that tobacco use by Texas youth increased 25 percent from 1992 to 1996. An estimated 410,000 Texas secondary school students, including 50,000 seventh-graders, were using tobacco in 1996.

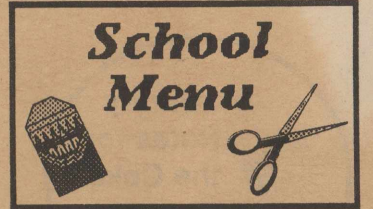
"It's alarming to know that 17 percent of all seventh-graders are using tobacco products," Archer said.

## RL Sports Boosters to host "Meet the Steers"

The Robert Lee Sports Boosters will host "Meet the Steers" Thursday, August 27, after the scrimmage against Santa Anna. The scrimmage is set to begin at 5 pm, and the booster club will begin serving hamburgers at 5:30 pm.

## Consumer Tips

Are you ready for the internet? It's easy to fake e-mail addresses. Be mindful of who you're listening to and talking with before you send any money or personal information. Online, anyone can be anyone, anywhere!



- Breakfast**  
**Monday, August 24**  
 Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk  
**Tuesday, August 25**  
 Orange Juice, Banana Nut Muffin, Cold Cereal, Milk  
**Wednesday, August 26**  
 Orange Juice, Blueberry Pancake, wrapped around sausage, w/syrup, Cold Cereal, Milk  
**Thursday, August 27**  
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cold Cereal, Milk  
**Friday, August 28**  
 Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Milk
- Lunch**  
**Monday, August 24**  
 Frito Pie, Corn, Chili Beans, Diced Pears, Crackers, Milk  
**Tuesday, August 25**  
 Chicken O's, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk  
**Wednesday, August 26**  
 Ham & Cheese Subs, Ranch Style Potato Wedges, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Gingerbread, Milk  
**Thursday, August 27**  
 Barbecue Ribs, New Potatoes in sauce, Broccoli & Cheese, Homemade Rolls, Grapes, Milk  
**Friday, August 28**  
 Hot Dogs w/chili & cheese, Tator Tots, Fruit Cocktail, Rice Krispie Bar, Milk

# ROBERT LEE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

## Robert Lee High School

|                |                          |       |      |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------|------|
| August 20      | Scrimmage - Cross Plains | There | 5:00 |
| August 27      | Scrimmage - Santa Anna   | Here  | 5:00 |
| September 4    | May                      | There | 7:30 |
| **September 11 | Miles                    | Here  | 8:00 |
| September 18   | Eden                     | Here  | 8:00 |
| September 25   | Bronte                   | Here  | 8:00 |
| October 2      | Garden City              | There | 7:30 |
| * October 9    | Roscoe                   | There | 7:30 |
| * October 16   | Roby                     | There | 7:30 |
| * October 23   | Sterling City            | Here  | 7:30 |
| * October 30   | Rotan                    | There | 7:30 |
| * November 6   | Water Valley             | Here  | 7:30 |

\* District Games

\*\* Homecoming

## Robert Lee Junior Varsity & Junior High

|              |               |       |
|--------------|---------------|-------|
| September 3  | May (JV Only) | Here  |
| September 10 | Miles         | There |
| September 17 | Eden          | There |
| September 24 | Bronte        | There |
| October 1    | Garden City   | Here  |
| October 8    | Roscoe        | Here  |
| October 15   | Roby          | Here  |
| October 22   | Sterling City | There |
| October 29   | Open          |       |
| November 5   | Water Valley  | There |

Junior High - 6 pm • Junior Varsity - 7:30 pm

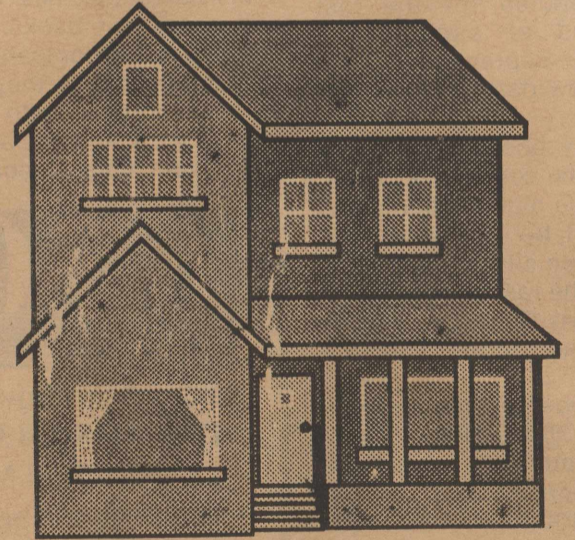
## WINK INSURANCE AGENCY



Home • Auto  
 Life • Commercial

715 Austin • 453-4551

## Does your house need a face lift?




Planning a new kitchen, an additional bathroom, bedroom or a new roof? Whatever your plans, we'd like to hear them. We have the money to lend so you can turn your remodeling dream into reality.



**Robert Lee State Bank**

Member FDIC

SERIES ONE OF TEN: "ON THE RANGE"



# T R I V I A


Match wits with "HyperTex"! He knows everything about Texas...do you?  
 Test your Texas know-how by answering the 10 questions below.  
 Some are tougher than you think!

Answer all 10: You're a Texas star!  
 Answer 7-9: You're elected sheriff!  
 Answer 3-6: Proud to call you pardner!  
 Answer less than 3: You must be from Oklahoma!

1. What was the name of legendary Texas cowboy Pecos Bill's horse?
2. What is the most common type of cactus in Texas?
3. In what Texas city is every week "Rodeo Week"?
4. What was the legendary Texas critter that deceived settlers by putting its tail in its mouth and rolling down the road leaving a track resembling a wagon wheel?
5. What famous cattle trail passed through Waco and Waxahachie?
6. What is the fruit of the prickly pear commonly known as?
7. Where is the Cattleman's Museum?
8. McLean is home to the Devil's Rope Museum. The name refers to what?
9. Where will you find a historical marker commemorating the final battle with the Cherokees?
10. Palo Pinto (meaning "Painted Post") got its name from what geological feature?

**BONUS QUESTION** (for the title of Cattle Baron):  
 What Texas region is larger than several states combined?

To find out the answer to the Bonus Question, and learn more about Texas destinations, events and trivia, go to [www.traveltexas.com](http://www.traveltexas.com) and click on "Let's Ride."  
 For a free Texas Travel Guide, call  
**1-800-8888-TEX.**



Answers: 1. Widow Maker; 2. Fishhook Barrel Cactus; 3. Mesquite; 4. Hoop Snake; 5. Chisholm Trail; 6. Tunia; 7. Fort Worth; 8. Barbed wire; 9. Van Zandt County; 10. Deposits of petrified wood.  
 © Copyright 1998, Texas Department of Economic Development, Tourism Division

### Texas Forest Service Wildfire Fact Sheet

The following information is provided on the current wildfire conditions and resources in Texas, as of August 18, 1998:

Since May 1, 1998, there have been over 8220 wildfires that have burned over 350,767 acres in Texas.

Since June 15, 1998, the Rolling Plains - Big Country - Trans Pecos regions of Texas have experienced over 783 wildfires that have burned over 127,823 acres.

There have been 7 large fire complexes or wildfires that have burned a total of 138,960 acres since May 1, 1998:

Camp Wood Hills Fire, Edwards County - 5,000 acres; Sugar Loaf, Palo Pinto County - 6,000 acres; O Bar O Wildfire, Kent County - 6,200 acres; Cash Johnson - Palo Duro Run Wildfire Complex, Potter County - 14,000 acres; Paducah Wildfire Complex, Cottle County - 14,485 acres; Brewster County Wildfire Complex, Brewster County - 29,400 acres; and Cibolo Creek Wildfire Complex, Presidio County - 63,875 acres.

The main causes of wildfires in Texas continue to be lightning, improper utilization of power tools in grassy areas, escaped control burns, improper disposal of smoking materials, fireworks, trash burning, vehicle catalytic converters, railroads, down power lines, arson, and electric fences.

157 counties (57 percent) have issued burning bans.

Current firefighting resources in Texas are:

\*1525 personnel from more than 38 states in addition to the 1800 + volunteer fire departments and their personnel.

\*Agencies represented include the Texas Forest Service, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management, Texas National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, US Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various state forest services and state departments of natural resources.

\*Approximately 237 pieces of firefighting equipment, and approximately 66 aircraft which includes helicopters.

The forecast for the state is that conditions will continue to deteriorate as no significant, prolonged rainfall is forecast for the next two weeks.

### BNH Memorials

The following memorials have been received recently by the Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary.

#### Edith Hipp

George and Jimmie Snapp, Felma Evans, Robert Lasswell

#### Bill Kinnaid

George and Jimmie Snapp

#### Leona Spivey

George and Jimmie Snapp, Robert Lasswell, Jr. and Jane Webb

### How to protect your joints

Simple movements can protect those often-ignored, but easily injured, parts of your body -- your lower back, ankles, wrists, and neck.

Although people rarely try to impress you by flashing their wrist or ankle muscles, exercising the muscles around these joints can help prevent such chronic disorders as carpal tunnel syndrome (hand cramps), neck stiffness, and lower back pain. Ankle exercises are particularly helpful to walkers and joggers who suffer from shin splints, an inflammation of the muscle above the ankle joint, and from frequent sprains -- the most common injury for recreational athletes. Here are some easy movements that can help:

**LOWER BACK:** Undo stiffness from slouching with press-ups -- pushups with your legs and hips on the ground. Gently extend your back and arch up, then hold for 10 to 15 seconds while taking a deep breath. As you breathe out, extend your stretch slightly, then return to beginning position.

Strengthen your back by lying face down with your arms extended above your head. Simultaneously raise one arm and the opposite leg; hold briefly, then repeat with the other arm and leg.

**ANKLES:** To strengthen your Achilles tendon, stand on a step with your heels hanging over the edge. Comfortably lower your heels, then rise up on your toes.

Bring your toes up to the d

rection of your knee and then point your toes.

Keeping your leg stationary, move your ankle side to side until you feel a comfortable stretch on the outer and inner portion of your ankle and lower leg. Repeat these exercises several times on each leg.

**WRISTS:** To prevent carpal tunnel syndrome, do exercises to stretch your wrists and forearms. For example, put your palms together in front of your chest, fingertips up, and press. Also use good typing techniques, and take periodic breaks from the keyboard.

**NECK:** You can do head presses and tilts almost anywhere. Try clasping your hands behind your head and nod down until your chin touches your chest. Then press upward against the resistance of your hands.

**REMEMBER:** Always hold each stretch for 10-30 seconds. Stretch each area until you feel a slight pull, never to the point of pain. Do not tug, force, or bounce, and stop immediately if anything hurts.

### WC EMS names memorial donors

The West Coke County Emergency Medical Service team announces the following recent memorial donations.

#### Mary Hood

Jack & Nina Brewer, Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Bagwell

#### Casy Eubanks

Sheryl Hodge

#### Sheila Hanna

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr.

## Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

**Coke County conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Coke County by 4.00 percent on August 17, 1998, 9:00 am. The Coke County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase**

**at a public meeting to be held on August 24, 1998, at 9:00 am at the Coke County Commissioners Courtroom, County Courthouse.**

# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Have you said something nice lately?

New research suggests that there's some truth to the taunt, "I'm rubber and you're glue -- what you say bounces off me and sticks to you."

According to four studies conducted at Purdue University, when someone says something -- good or bad -- about someone else, other people tend to associate that trait with the person who made the statement. For example, if you say a colleague is sneaky, co-workers will start to think of you as untrustworthy. But if you say someone is wonderfully reliable, people will be more apt to depend on you.

This effect, called *spontaneous trait transference*, may occur in casual conversations and gossip.

And it may help explain why lawyers, such as prosecutors who have to document dishonest behavior, are often perceived as less than sterling characters themselves. It could also affect journalists who report on murders, corruption, and misconduct.

**TAKE ACTION!** Consider following the time-honored advice, "if you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all." Pointing out other people's positive traits, and refraining from bad-mouthing anyone, could do wonders for your reputation.

*SOURCE: Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*

## Bronte PTA to sponsor VIPS Program

The Bronte PTA is sponsoring a "Volunteers in Public Schools" program at Bronte Elementary School. The VIPS Program has been established to allow individuals in the community, who would like to donate their time, an opportunity to assist the teachers and the administrators at the school. Any person interested in this program can contact Kimberly Macon, 743-6055, or Laurie Austin, 473-4042.

## Bronte PTA Meeting

The PTA will meet at 6:00 pm Tuesday, August 25, in the school auditorium. The Elementary Open House will follow the meeting, along with refreshments served in the school cafeteria.

## How to protect your identity

by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales

Identity theft is quickly becoming the crime of the 90's. It occurs when one person uses another's identification -- name, address, social security number, mother's maiden name -- to obtain lines of credit, open checking accounts, rent apartments, or even obtain jobs.

Because of the nature of the crime, many victims are unaware of what has happened until they are denied credit. By that time, their credit history may have been ruined.

As your Attorney General, I am prohibited by law from giving legal advice to private citizens, but I can offer some

general tips on how to protect yourself and what to do if you ever become a victim.

### How It works

Identity theft begins with a lost or stolen purse or wallet. Rather than risk using a check or credit card that may have already been reported as lost or stolen, identity thieves will use a victim's credit cards and ID to open new accounts.

With the information from your driver's license and social security card, a thief can also open a checking account and write bad checks in your name.

With a few exceptions, most states treat the party that has lost money (the merchant who honors the stolen credit card), as the victim. Because of this attitude, many victims of identity theft have spent months, even years, attempting to restore their names and credit records.

Congress is considering legislation that would make it a federal crime to use someone's identity without permission.

### How to protect yourself

If your wallet or purse is lost or stolen, immediately call and cancel your credit cards. If you have a number of cards, you may want to consider enrolling in a credit card registry service. Such a service will

notify all of your creditors after one call from you.

As soon as possible, file a theft report with the police. Many banks and credit agencies require such a report before they will believe that a theft has occurred.

Be sure to call your bank and cancel your ATM card. Additionally, you should put a "stop payment" on your lost checks. Be aware, however, that many banks require your signature or a signed affidavit to initiate a stop payment order and a fee may be imposed.

If you are a victim of theft, you may get a call from someone posing as a bank representative or law enforcement official. The caller will say that information is needed to expedite a replacement card. Do not give out any of your account information. You have no way of knowing who is really on the other end of the phone.

You should contact the three big credit reporting bureaus -- Equifax, Experian (formerly TRW), and Trans Union -- to have them place a fraud alert on your report. Such an alert instructs creditors to call you personally to verify applicant information.

Periodically check your credit reports and write to creditors if they have not removed closed-out accounts from the files.

### For further information

While we hope this never happens to you, knowing how to protect yourself can save you a lot of headaches. For more information on ways you can protect yourself, call your

bank, local police department, or local prosecutor.

Protect yourself -- and your reputation.

## BISD Student Council to host "Parent High School Night"

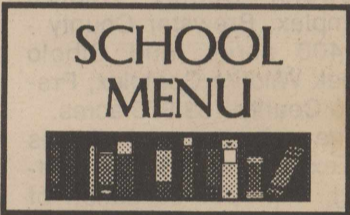
The Bronte High School Student Council will be hosting an open house entitled "Parent High School Night" Tuesday, August 25. Parents of students in grades 7-12 will be invited to attend a schedule of their child's classes in a shortened length of time. This will start at 7 pm and end around 8 pm.

The schedule will be a Friday schedule since students attend all classes on Friday. This will give parents an opportunity to meet teachers, hear their expectations for their classes, and to ask any questions concerning the class.

Parents will be provided with their child's schedule on Friday of this week in the letter students will be bringing home. Refreshments will be served after classes end. Please make plans to attend and get the year off to a good start with your child and their teachers!

## Consumer Tips

When you place an order, the company must ship your order within the time stated in its ads, or within thirty days. If they don't ship within the stated time, you may cancel your order and get a refund.



| Breakfast            |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Monday, August 24    | French Toast Stix, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk   |
| Tuesday, August 25   | Breakfast Pizza, Grape Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk  |
| Wednesday, August 26 | Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Orange Juice, Donut, Milk  |
| Thursday, August 27  | Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Apple Juice, Biscuit, Milk  |
| Friday, August 28    | Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Teddy Grahams, Milk   |
| Lunch                |  |
| Monday, August 24    | Chicken O's w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Rolls, Milk, Chocolate Pudding              |
| Tuesday, August 25   | Fish Sticks, Blackeyed Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Fruit, Rolls, Milk, Sugar Cookies        |
| Wednesday, August 26 | Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Pork & Beans, Bun, Milk, Chocolate Cake                  |
| Thursday, August 27  | Nachos, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Tortilla Chips, Milk, Pink Panther Cake |
| Friday, August 28    | Chick Fil Lay Sandwich, Pickle Spears, French Fries, Bun, Milk, Juice Bars                     |

# BRONTE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

## Bronte High School

|              |                        |       |      |
|--------------|------------------------|-------|------|
| August 21    | Scrimmage - San Saba   | There | TBA  |
| August 28    | Scrimmage - Christoval | Here  | TBA  |
| September 4  | Menard                 | Here  | 8:00 |
| September 11 | Rankin                 | There | 8:00 |
| September 18 | Roby                   | Here  | 8:00 |
| September 25 | Robert Lee             | There | 8:00 |
| October 2    | Sterling City          | There | 8:00 |
| **October 9  | Santa Anna             | Here  | 7:30 |
| * October 16 | Cross Plains           | There | 7:30 |
| * October 23 | Eden                   | Here  | 7:30 |
| * October 30 | Baird                  | Here  | 7:30 |
| * November 6 | Miles                  | There | 7:30 |

\* District Games

\*\* Homecoming

## Bronte Junior Varsity & Junior High

|              |                  |       |
|--------------|------------------|-------|
| September 3  | Menard - JV Only | There |
| September 10 | Rankin           | Here  |
| September 17 | Roby             | There |
| September 24 | Robert Lee       | Here  |
| October 1    | Sterling City    | Here  |
| October 8    | Santa Anna       | There |
| October 15   | Cross Plains     | Here  |
| October 22   | Eden             | There |
| October 29   | Baird            | There |
| November 5   | Miles            | Here  |

Junior High - 6 pm • Junior Varsity - 7:30 pm

## GLENN-BIVINS INSURANCE



See us for your auto insurance

123 W. Main

Bronte

473-6791

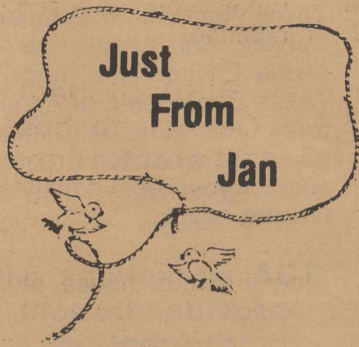
## McGINNIS OIL CO.

Full & Self Service Gas  
Oil Changes • Flats • New Tires  
Balance & Rotate Tires

Wholesale Fuel Distributor to Farmers & Ranchers

Chevron Station

201 N. State Street • Bronte, Texas  
(915) 473-3601 • 800-489-3601



by Jan Yanez  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

### Food Safety Important When Preparing Lunches

When packing lunches, food safety should be a major concern, whether the meal is adult or kid-prepared. Most dangers associated with food are due to the way we handle it in our own kitchens. Many people die from food poisoning each year and even more get sick for a few days and think it is the flu, when it was really something they ate.

Food-borne illnesses are usually caused by bacteria. Some are caused by viruses or poisonous chemicals. We usually refer to bacteria and viruses as germs. Germs are found everywhere but most are not harmful and those that are harmful, are so when they are large in number. Germs need food and water, time to reproduce, the right temperature and a way to get around (like on our fingers) to survive. Children are at the highest risk of food poisoning because their immune systems aren't as strong and their bodies are much smaller, so it takes less bacteria to make them sick.

**Personal Hygiene** - Always wash hands before handling food. Children's hands are often dirty, so practicing good personal hygiene in the kitchen is very important if preparing to handle other foods that will not be cooked. This is a common way of spreading germs and is very dangerous. If a child eats a salad that has been contaminated by germs from raw chicken it can make him very sick if the chicken contains a bacteria called Salmonella.

**Safe Temperatures** - This means simply keeping cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Never leave meat out all day to thaw or serve leftover foods that have been left out all night. These foods have reached temperatures that we call the "danger zone". This is when a food was either not kept cold or hot enough and was at the right temperature for bacteria to grow and reproduce. When thawing foods, it is best to place them on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator in a pan or bowl to catch the juice, the night before preparation. Leftover foods also should be stored promptly after the meal in a sealed container and heated thoroughly when eaten at a later time. When kids have leftovers for lunch, make sure that the food is no more than three days old.

**Handling Food** - Keeping perishable foods at safe temperatures is just the beginning. Cooking fish, poultry, eggs and meat thoroughly is very important. Using utensils to handle food instead of your hands is another way to avoid spreading germs. Washing

fresh fruits and vegetables before serving is essential to avoid getting sick from the chemicals that may have been sprayed on them for preservation. It is also important to inspect canned foods and avoid those that are bulging or are dented. These foods could contain the bacteria Clostridium botulinum, which is very dangerous. You should always refrigerate any foods containing meat, fish, eggs, milk products or cheese. These foods have a specific shelf life and should not be kept longer than is printed on the package.

**Clean Kitchens** - Involve your children in regularly cleaning equipment, counter tops, eating areas, and even the dishes. Replacing or sanitizing sponges and towels can greatly prevent spreading of bacteria. Having separate cutting boards for meat is another way to reduce chances of food-borne illness and plastic cutting boards are best because they don't provide housing areas for bacteria. By keeping the food preparation area clean and teaching your children about the importance of food safety, both you and your children can enjoy meal time.

### Fort Concho Trail Ride

A trail ride to benefit Fort Concho's Cavalry is slated for Saturday, September 19, 1998, at WC Ranch south of San Angelo. This is an opportunity for you to ride with the 4th Cavalry, Company D Memorial, on patrol along the South Concho River, eat a hearty meal prepared by the field kitchen, and share a taste of a time gone by. Funds raised will be used for Cavalry equipment replacement and repair.

Registration is from 8 to 9:30 am. The ride will depart at 10 am. Lunch is scheduled from 1 to 2 pm. Riders will be back to their vehicles by 4:30 pm. However, riders who wish to return early may do so after lunch, escorted by a Cavalry Trooper.

For more information, contact 1Sgt. Gary Carpenter at 947-7891, Corp. Henri Adams at 658-4490, Pvt. Wes Hall at 655-2630, Pvt. Joe Hurd at 942-0278, or Pvt. Shawn Pascuzzi at 659-4747.

### MASSEY, BALENTINE, EDWARDS & PSENCIK, P.C.

Attorneys at Law

107 W. Main Street • Bronte  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
8:30 to 4:30  
473-4035

## Bronte High School Volleyball Schedule

|                  |                      |       |       |        |
|------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| August 18        | Sweetwater           | Here  | 5:00  | F/JV/V |
| August 21 & 22   | Wink Tournament      | There | TBA   | V      |
| August 22        | Snyder               | There | 1:00  | JV     |
| August 28 & 29   | Central Tournament   | There | TBA   | V      |
| August 29        | Trinity Midland      | There | 10:00 | F/JV   |
| September 1      | Bangs                | There | 5:00  | F/JV/V |
| September 5      | Lake View Tournament | There | TBA   | JV     |
| September 8      | Christoval           | Here  | 5:00  | F/JV   |
| September 18     | Peaster              | Here  | 5:00  | F/JV/V |
| September 19     | Monahans             | Here  | 1:00  | F/JV/V |
| September 22     | Colorado City        | There | 6:00  | F/JV/V |
| September 26     | Albany               | There | 1:00  | JV/V   |
| September 29     | Bangs                | Here  | 5:00  | F/JV/V |
| October 3        | Albany               | Here  | 10:00 | JV/V   |
| October 6        | Christoval           | Here  | 5:00  | F/JV   |
| * October 10     | Water Valley         | Here  | 11:00 | F/JV/V |
| * October 13     | Miles                | Here  | 5:00  | JV/V   |
| October 17       | Christoval           | Here  | 10:00 | F/JV   |
| * October 20     | Water Valley         | There | 5:00  | F/JV/V |
| * October 24     | Miles                | There | 12:00 | JV/V   |
| October 27       | Christoval           | Here  | 5:00  | F/JV   |
| * October 31     | Water Valley         | There | 11:00 | F/JV/V |
| * November 2     | Miles                | Here  | 6:00  | JV/V   |
| * District Games |                      |       |       |        |

## Bronte Junior High Volleyball Schedule

|              |                       |       |      |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------|------|
| September 7  | Christoval            | Here  | 5:00 |
| September 12 | Christoval & Veribest | Here  | TBA  |
| September 14 | Water Valley          | Here  | 5:00 |
| September 21 | Miles                 | There | 5:00 |
| September 28 | Veribest              | Here  | 5:00 |
| October 3    | Sweetwater Tournament | There | TBA  |
| October 5    | Water Valley          | There | 5:00 |
| October 12   | Miles                 | There | 5:00 |
| October 19   | Veribest              | There | 5:00 |
| October 26   | Water Valley          | Here  | 5:00 |
| November 2   | Miles                 | Here  | 4:00 |

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 14.636135 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 1, 1998 at 6:30 PM at Robert Lee ISD High School Library.

**FOR** the proposal: Diane Simpson, Bill Burns  
Sally Gloria, Mike Bagwell  
Lonnie Bloodworth, Darrel Pitcock

**AGAINST** the proposal: Harvey Wojtek

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:**

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

|  | Last Year | This Year |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Average residence homestead value  | \$33,450  | \$33,450  |
| General exemptions available   | \$21,690  | \$21,690  |
| <small>(amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)</small> |           |           |
| Average taxable value  | \$11,760  | \$11,760  |
| Tax rate   | 1.303288  | 1.448900  |
| Tax  | \$153.27  | \$170.39  |

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$17.12 or 11.17 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.145612 per \$100 of taxable value or 11.17 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

# BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Calendar 1998-99

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| September 7, 1998       | Labor Day Holiday  |
| October 26, 1998        | National Conference of Texas/Holiday                     |
| November 26 & 27, 1998  | Thanksgiving Holidays                                    |
| December 18, 1998       | Teacher Inservice/Student Holiday                        |
| December 21, 1998       |  |
| through January 1, 1999 | Christmas Holidays                                       |
| January 15, 1999        | Coke County Stockshow                                    |
| February 15, 1999       | Holiday/Bad Weather Day                                  |
| March 1, 1999           | Teacher Inservice - Stephenville -Austin Student Holiday |
| March 15-19, 1999       | Spring Break   |
| March 29, 1999          | Holiday  |
| April 2-5, 1999         | Easter Holidays 5th is Bad Weather Day                   |
| April 19, 1999          | Teacher Inservice/Student Holiday                        |
| May 27, 1999            | Last Day of School                                       |
| May 28, 1999            | Teacher Inservice  |

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| First Six Weeks Ends September 25 | 31 days |
| Second Six Weeks Ends November 6  | 29 days |
| Third Six Weeks Ends December 17  | 27 days |
| FIRST SEMESTER ENDS December 17   | 87 days |
| Fourth Six Weeks Ends February 19 | 33 days |
| Fifth Six Weeks Ends April 9      | 26 days |
| Sixth Six Weeks Ends May 27       | 33 days |
| SECOND SEMESTER ENDS May 28       | 92 days |

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Bronte Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 7.108165 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 31, 1998 at 7:00 PM at Bronte ISD Boardroom.

**FOR** the proposal:

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Wayne Coalson    | David Scott      |
| Bob Frazee       | Jeff Schoenfield |
| Kendall Gibbs    | Andra Arrott     |
| Jolene Henderson |                  |

**AGAINST** the proposal:

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:**

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

|  | Last Year | This Year |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Average residence homestead value  | \$32,170  | \$32,170  |
| General exemptions available   | \$21,430  | \$21,430  |
| <small>(amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)</small> |           |           |
| Average taxable value  | \$10,740  | \$10,740  |
| Tax rate   | 1.380752  | 1.380752  |
| Tax  | \$148.29  | \$148.29  |

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$0.00 or 0.00 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.00 per \$100 of taxable value or 0.00 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

### Rural recycling event set for Wall

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is offering rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of empty plastic pesticide containers, used tires (tires less than 24.5-inch rim diameter), used motor oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries, and metal wire free of charge.

The Texas Country Clean Up campaign has sponsored 42 one-day collection events throughout rural areas of the state this year. The collection will take place from 8:00 am until noon. The purpose of the cleanup campaign is to offer rural areas the same recycling opportunities as metropolitan areas.

Empty plastic containers must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. No hazardous waste will be accepted. Tires will not be accepted from businesses that change or collect tires for a fee. Also, there is a 50-tire limit per participant.

Collection days across the state this year have been extremely successful. In 42 cleanups this year, 1,303 participants recycled 46,955 empty plastic pesticide containers, 9,918 tires, 34,468 gallons of used motor oil, 54,060 used oil filters, and 2,108 used lead batteries.

The collection will be held Friday, August 28, at the Wall Coop Gin #1, eight miles east of San Angelo on Hwy. 87.

Texas Country Clean Up is co-sponsored by the TNRCC.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service, San Angelo Friends of the Environment, and the Texas Department of Agriculture. For more information about the collection program, contact your local county extension agent.

### TDA workshops will provide drought information

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is holding a series of workshops around the state to discuss the drought and provide information to farmers and ranchers. Representatives from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be present to discuss Farm Bill Programs (CRP, EQIP, etc.) and management of natural resources such as grazing lands, irrigation water management, and livestock water.

One of these workshops will be held August 26, 1998, at 1:30 pm at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 7887 Highway 87 North, San Angelo. It will be the most convenient for Coke County producers. Schedules for other locations are available from NRCS at 453-2623, or TDA.

**DON'T MISS THE  
JERRY LEWIS  
LABOR DAY TELETHON  
SEPT. 6-7**

**MDA**  
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION

### Digital Satellite TV

\$0 Equipment Costs • No Maintenance Costs  
**ONLY \$99 INSTALLATION**  
Call Larry or Barbara Jameson at 453-2939

### SHAMROCK CLINIC OF ROBERT LEE

in association with  
SHANNON CLINIC  
will be offering

## Mammogram Screenings

Thursday, August 27, 1998  
Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee  
722 South Washington

To schedule an appointment, please call

**1-800-530-4143, extension 3235 or 3229**

#### It's important

Although women should get an initial mammogram by age 40, it's especially crucial for older women to have regular screenings because the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age.

Women ages 40 or above should have annual screenings, because early detection is a key factor in successful treatment.

Medicare will pay for an annual mammogram for eligible women.

120 East Harris Avenue, San Angelo, Texas 76903  
657-6222 • 800-640-6222 (outside of San

You may now visit us at [www.shannonhealth.com](http://www.shannonhealth.com)

  
**SHANNON**  
HEALTH SYSTEM



### Your rights and responsibilities regarding the residential lease

Anyone who has ever rented a house, apartment, or duplex knows that problems sometimes arise between a tenant (renter) and the landlord. Most problems are easily solved when the two parties talk things over.

Knowing your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, and those of your landlord, is a good way of avoiding problems in the first place. When problems do arise, this knowledge is even more important. There are laws covering virtually every aspect of the landlord-tenant relationship. Some laws protect the tenant, other protect the landlord.

The following is some basic information about the most important part of the landlord-tenant relationship -- the lease. This information is not legal advice. If you have a problem, you should consult an attorney or your local tenant's rights association.

#### Why is the lease so important?

The lease outlines your basic rights and duties as a tenant, as well as those of your

landlord. If you violate your lease, the landlord may have the right to ask you to move and hold you liable for future rent payments and other damages. Make sure that you read and understand the lease before you sign it. Remember that once you sign the lease, you cannot back out if you change your mind.

#### Can I change my lease before I sign it?

Yes. The law permits you to make almost any change in the terms of the lease, as long as the landlord agrees to the change. Do not be afraid to propose changes in the lease. Make the changes in ink and make sure that you and the landlord initial the changes. Do not leave your landlord's office without a copy of your lease, in case disputes arise in the future.

#### Can my landlord raise my rent?

If your lease has not expired (for example, if you signed a 12-month lease and eight months have passed), your landlord cannot raise your rent. Once your lease expires, the landlord may raise your rent as long as you are given 30 days notice of the increase.

#### What if I am late paying my rent?

Rent is generally due on the first day of the month. Many leases provide a grace period of a few days for paying rent without penalty. Your landlord may charge a reasonable late penalty if you pay after the due date or grace period. Although there are no specific legal limits on the amount of a penalty, a late fee should be no more than \$35 for being one day late in a typical lease where rent is \$400 per month. Landlords may charge additional fees for each day the rent is late.

**CAUTION:** Your lease requires that you pay your rent on time. If you miss the due date and the grace period, your landlord may have the right to terminate your lease.

#### Does my landlord have the right to enter my apartment?

Your landlord may enter your dwelling in only two circumstances. First, if the landlord is performing routine inspections or repairs and you are given advance notice. Second, if there is an emergency. These circumstances should be covered in your lease.

Otherwise, your landlord has NO right to enter your apartment or house. In every lease, a tenant has an implied right to "quiet enjoyment" of the premises. A tenant also has a right to privacy in his or her own home.

To prevent improper entries while you are home, your landlord is required to equip your apartment or house with a keyless dead bolt. You might also want to install your own keyed lock on your door. If you do, make sure to include this in your lease or get written permission from your landlord.

#### What is a month-to-month lease?

If you never had a written lease agreement or your written lease has expired, you are probably a month-to-month tenant. A month-to-month lease continues from one month to the next, until either you or your landlord give a one-month advance notice of termination.

The above information is adapted from the brochure "Tenants' Rights Handbook," prepared by the Texas Young Lawyers Association and published by the State Bar of Texas. For a free copy, call (800) 204-2222, ext. 2610.

#### Do I Need A Will?

In almost all cases, the short answer to this question is "Yes."

It's not something we like to think about, but the old saying that "Nothing is certain but death and taxes" contains a grain of truth. Death is certain for all of us; what's uncertain is when that day will come.

When we die, most of us leave an estate, which consists of property owned at the time of death. A will is a document containing instructions by the testator (the person making the will) concerning how the estate will be divided.

Preparing a will is something people tend to put off like a visit to the dentist. We know we really should do it, but dread the process.

In fact, preparing a will is not as painful as you might think. And in the long run, having a will makes things easier for your family, friends, the court system - pretty much everyone.

The information in this article is not a substitute for legal advice, but is intended to provide some basic information about wills and why they are important.

While most wills are not complicated, they must be prepared carefully in order to be valid and completely carry out your wishes. You should seriously consider having your will drafted by an attorney to ensure that it is done correctly.

How will my property be distributed when I die? The bottom line is that if you have a valid will when you die, your property is distributed according to your will. With few exceptions, you may prepare your will however you choose.

After you die, your will must be proven valid in court, through a process called probate. The executor or administrator of your estate will then collect your assets, settle your debts and taxes, and distribute the remaining assets to beneficiaries named in your

will. What if I die without a will? If you die without a will, or "intestate," your property will be distributed according to a strict set of legal rules called "intestate succession." Under these rules, the law determines who your heirs are and how your property will be divided. Your family, your friends, and the courts cannot alter this division - they must follow the law.

Dying without a will can create some problems:

Because the rules of intestate succession will not necessarily follow your wishes, persons you would want to inherit your property might get nothing, and vice versa.

The property in your estate might be tied up in avoidable court proceedings, which can be costly and time-consuming. This will not only be frustrating to your heirs, but may also deplete the value of your estate.

What about my children who are under 18? Your will can designate a person or persons to take care of your children when you die (your child's guardian). You may also include a testamentary trust in your will, to be managed by a person of your choice (the trustee) and distributed to your children according to rules that you establish. For example, the trustee could be required to use the funds for your children's health, education, maintenance, and support.

What is a Living Will? A living will, or "directive to physicians," is a document that instructs your physician to withhold or withdraw life-support if you become terminally ill and certain conditions are met. If you do not wish to be kept alive by artificial means in the event of a terminal illness, you should consider signing a living will.

Many people find it convenient to execute (sign) a living will at the same time they execute a regular will, because both documents require two witnesses.

Another document, called a power of attorney, is routinely signed along with a living will. A power of attorney for health care gives a person designated by you (your agent) to make health care decisions on your behalf if you become unable to make them. A durable power of attorney gives your agent the authority to manage your property on your behalf, either immediately or in the event that you become incapacitated, depending on how it is drafted.

I've heard that a Living Trust is better than a will. This is not true for all people. A living trust, or inter vivos trust, is a document executed during a person's lifetime, usually instead of a will. Property in the trust passes according to the terms of the trust and is not subject to probate. While living trusts are advertised as offering tax advantages and fewer expenses than a will and probate, this is not always the case. You should consult with an attorney about the best approach for you.

#### Ancient Wisdom

"Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend's head."

## PERSONAL, RELIABLE SERVICE

# "We'll Never Disappear!"

Tex with Texas Cellular here!

Ever sign up with some other cellular service, then afterwards, when you needed their help, they'd magically disappear from the face of the earth?!

Then there you were, left all alone, with a cellular phone that may or may not have worked....and there's nobody there to fix your problem.

Well folks, when you sign up with Texas Cellular, you can count on personal, reliable service - and we'll never do a disappearing act!

We're your neighbors and that means you can expect us to be honest with you all the time.

So call us before your cellular service goes up in smoke!



WE TAKE CARE OF OUR NEIGHBORS.



**TEXAS CELLULAR**

A service of Taylor Telecommunications, Inc.

9796 N. I-20 • MERKEL, TX • 79536  
915-928-3200

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL US AT 800-424-7182 OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TEXAS CELLULAR AGENT

#### IN ROBERT LEE:

ROCK SOLID COMMUNICATIONS  
803 AUSTIN  
915-453-2380

#### IN SNYDER:

PERMIAN COMMUNICATIONS  
2403 WEST 25TH STREET  
915-573-2424

#### IN SWEETWATER:

SIERRA COMMUNICATIONS  
1901 BRISTOL  
915-235-4377



**BUY IT.  
SELL IT.  
FIND IT.**

**CLASSIFIED.**

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES**

*Classified Advertising must be paid in advance.*

1st. Insertion...  
20¢ Per Word (\$3.00 Minimum)

2nd and Subsequent Insertions...  
16¢ Per Word (\$2.50 Minimum)

*Additional 50¢ charged for Blind Ads*

Legal Notices...  
25¢ Per Word

**ADVERTISING DEADLINE**  
Tuesdays at 5 pm

**Political Calendar**

**The Observer/Enterprise** has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.

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

**COKE COUNTY JUDGE**  
Jackie Walker  
**COKE COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK**  
Mary Grim  
**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2**  
Jack Moore  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE 72ND DISTRICT**  
Robert A. "Rob" Junell  
Russ Duerstine

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**  
Fixer upper home with knotty pine den at 906 Childress, Robert Lee. \$300 month, need some cash down or work for credit. Plumbing works. Call 655-9141.  
02-3tp

**FOR SALE**

**NEAR PARK & GOLF COURSE!**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on 3 lots! Vaulted ceiling & fireplace in living area! Large utility room & appliances stay! \$50s!!! **HURRY!**

**BRONTE BEAUTIFUL LOCATION!**  
Brick home on corner lot shaded by large trees! 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with built-in bookshelves and cabinets in living area! \$60s!!! **HURRY!**

**LOCATED AT EDGE OF TOWN!**  
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home has huge double car garage! Well-manicured lawn and **OWNER MAY FINANCE!** \$50s!!! **HURRY!**

120+ Acres  
**Contract Pending with cre...**  
600+ Acres between Bronte and Robert Lee.  
300+ Acres Yellow Wolf Creek.  
130 Acres, Owner Finance!!

**Other Listings Available**  
**Concho Realty**

**5 E. 6th St.**  
Robert Lee, TX 76945  
453-5005

**CLEAN, AFFORDABLE** home for sale by owner. Bayview Estates, near Lake Spence. Call 453-4724.  
03-4tp

**HOUSE FOR SALE** in Robert Lee. Corner lot, 3/2, 2 living areas, swimming pool, privacy fence. Call 944-9876 after 5 or leave message.  
04-1tp

**ONLY \$239 PER MONTH** 1998 Fleetwood Doublewide starter home. Vinyl siding, storm windows, five year warranty, air, skirting. A-1 Homes, 653-1152, 800-626-9978. 8.75% fixed, 360 mos, 5% down.  
04a-1tc

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
Older home, priced for quick sale. 117 W. 10th Street, Robert Lee. Call 944-9876 after 5 or leave message.  
04-1tp

**ROBERT LEE**  
Your dream home with all the extras, 2 living areas, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Call for an appointment.

**Small acreage** for sale. Owner will consider financing. Excellent location for home site. Call for further details.

**New roof** on this 2 bdrm home with hardwood floors. Owner will consider financing.

**BRONTE**  
Two living areas enhance this home. 3 bdrm with 2 baths, priced to sell. Call for an appointment.

*Call for other listings.*

**Elaine Lee, Agent**  
453-2995



**FOR SALE**  
Big, handsome home on corner at 508 W. 9th, Robert Lee. Huge attic for play room. Owner financed, qualified buyers. Call 655-9141.  
02a-3tp

**1997 REPO DOUBLEWIDE**  
Make offer. A-1 Homes, 653-1152.  
04a-1tc

**FOR SALE**  
Oil minerals and royalty in Coke County. Some producing and some unleased. (580) 338-6208, PO Box 1044, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942.  
04a-2tp

**INVESTORS**  
14 used homes, pennies on the dollar. Call Steve 653-1152.  
04a-1tc

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
Two bedrooms and one bath. Huge room upstairs. 615 Houston, Robert Lee. Call 453-2113.  
04-4tp

**ABANDONED HOME**  
653-1152.  
04a-1tc

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**  
BHA Activity Room, 1/2 day - \$35. Full day - \$70. Seats 50. Call 473-3541 Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings or see at 116 NE Railroad, Bronte.  
51b-tnc

**"TEXAS BEST" DEFLOODING & CARPET CLEANING**

*Free Estimates*  
**473-6603**

**MISC**

**IF YOU BORROWED** our 6" stencil lettering set, would you please return it? Thanks! S & S Printing.  
04b-1tp

**CRUMPLER GENERAL CONTRACTING**  
Painting, carpentry, remodeling. Call 473-2691.  
02b-tnc

**I LOST 40 POUNDS IN 4 MONTHS!**  
Lose weight, gain energy with Metabolife™, Leslie Thurman, Distributor, 453-2076.  
01-4tp

**BOOTH SPACES**  
\$15 (\$25 with electricity). Reserve now for the Labor Day Extravaganza in Robert Lee's shady park. Call 453-2548, 453-4777, or 453-2147.  
02a-4tc

**PROFESSIONAL DOG GROOMING**  
473-2515  
45b-tnc

**D & L DOZER SERVICE & CUSTOM FARMING**  
Larry Spivey, owner-operator. PO Box 160, Bronte, Texas. Phone (915) 282-3038.  
45b-tnc

**DONNIE'S APPLIANCE & REFRIGERATION**  
Window Units serviced & repaired. Electrical Troubleshooting. (915) 453-2188.  
45a-tnc

**A-1 HOME IMPROVEMENTS**  
W. H. & Pat Smith, local representatives, 215 S. Melwood, Winters (915) 754-4727. Free estimates. 100% financing WAC.  
42b-tnc

**MISSING**  
4 heifers strayed from Waldrop place at Hayrick. Spur brand on left hip. Call Clifton Reed, 786-2370.  
03b-2tp

**PARKER PLUMBING**  
Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.  
34b-tnc

**GARAGE SALES**

**PATIO SALE**  
Saturday, 22nd, 8-2, 113 E. Jackson Street, Bronte. Golf cart - needs batteries and much more, catch our flyers.  
04b-1tc

**EYEWEAR BY ANGIE**  
Prescription eyewear fitting, dispensing, and adjusting in the comfort of your home. Many styles to choose from. All you need is your Doctor's prescription & me.  
*Call now for appointment.*  
473-3600 Angie Hoyt

**HELP WANTED**

**PUBLIC NOTICE ROADHAND NEEDED**  
Applications are now being accepted for the position of roadhand in Precinct #4, Bronte, Texas. \$16,450 plus benefits, 40 hours per week. Applications are available in the Coke County Judge's office. For additional information, contact James Tidwell, Commissioner Precinct #4, Bronte, Texas. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
04a-2tc

**CNA'S NEEDED**  
All shifts. \$5.75 per hour starting pay. Shift differential. Attendance bonus. Travel pay if over 20 miles. Apply in person at Bronte Nursing Home, 900 S. State Street, Bronte, Texas, or call (915) 473-3621. EOE.  
04b-2tc

**HELP WANTED**  
CNAs needed for all shifts. Full time and part time. Competitive pay. Contact Sarah Lee, DON, Senior Citizens Nursing Home, Winters. Phone 754-4566.  
36b-tnc

**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that a budget hearing will be held at 6:45 pm on September 10, 1998, in the City Hall, Bronte, Texas.

The budget for the City of Bronte for the fiscal year October 1, 1998, to September 30, 1999, will be adopted.

The public is invited to attend and participate in these proceedings.

Pat Martindale  
City Secretary  
04b-1tc

**CHECK THIS**

**\$\$ Delivery \$\$**

**WE NEED YOU TO DELIVER THE NEW GTE SAN ANGELO TELEPHONE DIRECTORY IN SAN ANGELO AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

Earn up to \$8 per hour or more depending upon your speed of delivery. Must have a valid driver's license, a vehicle with current license plates and have 4-8 daylight hours available. For more information, call  
1-800-657-4113  
MON-FRI  
10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**Apply Today, Start Tomorrow!**

**Shipping!**  
Mon-Fri, Day/Night Shifts. Hard working, reliable workers needed immediately.

Apply at Personnel Services 1 Center Ave. Suite 210 (Nations Bank Bldg) Brownwood, TX



**For Info Call 643-1238 or 1-800-643-1863**

**Apply Today, Start Tomorrow!**

**Stamp Shop!**  
In Winters - Reliable, hard-workers for variety of shifts.


Apply at Personnel Services 1 Center Ave. Suite 210 (Nations Bank Bldg) Brownwood, TX



**For Info Call 643-1238 or 1-800-643-1863**

**Organ & Tissue DONATION**  
*Share your life. Share your decision.®*

For a free brochure call  
1-800-355-SHARE.

 Coalition on Donation



COUNTRY AGENTS  
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

**Growth-promoting implants: Don't overlook an opportunity**

Heavier is generally better, at least when it comes to calves. And the easiest way to put on 20 pounds is to use an implant. Implants are one of the most underutilized technologies. One reason producers may not use implants is because they don't know what they are.

Steroids are implanted into the steer or heifer to help it gain more weight than a non-implanted beef would. According to Dr. Ron Hale, implanted cattle show a 15 percent to 20 percent gain over non-implanted cattle. Hale is an animal health specialist with Fort Dodge Animal Health, an implant manufacturer.

**LOOK WHO'S NEW!  
Michael Lewis**

David and Lisa Lewis of Brownfield announce the birth of a son, Michael Parker, born July 27, 1998, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. At birth, he weighed eight pounds and measured 21 inches. Parker has a sister, Jessica, and a brother, Clay.

Grandparents are Mike and Fran Lomas of Robert Lee, Wayne and Henrietta Lewis of Marble Falls, and the late Janet Lewis. Great grandparents are George and Thelma Lomas of Robert Lee, Mary May Wylie of San Angelo, and Mrs. J. E. Herrington of Marble Falls.

**RLVFD holds bi-monthly meeting**

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department held their bi-monthly meeting on Monday, August 17, 1998, with eleven members in attendance. Fundraising was discussed. Plans were made to raffle an 870 model 20 gauge shotgun at the Extravaganza. Plans were also made to include the firetruck in the parade.

Bingo has been cancelled until further notice due to lack of participation.

Firemen answered two fire calls the past week: August 9, a grass fire at 725 W. Lake Drive; and on August 17, a grass fire 8 miles north on 208, 4 miles up Exxon Road.

**Boykin writing to be included in anthology**

The 1999 Library of Congress publication will include as an author the name of Dawn Boykin of Coke County. The forthcoming anthology "Reaching the Summit" is scheduled for publication in February of 1999.

Mrs. Boykin has mailed the author's release form and will receive a typeset publisher's proof and layout for her final review and proof reading before publication.

Dawn also has a book copyrighted and on file in Washington, D.C., but considers her work a hobby. She is the wife of Ben Alfred Boykin.

There are three types of implants on the market - low and high dose estrogen, high potency trembolone and estrogen combinations. Some are sex specific or age specific.

Implants work in conjunction with the animals feed program, working best when they receive proper nutrition.

For maximum implant benefit, calves should gain at least a pound per day while suckling on their mother. Generally, the faster the calves gain, the greater the implant response.

There are only four approved implants for nursing steers and heifers - Implus-C, Component-C, Synovex-C and Ralgro, all registered trademarks. Additionally, two implants are available for suckling steers - Compudose and Encore, also registered trademarks.

Producers need to read implant labels. Many implants should not be used on calves less than 30 - 45 days old. Implanting prior to that time, such as at birth, has been shown to cause fertility problems in heifers intended for replacements.

The proper place for implantation is the middle third of the backside of the ear. First and foremost, producers need to keep instruments clean. It is recommended using an old paint tray and a kitchen sponge. Add a small amount of disinfectant and run the needle across the sponge between animals. A major cause of implant failure is because of improper needle disinfecting. The sponge may also be used to wipe the surface of the ear clean.

The second most common reason for implant failure is when the implant gets inadvertently crushed due to forceful administration. It is best to withdraw the needle slightly as the implant is deposited to avoid crushing it. Some companies also manufacture a special implant gun with a retractable needle.

A third reason implants often fail is because someone gets in a hurry. Instead of putting it under the skin, they put the needle all the way through the ear and it just shoots out.

After the work is done cattle producers should clean instruments and protect any leftover implants.

Implants are degradable. Keep them stored in an airtight, waterproof bag or container in the house - don't throw them under the truck seat.

Additional information on implanting can be obtained at the Extension office 453-2461.

**Protecting yourself from crooked home repair businesses**

Seniors and others who need home repairs should get several references with addresses of previous customers. The homeowner should try to deal only with established businesses and be wary of those who go door-to-door soliciting business.

There are several things seniors and others can do to protect themselves -- and their wallets -- from unscrupulous operators.

If someone comes to the door and offers to do home repairs, follow these basic guidelines:

- \*Get more than one estimate.
- \*Do not be pushed into signing a contract right away.
- \*Check the contractor out with the Better Business Bureau.
- \*Get references from past customers and check them out.

\*Write down the salesperson's driver's license and license plate numbers.

\*Do not sign a contract containing blank spaces.

\*Ask for guarantees in writing.

\*Never pay 100 percent of the cost up front.

\*Do not sign completion papers or make a final payment until the work is finished to your complete satisfaction.

Get everything in writing and keep the documents in a safe place. The contract should note in specific detail the total cost, work to be done, time schedule, payment terms, and other expectations. The contract must include a notice of cancellation that allows the customer the right to change his or her mind within three business days.

Any consumer who encounters deceptive business practices related to home repairs may file a complaint on the OAG's Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 337-3928.

**ROBERT LEE  
THERAPY  
CLINIC**

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Mondays through Fridays

Treatment By Appointment Only

Offering:

Physical Therapy • Occupational Therapy • Speech Therapy

Assistance With Recovery From:

Stroke • Sprains • Strains • Post Joint Surgery • Hip or Knee Replacement

Accepting:

Medicare • Workers Compensation • Insurance • Private Payment

*Located Next to  
Shamrock Clinic*

Call For Evaluation or Information:

**(915) 453-2529**

710 Washington

Robert Lee, Texas 76945

**Apply Today - Start Tomorrow!**

**Clerical Positions**

In Winters; Mon-Fri work schedule; must have typing, filing and 10-key experience. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Apply at  
Personnel Services  
1 Center Ave. Suite 210  
(Nations Bank Bldg)  
Brownwood, TX



**For Info Call 643-1238 or 1-800-643-1863**

**Apply Today - Start Tomorrow!**

**Janitor!**

Mon-Fri, 8 hr Shifts. Great opportunity with Winters company!

Apply at  
Personnel Services  
1 Center Ave. Suite 210  
(Nations Bank Bldg)  
Brownwood, TX



**For Info Call 643-1238 or 1-800-643-1863**

**Apply Today - Start Tomorrow**

**Assembly II- Press Operator!**

Day shifts in Winters - Great company!

Apply at  
Personnel Services  
1 Center Ave. Suite 210  
(Nations Bank Bldg)  
Brownwood, TX



**For Info Call 643-1238 or 1-800-643-1863**

**Apply Today - Start Tomorrow!**

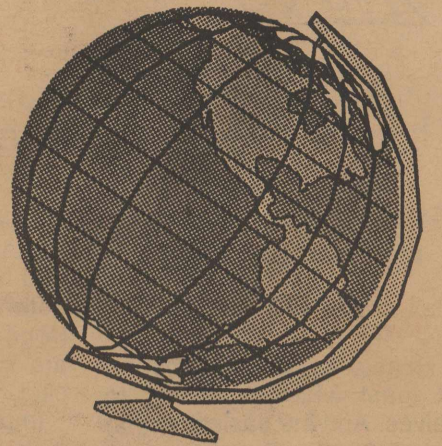
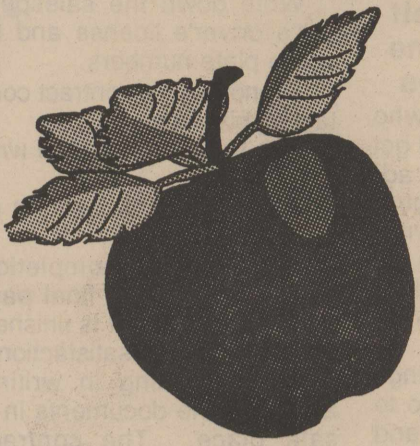
**Assembly II- Riveter/Spot Welder!**

Mon-Sat • Day Shifts in Winters. Don't Delay • Apply Today!

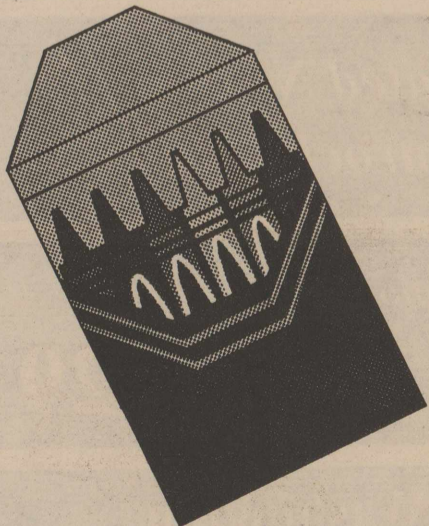
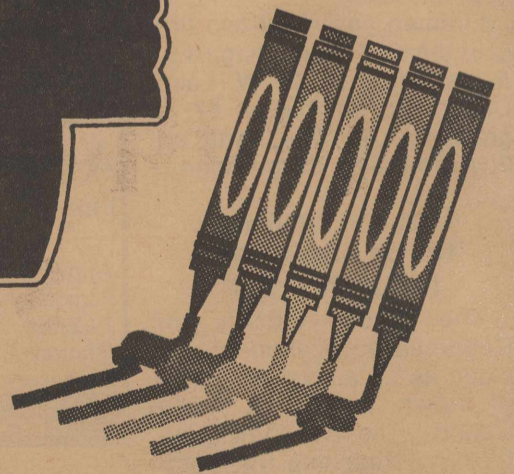
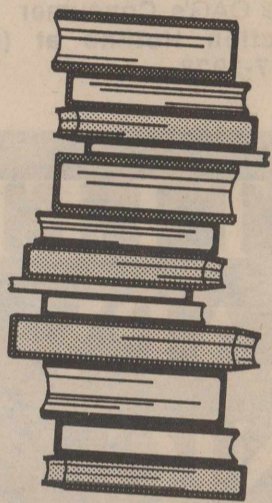
Apply at  
Personnel Services  
1 Center Ave. Suite 210  
(Nations Bank Bldg)  
Brownwood, TX



**For Info Call 643-1238 or 1-800-643-1863**



# Watch Out For The Children As They Head Back To School



Presented as a public service by  
The Observer/Enterprise