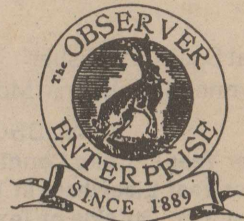


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## Light turnout decides local entity positions

Seats on the boards of various local government entities were decided during local elections Saturday, May 1, 1999. Both the Robert Lee and Bronte Independent School District elections had contested races, along with the West Coke County Hospital District.

Incumbent Harvey Wojtek, 204 votes, retained his seat on the Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Directors. C. V. Eaton was also elected with

172 votes. JoNell Blair had 76 votes.

Jolene Henderson, 78 votes, and David Scott, 90 votes, were re-elected to the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. Connie Tounget received 41 votes.

Douglas Wilkes, 186 votes, and Judy Williams, 119 votes, will take their new seats on the West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors. They defeated incumbent Mary Bessent, 106 votes.

The Cities of both Bronte and Robert Lee cancelled their elections, along with the

East Coke County Hospital District and the Coke County Underground Water District.

Garland Davis is the new Mayor of Robert Lee and Nita Stovall-Duncan, John Carver and Kenneth Green are taking their seats on the Robert Lee City Council.

Gerald Sandusky and Pete Percifull retain their seats on the Bronte City Council.

Donnie Thompson and Jesse Sims are new directors on the East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors.

Incumbents Wayne McCabe - Precinct 1, Wayne King - Precinct 2, and Joe Ash - Member At Large retain their seats on the Coke County Underground Water District Board of Directors.

### Graduation issues slated

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools during the latter part of May. The issue honoring the Robert Lee class is scheduled for May 21, with the issue honoring the Bronte class being the following week.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in these special editions, please call our office in Robert Lee at 453-2433 or in Bronte at 473-2001.

### 4-H Horse Show slated for May 29

The Coke County 4-H Horse Show will be held at the Coke County Arena in Bronte, Texas, on Saturday, May 29, 1999. Books will open at 9 am, with the show getting underway at 10 am.

The show is open to all Coke County 4-H'ers and will include the following classes: Mares - Under 5; Mares - 5 & Over; Geldings - Under 5; Geldings - 5 & Over; Western Pleasure; Western Horsemanship; Pole Bending; Barrel Racing; and a Stake Race.

For more information, contact the County Extension office at 453-2461.

### How can a war be funny?

"Whitcomb's War," like many wars, is a battle for control and power, but the weapons used in this war are invisible to the human eye and they can only be used by a special group of people. You'll have to see "Whitcomb's War" to find out who is really in charge when David, Phil Esteem, and a host of comical characters battle for control of a small midwestern town. "Whitcomb's War" can be seen FREE, Saturday, May 8, 7:30 pm at the Texas Theatre in Bronte. For more information, call 473-5901 or 473-7302. ADMISSION IS FREE!

### Appreciation Dinner slated to honor coach

Plans are underway for an Appreciation Dinner honoring Coach Edward Poehls for all his many contributions to RLHS and the community. The dinner will be held June 4, 1999, in the cafeteria at Robert Lee ISD.

Coach Poehls has been a coach, and more recently Athletic Director, at Robert Lee ISD. He has resigned his position.

Everyone is invited to attend. The evening will include a catered catfish meal and various speakers. Cost will be \$7. Reservations need to be made by May 28th by calling the school, 453-4555. No tickets will be available at the door.



### RL Baptists to deliver free videos

In the next few weeks, members of Robert Lee Baptist Church will be delivering a free JESUS video to residents of Robert Lee and the surrounding area. This film is the most watched film in history. The script for the movie is taken directly from the book of Luke in the Bible. Over forty-eight million people worldwide have declared their commitment to Jesus Christ after watching the video. This distribution effort is part of a plan to tell everybody in Robert Lee about Jesus.

### RLSB seeking old photos

Robert Lee State Bank is asking Coke County residents for their help in gathering some old photos of Coke County. The deadline for receiving these photos is June 1st.

Photo contributors may rest assured that your originals will not leave the bank. Those with questions may contact Arlea Parks or Dee Anna Harmon at 453-2545.

### West Texas Ranch for Christ Singing

A gospel singing of all denominations will be held at the West Texas Ranch for Christ,

Sunday, May 16th, from 2 to 4:30 pm. The ranch is located 22 miles south of Sweetwater on Highway 70 or six miles north of Blackwell. A sign will be on both sides of the highway 3 1/2 miles east. They ask you to drive slowly going through the ranches for the road is very winding and there are many cattle.

For more information, call J.D. Taylor at 282-2756, Blackwell.

### Benefit Bake Sale for Bill Howard

There will be a Mother's Day Bake Sale on Friday, May 7th at the Robert Lee State Bank to benefit Bill and Valerie Howard. Bill has gone to Mexico for cancer treatment and the insurance will not pay. Anyone wanting to make a baked good can bring it to the bank on Friday morning. A fund has also been set up at the bank for donations.

### Bronte Project Graduation to host Golf Tournament

Bronte Project Graduation will host a Golf Tournament at Quicksand in San Angelo on Saturday, May 8, 1999, at 12:30 pm. This will be a 4 person scramble. Cost is \$65 per person.

To register, call (915) 482-8337 in San Angelo.



The AON Scholarship Luncheon was held Wednesday, May 5, 1999. Since 1987, the service club has given 37 scholarships that total \$14,850. Receiving \$400 Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarships this year are Lori Eubanks (left front), Justin Francis (back row, from left), Chad Helwig, and Ross Schultz. Christi Bagwell is also pictured.

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bock; two sisters, Mary May Wylie of Robert Lee and Maxine Wulfjen of Richardson; one brother, Bill Craddock of Medina; and two grandchildren.

**Range & Wildlife Field Day Planned**

The County Extension Offices in Coke, Sterling and Tom Green Counties have planned an outstanding educational opportunity for landowners and ranchers on May 12.

The field day will start at the San Angelo State School Recreation Area at Carlsbad at 8:30 a.m. Topics for the day will include: Eco-Tourism Opportunities for West Texas; Range Management for Wildlife and Livestock; and a look at the Range Research at the State School.

The morning session will end with a catered lunch from Outback Catering of San Angelo. After lunch, participants will travel to Broome to the Little F Ranch. The topic at the ranch will be Brush Sculpting as a Tool for Wildlife Management. The tour will adjourn at about 3:00 p.m.

Interested persons must RSVP to the County Extension Office at 453-2461 before May 10. There will be a registration fee of \$10 to cover the cost of lunch and educational materials. Three (3) CEU's will be issued to holders of Pesticide Applicator Licenses.

For more information call the County Extension Offices in any of the three sponsoring counties.

**Coke County Library News**

Coke County Library patrons checked out 605 books during the month of March. During the month of April 551 books were circulated. Bad weather and good books must make a great combination. Last year, 482 books



Several employees from Robert Lee State Bank, along with a few others, participated Saturday, April 24, in the March of Dimes Walk America in San Angelo. They all walked 6 miles to raise money for healthier babies. The Robert Lee walkers raised \$607.

Overall, there were at least 2,000 people participating in the walk, raising a total of over \$93,000. Those participating with the Robert Lee group were Wayne and Misti Hayes, Jill and Holly Creamer, and Arlea Parks.

were checked out during March and 417 books were checked out during April.

A summer reading program is being planned with a basket of treats and drawings to be included. New books for young adults will be arriving soon for the event.

The librarian cannot take credit for the book reviews being submitted. They are being done by a library patron who reads and likes sharing her thoughts - and maybe encouraging some more potential patrons.

The following is a review of *Death of a Healing Woman* by Allana Martin.

I like books written by Texans about Texas. This author shows her love for the Big Bend area of Texas. The book is a murder mystery written about the border of Texas-Mexico and is part of a series. I have read two of her books and liked both. The author captures the life of the border

country, complete with the poverty, heat, and smuggling of humans and drugs.

I recommend this book for murder mystery fans but I also recommend this book for you western readers, who might be looking for a new writer.

Visit our county library. Don't buy a book. Save your money and check it out at the library.

**Death Notices**

**Bitner**

Toni Nadine Bitner was born September 25, 1949, in Dodge City, Kansas. She died Saturday, May 1, 1999, in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 5, 1999, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Bitner of Midland; two sons, William Ray "Billy" Ross of San Angelo and Paul Thomas Couch of Midland; three daughters, Melissa Kay Brock, Elena Christine Bitner and Deja Atira Brazil, all of Midland; one brother, Delbert Earl Sanders of Cleveland; an uncle, William McAdoo of Robert Lee; her grandmother, Mildred McAdoo of Robert Lee; and three grandchildren.

**Bermudes**

Teresa Torres Bermudes, 41, of San Angelo, died April 28, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.

Rosary was held at 7 pm Friday, April 30, 1999, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was at 10 am Saturday, May 1, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic

Church with burial in the Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Pedro Bermudes of San Angelo; her mother, Anastacia Torres Cruz of San Angelo; one son, John G. Bermudes of San Angelo; one daughter, Natalie Bermudes of San Angelo; four brothers, Benito Torres of Robert Lee, James Torres of Robert Lee, Raymundo Torres of San Angelo, and Johnny Torres of Irving, Texas; five sisters, Margarita Loza of Abilene, Patricia Albolaez of San Angelo, Malinda Martinez, Victoria Martinez, and Sandy Herdry, all of Irving, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Craddock**

J.S. "Jay" Craddock died Tuesday, April 27 at a care facility in Lubbock, Texas. Services were held Friday, April 30, in the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City with burial in the Colorado City Cemetery, directed by Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

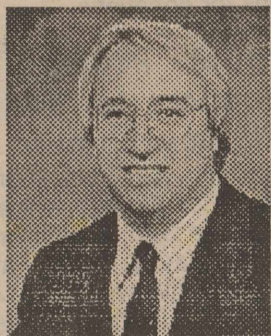
He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Lubbock; two daughters, Dana Bear and Roberta Grau, both of Lub-

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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
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 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Hendrickson-Johnson wed**

Laila Freidmann Hendrickson of Fort Worth became the bride of R. Simpson (Bud) Johnson of Bronte on April 24, 1999. The double-ring ceremony was performed at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, New Mexico, with the Rev. Taft Lyon of El Paso, retired Presbyterian minister, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Freidmann of Houston, Texas and Honefoss, Norway, who presented her in marriage. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Conn Johnson of Bronte and the late Mr. Johnson.

Sandra Boudloche was matron of honor and Catalina Starnes was bridesmaid. Both are of Fort Worth.

Attending the bridegroom were Todd Williams of Austin, Best Man, and Scott Retzloff of El Paso, groomsman.

The bride wore a gown designed and made by her mother. Of ivory silk damask, the ankle-length gown was overlaid with rosepoint lace embroidered with seed pearls.

The bride's attendants and her mother were dressed in authentic Norwegian peasant costumes.

The bride carried a bouquet of ivory freesia and miniature orchids. Her attendants carried mixed field flowers of yellow freesia, blue cornflowers and red carnations in silver cornucopias.

The bridegroom and his attendants wore charcoal gray suits.

Immediately following the ceremony, a cocktail buffet was served to the wedding guests. The buffet featured West Texas lamb, Coke County venison and Norwegian smoked salmon.

The wedding cake was composed of three separate, ivory-frosted tiers decorated with fresh strawberries and raspberries.

Stacy Retzloff of El Paso registered guests. Susan Jackson of Bronte and Joanne Gaudet of Fort Worth presided at the dessert table.

Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School in Houston and of Houston Baptist University. She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing and is a certified occupational health nurse. She is employed as the regulatory compliance officer for Concentra Health Services of Dallas.

Her husband is a graduate of Bronte High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in geology from Texas Tech University. He is an independent petroleum geologist and rancher.

The couple will live on their ranch in Coke County.



Mrs. R. Simpson (Bud) Johnson

**RLVFD News**

by Marian Thompson

The Fire Department held its meeting on May 3rd, at the fire station, with 12 members in attendance. Keith Eubanks, president, presided.

The minutes and financial reports were approved as read. Chief Rick Drennan gave an update on the progress of the clutch repairs on the 6 by truck. Robert Sanders told about the equipment they picked up in Lufkin, including 3 small air operated fans, 9 coats, 5 pants, and 3 sections of air hose. They were unable to bring the generators because of size and weight. Rick said he talked to someone from the Forest Service, and he


may be able to bring them. One can be put on the truck, the other has to be left on the trailer, per the Forest Service.

Keith presented the bills to be paid, and they were approved.

Bud Thompson reported that he, Keith and Rick installed the new radios in the trucks over the weekend. They received the license plates for the new truck. They had a discussion regarding outfitting the new truck.

The meeting was adjourned to work on the trucks and familiarize the men with the new radios.

As we were under a tornado watch, some of the men changed hats and went mobile to watch the skies over Robert Lee.


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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Longhorn band competes at South Padre

On April 30th, the Bronte High School Longhorn Band traveled to South Padre Island to compete in the Gulf Coast Showcase of Music Concert Band Competition. The Longhorn Band brought back two trophies for an Excellent performance and First Runner-Up in the Class A High School competition. The band performed The Alamo March by Karl King, Caprice by William Himes and Northridge Overture by John O'Reilly. There were three judges that rated the band 1, 2, 2 for an overall 2. Out of a possible 100 percent in the stage presentation category, the Longhorn band rated a perfect 100 across the board.

On Friday, after an 11 hour

bus ride, the band arrived at South Padre Tiki Condominiums at 3 pm, and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon on the beach. At 7 pm all 40 high school bands met at "Charlies" country club for dinner and disco dancing. On Saturday morning the band competed at the festival and had the whole afternoon for beach activities. Saturday night they attended the awards ceremony/disco dance at the SPI Convention Center. The band traveled back to Bronte on Sunday.

All sponsors will agree that the band members were a credit to their school and their families for their presentation and discipline during these three days. We are all proud of our Longhorn Band.

There will be a band booster meeting on Monday night, May 10th, in the band room at 8 pm. The spring concert will be discussed.

On Tuesday, May 18th, at 7 pm, the whole Bronte High School music department will present "The Spring Spectacular Formal Dinner/Concert." The 4th, 5th, Jr.

High Band and Longhorn Concert Band will be featured. At 5 pm a Chicken Spaghetti Supper will be served. The Band Boosters are asking for donations for this meal at the door. The proceeds will help them get ready for their new gym concession stand that will be open next school year. Please invite all of your friends and family for this spectacular evening of great food and great music.

## Rebekah Killgore receives award

Sixteen students received honors at Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology's annual award program, Monday, April 19th.

The Thurman E. Prevost Ministry Award was presented to Rebekah Killgore of Maryneal. The award is presented to a graduating Master of Divinity Student for exemplifying commitment and sacrifice to follow God's call to ministry. Dr. and Mrs. Ronnie Prevost of Hardin-Simmons University have given the award in honor of his father, Thurman E. Prevost. The award consists of a plaque and a cash gift.

## Bronte Trustees hold meeting

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 4, 1999. All members were present. The Board viewed the video Open Meeting Act.

The Principals, Terry Marrs, Elementary, and Rick Howell, Secondary, gave their re-



Dr. Vernon Davis, HSU's Dean of the School of Theology, presented Rebekah Killgore the Thurman E. Prevost Ministry Award at the Logsdon School of Theology Awards Banquet.

ports. A Summer Computer Program on Computer Basics was discussed. George Tomes will teach the classes for four weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 1. A class on How to Make and Publish a Web Page will meet on May 31st. Summer School teachers were also discussed.

The Board canvassed the votes from the May 1st Trustee Election with the following results: Jolene Henderson - 78 votes; Connie Tounget - 41 votes; and David Scott - 90 votes. Certificates of Election were issued to Jolene Henderson and David Scott, and they both took the Oath of Office.

Motion was made and approved to leave the alignment of the Board the same as this last year: President - Kendall Gibbs; Vice-President - Wayne Coalson; and Secretary - Jolene Henderson.

The 1999-2000 School Calendar was approved.

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of vehi-

cles. Discussion was held concerning the Title I Building. The decision was tabled.

They set a date for a Special Board Meeting on May 22, 1999, 8 am, at the Community Center prior to the Site Based/Board Retreat.

The Board discussed staffing concerns/needs for next year. The discussion included the possibility of needing an additional elementary teacher and a secondary Special Ed teacher.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave his report which included the Board Summer Workshop, Updates on the facility and Legislative decisions and the plans for the Site Based/Board Retreat May 22nd.

Board initiatives were discussed and the correspondence reviewed.

The board was adjourned by the President at 11:47 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be the Special Board Meeting on May 22nd at 8 am at the Community Center.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

#### Monday, May 10

Cereal, Applesauce, Teddy Grams, Milk

#### Tuesday, May 11

Sausage, Grape Juice, Pancake, Milk

#### Wednesday, May 12

Breakfast Burrito, Apple Juice, Blueberry Muffin, Milk

#### Thursday, May 13

Scrambled Eggs, Mixed Fruit, Biscuit, Milk

#### Friday, May 14

Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, May 10

Chicken Nuggets with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Sliced Pears, Rolls, Milk

#### Tuesday, May 11

Frito Pie, Chili & Cheese, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Milk, Applesauce Cake

#### Wednesday, May 12

Submarine Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Pork & Beans, Mixed Fruit, Chips, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies

#### Thursday, May 13

Chicken Spaghetti, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Milk, Chocolate Cake

#### Friday, May 14

Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Applesauce, Milk, Cinnamon Rolls

## Lady Longhorns compete in Regional meet

Several Lady Longhorn tracksters participated in the Regional meet this last Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, Natasha Carper competed in the discus and placed second with a throw of 110'0". The 4x100 meter relay team also competed in the prelims on Friday and turned in their best time of the year of 51.74 seconds. This put them with the third best time going into the finals on Saturday.

On Saturday, Natasha Carper competed in the shot put and placed first with a throw of 40'7". This throw equaled her personal best. In the 4x100 relay the team of Natasha Reed, Natasha Carper, Stormy White and Tessie McMullan placed third with a time of 52.3 seconds.

Crissie McCoulskie also participated on Saturday in the 800 and 1600 meter runs. A stiff wind and some stiff competition in the two races kept Crissie from advancing.

Congratulations to these Ladies on a successful track season and Good Luck to Natasha Carper at State.

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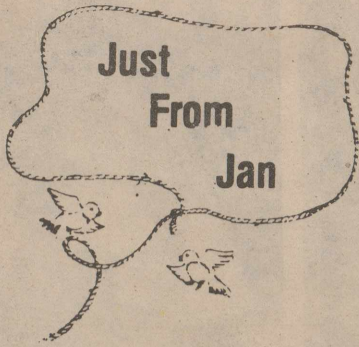


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We would also like to thank Clint Porter for doing such a great job on our fields, concession stand & park. To all the parents & coaches, A BIG THANK YOU for volunteering your time & work to make our Baseball Program a successful one for the children of this community.



by Jan Yanez  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

### Buckle Up

This is a special message to graduating seniors, their families and friends. Be sure to buckle up as you begin your graduation celebration. With graduation just around the corner, the best way for you to make sure your celebration and your future are happy ones is to buckle up on every trip. The Buckle UP! Message is clear. It is important to buckle up on every trip, not just when you think about it, but all year long. In Texas in 1995, two thousand one hundred and eighty-six front seat occupants lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes. Of that number one thousand one hundred and eighty-three were unrestrained. In that same year, about 54% of the 16-20 year olds that died in crashes were not wearing their safety belts. If these young people had buckled up one hundred and sixty-four people might still be alive today.

Buckling up not only saves lives, but also helps prevent serious injuries, many of which can cause permanent disability. In 1995, 266,859 persons across the U.S. were injured because they were not buckled up.

The holdouts use argu-

### Bronte Girls play in Tournament

Bronte High School's Yvette Bedell took second place at the Region II-A Girls Singles Tournament held on April 28th and 29th. She advances to the State Tennis Tournament on May 10th - 11th.

In the second round, Bedell defeated Bounds of Bellevue 6-0, 6-0.

In the third round, Bedell defeated Halsell of Crowell 6-0, 6-3.

Bedell defeated Gunn of Blackwell in the fourth round 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

In the Finals match, Mitchell of Cross Plains defeated Bedell 1-0, before Bedell retired due to injury.

### Yearbook pictures to go on sale

Beginning Monday, May 10th, pictures taken by the yearbook staff that were not used in the 1999 Longhorn will go on sale. These include elementary and secondary photographs, most sports pictures (including playoffs), most organizations, all levels of band, and several different events, such as homecoming and the fall festival.

Pictures may be viewed upstairs in the yearbook room, and will be on sale only until May 14th. Proceeds will go to the photography fund.

There are also a few extra 1999 yearbooks available on a first come first served basis.

For more information, call Mrs. Collins at 473-2511 or 473-3042.

ments like, "I'm a good driver. Why should I buckle up?" The fact is, many other drivers aren't careful. A blown tire, failed brakes, or poor road conditions can cause even "good" drivers to have a crash. Why take a chance when it only takes a couple of seconds to protect against the unexpected?

Remember, when you are driving you are in command. Don't let your friends or family get away with excuses like, "I don't need to buckle up around town." It's short trips, at low speeds that lead to the greatest number of crashes. About 75 percent of all crashes occur within 25 miles of home. Forty percent of fatal crashes occur on roads with posted speed limits of 45 miles per hour or less. Even a panic stop can seriously injure unbelted passengers.

Some people say, "I'm afraid of being trapped by the belt. I'd rather be thrown clear." Contrary to what is shown on television, less than one half of one percent of injury producing crashes involve fire or submersion where entrapment could be a factor. Safety belts keep you conscious, uninjured, and in place, which is especially important if your vehicle has an air bag. The belt keeps you in place so the air bag can do its best job of protecting you from harm.

If you have an air bag, why buckle up? Air bags offer only supplemental protection in frontal crashes. This means if you are involved in a side, rear, rollover or any other non frontal collision, the air bag will not inflate. The safety belt is your primary means of protection.

Graduation is a special milestone, one filled with adventure and promise. Don't let yourself or someone close to you forget to buckle up. It could cost more than you think....

### Bronte resident named to honor group

Janel M. Voss-Monaghan of Bronte was recently inducted into Psi Chi, the psychology honor organization at Hardin-Simmons University.

### Property Tax information

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities" is available at the Coke County Appraisal District office in the Courthouse, second floor, west, at Robert Lee. Published by the State Comptroller's office in Austin, the pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings. Chief Appraiser, Patsy Dunn, noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as water and hospital districts).

"Remedies" describes how homeowners can file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads. It tells about other exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans, other disabled persons and senior citizens. The pamphlet also contains information about appeals to the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is a citizen board that hears taxpayer protests to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural land owners. Farmers and ranchers may be eligible for a special, lower valuation based on what the land will produce rather than what it would sell for in the open market. Applications must be filed at the appraisal district office.

Appraisal district staff can offer more information and help with applications for special land appraisal, tax renditions, over-65 tax deferrals, and exemptions. The office is open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

### Longhorns participate in Regional meet

The Bronte Longhorns participated in the Regional meet this last Friday and Saturday at ACU. Blake McKee qualified in the Shot Put for the State Meet to be held in Austin.

The individual results were as follows:

Shot Put: 1st, Blake McKee, 48'11".

110m Hurdles: 3rd, Dustin Holland, 15.07.

1600m Relay: 4th, Wes Howell, Dustin Holland, Josh Schoenfield, and Jerrod McClure, 3:30.9.



Mr. and Mrs. Tad H. Emert of Robert Lee announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie G. Emert, to Jason R. Powers. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin R. Powers of Camp Wood, Texas. Carrie is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Frieda Wilson of San Angelo, the granddaughter of Mrs. Billie Jean McCleery, also of San Angelo, and the granddaughter of Mrs. B. W. Emert of Robert Lee. Jason is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cox of Fort McKavit and Mr. Carroll Powers of Camp Wood.

Carrie is a 1996 graduate of Robert Lee High School and a candidate for May, 1999, graduation from Angelo State University with a B.A. in English. Jason is a 1994 graduate of Nueces Canyon High School and a candidate for August, 1999, graduation from Angelo State University with a B. S. in Biology.

Their wedding is scheduled for July 31, 1999, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

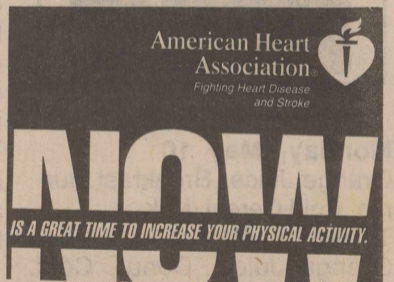
### Lone Star Baseball slates tournament

Lone Star Baseball will hold a Memorial Day Tournament in Brenham, Texas on May 29-30.

There will be four different divisions. High School Varsity, High School Junior Varsity, Select Varsity and Select Junior Varsity.

The format will be 3 game guaranteed round robin.

For more information, contact Frank Dornier at 281-469-6721.



## We're Putting God's Word To Work.

In the next few weeks, members of Robert Lee Baptist Church will be delivering a free JESUS video to residents of Robert Lee and the surrounding area. This film is the most watched film in history. The script for the movie is taken directly from the book of Luke in the bible. Over 48 million people worldwide have declared their commitment to Jesus Christ after watching the video. This distribution effort is part of a plan to tell everybody in Robert Lee about Jesus. Please welcome these folks when they visit your house.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas

## CONGRATULATIONS!

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## RL Regional Track Meet results

The Robert Lee Steers and Lady Steers took part in the Regional Track Meet in Abilene recently. The Steers have two qualifiers for state and the Lady Steers have one.

Tony Bell placed 1st in the Pole Vault with 13'6", and Dan McCown placed 2nd in the 110 hurdles with 15.04, which qualified them for state. Dan McCown placed 3rd in the 300 hurdles with 40.3, making him an alternate to state in this event.

Other individual results included:

Triple Jump - 4th, Dan McCown, 42'3".

Shot Put - 4th, Jeremy Edging, 47'3".

Pole Vault - 6th, Matthew Pitcock, 12'6".

High Jump - 4th, Andrew McCabe, 6'; 6th, Dan McCown, 5'10".

3200m Run - 4th, Joel Gallegos, 10:31.

1600m Run - 6th, Joel Gallegos, 4:56.6.

DeShira Dickey qualified for state from the Lady Steers with a 62.08 time in the 400 meter run.

The coaches are mighty proud of these tracksters and all the hard work they did getting to regionals, and they would like to wish Tony, Dan and DeShira good luck at State.

After 34 years of coaching track and all the great athletes that I have coached I finally saw, at the regional meet in Abilene last weekend, the six

greatest throws in the shot put that I have ever seen. Jeremy Edging did not win the shot or even earn a trip to State, but he competed like the champion that I know he is. We all wanted a Coke County Sweep with Jeremy Edging and Blake McKee of Bronte leading the event. Jeremy's knee gave way four days before the meet and only McKee survived and all of us at Robert Lee are very proud of him and wish him well

## RL Elem. box top program a success

The Robert Lee Elementary school's "Box tops for Education" program has been deemed a success. Even though they got a late start this year, they still collected over \$80 in funds to go toward Accelerated Reading books for the library. Every box top sent to the school gave them from ten to fifteen cents. In two months time they collected over 500 tops.

They hope that next year will be even better. They have a head start on next year's goal, and are again asking the community for help. The deadline for this year was March 31, 1999. After that, any box tops collected go on next year's effort, so keep sending box tops.

The way the program goes, is the school collects box tops, sends them in, and they receive money. The funds can be applied toward any item needed. At this time, they are working to increase the number of Accelerated Reading books in the library. The school is making a giant push to raise the reading level of the students and the AR program is one of the methods used. As a result, there has been an increase in the number of books checked out of the library each week and new AR books are needed. The greatest benefit has been with the students. Many are reading at a level above their grade level.

The school is looking forward to working with the community in creating a better and larger library for Robert Lee elementary students.

at State.

We are also very proud of Jeremy Edging who, by his own choice, tried with all his might to make the trip despite a torn ACL and crushed cartilage in his left knee. It seems that the road to success is always under construction and to see Jeremy try to overcome the construction made each of his six throws a feat that his coaches will treasure for the rest of our lives. Thank you, Jeremy Edging, for all the ways you have competed for RLHS and always remember that you don't have to be the best but you must try your best and you sure did that.

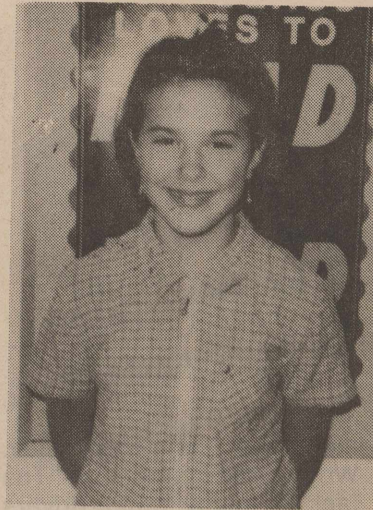
Your friend and coach Edward Poehls

## Sale to benefit West Texas Rehab

The 10th annual Club Lamb/Meat Goat Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 7:30 pm at the Wylie FFA Showbarn, Abilene, Texas. This sale benefits the West Texas Rehab Center. Over \$19,000 was raised at last year's sale. These revenues go directly into treatment services for over 17,000 patients the Rehab serves each year.

Lamb chairmen John Helmer of Merkel, Charlie Palmer of Clyde, Gaines Price of Roscoe, and Wade Stephens of Cross Plains are expecting close to 150 lambs from donors throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois for the sale this year. Jennifer Morris, goat chairman from Colorado City, expects around 75 goats to be donated from top Texas breeders. Only lambs and goats bought at this sale will be eligible for the Rehab Jackpot Show, December 11, at the Dorthea Griffin Arena at Taylor County Expo Center.

To donate a lamb or goat to the sale, call any of the chairmen or contact Danny Isbell at the Rehab Center in Abilene at 915-793-3507 or Dee Lackey at the Rehab Center in San Angelo at 915-223-6311.



Cassidy Wink

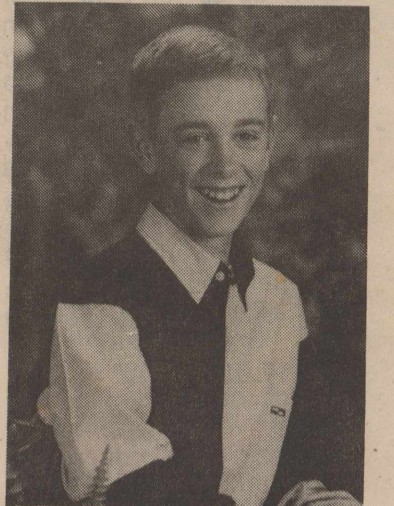


Haylee Neighbors

## Students achieve high levels in reading program

Recently Cassidy Wink, a Fifth Grade student at Robert Lee Elementary School, reached the Honor Reader Level for Accelerated Reader/Reading Renaissance. Cassidy is the first student in RLES to accomplish this. The Reading Renaissance Program was implemented in August 1998. The Honor Level is achieved when the student accumulates 100 points from a specific list of challenging, teacher-selected literature. Teachers will be encouraging Cassidy to continue reading and to re-certify at other levels by reading and taking tests on different genres.

Sixth Grade student, Jake McCabe, and Fifth Grade student, Haylee Neighbors, have reached the Classic Reader Level. In order to achieve Classic Reader status, students must read and pass tests on three books which are worth ten or more points at Seventh Grade Reading Level. Teachers believe that even though the school year is almost over it is possible for Jake and Haylee to move up to the Honor Level.



Jake McCabe

## RL FFA Banquet

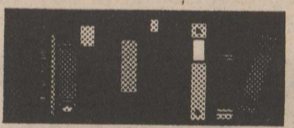
The Robert Lee FFA Banquet will be held Thursday, May 13 at 7 pm in the school cafeteria. Ice cream and cobblers will be served. Everyone is invited to come.

## RL Sports Banquet

The Robert Lee Sports Banquet will be held Thursday, May 6 at 7 pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets will be available at the door.

• Don't ever be too full for dessert. -Kelly, Age 10

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

#### Monday, May 10

Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Cold Cereal, Milk

#### Tuesday, May 11

Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk

#### Wednesday, May 12

Orange Juice, Blueberry Pancake wrapped around Sausage, Cold Cereal, Milk

#### Thursday, May 13

Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Milk

#### Friday, May 14

Orange Juice, French Toast, Sausage, Milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, May 10

Chicken O's, Macaroni & Cheese, Applesauce, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk

#### Tuesday, May 11

Hotdogs with Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Pears, Rice Krispie Bars, Milk

#### Wednesday, May 12

Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Red Beans, Sliced Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

#### Thursday, May 13

Steakfingers with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit Jello, Milk

#### Friday, May 14

BBQ Burger, Pickle Spears, French Fries, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

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## OLD PICTURES NEEDED BY JUNE 1ST



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Robert Lee State Bank is working on a special project. We are asking everyone in the county for their help in gathering some old photos. We are interested in pictures such as the following areas:

TENNYSON: Mt. Margaret

BRONTE: Theater, Ft. Chadbourne, Downtown, School & the Depot

SANCO: The Tabernacle

SILVER: The Oil-Field Camp

ROBERT LEE: Bank, Jail House, Court House, Downtown, & the School

We need the pictures no later than June 1, 1999. The original photos will not leave the bank and will be promptly returned to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Arlea Parks or Dee Anna Harmon at 453-2545.

Thank You



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Calo Salomao and Jami Patterson were crowned Robert Lee High School Prom King & Queen at the Junior Senior Prom held at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo.

**RL Fire Dept. contributions**

The following contributions were received by the Robert Lee Fire Department recently.

**Memorials**

**Mary Ivey**  
Butch & Glenda Service, Mike & Fran Lomas, Kenneth & Nancy Rasco, Clayton & Pansy Bloodworth, Mrs. A.J. Roe, Jr., R.L. & Evelyn Flanagan.

**Stanley Davis**

Bob & Jamie Boren  
**Pearlie Long**  
Kenneth & Nancy Rasco  
**R.C. & Bessie Rainwater**  
Joe & Nettie Autry

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Troy Wimberley, Don Fields, Mrs. A.J. Roe, Jr., Jack & Nina Brewer

**Vera Jameson**

Clayton & Pansy Bloodworth, Mrs. A.J. Roe, Jr.

**Jimmy Sanders**

Joan Davis, Larry & Lorrie Martin

**Charles Nance**

Joan Davis  
**Bill Higgins**  
Mrs. A.J. Roe, Jr.

**Tom Rawlings**

Mrs. A.J. Roe, Jr.

**Martin Reed**

R.L. & Evelyn Flanagan

**Otis Smith**

Wilbern & Charlotte Millican

**Zola Hatley**

Bob & Jamie Boren

**J. Craddock**

Bob & Jamie Boren, Cumbie Ivey, Patti Lynn Peterson

**Calvin Sparks**

Charles Davis, Donald Walker, Dale Fields, James & Family, Wilbern & Charlotte Millican, Rosie & Garland Davis, Floy Sawyer, R.L. & Evelyn Flanagan, Kenneth & Nancy Rasco, David & Voleta Dixon, Clayton & Pansy Bloodworth, Larry & Lorrie Martin, Cumbie Ivey, Winton & Virginia Milliff, Horace & Mary Scott, Tommy & JoAnn Clifton, Dean & Pat Percifull, Jack & Nina Brewer, Douglas & Denise Roberts, Ada F. VanHorn & Carl Pierce, Patti Lynn Ivey Peterson, Rebecca & Vincent Osmanski

**Donations**

Micky & Kelly Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse R. Robertson, Customer donations by Water Bills

**RLCC observes National Nursing Home Week**

"A Celebration of Life" is the theme of National Nursing Home Week, an American Health Care Association (AHCA) sponsored observance, to be celebrated May 9-15, 1999, in nursing facilities nationwide.

The theme highlights the environment of today's nursing facilities as a place where dedicated caregivers provide residents and families the support necessary to "live life to the fullest."

"The need for quality long term care services will continue to increase as a large



Members of the Robert Lee High School Senior class enjoy the evening during their prom at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo.

segment of our nation's population ages," said AHCA Vice President Linda Keegan. "National Nursing Home Week celebrations are an excellent opportunity for everyone to expand their understanding of the issues related to aging, living in a nursing home and the critical role caring nursing home staff play in facilities and communities around the nation." AHCA is a federation of 50 affiliated associations, representing more than 11,000 non-profit and for-profit assisted living residences, nursing facilities and subacute care centers that provide care to more than one million elderly and disabled individuals nationally.

Robert Lee Care Center is planning a reception to help celebrate life. The reception will be on May 12, 1999, from 2 till 3 pm. All residents, staff, family members and community are invited to attend and help them CELEBRATE LIFE as it exists in Robert Lee Care Center.

**Red Canyon Gun Club holds match**

The Red Canyon Gun Club held its monthly pistol match on May 2nd.

Richard Johnson of Robert Lee started strong and kept the pressure on for most of the match to take the high overall trophy in the small bore Silhouette pistol. Three shooters tied for second place, all three having identical scores at the end of the 40 shot match. They were Ken Green of Robert Lee, Doug Randel of Big Spring and Howard Droll of San Angelo. No shootoff was declared to see who would be #2 and #3.

**Class Winners:**

AAA - 1st. Howard Droll; 2nd. Doug Randel; 3rd. Bill McNutt of Junction.

AA - 1st. Ken Green of Robert Lee; 2nd. Earl Williams of Kerrville; 3rd. Linda Randel of Big Spring.

Class B - 1st. Lauren Arthur of Robert Lee; 2nd. Jill House

of San Angelo.

Richard Johnson earned a 10 in a row pin on chickens, and Ken Green earned a 5 in a row pin on pigs.

In the second 40 shot match, a centerfire pistol match, Howard Droll took revenge on Richard Johnson and beat him by 1 point after the two had tied at the end of the 40 shot match. The shooters went into a tie breaker shoot off at the end of the match. Howard nailed his 4th turkey at 75 yards and Richard missed his 4th turkey. Close behind in 3rd was Earl Williams just one point behind. Ken Green was 4th, just 1 point behind Williams, and Doug Randel was 5th only 1 point behind Green.

Richard Johnson earned a 10 in a row pin on pigs. Earl Williams and Howard Droll each had a 5 in a row on pigs.

**Couple honored during workshop**

Tommy Williams, minister in the Northside Church of Christ, and his wife, Lucy, were honored April 17 at the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock, during a workshop. The workshop was co-hosted by the South Houston Bible Institute in Houston.

Praised in a luncheon speech, the couple was presented with a plaque of commendation for their 63 years of ministry. After a standing ovation, it was announced that through numerous contributions a check for \$3700 was being given to the Institute in their honor.

Williams, a native of Coke County, began his ministry in 1936, shortly after graduating from Robert Lee High School, and served congregations in several places in Texas and Indiana before returning to Robert Lee in "semiretirement" several years ago. The Williamses also served for a time as missionaries in Seoul, South Korea.

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### Child car seat program helps ensure safety

Despite her own injuries, the frightened mother brought her car to a halt in a shower of broken glass and crunched metal, then turned to her child in the back seat. The wide-eyed toddler stared back, without even a scratch. Fortunately, just days earlier, staff from the Safe Riders Program had reinstalled his safety seat securely and correctly in the family auto.

"People hear about our check-up clinics and drive up to have us check their car safety seats," said Susan Warren, director of Safe Riders, a statewide traffic safety program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Manufacturer instructions often are so difficult to understand that most people don't install child safety seats properly. It can take our trained staff up to a half hour to wrestle them into place."

When correctly secured in the back seat, safety seats reduce the risk of death from traffic crashes by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers. "We know this program can protect children from serious injury or death," Warren said. "Many people tell us about children surviving car

### Host families needed for HS exchange students

Catch the spirit of international friendships by hosting a high school exchange student from Spain, Mexico, France, Germany, Great Britain, Thailand, Japan or one of the former Soviet Union countries through World Heritage International Student Exchange Program. Students are awaiting word on their host family for the 1999-2000 academic school year. Host families provide room, board, and guidance to a teenager living thousands of miles from home. Students are well-screened and are selected based on academic performance, English proficiency, teacher recommendations, and personal interviews. Couples, single parents, and families with no children are all encouraged to apply.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each World Heritage student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles. At the same time the student will be teaching their newly adopted host family about their own culture and language.

Families may select the youngster of their choice from student applications, photo collages, and biographical essays. Once paired, students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

In the spirit of peace and understanding, call George Brickey at 915-453-4418 or 1-800-888-9040 for more information on hosting an exchange student.

crashes just a few days after we install their seats correctly."

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children, taking more than 2,658 lives of children under age 15 nationally and seriously injuring another 300,000 children each year. In 1997 in Texas, 250 children under age 15 died in crashes. Warren said that research shows 87 percent of child safety seats in Texas are not installed correctly, placing children at risk in auto accidents.

"With some 300 different car models and at least 75 different styles of car safety seats, it's no wonder that so many are not installed as they should be," she said. From four to six Safe Riders car seat clinics are held each month around the state.

Here are some suggestions from Safe Riders for checking your child's safety set:

- Make sure the auto's safety belt holds the car seat securely. If you can rock the child's seat forward or from side to side more than 1 inch, the seat is not installed correctly.

- Most seats need a harness clip, which should rest on the child's chest, even with his or her underarms. Make sure harness straps are not torn or frayed.

- The straps should fit snugly, allowing no more than one finger between the straps and the child's body.

- Read your car owner's manual for special installation instructions.

- If you don't have your car seat instructions or have questions, call the TDH Safe Riders Program toll free at 1-800-252-8255 for a copy. You also may call the car seat maker for advice.

Besides ensuring proper installation at check-up clinics, Safe Riders staff members also collect hazardous seats that have been in a car crash, are more than five to seven years old or have been recalled by manufacturers. "Drivers get a new seat right there," Warren said. "We replace about 25 seats at each clinic."

These car seats are funded by the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, a non-profit injury prevention organization. Safe Riders Program funds come from a federal grant provided by the Texas Department of transportation. Throughout the year, trainers and a mas-



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cot, "Buckle Bear," visit elementary schools across Texas to teach children about using seat belts properly. A recent federal rule established a standard anchoring system for new cars and light trucks by the end of this year. "That's great," Warren said, "but it takes at least 20 years to get a car model off the road, so we'll be checking car seats for a long time."

The Safe Riders Program also emphasizes bicycle helmet and older adult traffic safety. Last year, the bicycle helmet program distributed about 10,000 helmets to Texas children through community groups, churches, hospitals and child care centers. The older adult traffic safety program holds regional Ride Safe/Walk Safe and Safe Communities workshops that focus on aging and driving as well as bicycle and pedestrian safety.

### County Court Disposition

The Coke County Court lists the following disposition from April 28, 1999.

State of Texas vs. Noe Martinez Jr. in the charge of Driving While Intoxicated, 1st. Plea: \$500 Fine, \$184.25 Court Cost, 15 days Jail Time, Credit given for time served.

### Medicare begins new 800 service

Medicare has set up an 800 number to make it easier for people to get information about services, benefits and other questions they may have. The toll-free number is 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

If you call 1-800-MEDICARE, you can talk with an English- or Spanish-speaking customer service representative between 8 am and 4:30 pm for help with questions about Medicare, including:

- general information about Medicare,
- updated information about health plan options in your

community,

- general information about Medicare supplemental insurance (Medigap), and

- telephone numbers for assistance with billing questions about Medicare claims or for help with more complex questions about your health insurance.

You can also request a copy of the Medicare & You handbook or an audiotape of the handbook in English or Spanish. And you can listen to pre-recorded answers to frequently asked questions.

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**Skywarn News**  
by Marian Thompson

At 7:30 pm Monday evening, Skywarn Leader Bud Thompson was advised by the National Weather Service of severe storms and a tornado watch for Coke County.

Some of the storm watchers were at the fire station, as they had just concluded the fire meeting. They went to different look out points so they could watch the skies. They were joined by the Sheriff's Department and the storm

watchers from Bronte, who are also firemen.

First report from the Western Divide was of quarter size hail and high winds. There was a report of pea size hail at Paint Creek turn off. We were then advised by the Weather Service that we were under a Flash Flood Warning until 11:55 pm.

There was heavy cloud to cloud and cloud to ground lightning, and the line of storms seemed to be splitting up.

A large cell was seen on the

west side of Coke County, cutting across 7-mile hill headed for Bronte.

At 9:45 the Weather Service reported a large cell 23 miles southwest of Robert Lee, tracing northeast.

Quarter size hail and high winds were reported on 2034. Robert Lee received some rain and pea size hail, while Bronte got quarter size hail and heavy rain and wind.

The Oklahoma tornadoes were from the same line of storms.

Travelers southbound on 277 told our watchers that they encountered hail 1 3/4 inch in diameter.

The second line of storms passed between 1 and 2 am, and the third line passed south of us at 4 am.

No damage was reported in our area.



**COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS**

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

**Watering lawns and gardens during drought conditions**

For our area, water is probably the most limiting nutrient that is required for green lawns and gardens. With the drought conditions we have been experiencing lately this is becoming more true than usual. To get your garden and lawn off to a good start this spring, there are several tips on efficient watering that need to be considered.

When watering your lawns, especially if you are using Robert Lee water, it is important to give it a deep soaking watering rather than short frequent watering with sprinklers. The reason for this is to leach the salt content into the soil formation and not have it collecting over time in the top

of the soil profile whereby the salt accumulation could damage the grass or garden. The soil should be wet from 4-6 inches deep for effective moisture retention. Water only when the top 1-2 inches of soil becomes dry as over watering can be just as detrimental to lawns as not having enough water. This is due to water logging which can cause suffocation of the grass due to lack of oxygen in the soil.

To water your garden for a good start up, again give the soil a deep soaking by running water down the furrows instead of light frequent sprinklings which can leave the salt residue on the plants.

Fertilizer for your lawn can also be very important especially during dry conditions. The proper rate of fertilizer to apply can only be determined precisely after a soil test has been run on your lawn. Applying more fertilizer than needed will cause a need for additional water and will cause excessive mowing. There is a new lawn fertility test that is inexpensive and can be obtained in the County Extension office at the courthouse. Fertilizing lawns should be done for our area in late April or early May. Hopefully we will have had some rainfall by this recommended to split the fertilizer applications in two separate times. About half of the fertilizer should be applied and watered in sufficiently and wait two weeks to a month and apply the rest. A general rule of thumb for fertilizer is to apply 3-4 pounds of actual nitrogen for 1,000 square feet of lawn area.

For additional information on lawn care or gardens, contact the Coke County Agricultural Extension Service at 453-2461.

**Twice a widow or widower? Higher SS benefits could be in your future**

by Fredi Frankl  
Social Security Manager in San Angelo

While visiting a local senior adult center, a 70-year-old woman told me she had been widowed twice - once at age 48 and 18 years later at age 66. When her second husband died, Social Security automatically converted her spouse's benefits to widow's benefits based on his record. I asked her permission to check her file to determine whether she could be receiving a higher benefit on her first husband's record.

Sure enough, because her first husband had a higher earnings record, we advised her to file a new claim. As a result, her benefits were immediately increased.

When a spouse dies, Social Security's practice is to automatically convert the spouse's benefit to a widow or (widower) benefit based on the deceased spouse's record. The conversion letter suggests the person should contact Social Security if she or he had been a widow or widower from a previous marriage. In some cases, the surviving spouse may be eligible for a higher benefit based on the previous spouse's record. Unfortunately, some people who may be eligible for the higher benefit do not contact us.

Some divorced women and men also may be eligible for benefits based on a deceased ex-spouse's record if the marriage had lasted at least 10 years. In some cases, these divorced individuals may not know they could be eligible for higher benefits. And, we may not be aware of their eligibility unless they contact us.

Information about survivors benefits is available by contacting a local Social Security office, calling the Social Security toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 and by visiting this website: www.ssa.gov.

**ECC Ambulance service lists contributions**

The East Coke County Ambulance service reports the following contributions received in April, 1999.

- Memorials**  
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COST: \$133,350.00.

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Specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contract are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904.

Minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid.

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### TxDOT to provide enhancement program funding

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host a workshop May 10 at 1 pm in the Training Room of the Vehicle Titles and Registration Building to discuss funding requests for eligible projects that qualify for the TEA 21 federal funding.

Approximately \$128 million will be awarded in November to projects throughout the 25 TxDOT districts.

Categories for the Transportation Enhancement Program include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, safety and education activities for pedestrians and bicyclists, acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic properties, scenic or historic highway programs such as visitor centers, landscaping and beautification projects, control and removal of outdoor advertising, archaeological planning and research, environmental mitigation, and construction of transportation museums.

Nomination applications are due in the district office by Aug. 9 at 5 pm. Sponsors that apply for funding must be endorsed and submitted by a governmental entity, depending on the location of the

project. Sponsors include non-profit groups, individuals, partnerships and associations, and public or private corporations, according to Public Information Officer Patsy Rainwater-Maddux.

As outlined in the program guide, the enhancement program is designed to contribute to the livelihood of communities, the quality of the environment, and the aesthetics of roadways, ranging from rural to metropolitan areas. Previous projects that have been funded include the Santa Fe Depot, the Concho River Pedestrian Mallway, and Eldorado's Founder's Square.

Instructions and applications for the enhancement program can be obtained prior to the workshop in the San Angelo District Office at 4502 Knickerbocker. For additional information, contact Rainwater-Maddux at 947-9205 or Tommy Robinson, TxDOT's transportation planner, at 949-9264.

The Vehicle Titles and Registration Building is located at the intersection of Knickerbocker and Southland.

### FSA expands preferred lender program

by Congressman Charles W. Stenholm

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has relaxed the standard for lender participation in the Preferred Lender Program (PLP), according to Congressman Charlie Stenholm. The PLP streamlines the process under which agriculture loans are reviewed and approved.

The PLP was implemented on February 12 and required a lender to have made 30 agriculture loans in three years to be eligible to participate in the program. Under this rule, only 238 lenders nationwide would have been eligible.

Following the change, lending institutions must have made 20 agriculture loans within five years to be eligible for PLP participation. This will make 747 lenders eligible for PLP status nationwide.

Stenholm has been critical of the strict eligibility requirements and encouraged FSA to relax the lender requirement.

"The PLP is designed to allow lenders to make loans to eligible borrowers without unnecessary and burdensome government regulations," said Stenholm. "The goal is to streamline the paperwork requirements for as many producers and lenders as possible."

### 4-H Roundup

District 7 4-H Roundup was held May 1st at Angelo State University. Over 400 4-Hers from around the area participated in Share the Fun. Those participating from Coke County were Megan Gibbs - Share the Fun - Vocal, 4th place; Clay Antilley and Kyla Millican - Dairy Demonstration, 1st place; Cassidy Wink and Cara Eaton - Pork Demonstration, 1st place.



Megan Gibbs earned 4th place honors for her "Share the Fun - Vocal" at the District 7 4-H Roundup May 1 at Angelo State University.



Cara Eaton and Cassidy Wink received first place ribbons for their Pork Demonstration at the District 7 4-H Roundup May 1 at Angelo State University.



Clay Antilley and Kyla Millican received first place ribbons for their Dairy Demonstration at the District 7 4-H Roundup May 1 at Angelo State University.

### Poems wanted for new contest

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is now accepting poems for entry in its new *Poetic Achievement Awards* national contest. A Grand Prize of \$500 will be awarded plus thirty-four other cash prizes. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or fewer, on any subject, and in any style. Contest closes May 31, 1999, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest are considered for publication in the Winter 2000 *Treasured Poems of America* edition, a hardcover anthology to be published in December 1999. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be announced on July 31, 1999.

"We are looking for sincerity and originality in a wide variety of styles and themes," says Jerome Welch, Publisher. "You do not have to be an experienced poet to enter and win."

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. E, 609 Main Street, PO Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175.

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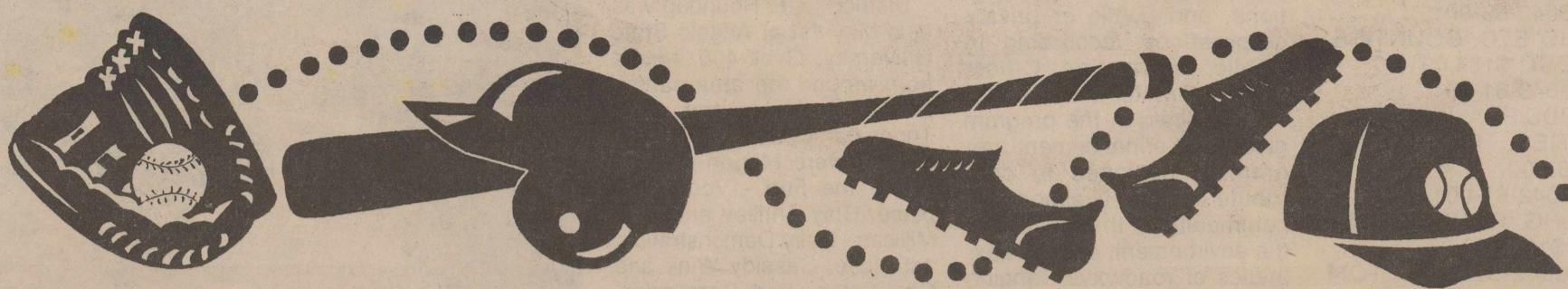
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# 1999 COKE COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

## "T-Ball Schedule 1999"

DATE	DOW	TIME	HOME	VISITOR	SITE
May 4	Tues.	5:30	Robert Lee 2	Robert Lee 1	Robert Lee
May 4	Tues.	6:00	Bronte 1	Blackwell	Bronte LFI
May 7	Friday	6:00	Bronte 1	Robert Lee 1	BronteLF
May 7	Friday	6:00	Bronte 2	Robert Lee 2	BronteBF
May 11	Tues.	6:00	Blackwell	Robert Lee 1	Blackwell
May 11	Tues.	6:00	Robert Lee 2	Bronte 1	Robert Lee
May 13	Thurs.	6:00	Blackwell	Robert Lee 2	Blackwell
May 13	Thurs.	6:00	Bronte 2	Bronte 1	Bronte BF
May 17	Mon.	6:00	Bronte 2	Robert Lee 1	Bronte LF
May 17	Mon.	6:00	Bronte 1	Blackwell	Bronte BF
May 20	Thurs.	5:30	Robert Lee 1	Robert Lee 2	Robert Lee
May 20	Thurs.	6:00	Blackwell	Bronte 2	Blackwell
May 24	Mon.	6:00	Robert Lee 1	Bronte 1	Robert Lee
May 24	Mon.	7:00	Robert Lee 2	Bronte 2	Robert Lee
May 27	Thurs.	6:00	Robert Lee 1	Blackwell	Robert Lee
May 27	Thurs.	6:00	Bronte 1	Robert Lee 2	Bronte BF

## "Major League Schedule 1999"

DATE	DOW	TIME	HOME	VISITOR	SITE
April 19	Mon.	6:30	Bronte	vs Sterling	Bronte BF
April 22	Thurs.	6:30	Sterling	vs Bronte	Sterling
April 30	Friday	6:30	Sterling	vs Bronte	Sterling
May 1	Sat.	5:00	Lakeview A's	vs Sterling	Carlsbad
May 1	Sat.	7:00	N.Concho Expo's	vs Bronte	Carlsbad
May 8	Sat.	5:00	Sterling	vs Lakeview Pirates	Lakeview
May 8	Sat.	7:00	Bronte	vs Lakeview Angels	Lakeview
May 11	Tues.	7:30	Bronte	vs Sterling	Bronte BF
May 15	Sat.	5:00	Lakeview A's	vs Bronte	Sterling
May 15	Sat.	7:00	Lakeview White Sox	vs Sterling	Sterling
May 20	Thurs.	7:30	Sterling	vs Bronte	Sterling
May 22	Sat.	5:00	Lakeview Angels	vs Sterling	Bronte BF
May 22	Sat.	7:00	N. Concho Dodgers	vs Bronte	Bronte BF
May 24	Mon.	7:30	Bronte	vs Sterling	Bronte BF
May 29	Sat.	9:00	Lakeview White Sox	vs Bronte	Bronte BF
May 29	Sat.	11:00	Lakeview Pirates	vs Sterling	Bronte BF
June 7	Mon.	7:30	Sterling City	vs Bronte	Sterling

## "Minor Schedule 1999"

DATE	DOW	TIME	HOME	VISITOR	SITE
May 3	Mon.	7:30	Sterling City	Robert Lee	Sterling City
May 4	Tues.	7:30	Bronte 1	Blackwell	Bronte BF
May 7	Fri.	7:00	Blackwell	Sterling City	Bronte LF
May 11	Tues.	6:00	Bronte 1	Sterling City	Bronte BF
May 14	Fri.	7:30	Sterling City	Blackwell	Sterling City
May 18	Tues.	7:30	Blackwell	Robert Lee	Bronte BF
May 25	Tues.	7:30	Robert Lee	Bronte 1	Robert Lee
May 28	Fri.	7:30	Robert Lee	Sterling City	Robert Lee
June 1	Tues.	7:30	Blackwell	Bronte 1	Bronte BF
June 4	Fri.	7:30	Robert Lee	Blackwell	Robert Lee
June 8	Tues.	7:30	Bronte 1	Robert Lee	Bronte BF
June 11	Fri.	7:30	Sterling City	Bronte 1	Sterling City

## "Farm League Schedule 1999"

DATE	DOW	TIME	HOME	VISITOR	SITE
May 3	Mon.	6:00	Sterling City	Robert Lee	Sterling City
May 4	Tues.	6:00	Bronte	Blackwell	Bronte BF
May 7	Friday	7:00	Blackwell	Sterling City	BronteBF
May 14	Fri.	6:00	Sterling City	Blackwell	Sterling City
May 18	Tues.	6:00	Blackwell	Robert Lee	Bronte BF
May 24	Mon.	6:00	Bronte	Sterling City	Bronte BF
May 25	Tues.	6:00	Robert Lee	Bronte	Robert Lee
May 28	Fri.	6:00	Sterling City	Robert Lee	Sterling City
June 1	Tues.	6:00	Blackwell	Bronte	Bronte BF
June 4	Fri.	6:00	Robert Lee	Blackwell	Robert Lee
June 8	Tues.	6:00	Bronte	Robert Lee	Bronte BF
June 11	Fri.	6:00	Sterling City	Bronte	Sterling City

