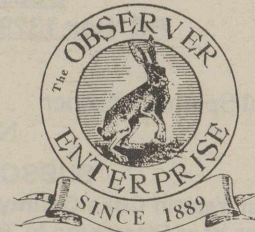


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## Early primary voting continues until March 10

Early voting for the March 14th Primary has begun. County Clerk Mary Grim reported that there has been a low number of people to turn out so far.

If you know that you will be out of the county on March 14th or if you just want to get voting out of the way, there is still time. You will be able to vote early until March 10th. You can vote in the County

### Gospel Singing

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, March 5, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship together.

### Longtime community leader dies

Bob Wrinkle, owner and operator of Wrinkle Hardware in Robert Lee, succumbed to cancer and died at his home on Saturday, February 27, 2000. The death of the 58-year-old Wrinkle has hit both the communities of Robert Lee and Bronte pretty hard, as Bob grew up in Bronte and later moved to Robert Lee, and was well known throughout the Concho Valley.

He was a leader in the community, having served as an officer in the West Coke County Community Development for the past several years. He was the driving force behind the annual Hunter's Barbecue, which feeds approximately 1,000 hungry hunters on opening day of deer season each year. And, unlike other hunter barbecues, the one in Robert Lee is unique in that it is free. Bob handled all the responsibility of soliciting donations from area ranchers and putting on the annual barbecue.

One could go on and on about Bob's contributions to the community, but one of the local leaders possibly expressed it best when he stated that "Bob Wrinkle was one of the most accommodating guys he had ever known."

Memorials may be made to the West Coke County Community Development at PO Box 396, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

Clerk's office Monday, March 6th - March 10th from 8 am to 5 pm. The office is closed from 12 noon to 1 pm for lunch each day. The east side of the county will be able to vote again Wednesday, March 8th, at Bronte City Hall.

You must bring your voters registration card. If you have

### City of Bronte sets general election

The City of Bronte will hold a general election on May 6, 2000. Three councilmen and a mayor will be elected. The terms of councilmen Leslie Rolls, George Snapp, Martha Ratliff, and Mayor Martin Lee will expire.

Applications to file for a place on the ballot are available at the City Hall, 114 South Washington. Deadline for filing a candidate application is 5:00 pm, March 22, 2000.

### Horns fall to #7 ranked Ira

The Bronte Longhorns lost a close one to Ira in the area basketball playoffs. The score was tied at halftime, but Ira pulled away in the second half to defeat the Horns 37-28. Scoring for the Horns were Steve Eldred with 8 points, 10 rebounds; Brandon Gibbs 6 points, 10 rebounds; Zeb Speary 5 points; Ryan McCorkle 4 points; Jerrod McClure 3 points; Tim Green 2 points; and Henry White 6 rebounds, 3 assists.

The Horns ended the season with a great record of 21-8, and placed six on the all-district team. Earning all-district honors were Brandon Gibbs, Henry White, and Jerrod McClure. Honorable mention athletes were Ryan McCorkle, Zeb Speary, and Steve Eldred.



Bob Wrinkle

misplaced it, you will need a form of identification. March 7th will be the last day for applications for a ballot by mail to be received.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the County Clerk's office at 453-2631.

### Volunteer agencies receive donated computer equipment

Government agencies are uniting together to donate used computers to over 100 different communities and organizations throughout the state of Texas in order for them to achieve a higher standard of living for their residents.

Fort Chadbourne, Robert Lee VFD, and Bronte VFD received donated computers on Friday, February 25. This initiative is part of a national Partnership for Reinventing Government, Hassle-Free Community Initiative.

The statewide program will provide computer hardware to various non-profit and community based organizations especially in rural Texas. Allen Amos, Chairman of the Concho Valley RC&D Council, presented computers to the groups at the Bronte City Hall.

The Hassle-Free Community Initiative is a way for government agencies to improve the accessibility of various services for customers. This type of partnering reflects the new focus in cooperation between various government agencies, Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils and local non-profit groups in their areas.

Often rural areas are not able to take full advantage of government benefits because they lack the basic infrastructure to receive these services. Rural areas throughout the state now will be able to acquire information about educational programs, governmental services, and ultimately achieve a higher standard of living.

This is an initial donation to the various non-profit and community based organizations. It is anticipated that additional computer or other equipment will be available in the future. Interested groups and organizations should contact their local office of USDA



Allen Amos (left), Chairman of the Concho Valley RC & D, presents three Coke County non-profit organizations with surplus computers. Receiving the computers were (from left) Lana and Garland Richards, representing Fort Chadbourne Foundation, Rick Drennan, representing Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, and Bruce Sonnenberg, representing the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

Natural Resources Conservation Service for the RC&D office, which serves their community.

### Helwig named MVP in District 20-A

Sophomore Jodee Helwig has been named the Most Valuable Player on the all district squad in District 20-A. Three Lady Steers made the all district team, along with two from Bronte.

This is Helwig's second year to be named MVP on the all district squad. Jodee's stats include an average of 14.6 points per game, 7.8 rebounds, 3.7 assists, 1.2 blocked shots; 2.9 steals, a 68.8 % Free Throw ave, and a 47.6 Field Goal percentage.

Jodee is joined on this year's team by junior DeShira Dickey and sophomore Whitney Millican. Dickey's stats include 11.9 ppg, 5.7 rebounds, 45.4 FG %, and a 62.7 FT %. Millican averaged 8.2 ppg, 5.0 rebounds, 2.1 assists, and 41.1 FG percentage.

Joining the Robert Lee Lady Steers on the all district squad are juniors Kala Arrott and Tessie McMullan of Bronte.

### Ash Wednesday Services

First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will be having their Ash Wednesday services at 6:30 pm this coming Wednesday, March 8. This service will begin the Lenten season of preparation for the Easter event. The service is open to everyone, and the community is invited.

### Longhorn Band Boosters to meet

There will be a meeting of the Bronte Band Boosters on Monday night, March 6, at 8 pm in the band hall. The spring trip will be discussed. All parents and students in the Bronte ISD band program are urged to attend.

### Council meeting changed

The date for the regular meeting of the Robert Lee City Council for March has been changed from the 2nd Monday. The City Council's March meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

**"Don't forget to VOTE!!!"**



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**Obituaries**

**McGuire**

Robert L. McGuire, 88, died Saturday, February 26, 2000 at his residence in Robert Lee.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 29, 2000, in the Robert Lee Cemetery. The Rev. Jim Reeves, pastor of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church, officiated. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Robert was born May 20, 1911 in Maysfield, Texas. He married Kathryn Bilbo on December 20, 1941. Kathryn preceded him in death on March 18, 1999. They had been married for 57 years.

After their marriage in 1941, the McGuires were cotton farmers at Lubbock for twenty years. They also raised racing greyhounds. They moved to Arkansas where they dairy farmed for about a year. After another year of dairy farming in Missouri, they returned to Texas in the early '60's. They raised irrigated cotton near St. Lawrence until their retirement in 1978. At that time, they moved to Robert Lee and bought a home on Childress St.

In their early retirement years, Robert and Kat enjoyed attending the Senior Citizen dances and other activities. Robert especially liked to play the game of forty-two.

Robert is survived by a sister, Ruth Devol of Covina, Calif., a sister-in-law, Dorothy McGuire of Alabama, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Locally he is survived by a sister-in-law, Alta Bilbo, and nieces and nephews: Bennie Helen and Carl Rusk, Jamie and Bob Boren, and Ben and Mary Bessent.

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**Wrinkle**

Bob Wrinkle, 58, of Robert Lee, died Saturday, February 27, 2000 at his home.

Services were held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated by Reverend Waide Messer. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, officiated by Reverend Garry Bivins. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Bob was born September 18, 1941, to Bill and Evaline Sims Wrinkle in Winters, Texas. He grew up and at-

tended school in Bronte, later moving to Robert Lee. Bob will always be remembered for helping anyone who needed it and working to make Robert Lee a better community.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Wrinkle and one brother, Willie Ray Wrinkle.

Bob is survived by his wife, Kathy Wrinkle of Robert Lee; his mother, Evaline Wrinkle of Sulphur Springs; one son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Tammie Wrinkle of Vernon; one daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and Romero Silvas of San Angelo; two step-daughters, Crystal Adams and Sharla Adams, both of Robert Lee; one sister and brother-in-law, Kathryn and David Gulley of Sulphur Springs; two grandchildren, Ky and Craig Wrinkle of Vernon; one aunt, Elna and R. C. White of Sulphur Springs; a special uncle, Charlie and Olene Sims of Houston; cousins, Richard and Mary Sims of Nacogdoches and Ronnie and Kenny Sims of Houston; and numerous relatives that Bob loved very much.

Pallbearers were Daryl Schulz, Wayne Schulz, Jeff Gulley, David Gulley, Doug Moore, and Richard Sims.

The family requests that memorials be made to the West Coke County Community Development, PO Box 396, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

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*Cancer is so limited...  
 It cannot cripple Love  
 It cannot shatter Hope  
 It cannot corrode Faith  
 It cannot destroy Peace  
 It cannot kill Friendship  
 It cannot suppress Memories  
 It cannot silence Courage  
 It cannot invade the Soul  
 It cannot steal eternal Life  
 It cannot conquer the Spirit.*

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**Fort Chadbourne Foundation receives grant funds**

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation is pleased to announce that they are the recipients of a \$25,000 grant from the Summerlee Foundation in Dallas, Texas for the purpose of the historical research of Fort Chadbourne.

Martha Doty Freeman, historian from Austin, TX has been selected by the Fort Chadbourne Foundation and has agreed to do the historical

research of the fort.

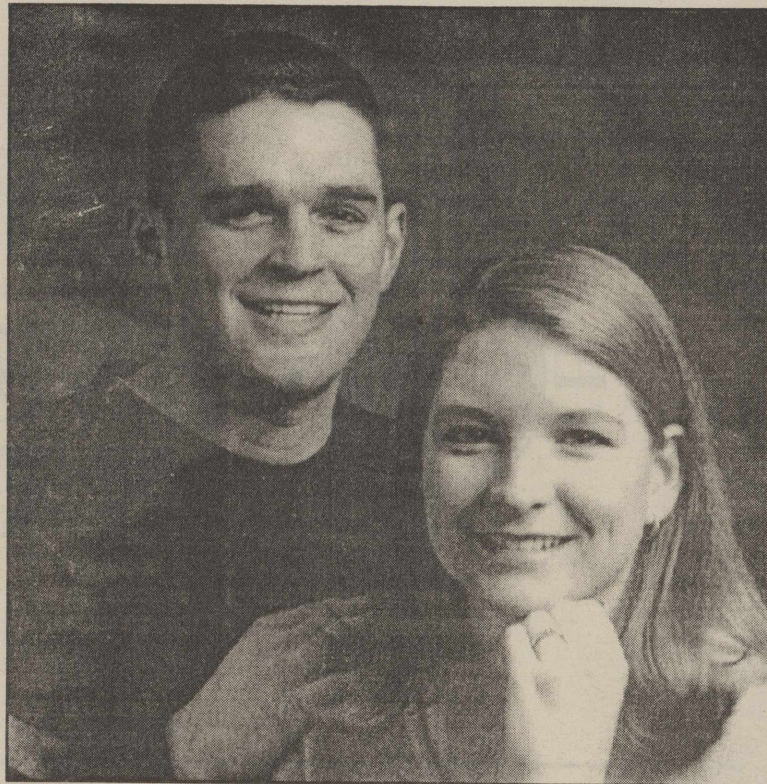
Martha Doty Freeman graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin Magna cum Laude with a B.A. and received her M.A. in American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. Martha is one of the most noted historians in the state of Texas.

As reported elsewhere in this week's O/E, the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, along with the Bronte and Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Departments, have recently each received a computer from the Concho Valley RC&D, which assists in community-wide projects. This computer will be used to store information gathered on Fort Chadbourne. Anyone interested in assisting with this effort, or in volunteering your money or time to Fort Chadbourne, please contact the Foundation at (915) 743-2555.

**Local congregation plans special emphasis on Jesus**

The members of First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee are planning a special emphasis to celebrate Jesus for eight weeks -- to explore in depth those qualities which make him special and how they can reflect those qualities in their lives. They will be working together on a 50-Day Spiritual Adventure called "Celebrate Jesus! Discover What Makes Him Special to So Many People."

The 50-Day Spiritual Adventure is an all-church spiritual growth event that will run from March 5th to Easter. First United Methodist joins thousands of congregations across North America who will



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunn are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda to Michael Welsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welsh, of Howell, New Jersey. Mandy and Mike are serving their country in the United States Air Force in Ft. Meade, Maryland. They will be married on June 10, 2000, in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

be working on this same topic during 2000. Over 400,000 Christians worldwide are expected to participate in this event. Over 3.5 million people have participated over the past few years.

Over the course of this event, the congregation will look at eight reasons that Jesus has remained the central figure of one-fourth of the world's population. In addition to weekly sermons on these reasons, adults, teens, and children at First United Methodist will be urged to participate in age-appropriate, personal studies. The goal is to help each individual to become lighthouses of prayer in the neighborhoods, to affirm and serve other people, and

to share their faith with others.

"I'm delighted First UMC can be a part of this exciting event," says Rev. Jim Reeves. "In today's world, people look to celebrities or athletes as role models. But Jesus is the greatest role model ever. As representatives of God's family in Robert Lee and Coke County, we want to make him known and display those qualities that will attract others into a relationship with him. We invite everyone in the area to come and hear powerful music and message during this event."

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**First United Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 (915) 453-2417

Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270  
 Tommy Williams, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
 Wed. 7 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy  
 (915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 (915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th  
 (915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Death Notices**

**Teschendorf**

Robert Louis Teschendorf, 66, of San Angelo and formerly of Bronte, died Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at his home.

Funeral service is at 2 pm Friday, March 3, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Driggers officiating. Committal service follows at 4 pm in Fairview Cemetery in

Bronte, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of San Angelo; his children, Tonya Jones of Glendale, Wisconsin, Robert Teschendorf of Bronte, and Tavia Murray and her husband, Braxton, of Hewitt, Texas; three grandchildren, Kendra and Brandon Teschendorf, and Tara Hale; and one great-grandchild, Corryn Herendene.

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**Thoughts on the Scripture**

*By Rev. Jim Reeves*

**Exodus 3:10 "So now, go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."**

Have you ever noticed how God uses the most unlikely people to accomplish great things? Moses was a stutterer, yet he becomes maybe the greatest leader in the Old Testament. Noah becomes a hero. Job, and Jonah and others. Mary becomes the mother of the Messiah. Peter, a simple fisherman, becomes one of the greatest preachers of all time. God has great things in mind for you.

May God bless each one of you.  
 Brother Jim

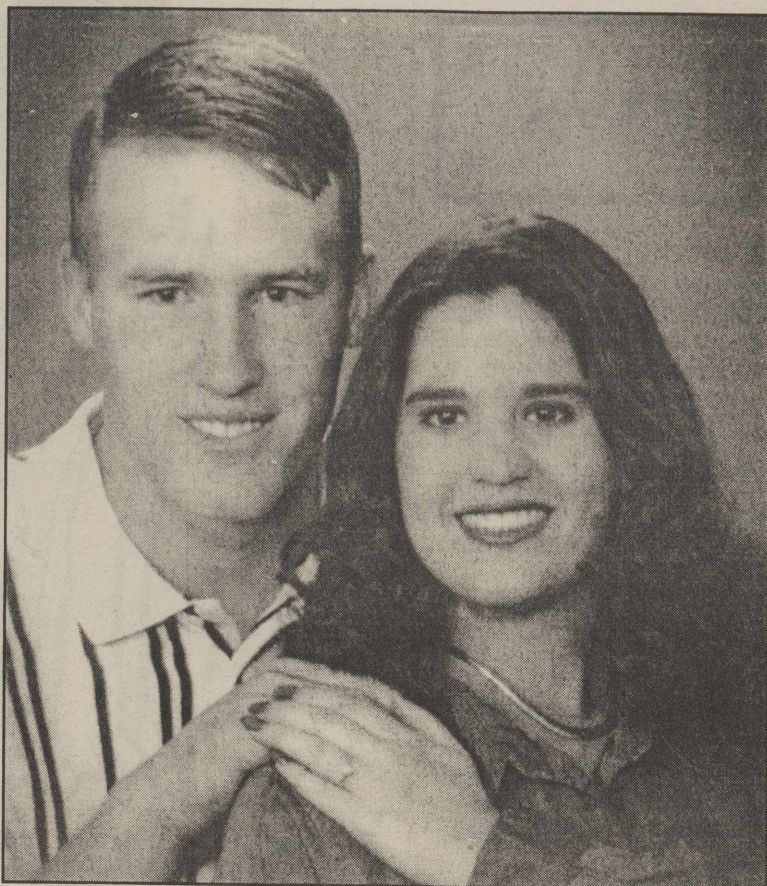


**Coates, Emert engagement told**

Mr. and Mrs. Tad Emert of Robert Lee announce the engagement of their daughter, Becca, to Rocky Coates. Rocky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coates of Coahoma, Texas. Becca 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. Rocky is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richters of Coahoma.

Becca is a 1998 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is a junior Elementary Education major at Angelo State University. Rocky is a 1997 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is a junior Kinesiology major at Angelo State University.

Their wedding is scheduled for May 20, 2000, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church.



Becca Emert and Rocky Coates

**Euterpean Club meets at Blackwell**

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell held a combination business and Valentine's meeting February 17 at 3:30 in the Methodist Church. Roll call was answered by members with information from either the constitution or by-laws of the club.

In the business meeting the minutes were read by secretary Sharon Taylor. The nominating committee, consisting of Rosie Ten Eyck and Heather Sanderson, suggested all officers retain their offices for another term, and that was agreed on. These officers are: President - Gypsy McMullin, Vice President - Hulene Magness, Secretary - Sharon Taylor, Treasurer - Heather Sanderson, Librarian - Bobbie Varnadore, Parliamentarian - Dona Sanderson, Pianist - Jeraldine Hickman, and Reporter - Collene Fletcher.

Karen Saunders was asked to present the trophy to the

**Church makes sign available to community**

First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee recently erected a new marquee sign along Highway 208 to keep the community informed of church activities. In addition, the sign will be made available to the school, civic organizations, and churches to promote activities which they might have that involve the community.

"We want to make the sign available to other churches and organizations that might be having events that involve our community," says Rev. Jim Reeves. "The sign is a positive addition to our community as well as to our church, and we want to place strong emphasis on the fact that we are an ecumenical community, working together with all churches and civic groups, as well as the schools. Unfortunately, we will not be able to make the sign available for personal use."

Groups wanting to display a message are urged to contact First UMC of Robert Lee at 453-2417 several days in advance of the event.

student selected for the Euterpean Scholarship award at the end of the school year. Also, there will be an engraved plaque for the Blackwell High School trophy case.

The hostesses, Betty Cole and Karen McBride, used the Valentine theme in decorations and refreshments. These were enjoyed by members Mary Burnett, Lillie Burwick, Betty Cole, Sue Dean, Collene Fletcher, Karen McBride, Gypsy McMullin, Dona Sanderson, Heather Sanderson, Karen Sanders, Margaret Stout, Sue Sweet, Sharon Taylor, Rosie Ten Eyck, Myrle Thompson, and Bobbie Varnadore.

The next meeting will be held March 16, 2000 at 3:30 pm in the Methodist Church of Blackwell. Betty Cole will give a brief history of the Euterpean Club. The guest speaker will be Lee Ann Allison, KTXS Meteorologist.

She will be speaking on the weather and answering questions. This will be an open meeting and the public is invited to attend.

**RL natives earn HPU academic honors**

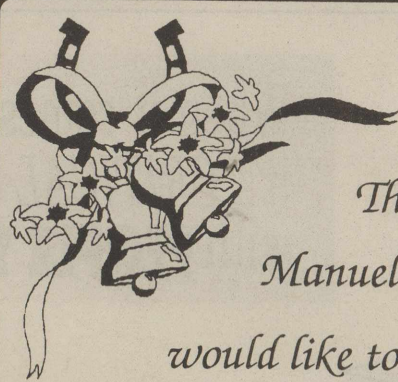
Robert Lee natives Meagan Hill and Jaclyn Waldrop received academic honors for the 1999 fall semester at Howard Payne University.

Hill, a biology major, was named to the president's list. She is the daughter of Billy and Cynthia Hill.

Waldrop, a mathematics major, was named to the honor roll. She is the daughter of Riley and Donna Waldrop.

Students must receive a grade point average of 4.0 for the president's list and 3.5 to 3.64 for the honor roll.

**Let China sleep - for when she wakes, the world will tremble.**  
-Napoleon Bonaparte



*The children of Manuel and Paz Sanchez*

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# Bronte School News

## UIL practice meets attended

The Bronte High School UIL Academic Team recently attended the Wylie Valentine Classic in Abilene on Saturday, February 19. The students gained valuable practice in their individual events, although none were medal winners. The students and their events were:

Clayton Acker - Calculator, Number Sense, Math, Science  
 Andy Blair - Current Events  
 Khanni Beauchamp - Editorial, Feature, Persuasive  
 Anthony Flores - Current Events, Science  
 Christine Galvan - Editorial, Feature, Newswriting, Headline  
 Brandon Poehls - Current Events, Science  
 Jade Richards - Number Sense, Math, Science  
 Tiffany Riordan - Prose  
 Jeremy Sanchez - Current Events  
 Joe'l Sefcik - Calculator, Science  
 Lindsay Springer - Calculator, Science  
 Morgan McCutchen - Editorial, Feature, Headline, Newswriting

The students on the UIL Math/Science teams attended a practice meet at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene on Saturday, February 26. Those in attendance were:

Clayton Acker - Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics, Science  
 Anthony Flores - Science  
 Elizabeth Morgan - Calculator,

Mathematics, Science  
 Amy Morgan - Mathematics, Science  
 Brandon Poehls - Science  
 Jade Richards - Number Sense, Mathematics, Science  
 Cara Sefcik - Mathematics, Science  
 Joe'l Sefcik - Calculator, Science  
 Lindsay Springer - Calculator,

## Bronte High School Honor Rolls listed

### All A Honor Roll

8th Grade - Kailey Howell, Ariel Marrs, Casey McKee  
 9th Grade - Jenna Herold  
 10th Grade - Katy Frazee, Daisy Porter, Tiffany Riordan, Lacy Schoenfield, Christine Galvan  
 11th Grade - Brooke McCutchen, Tessie McMullan, Crissie McCoulskey, Elizabeth Morgan, Jade Richards, Cara Sefcik, Ryan McCorkle, Clayton Acker  
 12th Grade - Andy Blair, Jerrod McClure, Gale Porter, Tamara Sedden

### A/B Honor Roll

7th Grade - Sherman Griffin, Jesse Herold, Garrett Jackson, Calli Johnson, Ryan Martinez, Cody Moore, Alex Sanchez, Romana Hoover, Ashleigh Kelly, Jasmine Kresta, Selena Soto, Ashley McCutchen, Matthew McCollough  
 8th Grade - Logan Acker, Tyson Baker, Ashley Denton, Sheena Head, Joseph Israel, Britney McCutchen, Natalee Reed, Diane Womack, Brittany Eldred, CJ Macon  
 9th Grade - Joe'l Sefcik, Lindsey Springer, Khanni Beauchamp, Heather Richey  
 10th Grade - Britni Adams, Lorenzo DeLaGarza, Anthony Flores, Morgan McCutchen, Cassandra Casares, Natasha Reed, Kendra Gordon, Jeremy Sanchez  
 11th Grade - Michaela Arrott, Amanda Bowie, Eric Johnson, Crystal Moore, Cassandra Parks, Kara Thompson, Henry White, Josh Schoenfield, Rosa Rodriguez  
 12th Grade - Natalie Armendarez, Wes Howell, Blake McKee, Sam Sanchez, Nicholas Casares, Tabitha Riordan, Jennifer Sturgill, Jessica Sturgill, Jake Graves

Science  
 Monday, February 28, Bronte students in junior high and high school Math/Science attended a practice meet at Wall High School. Students and their events were:

### High School

Clayton Acker - Number Sense, Calculator, Math, Science  
 Anthony Flores - Science  
 Elizabeth Morgan - Calculator, Math, Science  
 Amy Morgan - Math, Science  
 Brandon Poehls - Science  
 Jade Richards - Number Sense, Math, Science  
 Cara Sefcik - Math, Science  
 Joe'l Sefcik - Calculator, Science  
 Lindsay Springer - Calculator, Science

### Jr. High School

Blaine Dyess - Science  
 Ramana Hoover - Math, Science  
 Garrett Jackson - Number Sense, Cal.  
 Calli Johnson - Math, Science  
 Desiree Mirelez - Math  
 Cody Moore - Number Sense, Cal.  
 Logan Acker - Number Sense, Math  
 Brittany Eldred - Cal., Science  
 Josh Eubanks - Science  
 Joseph Israel - Number Sense, Science  
 Ariel Marrs - Math Science  
 Natalee Reed - Cal.  
 Chase Williams - Number Sense, Math, Cal.  
 Students placing in various events at Wall were:  
 Jade Richards - Science 5th; Biology 1st  
 Clayton Acker - Science 10th  
 Jade Richards - Number Sense 6th; Math 7th  
 Elizabeth Morgan - Calculator 8th

Junior High students will compete Wednesday and Thursday in Christoval in the District UIL Contest along with the Elementary students. High School will compete in Eden on March 25.

"We're going to turn this team around 360 degrees."  
 -- Jason Kidd, upon his drafting to the Dallas Mavericks



Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schwertner would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kelly Rene, to Todd Nathan Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Harrell of Bronte. They will be married on April 29, 2000, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Miles, Texas. Grandparents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gully of Olfen, Mrs. Lucille Schwertner of Miles and Mrs. Annie Reynolds of Norton.

## School board candidate workshop offers information and insight

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at candidate workshops, Thursday, March 9, 7-9 pm, at the Region 11 Education Service Center (3001 N. Freeway, Fort Worth); and Tuesday, March 14, 7-9 pm, at the Region 14 Education Service Center (1850 Highway 351, Abilene).

The workshops will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school

board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Kathy Dundee at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6171.

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

**Monday, March 6**  
 Cereal, Apple Sauce, Pop Tart, Milk  
**Tuesday, March 7**  
 Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancake, Milk  
**Wednesday, March 8**  
 French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffins, Milk  
**Thursday, March 9**  
 Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Toast, Milk  
**Friday, March 10**  
 Inservice Student Holiday Lunch  
**Monday, March 6**  
 Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Sliced Pears, Brownies, Milk  
**Tuesday, March 7**  
 Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Tossed Salad, Broccoli w/cheese, Apple Sauce, Bread Sticks, Blueberry Cake, Milk  
**Wednesday, March 8**  
 Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Jello, Milk  
**Thursday, March 9**  
 Lemon Pepper Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Frozen Peach Cups, Rolls, Milk  
**Friday, March 10**  
 Inservice Student Holiday

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# Robert Lee School News



Brandie Cragg and David Millican

## Cragg, Millican engagement

David Edward Millican and Brandie Jane Cragg have recently announced their engagement. The couple will be married on June 17, 2000, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ballinger.

Brandie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dean of Robert Lee, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Inez Maldonado of Brownwood, Texas. Brandie is a 1999 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

David is the son of David and Teresa Millican of Robert Lee, and the grandson of Henry Wylie Wilson of San Angelo and Ruby Lorene Millican of Robert Lee. David is a 1996 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is employed by Hill Country Heritage Homes in Stonewall, Texas.

Following the wedding cer-

emony, the couple will reside in Silver, Texas.

## RL FHA begins new program

This year the Robert Lee High School FHA has tried something new and different. The organization has set out to help the children in the elementary grades in social skills and with their homework. A teacher from each elementary class picked one or more students they felt needed a little extra attention, help on homework, or just someone to talk to. Not only do they tutor these children, but they also talk to them about life, family, and friends. These kinds of activities help the children to boost their self-esteem, and give them better social skills.

Surprisingly, the children tutored by FHA members are not the only ones who benefit from this kind of attention. The FHA students who participate in these activities also learn new social skills as well as a boost in self-esteem. The majority of the participants have come back



The Dunkers include (top row, from left) Becca Skinner, Kellye Duncan (Coach), Katie Bessent, Brettne Reed, Kelsy Duncan, Cindy Bessent (Coach), Rosa Rojas (bottom row, from left) Jordan Brown, Casey Mare'a Nesbit, Jessica Long, Sarah Philley, and Jaden Alexander.

to class and cheerfully voiced how happy they are this program was started. It has helped the elementary students as well as the high school FHA members. As one elementary student summed it up, "This is cool!"

## Dunkers finish season undefeated

The Dunkers finished their basketball season undefeated. The Dunkers consist of ten Robert Lee fifth graders that play for the YMCA Gra-Y League in San Angelo.

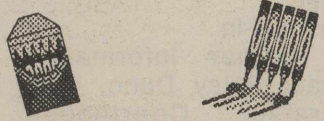
This is the third year that some of these girls have played together, and they have improved every year. This year was no different. The Dunkers played and beat seven other teams from the surrounding area.

Their last game was played Saturday, Feb. 26, against the

Rim Rockers. Sarah Philley led the scoring with 12 points, Kelsey Duncan 8 points, Brettne Reed 6 points, Becca Skinner 3 points, and Rosa Rojas had 2 points. The team was coached by Cindy Bessent and Kellye Duncan.

Congratulations to the Dunkers and their coaches on a great season!

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

- Monday, March 6**  
Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Sausage, Milk
- Tuesday, March 7**  
Orange Juice, Doughnuts, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Wednesday, March 8**  
Orange Juice, Pancake & Sausage on a stick, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Thursday, March 9**  
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Friday, March 10**  
Orange Juice, Biscuits & Jelly, Sausage, Cold Cereal, Milk

### Lunch

- Monday, March 6**  
Pizza, Corn, Applesauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk
- Tuesday, March 7**  
Chicken Fried Steak w/gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, March 8**  
Spaghetti, Carrots, Garlic Rolls, Spiced Apples, Milk
- Thursday, March 9**  
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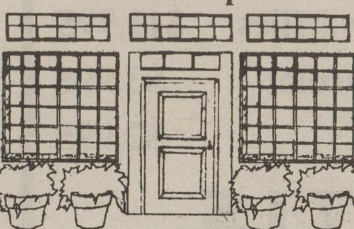
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**CARD OF THANKS**

**WORDS CAN NEVER**  
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hearts at the outpouring of  
your love for us at the death of  
this one that we love so much.  
Your constant prayers, your  
visits in our home, the food,  
the flowers, the memorials  
and the telephone calls have  
carried us through this time of  
sorrow and the days ahead will  
be easier because of you.  
Again, Dear Friends, Thank  
you and may the Lord bless  
you and keep you.

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Chad & Jodee  
Ron, Marcia, Shane & Casey  
Greg, Lisa, Allan & Regan

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**I WOULD LIKE  
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everyone for the kind  
expressions of sympathy  
during the loss of my brother,  
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food, flowers, kind words, and  
prayers were truly  
appreciated.

Joe & Nellie Ross & Family

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each of you for all the love and  
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and our family during Bob's  
illness. All of the prayers,  
cards, phone calls, food,  
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showed you loved Bob meant  
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outpouring of your love and  
respect for Bob was so  
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overwhelming presence at  
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The Bob Wrinkle Family  
The Sims Family

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**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that  
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on Monday, March 27, 2000,  
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One (1) 2000 compact two-  
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4-speed forward automatic  
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tires, including spare tire &  
wheels

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wipers, 2-speed,  
intermittent with washer

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rearview mirrors, both sides

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One (1) 2000 compact two-  
wheel drive 4-door utility  
vehicle with:

4-speed forward automatic  
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4-cylinder engine, 2.0 liter  
minimum

power steering with tilt  
steering wheel

air conditioner, factory  
installed

cruise control, factory  
installed

15-inch all-season radial  
tires, including spare tire &  
wheels

factory AM/FM stereo radio  
wipers, 2-speed,  
intermittent with washer

heater & defroster  
cloth bucket seats

white or silver  
rearview mirrors, both sides

current state inspection  
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no trade-in

For further information,  
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11. Paternity suits would be  
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parel.

12. All male children would  
have to be home by 10 pm.



### Coke County Sheriff issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a strong partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Rick Styles recently announced that Coke County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. The funding from these donations provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Individuals not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Sheriff's Association of Texas at: PO Box 4488, Austin, TX 78765.

Meanwhile, residents wishing to become Associate Members can also sign up for the program by contacting the Sheriff's office. The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

Sheriff Styles seconded this by stating, "I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriff's Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. The Sheriff's Association of Texas

does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses our name, please report it to your local sheriff or county/district attorney.

### Stenholm announces art competition

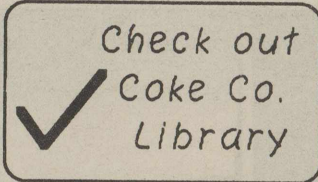
Congressman Charlie Stenholm recently announced plans for the Nineteenth Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th Congressional District of Texas. Since it was first launched in 1982, the nationwide competition has generated thousands of local competitions, involving more than 800,000 high school students. One winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol, an area dedicated to the artistic talent of today's youth.

Students in grades 9 through 12 from Coke, Concho, Tom Green, and Runnels counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in San Angelo, March 24, 2000. Entries should be brought to the SAISD Administration Building by 5:00 on March 24, 2000.

Other regional shows will be held in Abilene, Big Spring, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, and Stephenville. Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch in Abilene on April 15, 2000. Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host this honors brunch.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" by 32" framed (framing not required) and two dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings, collages, computer art, or photography. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include, but is not limited to landscapes.

For more information, contact Stenholm's Stamford office at (915) 773-3623 or Martha Kiel at Cooper High School at (915) 690-3433.



The Coke County Library has added the following books to its collection: Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier; Welcome to Temptation by Jennifer Crusie; Lake News by Barbara Delinsky; More Than You Know by Beth Gutcheon; Soft Focus by Jayne Ann Drentz; Bittersweet Rain by Sandra Brown. Also some westerns by L'Amour, and a fictional account of the life of James Bowie by Eickhoff and Lewis, have been added.

Two mysteries have been added. Broken Lines by Jo Bannister featuring Detective Frank Shapiro is one of Bannister's series and The Vatican Rip by Jonathan Gash who writes mysteries involving a shady antiques dealer named Lovejoy. This is also a series although this is a first for the library.

This is a good news, bad news announcement. Income tax forms are available for copying. Patrons are welcome to take the forms to the nearest copier and return the originals to the library.

Library hours are Tuesdays 8-12; Wednesdays 8-4; Thursdays 1-5; and Fridays 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00 am.

### AISE brings new countries to your doorstep

American Intercultural Student Exchange, Inc. (AISE) announced recently that they will be receiving foreign high school exchange students from three countries not previously represented by AISE for the 2000/2001 school year. Mongolia, S. Korea, and Turkey have been added to the list of over 20 other countries sending students to the US through this program. The non-profit education foundation is now interviewing families interested in hosting an exchange student for the upcoming school



Sarah Jones

year or fall semester. "This program offers American families a unique opportunity to learn more about the world without leaving home," said Kevin Donaker-Ring, Director of Admissions. Students arrive in August to live with an American family and attend high school. They have their own spending money, medical insurance, and desire to share their culture with Americans. Host families provide food and housing for the exchange students during their stay in the US.

Call AISE's toll free number at 1-800-SIBLING or visit the AISE website at [www.aise.com](http://www.aise.com) to learn more about the benefits of hosting an exchange student in your home.

### Locals attend funerals

Jerry Thomason of Robert Lee lost a sister, Irene Edwards of Ft. Worth, age 95 years.

Mrs. Edwards' funeral was held Saturday, February 26, 2000, in Van, Texas, at 10 am. Interment was at 3 pm in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Farmersville, Texas.

Attending the funeral from West Texas were nephew and wife, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, accompanied by her sister, Jerry Thomason, Douglas and James Roberts, all of Robert Lee; niece Barbara (Harwell) Billings of Sanderson and nephew-in-law Irven Escue of San Angelo.

She is survived by three daughters Dee Anderson, Ann McClanahan, Joy Thompson; her sister, Jerry Thomason; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

"Men, I want you just thinking of one word all season. One word and one word only: Super Bowl."  
-- Bill Peterson, football coach

### Jones wins singles in YABA bowling

Sarah Jones, a second grader at RLISD, participated in the San Angelo YABA City Bowling Tournament on February 5 & 6, 2000. Sarah bowled a personal best of 148 on her way to winning second place in doubles with her friend Chenelle.

Sarah had a 528 series in singles to win first place. She also had a 1402 total which gave her the all-events city title in her division.

This is Sarah's second year bowling in YABA, and she is looking forward to going to Houston to the state tournament in June.

Sarah is the daughter of Kristi Jones of Robert Lee and Johnny Jones of San Angelo.

### Now is the time to fix deer lease

Another deer hunting season has come and gone. For those whose hunting lease fell short of expectations, taking action now may prevent repeat problems next fall.

"While the problems you experienced are still fresh on your mind and you're thinking about them, you may want to investigate ways to avoid similar trouble next season," says Judon Fambrough of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. "Come next fall, you may have forgotten the details or even the entire problem. Ignoring the problem now will not make it go away next season."

Fambrough, an attorney, advises hunters and landowners to review his recently revised booklet, *The Texas Deer Lease*, for suggestions on avoiding misunderstandings common in lease agreements.

The guide examines all aspects of a deer lease including the duration of the lease term, hunting weapons, number of hunters and guests, lease price, and use of facilities.

"This book not only is useful for deer hunters but can be helpful for landowners also," says Fambrough. "The landowner's liability to hunters is discussed, as well as ways to limit it. The guide even contains a copy of a liability release form."

Compliance with game laws, imparting "no trespass" notices, and resolving disputes are other topics included.

*The Texas Deer Lease* is \$4. Order by credit card by calling 800-244-2144, and ask for publication 570, or mail a check to Real Estate Center, Mail Stop 2115, College Station, TX 77843-2115.

# NURSING HOME ABUSE

As for-profit corporations have taken over the nursing home market in Texas, the motivation to make bigger and bigger profits has slowly drained resources away from patient care. In fact, a GAO Report disclosed in a Congressional investigation in March of 1999 found that 40% of nursing homes (in California, Texas, Pennsylvania and Michigan), cited for patient abuse and neglect, were repeat offenders in recent years. As a result, Texas has seen a wave of injuries and deaths involving nursing home neglect and abuse.

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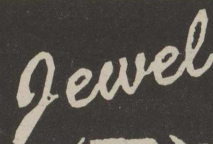
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Coke County Headstart recently held a drawing for a Valentine dinner for two at Diane's Chuckwagon. The dinner was donated by Diane and Tupperware was donated by Cindy Caston. The children showed their appreciation by making Diane a thank you sign. The children include (from left) Dusty Howard, Taylor Brackeen, Hanna Hamrick, Jacob Torres, Quinton Coppedge, Jesus Landeros, Kevin Saucedo, Jerry Wofford, Alexis Medoza, Jayton Torres, Fred Arthur, Bianca Huapilla, Efrein Olguin, and Charrissa Caston. Diane is shown in back.

**Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act passes committee**  
by US Representative Charles Stenholm

On Wednesday, February 16, the House Agriculture Committee reported out the "Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act." This legislation would establish a loan guarantee program within the Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility Service, to provide local broadcast television signals in unserved and underserved rural areas.

This bill passed the committee with broad support and actually compliments a law passed last year allowing satellite companies, for the first time ever, to retransmit a local network signal back into the same local market area.

As a result of that law, cable wireless providers are able to compete with local cable providers by offering the same service, giving customers greater access to network television stations. With increased competition, consumers benefit through lower prices, better service, and more choice in cable and

wireless television service. EchoStar and Direct TV are the only satellite television providers in the U.S. and, unfortunately, they claim they do not have the capacity to provide local-into-local network signals for the nation's 210 television markets.

In fact, by the end of this year, EchoStar and Direct TV will offer service in only 30 of the largest television markets. These companies, incidentally, have no plans to expand beyond the top 30 markets anytime soon.

The legislation reported out of the Agriculture Committee earlier this week was introduced to help local-into-local network broadcast service to the other 180 television markets. The loan guarantee program will fund projects to provide local broadcast television signals into small and rural markets.

People living in rural areas deserve to have access to the benefits of local programming - local news, weather, sports, and most importantly emergency information service.

Since local television is one of our most vital safety information resources in times of

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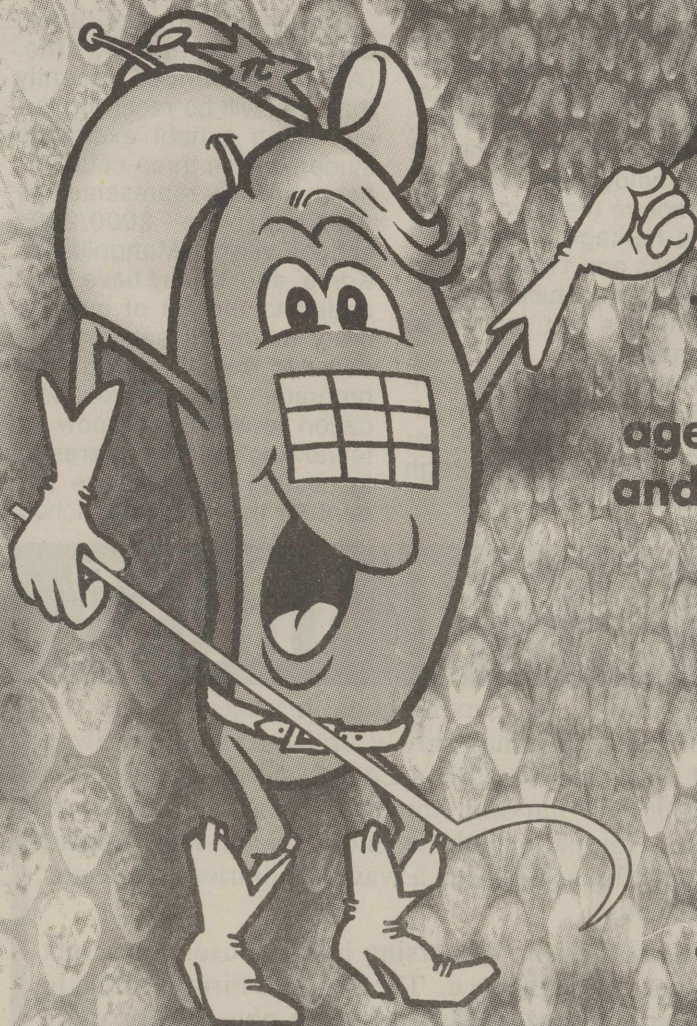
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