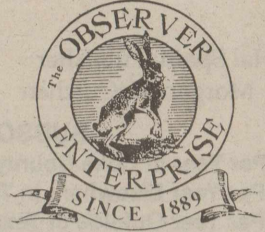


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## Blood drive set for Sept. 14

United Blood Services will be conducting a community wide blood drive on Thursday, Sept. 14th at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The mobile blood collection van will be parked in front of the facility. All interested persons are asked to contact Mary Beth Drennan, Act. Dir. and Drive Coordinator, for an assigned time slot. Scheduling the appointments helps the staff prepare for the drive and determines the amount of blood available for shipment to hospitals. Appointments also allow the donor to plan the best time for them to donate and avoids scrambling for donors during the drive. If you would like to participate in the blood drive, please call 473-3621 and ask for Mary Beth. The appointments must be made by Sept. 13th. Approximately 4 million

people need blood every year--about one patient every twelve seconds. When people think of the need for blood, they generally think of emergencies, but for thousands of Americans, it's a way of life. Examples of people who need blood on a regular basis to survive are those with cancer, sickle cell anemia, heart disease, other major illnesses and surgeries.

### WCCCD plans Hunter Barbecue

The West Coke County Community Development met at the courthouse on Tuesday, September 5, 2000 to discuss the upcoming Hunter's Barbecue. The untimely death of Hunter Barbecue chairman Bob Wrinkle, had jeopardized the status of the annual event, and local committeemen want to let everyone know that this worthwhile activity will be continued.

Gaylon Pitcock has volunteered to serve as the chairman of the free feed, and Joyce Waggoner will accept donations for the event at Waggoner's Hardware (previously Ace Hardware in Robert Lee). Free tickets for area landowners to obtain for their hunters (following their donation) should be available

### Stenholm to Host Funday

Congressman Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host FUNDay on Saturday, September 9, 2000, at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds east of Stamford.

For more information, contact the Stenholm office at 1-800-391-0704.



Brett Bement, Coke County Juvenile Justice Center Administrator (right), presents Coke County Sheriff Rick Styles with a \$500 check to go toward the purchase of a narcotics dog for the county. Sheriff Styles has applied for and received a \$5000 grant from the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division to be awarded this month for this purpose. The dog will be used throughout Coke County to assist the Sheriff's Department in the fight against drugs. Deputy Kevin McCoulskey will be trained and will act as the dog's handler. The cost of the dog and training expenses exceeds the grant and additional funds are needed. The Narcotics Dog Donations Fund has been set up at the First National Bank in Bronte for anyone wishing to donate.

at several locations in Robert Lee by September 15.

This, the 12th annual Hunter Appreciation Barbecue will be held at the Rec Hall in the park in Robert Lee on Saturday, November 4, 2000, from 6 til 9 pm. The event honors area hunters with a free feed to show our appreciation for choosing Coke County as their hunting headquarters. Further information will be available as the date approaches.

### FSA announces Pork Checkoff Referendum

Dwayne Vincent, CED, Coke-Sterling FSA, today announced final procedures and dates for the upcoming referendum on continuation of the pork checkoff program. Secretary Dan Glickman authorized a vote on continuation of the checkoff program in February.

The congressionally mandated pork checkoff program is funded by assessments collected from producers when hogs are sold. The funds are used for pork pro-

duction, research, and consumer information. Program funds cannot be used to affect the outcome of the referendum vote.

The final referendum rules provide for in-person voting September 19-21, 2000, at Coke-Sterling FSA office, 214 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

Absentee ballots may be requested beginning August 1. However, absentee ballots for producers will become available from the Coke County FSA Office from August 18, 2000, through September 18.

The public is invited to observe the counting of the ballots at Coke County FSA Office on November 29, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.

Producers who have owned and sold one or more pigs or hogs at any time from August 18, 1999, through August 17, 2000, are eligible to vote. Producers are to vote in the County Office where the pro-

ducer's farm records are administratively located or, for other producers, in the county where the producer owns hogs or pigs.

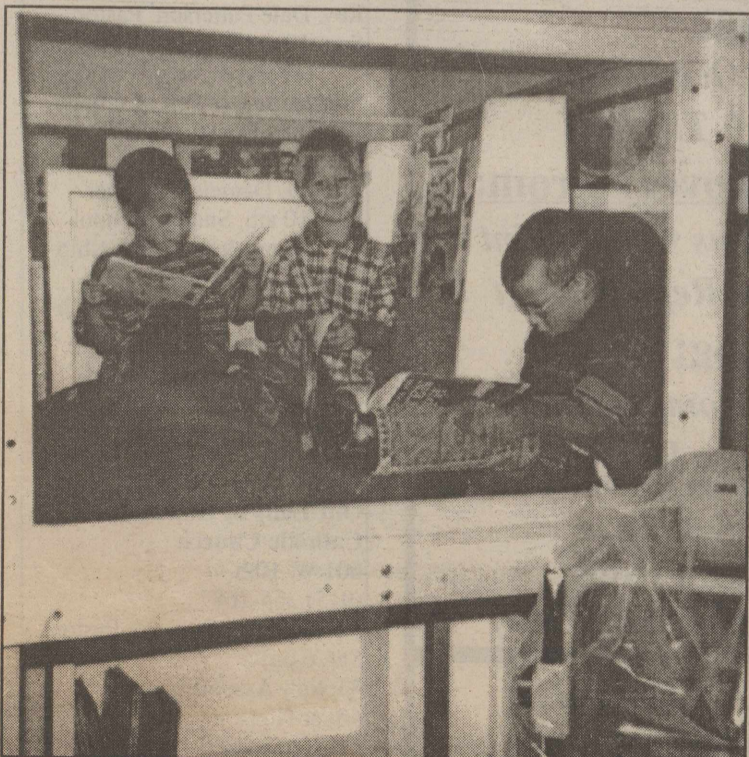
The final rule will be published in the Federal Register on July 13.

### Cattlemen's Roundup for Rehab

Coke County ranchers Ed Cumbie and Clifton Reed have teamed up with West Texas Rehabilitation Center as local chairmen of the 41st Annual Cattlemen's Roundup for Rehab.

The fall sale schedule includes cattle sales on September 21 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and September 26 at Abilene Auction.

For more information about CRR, contact a local chairman or WTRC-Abilene at (915) 793-3507; WTRC-San Angelo at (915) 223-6300; or WTRC-Ozona at (915) 392-9872.



Grady Barnett (from left), Laredo Williamson, and Justin Gartman enjoy the reading loft. These Kindergarten students are involved in the Accelerated Reading program and related activities implemented by Robert Lee Elementary School.

## Horns take county contest (details on school pages)

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**Fire Safety Tips for Rural Residents**

Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around your house and outbuildings. Keep grass (both green and dormant) closely mowed. Space trees wide apart and prune lower tree branches well up from the ground. Keep tall grass, brush and trees out from under utility lines to protect essential services. Make sure roads and driveways are passable by wide vehicles in all types of weather and that bridges are strong enough to support heavy water-laden fire trucks. Make your house number and street name in your address.

Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between buildings and fields or woodlands.

Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order, and watch out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.

Monitor hay-baling operations closely. Check for hot bearings or hay caught in roller. Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equipment.

Avoid driving or parking vehicles in grassy areas where tall, dry grass can come into contact with hot pollution control equipment under your vehicle.

Postpone outdoor burning until your area greens up. Check with your local fire department to determine if all restrictions on outdoor burning have been lifted.

**RLVFD News**

The fire department held a Training session on Aug. 21. Twelve members were present including 3 from Bronte for the class on Fire Behavior.

A business meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept. 5th,

as Monday was a holiday. President Larry Martin presided. 13 members and 2 guests were present. The department now has 3 Cadets, Matthew Millican, Matthew Tinkler and Billy Williams. They are Junior Firemen trainees.

The minutes were read and approved. Chief Rick Drennan spoke of the structure fire of Aug. 31. The problems encountered, with live electricity, and the fast response, of the firemen, in wetting down the surrounding area, to prevent grass fires. They discussed the car fire, on Sept. 1 and several purchases needed for the trucks.

The proposed changes in the Constitution and by-laws, were discussed and all were approved.

The group watched an equipment film. They adjourned to the fire station and spent the next 3 hours working on the trucks. Monday, Sept. 11, will be a training meeting and Monday, Sept. 18, will be a regular meeting.

**Death Notices**

**Dickson**

Willie Gene Dickson, 81, of Clifton, died Friday, September 1.

Services were held at 10 am, Monday, September 4, 2000, at the First Methodist Church of Clifton with burial in the Clifton Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Guy Dickson, of Clifton; two daughters, Jane Bonner of Stephenville, and Elizabeth Hail of Olympia, Washington; a brother, R. M. Williams, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a sister, Lillian Middleton of Robert Lee, Texas.

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Freedom is a system based on courage.  
Charles Peguy

**Texas Forts Trail**

On September 28, 1874, the battle of Palo Duro Canyon began. This became the most devastating Indian campaign in the history of Texas. The battle lasted until the spring of 1875 and at the highest point, most of the Comanches were relocated to the reservation near Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

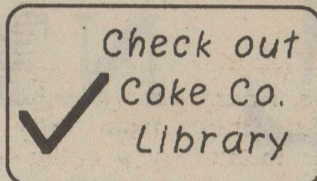
This September, history comes to life along the Texas Forts Trail. Fort Chadbourne hosts an evening of storytelling on September 23 - this event is by reservation only, call Garland or Lana Richards at 915-743-2555. Fort McKavett is hosting the School of the Frontier Soldier on the weekend of Sept. 22-24. This is a training opportunity for re-enactors, living historians, and volunteers to develop safe and pragmatic practices. The focus of this will be interpretations from 1860-1898. The three main topics will be artillery, infantry, and cavalry. Also, a Ladies School will address sidesaddle riding skills and frontier cooking and domestic chores. Call Fort McKavett at 915-396-2358 for more information.

The US Cavalry Association will hold its 2000 Bivouac in San Angelo at Fort Concho on Sept. '28 through Oct. 1. This meeting brings together veterans of the cavalry branch of the US Army, including the last surviving members of the mounted units that were maintained by our armed forces until the early 1940's. On September 29, Fort Concho will host the "Patriot's Ball", featuring the Sentimental Journey Orchestra of Kerrville, a group that recreates the sound of "big band" dressed in period uniforms. On September 30, Fort Concho will host a special "Calvary Heritage Day" to showcase the history of the United States Cavalry. This is only a sampling of the events and special attractions that will be held at Fort Concho over this weekend. This event is a great opportunity to learn more of our military heritage

and these events are open to the public. For more information, contact Fort Concho at 915-481-2646.

Remember, the Texas Forts Trail is a heritage tourism destination - a learning experience for both adults and children alike. Within a short drive from your home, the history of Texas comes to life!

Step back in time and experience the excitement of the Texas Forts Trail.



**Coke County Story Hour**

Just as the Coke County Story Hour schedule was set for Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., a scheduling conflict arose. The Story Hour for next week will be Wednesday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. Thereafter, the schedule will be Tuesdays at 10:00 for Story Hour.

Children will decorate their book bags with their names and some stickers. Each time they return with their book bag and books, new stickers will be added. Each child can check out two books and enjoy a treat. All children between the age of three and five are welcomed to join Story Hour any time.

If anyone is available Tuesdays at 10:00 to volunteer for a good time with Story Hour, they will be much appreciated. Call the library at 453-2495.

A new addition to the collection is John Jakes' On Secret Service. The book is a fictional account of the spies and espionage occurring during the Civil War era. The jacket tells of a actress in love with John Wilkes Booth who becomes a Union soldier at the front lines. She is saved from disaster by a Confederate officer who is broken to private for his act, and the relationship continues after the war. Also included in the story are Lincoln, Pinkerton, Mc-

Clellan, and Jeb Stuart.

Sue Grafton's "O" is for Outlaw has also been added. According to the jacket, Kinsey Millhone receives a call from a man who scavenges defaulted storage units and has found cardboard boxes with her name on them. He asks \$30 and she offers \$20, and therein lies the story and information which nearly causes her to be killed.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; and Friday, 8-12.

**McCutchen Reunion**

The annual McCutchen reunion was held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2-3 at the Bronte Community Center.

Those present of the Monroe McCutchen family were Jeff Randall McCutchen of Mertzon, Georgia Gibbs of Crane, and Theresa Butner of Bronte. One sister, Janie Kyle, of Seattle, WA was unable to attend.

Others present were members of our families, children and grandchildren. Larry Abbot and family also attended. There were 120 present and everyone had a great time with a Sunday lunch of Bar-B-Q.

A real nice time was had by all and after lunch everyone participated in having pictures taken. We all hope to return next year.

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**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
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Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor  
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**Thoughts on the Scripture**

*By Rev. Jim Reeves*

**Proverbs 7:2 "Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye."**

To live life to its fullest, the proudest thing in our lives (the apple of our eye) must be our relationship with God.

May God bless each one of you.

Brother Jim

### Extreme Fire Danger Continues to Threaten West Texas

Extreme fire danger continues to threaten more than 75 percent of Texas, including the endless miles and often rocky and steep terrain of far West Texas.

A lack of significant rainfall coupled with temperatures in the triple digits has zapped June's lush green-up, leaving West Texas' cedars and grass dry and primed for wildfire, said a Texas Forest Service official. And in such a vast region where it may be miles to a fire, current conditions have the potential to quickly elevate a small fire into a raging blaze.

"Val Verde County is 3,300 square-miles--it's all rangeland," said Jerry Rust, fire chief for the Val Verde County volunteer fire departments. "Some of our runs are 90 miles (one way) and often we don't have radio communication once we get there because the fires are out so far."

Terrain and accessibility are other obstacles the departments face in these regions. "We had a fire that was all manual labor," Rust explained. "We walked up the mountain with backpacks, shovels and rakes to keep the fire from dropping off the top of the mountain where the fuel was heavy. It had to be put out the hard way."

An even greater concern for these volunteer fire departments is manpower. With a high probability of ignition and the potential for quickly spreading and intensely burning fires, Fire Chief Donald Lannom of Fort Stockton, worries that he won't have the manpower to respond should a fire break in the middle of the day.

"We're short (of firefighters) during the daytime," said Lannom. Many of the volunteers either work out of town or at jobs that they can not leave during the workday, he added.

Such firefighting obstacles coupled with the extremely dry conditions have moved fire officials to urge Texans to be on their guard against any action that could start a fire. Texas Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Bill Davis advises people to extinguish their cigarettes in vehicle ashtrays rather than out the window or on the ground, and if pulling over onto the side of the road, to look for areas with little to no vegetation. Hot catalytic converters can easily start a fire, he says. Also, Davis warns that pull-chains on vehicles should not be allowed to drag the ground. A spark could ignite a roadside fire.



Lupe Rodriguez (second from left) and her friend, Wanda, (third from left) visited Robert Lee Care Center to display a collection of antiques.

In spite of the potential for major wildfires in West Texas, occurrences have been low--numbers Rust credits to chance and the people of West Texas.

"Val Verde County passed a burn ban on August 14, so I think we haven't seen as many fires due to awareness (of the extreme conditions) and a lot of luck." And to avoid being down on that luck, Davis said, residents are going to have to continue to be on their guard.

"Until this region receives significant rainfall, it's imperative that everyone does their part to prevent fires," explained Davis, who works out of Fort Stockton. "We're asking each person, burn ban or not, to postpone all outdoor burning." Of the 254 Texas counties, 169 have implemented burn bans.

With hunting season around the corner, Davis said hunters need to avoid driving through tall grass and starting campfires. Hunting leases are often miles from the nearest fire department, and if a spark from a campfire ignites the dry grass, what may start as a small fire could quickly grow into a blaze that could endanger hunters and anything else in its path. Rust suggested hunters use camp stoves rather than the traditional campfires.

And while the western United States continues to battle the largest fire season in years, agencies throughout Texas have banded together to protect this state's people and their property. Statewide, agencies such as the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Army National Guard and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice have joined forces with the Texas Forest Service. Agencies are providing the forest service everything from personnel to equipment.

"In the past, the Texas Forest Service has incorporated firefighting resources from out of state," Davis said. "But with limited national resources,

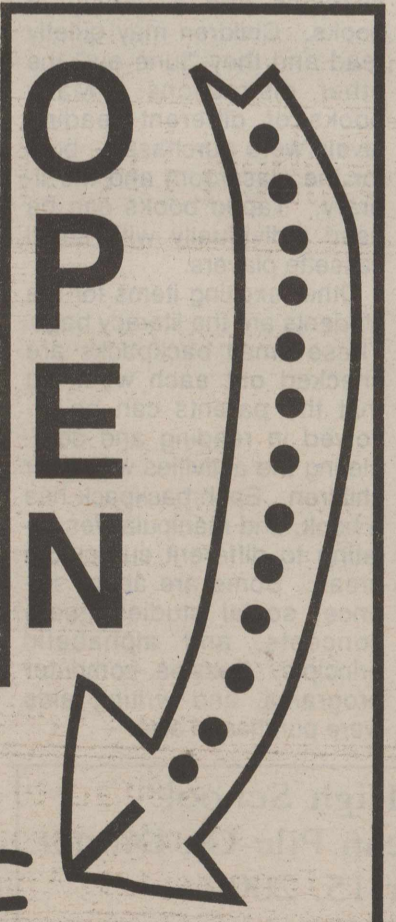


Mrs. McAdoo celebrated her 99th birthday recently at the Robert Lee Care Center. Other August birthday honorees included Katherine Parris, Joann Reese and Ruth Anderson.

Texas agencies are pooling their resources to take care of Texas."

For more information or a list of counties currently under a burn ban, visit the Texas Interagency Coordination Center web site at <http://ticc.fws.gov>.

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# Robert Lee School News

## Steers Lose County Contest

by Bill Burns

The Coke County Championship was played last Friday night at Griffith Stadium in Robert Lee.

Now I, for one, and many other Coke County residents believe that this should always be a District game since the towns are so close together. But, in this case since the East side won the championship, I'm happy they aren't.

The reason is that the Steers still have four games to get ready for District. I know the coaches and the Steers have worked hard and will continue to do so. It will take more hard work, more dedication and more support from the fans, but these Steers can, with all the parts working in unison, make the playoffs.

### 1st Qtr.

In the 1st quarter, the Steer offense failed to get much going as the Longhorns controlled the ball most of the quarter.

The Steer defense held the Longhorns to ten yards rushing, but the Longhorns completed a big pass play for 75 yards and a touchdown. At the end of the 1st quarter the score was Longhorns 7 - Steers 0.

### 2nd Qtr.

In the 2nd quarter, the Longhorns had a big quarter of play as they scored two touchdowns.

The Steer offense still had its troubles, gaining 13 yards on the ground and 20 yards through the air. The score at

the end of the 2nd quarter was Longhorns 21 - Steers 0.

### 3rd Qtr.

In the 3rd quarter, the Steers had their best showing on offense as Lewis Samniago gained 7 yards, Colby Eubanks gained 12 yards and Chase Rainwater gained 34 yards and scored a touchdown on a one yard run. Clifton Bohannon kicked the extra point. The Longhorns scored a touchdown of their own. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the score was Longhorns 28 - Steers 7.

### 4th Qtr.

The fourth quarter was a defensive battle as neither team could score. The final score was Longhorns 28 - Steers 7.

Rainwater & Bohannon each recovered fumbles for the Steers. Beau Boxell punted 5 times for a 39 yard average.

Steers play in Water Valley this Friday at 8:00. Go Steers!!!

## RLISD Approves Budget, Tax Rate

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a public meeting on the Proposed 2000-2001 Budget and Tax Rate on Tuesday, August 29. The \$3.25 million budget was approved by a unanimous vote. This compares with a budget of \$3.54 million for the 1999-2000 year. The board then voted to set the 2000 tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value. This is the same tax rate as in 1999.

The budget will be funded by revenue from three sources. State education funds will make up 39% of the estimated revenue, 4% will come from federal funds, and the remainder will be local tax money and other local fund sources. Seventy-three percent of the budget will fund salaries and wages for all district personnel. Supt. Weldon Koepf commented, "Payroll is always the largest portion of any school's budget. It not only includes salaries, but also employee benefit costs such as health insurance, Medicare, teacher retirement, workers compensation, and unemployment compensation. In 1999, payroll accounted for 72.9% of school budgets across the state of Texas. Robert Lee ISD is almost exactly at the state average in that respect."

Other budget highlights include 65.5% of the budget for student services and instruction, 6.8% for district administration, 4% for extracurricular activities, 8.6% for maintenance, and 2.1% for student

transportation. Sup. Koepf stated, "We have increased costs in some categories every year. This year we had a big increase in employee health insurance costs. Our goal is to control spiraling costs while, at the same time, maintaining the best instructional program possible for our students."

Board members and school administrators were present for the meeting. No citizens appeared to comment on the budget or tax rate.

## A Typical Kindergarten class?

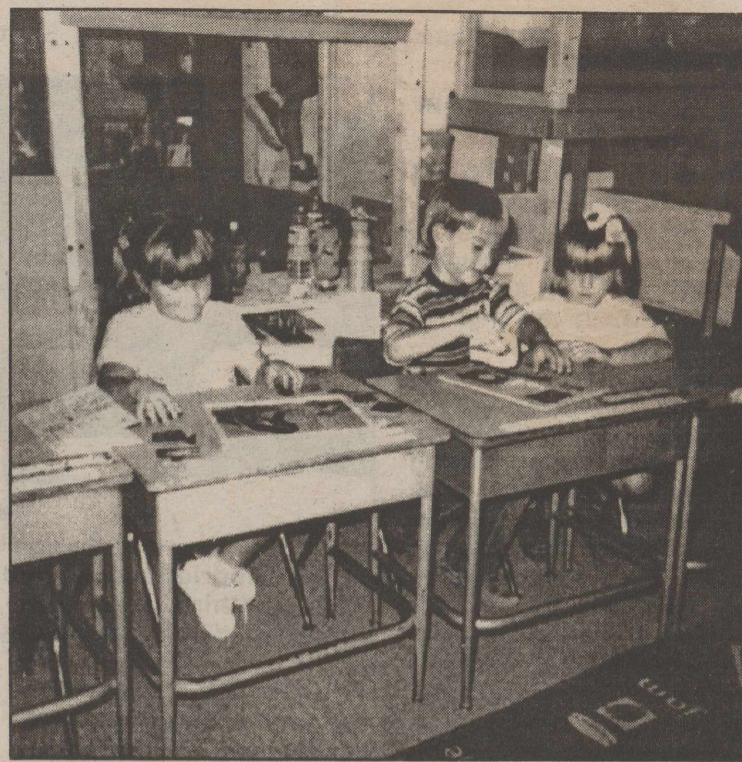
Justin sits quietly in the loft. He is intent on the book he is holding. Ashlie and Zach work diligently on puzzles in their group. Jordan searches the shelf for a backpack filled with interesting books and activities. On the other side of the room, Dawson listens to his book cassette without disturbing the others in his group.

Does this sound like a typical kindergarten class? It is - at Robert Lee Elementary.

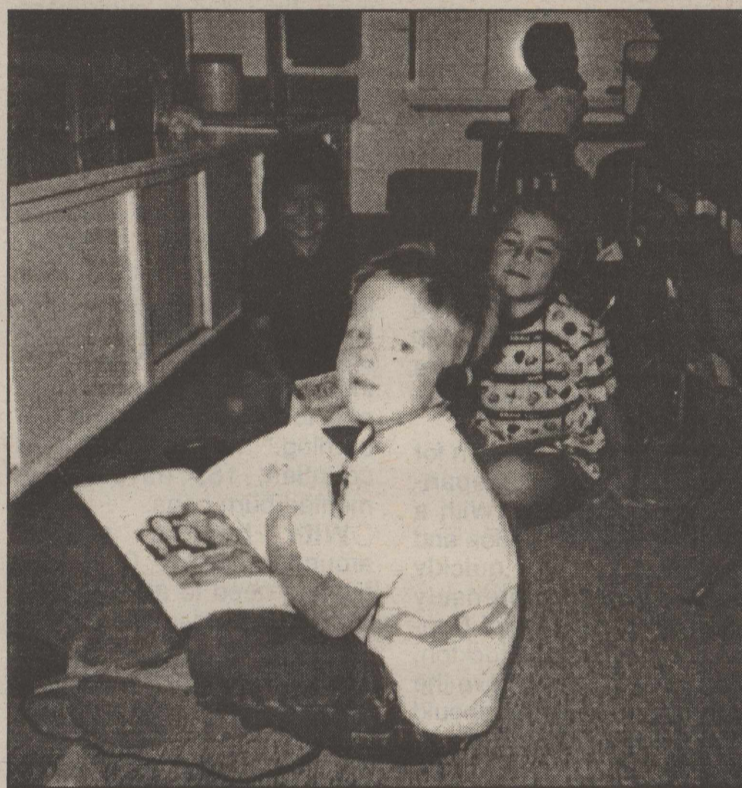
In the 1999-2000 school year, Kindergarten teachers in Texas were trained to implement research-based reading instruction that is designed to prevent reading difficulties. Along with the training came funding through the Student Success Initiative: Accelerated Reading Instruction. Our school received \$15,000.

In the spring of this year, Elementary Principal Janet Wallace and kindergarten teacher Judy Gibbs ordered materials and equipment for the kindergarten classroom. It is now in use and the students are enjoying the various items. One of the favorites is the reading loft with soft cushions and a variety of books. Children may quietly read and they "tune out" the other distractions. Many books of different reading levels were purchased - both for the classroom and the library. Taped books can be used individually with small cassette players.

Other exciting items for the students are the literacy bags. These small backpacks are checked out each week so that the parents can be involved in reading and completing the activities with their children. Each backpack has a book, and manipulatives relating to different curriculum areas. Some are about science, social studies, math concepts, and alphabetic principle. Puzzles, computer programs, and writing aids were purchased also.



Ashlie Wheat (from left), Zach Skinner, and Faylin Bell are working on puzzles. These Kindergarten students are involved in the Accelerated Reading program and related activities implemented by Robert Lee Elementary School.



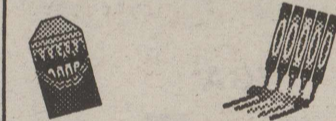
Dawson Brisbin (front back), Jonah Saucedo, and Zachary Sanchez listen to taped books. These Kindergarten students are involved in the Accelerated Reading program and related activities implemented by Robert Lee Elementary School.

## RL Junior Class to hold Mexican Pile-On Supper

On September 15, 2000 the Junior Class will be holding a Mexican Pile-On Supper, before the Homecoming game. We would appreciate your support and will be selling tickets; \$5 for Adults and \$3 for 12 and under. These tickets can be purchased by any Junior or at the door. We hope to see you there!

During the 1999-2000 school year, \$33.7 million was made available to serve kindergarten students in accelerated reading instruction programs across the state of Texas. This school year, 2000-2001, first grade teachers in Texas have received training and will receive funding to carry on the program to improve reading abilities for our students.

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

#### Monday, Sept. 11

Orange juice, French toast sticks, sausage, cereal, milk

#### Tuesday, Sept. 12

Orange juice, blueberry muffin, cereal, milk

#### Wednesday, Sept. 13

Orange juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

#### Thursday, Sept. 14

Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk

#### Friday, Sept. 15

Orange juice, blueberry pancake w/sausage on stick, cereal, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Sept. 11

Chicken O's/barbecue sauce, macaroni & cheese, green beans, rolls, apple-sauce, milk

#### Tuesday, Sept. 12

Tacos, lettuce/tomatoes, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, milk

#### Wednesday, Sept. 13

Turkey w/gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, rolls, peaches, milk

#### Thursday, Sept. 14

Baked potato, chili/crackers, pears, gingerbread, milk

#### Friday, Sept. 15

Cheeseburger, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles, tator tots, fruit cocktail, milk

Robert Lee High School  
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Attorney-At-Law

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& Family

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Jackie Walker

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* October 13	Roscoe	Here	7:30
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# Bronte School News



The 2000-2001 Bronte High School Cheerleaders include (from left) Heather Richey, Kayla Hilliard, Kara Thompson, Mascot "Leroy, the Longhorn" Khanni Beauchamp, Ashley Torres, Natasha Reed, and Michaela Arrott.

## Horns Win Coke County Shoot-out

The Bronte Longhorns opened up their season Friday night, September 1 with a 28-7 victory over Robert Lee. The game was filled with an atmosphere of a buzzing crowd, high energy by both teams, and played in very hot conditions. The Bronte fans are to be commended on loyal support and the energy that was in the air.

Bronte opened up the scoring in the first quarter on a 75 yard pass from Brandon Gibbs to Josh Schoenfield, Gibbs kicked the PAT to make the score 7-0. The next score came in the second quarter on a 3 yard run by Steve El-

dred, the point after was unsuccessful leaving the score 13-0. The final scoring of the 1st half came on a Brandon Gibbs to Zeb Speary pass covering 9 yards with 14 seconds left in the half. A Gibbs to Ryan McCorkle 2 point conversion pass made the score Bronte 21 - Robert Lee 0 at the half.

During the 3rd quarter after a muffed Bronte punt, Robert Lee got on the board with a 1 yard run and kicked the PAT to make the score 21-7. Bronte answered the challenge on their next possession with a 70 yard drive ending with a 21 yard touchdown pass from Gibbs to Speary, the PAT was good to make the final score Bronte 28 - Robert Lee 7.

The 4th quarter proved to be a war of attrition, both teams pretty much wore out from the high emotion and temperature, and could not move the ball much.

Stat wise, Bronte rolled up 273 yards passing and 160 yards rushing for a total of 433 yards. The offensive linemen consisting of Jeremy Silva, Clayton Acker, Eric Johnson, Nick Shaw, and Jeremy Sanchez did a great job of pass protection and run blocking. Jesse McClure rushed 11 times for 74 yards and Steve Eldred 11 times for 62 yards. Brandon Gibbs accounted for all of the passing yards. The Bronte defense made a very impressive showing, holding the Steers to 138 yards of total offense.

The Longhorns next play Santa Anna at home,

September 8, at 8:00. Please come out and support your Longhorns. There is not a better feeling for kids to look up in the stands and see a packed enthusiastic crowd cheering them on.

## Bronte Lady Longhorns

Bronte Lady Longhorns defended their Championship Title at Woodson Varsity Tourney Saturday, September 2nd, 2000. Bronte dominated the pool play winning 6 straight games, which placed them first of the four teams. Bronte defeated Aspermont 15-4, 15-6; Bronte defeated Abilene Christian High School 15-4, 15-10; Bronte defeated Knox City 15-7, 15-7. In the Championship game, Bronte was matched with the Woodson Cowgirls. Bronte won the match in two games 15-8, 15-1.

Tuesday, September 5th, 2000 at Midland Christian Duel with Colorado City. Bronte defeated Midland Christian in three games 15-10, 5-15, 15-9. Bronte defeated Colorado City in two games 15-5, 15-4. Stats for Tues: Kala Arrott 12 kills, 5 blocks, 10 pass assists; Lauren Williams 9 kills, 4 blocks; Tasha Reed 7 kills, 2 pass assists; Stormy White 4 kills, 1 block, 3 assists; Lacy Schoenfield 19 assists; Jade Richards 8 assists; Brooke McCutchen 1 kill, 1 assist; Cara Sefcik 1 kill, 2 pass assists; Chrissie Counts 4 pass assists.

The Lady Longhorns move



The 2000-2001 Bronte Junior High Cheerleaders are (front row, from left) Jasmine Kresta, Monica DeLaGarza, Calli Johnson, (back row, from left) Rebecca Rawlings, Cheyenne Webb, and Megan Gibbs.

to a 10-6 record. Their next match will be Saturday, September 9th, 2000 at a Sweetwater Duel with Breckenridge.

## Bronte JV Volleyball

On 8-29, the Bronte JV Maroon lost 3-15, 2-15 against Lamesa. Stats as follows: Kailey Howell 2 kills.

The Bronte JV White lost 3-15, 5-15 against Lamesa. Stats as follows: Heather Richey 2 kills; Kanah Coalson 1 kill, 1 block; Lindsay Springer 2 kills, 1 block; Jenna Herold 1 kill; Joel Sefcik 3 assists; Brittany Eldred 3 assists.

## Look Who's New Karsen Kim Barnett

Kenzie Barnett is so happy to announce the arrival of her new baby brother, Karsen Kim. He was born Monday,

August 28, 2000 at 6:52 p.m. at Harris Methodist Hospital in Ft. Worth. Karsen weighed in at 7 lb. 14 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

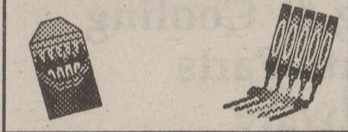
Kris and Kelly (Webb) Barnett are the proud parents. They live in Forestburg, Tx where Kris is pastor of Forestburg Baptist Church.

Pleased grandparents are Jr. & Jane Webb of Bronte and Kim & Kathy Barnett of Odessa. Great-grandparents are Fern Barnett and Jr. & Helen Fanning, also of Odessa.

Welcoming the new family member home were the grandparents & aunts, Lana Webb & Kyla Barnett and Zack Kincaid, all of San Angelo.

Before being elected president, Woodrow Wilson taught history. After the election, he made history

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

- Monday, Sept. 11**  
Breakfast pizza, orange juice, blueberry muffins, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 12**  
Pancake & sausage on a stick, apple juice, donut, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 13**  
Scrambled eggs, sausage, grape juice, biscuit, milk
- Thursday, Sept. 14**  
French toast sticks, applesauce, teddy grams, milk
- Friday, Sept. 15**  
Cereal, applesauce, pop tart, milk

### Lunch

- Monday, Sept. 11**  
Chicken nuggets with gravy, creamed potato, green beans, rolls, milk, banana pudding
- Tuesday, Sept. 12**  
Lasagna, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, milk, jello
- Wednesday, Sept. 13**  
Nachos, pinto beans, tossed salad, nacho chips, milk, pink panther cake
- Thursday, Sept. 14**  
Corn dogs, tator tots, macaroni & cheese, applesauce, milk, peanut butter cookies
- Friday, Sept. 15**  
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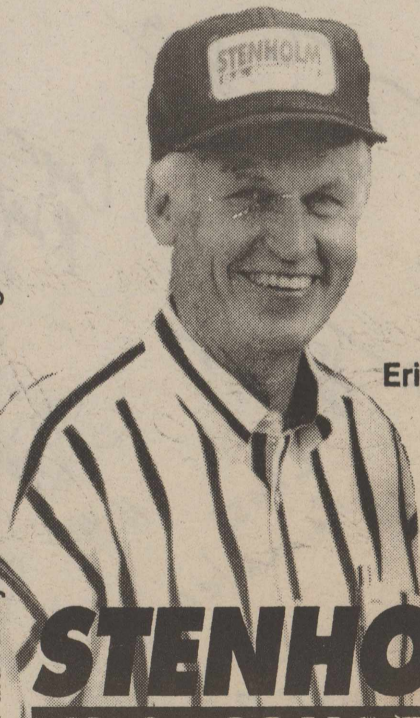
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September 1	Robert Lee	There	8:00
September 8	Santa Anna	Here	8:00
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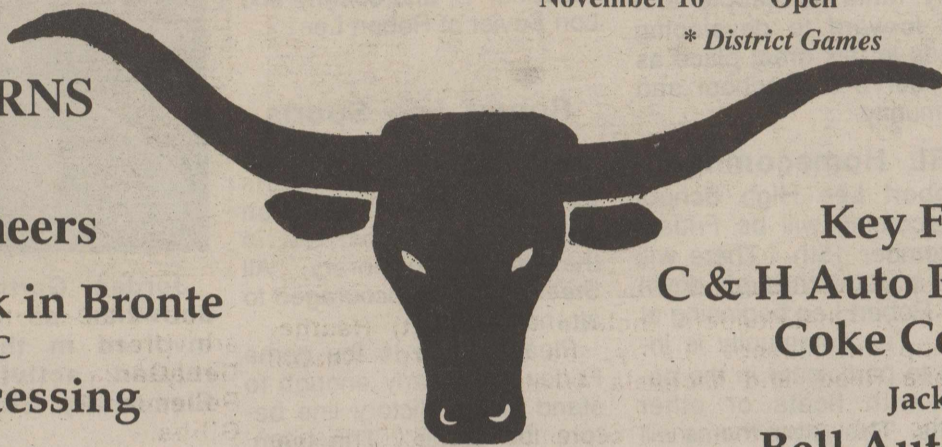
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## Introducing RLISD's new faculty

### Clint Askins

Clint Askins grew up in Big Lake, Texas. After graduation, he attended Tarleton State University where he received a degree in Agriculture Services and Development. After graduation Clint went on to teach agriculture at Bynum I.S.D., a small 1A school in central Texas. During this year Clint married his wife of two years Heather Askins, who also graduated from Tarleton State University. Clint and Heather moved to Fort Worth where they both got jobs at Lake Worth I.S.D. Clint was the Agriculture and shop teacher and Heather being a second grade teacher. After two years they decided that Fort Worth was too big and fast paced for them so they moved to Robert Lee where Clint is teaching agriculture and Heather is substitute teaching. Clint and Heather are very glad to be a part of this community.

### Carolyn Koepf

Carolyn was born and raised near Waco, Texas in the small community of Bruceville-Eddy. After graduating from high school, she attended Howard Payne University for two years and then transferred to Baylor to finish her education. She has a degree in English and Biology and is a certified Library Media Specialist.

Carolyn and her husband, Weldon, have known each other since they were babies in the church nursery. They have always been friends which has made for a great marriage. They finished Baylor together, did their student teaching together, and have worked in school systems together since they began their teaching careers.

The only time they strayed from that was the ten years that Carolyn stayed home when their children were small. Her family, the joy of her life, consists of their daughter Kristen Koepf, a controller for First Baptist Church of Dallas; her twin sister Lauren Sparks, the mother of their grand-daughter Shelby; her husband Chuck and his son Chandler; their youngest daughter Erin Cason, a continuity director for KTXS in Abilene; and her husband Jody.

Carolyn, who is elementary librarian at RLISD, has taught high school English, junior high science, coached and sponsored various activities, and has cheered in the stands, but most of all she has tried to make students feel positive about who they are and what they can become.

Carolyn and Weldon have also been very involved in various churches where they have lived. Her desire is that her relationship with Jesus Christ is the controlling factor in everything that she does. He has allowed Carolyn and her husband to use music to minister for Him and that has been a special blessing.

In their free time, Carolyn

and Weldon love to travel and "antique." They love to find old pieces of furniture and find ways to use them in their home.

They are excited to be a part of Robert Lee School System and the community of Robert Lee. They have already met many fantastic people and look forward to developing friends in this great place as they serve this school and community.

### RL Homecoming

Robert Lee High School homecoming will be Friday, September 15th. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2:00. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "Legends Never Die."

The parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held at 2:50. The football game against the Miles Bulldogs will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Following the game, a dance will be held at the new recreation hall until 1:00 a.m.

### RL EMS Ambulance Runs for August

8-01	2:43 pm
Medical transport	
8-02	3:00 pm
Medical transport	
8-03	10:09 am
Medical transport	
8-04	12:50 am
Medical transport	
8-04	10:33 am
Medical transport	
8-07	4:00 am
Medical transport	
8-08	1:34 am
Medical transport	
8-14	3:35 pm
Medical transport	
8-17	8:20 am
Medical transport	
8-18	9:35 am
Medical transport	
8-18	9:00 pm
Medical transport	
8-20	3:17 am
Medical transport	
8-21	12:48 am
Medical transport	
8-22	
Medical transport	
8-22	7:34 pm
Medical transport	
8-22	9:27 pm
Medical transport	
8-25	6:00 pm
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8-25	6:45 pm
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### Look Who's New

**Mariah Nicole Munoz**  
Mariah Nicole Munoz, precious little angel made her gracious appearance on August 29th at 7:44 am. She weighed 9 lbs and 7 1/4 ozs and measured 20 1/4 inches long. Proud parents are Robin Sevier and Michael Munoz of Robert Lee. Paternal grandparents are Jimmy and Janie Munoz of Robert Lee. Maternal great-grandparents are Mozelle Ray of Brazoria, Tx and Johnny and Lori Sevier of Robert Lee.



Jordan Gartman chooses a backpack for home activities as one of the Kindergarten students involved in the Accelerated Reading program and related activities implemented by Robert Lee Elementary School.

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**Bronte ISD Board of Trustees Meet**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Thursday, August 31, 2000. All members were present. The Bronte ISD Personnel from CCJJC met with the Board and discussed their area.

Vicky McCutchen, Counselor, reviewed the TEA Accountability Report with the Board. The High School and Elementary Campuses received a Recognized Rating. The CCJJC Campus and Fairview Campuses received an Acceptable Rating.

TASB Localized Update 63 was adopted according to the Instruction sheet.

Motion was made and passed to accept the bid from R.A. Bagwell for diesel and unleaded gasoline.

Motion was made and passed to accept the proposal from B & R Bus Sales for a 1985 MCI bus.

Auditorium seating was discussed. The decision was tabled until a later meeting.

Motion was made and passed to approve the TASB Unemployment Compensation Program Agreement.

Motion was made and approved for the Adjunct Faculty Appointment of the County Agents.

The 1999-2000 budget was amended.

The written resignation of Jay Farrington was accepted.

Motion was made and approved to hire Freddie Matthews as Social Studies Teacher at CCJJC.

The board was updated on the financial issues of the district. CD rates were discussed.

Motion was made and approved to approve a Resolution to Adopt a Budget for 2000-2001.

Motion was made and approved to accept the Proposed Tax Rate of \$1.45 for the Notice of Public Meeting to discuss the 2000-2001 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

The Superintendent gave

**RSVP Luncheon**

"RSVP Volunteers - Building Community in the American Tradition Through Volunteerism" is the theme of the Nineteenth Annual Concho Valley Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Awards and Recognition Luncheon. The event is scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2000 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the San Angelo Convention Center. It will include recognition and presentation of certificates to all RSVP volunteers, lunch, and a short program.

his report which included the plans for the TASB Convention, Facilities and Renovation Projects, and ADA update.

Motion was made and passed to pay the August 2000 bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m. by the President. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 20, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

**Social Security Seeking Employment Networks for People with Disabilities**

Social Security is seeking organizations and businesses interested in becoming Employment Networks to provide employment support services for people with disabilities who want to work, according to Fredi Franki, manager of the San Angelo Social Security office. "Under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, employment networks will provide employment, employment-related services, vocational rehabilitation and other support services to Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities who want to work," Franki said.

Social Security has contracted with the Gallup Organization to determine the level of interest of organizations and businesses in becoming Employment Networks. A questionnaire has been mailed to a number of organizations and businesses in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to gather information on potential Employment Networks.


For more information, call Gallup's toll-free number at 1-800-788-9987, or send an email to SSA EN@gallup.com with the name of the organization, a contact person, address, telephone and fax numbers and an email address.

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**Bronte High School Volleyball Schedule**

September 9	Dual @ Sweetwater w/Breckenridge	There	1:00	F/JV/V
September 12	Open			
September 16	Dual @ Bronte w/Monahans & Sweetwater	Here	12:00	F/JV/V
September 19	Dual @ Colorado City w/Sweetwater	There	5:00	F/JV/V
September 23	Bronte JV Tournament	Here	1:00	F/JV
September 26	Bangs	There	5:00	F/JV/V
* September 30	Water Valley	There	11:00	F/JV/V
* October 3	Miles	There	5:00	F/JV/V
* October 7	Veribest	Here	12:00	JV/V
* October 14	Miles	Here	5:00	F/JV/V
* October 17	Veribest	There	6:00	JV/V
* October 21	Water Valley	There	11:00	F/JV/V
* October 24	Miles	There	5:00	F/JV/V
* October 28	Veribest	Here	12:00	JV/V

\* District Games

**Bronte Junior High Volleyball Schedule**

September 9	Snyder Tournament	There	TBA
September 11	Veribest	Here	6:00
September 18	Water Valley	Here	6:00
September 25	Miles	Here	6:00
October 2	Veribest	There	6:00
October 7	Greenwood Tournament	There	TBA
October 9	Water Valley	There	6:00
October 16	Miles	There	6:00
October 23	Veribest	Here	6:00

Head Coach: Amy Bohensky  
Assistant Coach: Jennifer Davidson  
Junior High Coach: Brittany Lloyd

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET**

The Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 18, 2000 at 7:30 P. M. in the Appraisal District office in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$122,540.00. This is a 12% decrease from the 2000 budget.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is two full-time and one part-time. The number of employees compensated by the current year's budget is two full-time and one part-time.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District. If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, the proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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**REDUCED PRICE**  
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doll house 2-1, plus guest house with full bath. Full hook-up and undercover for RV. View of lake from deck. 317 Summit. Assoc. in Real Estate. 453-2726.  
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**MOBILE HOME**  
for sale 12x60. Perfect for deer hunters. \$1500. OBO. 254-760-1863.  
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**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
Newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath frame house located at 202 Colorado, Robert Lee. 1150 sq. ft. Central heat/a-c. Ready-built, could be easily moved. \$33,700. Call 453-2545, 9am - 5pm.  
07a-4tc

**FOR SALE**  
2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 carports, shop building. Owner finance. 473-2905.  
07b-tnc

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4 wheeled w/top & charger \$750. Medium-sized Frigidaire refrigerator \$70. 282-2103.  
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**3 BEDROOM**  
2 bath mobile home with large fenced yard. 31 East 30 Street, San Angelo. \$15,000  
2 bedroom house with apartment and garage. 1613 Upton, San Angelo. \$23,000. Call 486-8937 (leave message).  
50b-tnc

**FOR RENT**  
**TAKING APPLICATIONS** for one, two, & three bedroom apartments. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.  
29a-EOW

**2 BEDROOM HOUSE** for rent, \$375. Deposit \$250. 1613 Upton, San Angelo. Call 486-8937 (leave message).  
50b-tnc

**FOR RENT**  
3BR, 2 full bath brick. NICE AS NEW! 5 W. 15th, Robert Lee. 453-2775.  
05a-tnc

**MISC**  
**KENNETHS CONSTRUCTION**  
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Complete systems, repairs, upgrades, internet. Call Ed @ EMCO Computers. 473-3004.  
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**THE "BARBER" SHOP**  
Debora England, 223 N. Lombard, Bronte. 473-4026. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9 am-5 pm, Saturday, 9 am-12 pm.  
02b-tnc

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New Construction, Additions, Renovations, and Home Repairs. Contact Don Parks @ 453-2860 or 450-2767 mobilie.  
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Bronte, Texas

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we stopped doing dinner parties! Have beautiful new 17-piece sets left! Heavy, brilliant surgical stainless steel! 100% waterless! Was \$1600.00, now \$395.00! Lifetime warranty! 1-800-434-4628.  
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**HOME HEALTH ATTENDANTS**  
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07b-2tc

**"IT'S A GUY THING"**  
"I was just thinking about you, and got you these roses." Translated: "The girl selling them on the corner was a real babe."  
07b-2tc

**HELP WANTED**

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

**SENIOR CITIZENS NURSING**  
Home in Winters, Texas now hiring L.V.N. full & part time. Competitive wages. Contact Sarah Lee R.N. at 754-4566.  
05b-tnc

**CARD OF THANKS**

**TO ALL YOU GREAT** people of our town and surrounding area, we would like to thank you for all the visits while I was in the hospital & after coming home. Thank you for all the flowers, cards and the many thoughts of kindness & prayers. Thanks a big bunch. May God bless each and every one of you. You will never be forgotten.  
Joe & Nellie Ross  
07a-1tc

**GARAGE SALES**

**GARAGE & ESTATE SALE**  
Downtown Robert Lee. 1 day only. Friday, 8th. 9-4.  
07a-1tc

**eBook Wars**  
There is much talk about the exploding e-commerce market on the Internet, and one of the biggest fields for expansion is the eBook, with literally scores of thousands of products that can be adapted to this medium.  
peanutpress.com, inc., a web-based company that sells eBooks for Palm Pilot electronic organizers, is a fast-growing company made up of individuals who love reading, particularly science fiction and, in fact, started their company from their love of the genre and the opportunities it presented to them.  
On July 14, L. Ron Hubbard's epic science fiction novel, *Battlefield Earth*, was released for sale by peanutpress.com, and in under one week hit #2 on the bestseller list - where it remains today.  
According to Mike Segroves, VP Marketing and Sales at peanutpress.com, "Since the release of Stephen King's, *Riding the Bullet*, *Battlefield Earth* has launched out of the gate faster than any other book that we've had."  
Hubbard's *Battlefield Earth* having ousted Robert Ludlum's *The Hades Factor* from the #2 spot leaves one question remaining, as Segroves put it: will *Battlefield Earth* take King's *Riding the Bullet* out of the #1 spot, which it has held all but two days since its release on March 13?  
Whether it hits #1 or not, at over 428,500 words, *Battlefield Earth* does hold the record for being the largest single book available for Palm Pilot readers.  
Mike Segroves can be reached at (978) 897-4445.  
"I couldn't wait for success...so I went ahead without it."  
Jonathan Winters

**Arrests/Charges  
Filed for August  
2000**

Tommy Joe Estes III of San Angelo  
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 08-04-00  
Richard Lorentz of San Angelo  
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 08-04-00  
Fernando Landeros of Robert Lee  
Noise Prohibition Violation, 08-05-00  
Tommy Joe Estes III of San Angelo  
Criminal mischief, 08-08-00  
Richard Lorentz of San Angelo  
Criminal mischief, 08-08-00  
James Bowie of Bronte  
Assault causes bodily injury, 08-10-00  
Heather Leann Dove of Abilene  
False report to a Peace Officer, 08-15-00  
Phillip Charles Merony of Bronte  
Assault causes bodily injury, 08-24-00  
Melody Ewing of Sweetwater  
Theft by check, 08-28-00  
**Juveniles Handled through Sheriff's Dept.**  
2 female juveniles  
Criminal mischief Class C, 08-04-00  
**Out of County Warrants Served**  
Tommy Jose Estes III of San Angelo  
Assault causes bodily injury - Capias Pro Fine  
Tom Green County Warrant, 08-04-00  
Richard Lorentz of San Angelo  
Unlawful possession of marijuana - Capias Pro Fine  
Tom Green County Warrant, 08-04-00  
Walter Blake McKee of Bronte  
Offense: Taking game without land owner consent  
Nolan County Warrant, 08-07-00  
LaTanya Diane Bennett of Abilene  
Offense: Theft by check  
Taylor County Warrant  
Anthony E. Jackson of Bronte  
Offense: Taking game without land owner consent  
Nolan County Warrant, 08-07-00  
**51st District Court Disposition August 1, 2000**  
State of Texas vs: Curtis Daniel Bell  
Offense: Retaliation  
Dismissed by District Attorney - Defendant pled in County Court to Criminal Trespass  
**51st District Court Disposition August 7, 2000**  
State of Texas vs: Angelo Hope Abalos of Robert Lee  
Charge: Aggravated assault with deadly weapon  
Plea: 5 years Deferred Adjudication, Fine \$1,000 plus Court costs  
State of Texas vs: William Claude Brooks of Bronte  
Charge: Driving while intoxicated MTR (with 2 prior convictions) Driving while intoxicated 3rd offense  
Plea: 6 year Texas Department of Criminal Justice/6 years Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Run Concurrent)  
State of Texas vs: Donald O'Banon of Bronte  
Charge: Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - Pled

guilty to a lesser charge of Assault bodily injury  
Plea: One year Deferred Adjudication, \$350.00 fine, plus Court costs  
State of Texas vs: David Earnest Skains of San Angelo  
Charge: Possession of a controlled substance  
Dismissed by District Attorney due to Defendant Receiving Federal Pen Time

**Coke County Court Dispositions August 23, 2000**

The State of Texas vs: Favian Almanza Minjarez  
Charge: Driving while intoxicated - 1st  
Plea: Fine \$1,000 - Court Costs \$235.25 - 15 days jail, probated 12 months, DWI School Community Service  
The State of Texas vs: Jarod Paul Wilson  
Charge: Driving while intoxicated  
Plea: Fine \$1,000, 30 days probated 12 months, Court Costs \$235.25, DWI School, 20 hours Community Service  
The State of Texas vs: Randy Martinez  
Charge: Driving while license suspended  
Plea: \$600.00 fine, \$210.25 Court Cost  
The State of Texas vs: Edward John Ridley  
Charge: Assault causes bodily injury  
Plea: 30 days jail time, credit given for time served, \$100 fine \$210.25 Court Cost  
The State of Texas vs: Freddie Ray Thatcher  
Charge: Driving while intoxicated - 1st  
Plea: \$1000 fine, \$210.25 Court Cost, 30 days jail, Probated for 12 mo., DWI School  
The State of Texas vs: Michael Todd Holleman Jr.  
Charge: Assault causes bodily injury  
Plea: 30 days jail, Credit for time served, \$100 fine, \$210.25 Court Costs  
The State of Texas vs: Jens Charles Kjeldsen Jr.  
Charge: Assault causes bodily injury  
Plea: Fine \$600.00, \$210.25 Court Cost, 24 hours Community Service, 5 days jail time, Probated for 12 months  
The State of Texas vs: Jose Luis Colon Jr.  
Charge: Possession of alcoholic beverage by a Minor 3rd offense  
Plea: \$250.00 fine, 24 hrs. Community Service, 3 days jail, probated 12 mo., Drivers license suspended 180 days.

**51st District Court of Coke County August 24, 2000**

State of Texas vs: James J. Golson  
Charge: Possession of a controlled substance  
Plea: 450 days in State jail, \$750 fine, \$140.00 restitution  
**51st Judicial District Court Grand Jury August 24, 2000**  
Nathan Lee Brown of San Angelo  
Escape

Guadalupe Camarillo Jr.  
Forgery by passing  
Kyle Jay Weatherwax of Blackwell  
Burglary of a building  
Kyle Jay Weatherwax of Blackwell  
Burglary of a habitation  
James Leroy Walker of Tennyson  
Assault causes bodily injury on a family member  
James W. Rock of San Angelo  
Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more  
Juan Manuel Garcia of Bronte  
Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more  
Robert Anthony Serrano of San Angelo  
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle  
Jerry Lawhon of Blackwell  
Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon  
Guadalupe R. Mancinas  
Theft  
James Alvin Davis of Abilene  
Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more  
Darrell Lee Lilley of Robert Lee  
Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more  
Tommy Joe Estes III of San Angelo  
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle  
Richard Lorentz of San Angelo  
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

**Gun Crime Means Hard Time**

by John Cornyn

Attorney General of Texas

Q: I have been hearing a lot about your Texas Exile program, including your statement that the goal is to take guns away from criminals, not law-abiding citizens. Can you give me information on the types of people who would be subject to Exile convictions?

A: The goal of Texas Exile, which is overseen by the Office of the Attorney General, is to remove guns from the hands of criminals while protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. Through this initiative, we hope to make the streets of Texas safer by "exiling" dangerous criminals to federal prison.

Texas Exile uses existing state and federal gun laws targeted at the root of gun violence - criminals who illegally carry and use weapons.

Under the state and federal law, the following people cannot possess firearms or ammunition:

- \*Convicted felons
- \*Person on felony probation or parole
- \*Persons under felony indictment
- \*Drug dealers or traffickers
- \*Persons with misdemeanor domestic violence conviction
- \*Fugitives from justice

\*Persons in a school zone  
\*Aliens unlawfully in the United States  
No one may possess the following items without proper registration:

- \*Sawed-off shotgun
- \*Sawed-off rifle
- \*Silencer
- \*Machine gun/fully automatic weapon

For information on properly registering any of the above items, contact the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms at (800) ATF-GUNS.

No one may legally possess the following items:

- \*Stolen firearm
- \*Stolen ammunition
- \*Firearm with altered or obliterated serial number

To report a criminal who is in possession of a firearm, call (800) 252-TIPS. In an emergency call local law enforcement.

Q: You claim that you are using Texas Exile to remove guns and criminals from the streets. Have you been able to obtain any convictions through the program?

A: I am pleased to report that Texas Exile has been very successful in removing criminals and guns from the streets of Texas. As of late August there have been:

- \*More than 365 arrests
- \*288 indictments
- \*104 convictions
- \*More than 825 guns confiscated

Each arrest, indictment, and conviction under Texas Exile sends a clear message to criminals in this state: Gun Crime Means Hard Time.

When law enforcement officials catch a criminal using or possessing a gun illegally, the Texas Exile special prosecutor works with local prosecutors to determine under which statutes the suspect will receive the harshest penalty. The Texas Exile special prosecutors are cross-designated as assistant U.S. attorneys, which allows them to try cases in both state and federal

court.  
Texas Exile uses existing state and federal gun laws to prosecute criminals. Lengthy sentences are being handed down, meaning those convicted will serve real time in prison. When the criminal is tried and sentenced under federal guidelines, he or she is sent to a federal prison far from friends and family, with no possibility of parole - thus being "exiled" from his or her community. In fact, in most cases, the offender is also denied bond so he or she is incarcerated continuously from the time of arrest until the conclusion of his or her prison sentence.

One example of the program's success is the case of James McFarland, Jr., who was sentenced to 97.5 years in federal prison after being convicted of committing four robberies. McFarland carried and used a gun in the commission of each robbery. Prior to this conviction, McFarland had five felony convictions.

For more information on wTexas Exile visit [www.texasexile.com](http://www.texasexile.com).

**Look Who's New  
Bally Jordan Torres &  
Kaily Jaden Torres**

Lupe & Cheryl Torres of Robert Lee are proud to announce the arrival of their twin daughters. Their twins were born on August 28th at 1:06 and 1:07 p.m. Bally Jordan Torres weighed 5 lb. 2 oz. and was 17 inches. Kaily Jaden Torres was 4 lb. 1 1/2 oz. and 16 1/4 inches.

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**453-2715**

**BALLINGER'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**  
**Saturday, September 16th**  
**8 am til ??? Maps available at**  
**Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Office**  
**MORNING OF THE SALE ONLY**  
700 Railroad Avenue  
Ballinger, Texas  
**FMI: (915) 365-2333 or 365-5611**

**Well-Planned Economic Development**

It's a familiar story across Texas: Kids grow up and move away from their hometowns to find jobs. Traditionally, small towns have found it impossible to compete, not only with the jobs, but also with upscale housing in well-planned subdivisions, cultural attractions, health facilities, and comprehensive educational opportunities available in big cities.

But that situation is changing, says Roland Ramirez, principal at Beach Ramirez, Inc., a Houston-based strategic enterprise management and economic development consulting firm that has worked with numerous Texas towns, including Friendswood, Nederland, League City, Denison, Ennis, Stafford, Hempstead, Pearland and Port Arthur.

"The new technologies transforming the work and home environment are offering smaller towns a chance to compete for workers - including their own young people," Ramirez says. "The growing popularity of e-commuting, distance learning and increased reliance on knowledge workers are all trends that can benefit small towns, especially the 'edge city' areas just outside traditional suburbs of major metropolitan cities.

"The trend toward the outsourcing of jobs by companies also is good for small communities. Workers often can conduct marketing, communications, research, support services and other corporate functions from anywhere, including small towns."

A strategic economic development plan that also addresses quality of life issues can help smaller communities retain young people - and even encourage other young professionals to move to the community. "Small towns can capitalize on these trends by putting into place a solid economic development program to redefine and retool their community for the Information Age," Ramirez adds.

Towns as small as Early, Texas population 2,380 have even started their own new business incubators to nurture fledgling business, including marketers, consultants and manufacturers. However, even without such a formal organization, there's a lot a small town can do. Ramirez recommends four ways edge cities and small communities can make themselves more attractive to their own young people and others:

- \* Maximize the Power of the Internet - Smaller communities can set up an interactive web site or even virtual tours in order to showcase the town's best features to the world. The rise in "e-commuting" - or working from a distance - greatly benefits small towns, since employees can work on projects with colleagues anywhere in the world. The Internet also brings entertainment, worldwide news and other information to residents of small towns. With the rise of e-commuting, more towns can offer the advantages of small

town living and provide "linkages" to the attractions of metropolitan areas.

- \* Cultivate Entertainment and Cultural Opportunities - Even if they work via the Internet, people still need to feel personally connected with others. Cultural activities, fairs, and festivals capitalize on the small-town charm that cities can never match. Even a movie theater can be a major attraction. Communities also should look for ways to enhance cultural events, promote the town's unique history and attract businesses that add entertainment value.

- \* Strive to Attract Companies of the Future, Not the Past - Communities need to target companies that will be around in 20 years and not necessarily companies that are dependent on technologies that will be eclipsed relatively soon. A town's aim could be to bring in companies that use knowledge workers in addition to factory workers. According to Ramirez, companies that employ knowledge workers are better able to adapt to changes and are more likely to

generate higher-paying jobs. However, he notes that the most significant challenge for many smaller communities is providing the technology infrastructure necessary to connect to the global economy and accommodate E-commuting.

- \* "Know Thyself" - Most importantly, a community should recognize and act on its strengths and weaknesses. It should understand why young people leave, exactly where they are going and what it takes to attract them back to the community. According to Ramirez, "Some smaller communities have turned to community-development specialists in order to get an outside perspective and to profile the community's resources, including examination of demographic and economic factors." A community-development specialist also can evaluate land use (including infrastructure), employment, transportation, regulatory, financial, and other "drivers" of economic development that can help the town's stakeholders develop a strategic plan.

**WORD SEARCHER**  
**"COOL ANIMAL CARS"**

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Locate all the words listed below. They run in all directions; up, down, backward, forward and diagonally. Source: Pleasant Valley Adult School

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| EAGLE     | PUMA     | TIGER      |
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Bronte Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, September 20, 2000 in Board Room, Bronte School, 210 S. Jefferson St., Bronte, Texas.

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.450000	\$0.000000	* \$1.450000	\$1,393	\$6,359
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.408000	\$0.000000	* \$1.408000	\$1,487	\$5,906
Proposed Rate	\$1.450000	\$0.000000	* \$1.450000	\$1,487	\$4,110

\* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$35,390	\$37,000
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$13,310	\$14,600
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.450000	\$1.450000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$193.00	\$211.70
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$18.70

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.468389. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.468389.**

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$487,306
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0