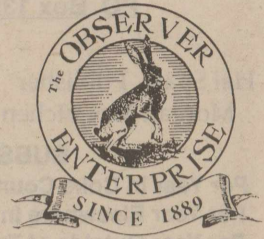


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Early local election voting begins April 18

Early voting for the local May 5 elections will begin April 18 and continue through May 1. The election will fill vacancies on a number of local governing boards.

Blackwell candidate forum

On Thursday, April 19, 2001, Blackwell Parent-Teacher Organization is hosting a Candidate Forum at 7 pm in the old gym at Blackwell School. All candidates for the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District school board have been invited to participate, and all voters in the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School taxing district are urged to attend. A moderator will ask questions that each candidate will have a chance to answer. A reception will follow the Forum, and voters will have an opportunity to talk to candidates individually.

Three positions on the BCISD school board are to be filled. Nine community members have filed for these positions: Martha Ashton, Paul Gothard, Bruce Holland, Dale Keiner, Grady Ragland, Shane Robertson, Charlie Roland Jr. (incumbent), James Sanderson, and Jamie Walker (incumbent). The election is May 5, 2001; voting will be at Blackwell School. Come meet the candidates and hear why they want to be on your school board.

Three candidates will vie for two - 3 year terms on the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Tennyson Easter services slated

The Mount Margaret Easter Sunrise service will be held at 7 am Sunday, April 15, with the Rev. Lynn Rutland, Executive Director of Concho Valley MHMR, officiating. For those who can't make the climb, services will also be held at 7 am at the Tennyson Baptist Church with Rev. Bryan Ross and Music Minister Bob Wilcox.

Breakfast will be served at the church immediately following the early services.

The regular 11 am worship service will be held at the church Easter Sunday.

Easter week activities

Robert Lee First United Methodist will be having a variety of worship services for Easter Week. On Thursday evening, the Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30 pm. On Friday, there will be a Tennebrae or Good Friday service at 6:30 pm. Sunday morning at 7:00 am., there will be a community Sunrise service in the amphitheater with the community churches participating. Regular Sunday morning worship at 11:00 am will include the traditional "flowering" of the cross in the sanctuary.

Incumbent Terry Charles will be challenged by Doug Hoyt, and Joe Sefcik. Voters may cast their ballot early in the Superintendent's office at the school.

The city of Robert Lee will be electing new city council members. Robert Lee has three council positions open. Incumbents Nita Stovall-Duncan, Johnny Carver, and Kenneth Green will face challenger Jim Reeves. Voters may cast their ballot early in the County Clerk's office at the Courthouse.

East Coke County Hospital District will have two openings filled by the upcoming election. Filing for these openings were incumbents Jessie Sims and Donnie Thompson, joined by Jan Magness. Voters may cast their ballot early at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

County courthouse to close

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed on Friday, April 13, in observance of the Easter holiday. Business will resume on Monday, April 16.

CC retired teachers to meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, April 17, 2001. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the Bronte High School Ag building. Unit members will be guests of BISD.

Annual Coke County egg hunt

The annual Coke County egg hunt was held Tuesday morning at 10 am. About 160 little egg hunters snapped up 2,700 eggs in record time. Sponsors made the hunt possible for the young groups which included the Head Start Class, the Library Storytime group, both Robert Lee and Bronte Pre-K through first grades, and a large number of pre-school children.

The Easter Bunny (Martha Innmon) attended the egg hunt and wished the children a Happy Easter. Punch, cookies, and candy eggs were served to a large crowd of excited children.



Fish Fry, Dance set for April 21

Saturday, April 21, is the date for the big fish fry and dance at the Rec Hall in the park at Robert Lee. The event is to draw attention to the Lake Spence Striper Contest which began in March. The \$2,000 prize goes to the fisherman (or woman) who breaks R. L. Flanagan's current record of 35 lb. 2 oz., which has stood since 1988. The contest is ongoing till it happens.

Prices for the fish plates plus the dance (or listening) tickets are \$6.00. No tickets will be sold in advance, and everyone is welcome. Bobby Roundtree and the Good Ol' Boys Western Swing Band will play for the dancing and entertainment.

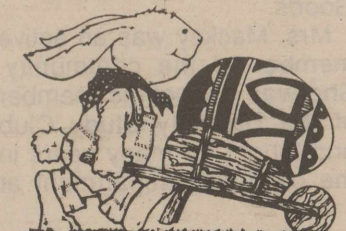
The great group of sponsors who kicked in \$100.00 each for the striper contest, to promote our area include: Super H Grocery, Ben Bessent Chevrolet, Robert Lee State Bank, Ivey Motor Company, Key Feed Store, City of Robert Lee, Flanagan Boat Storage, Terry's Wildcat Marina, The Best Connection, Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Terry Brown Guide Service, Mountain Creek Lodge, West

Coke County Community Development, Molly B's, Jimmy's Automotive & Tire Shop, Bell Auto Body Shop, Texas Cellular/Rock Solid Communications, C & H Auto & Hardware, Askins Propane/RV Refrigeration, Ash & Millican Real Estate, and the Observer/Enterprise.

Plan now to eat fish at the Rec Hall on the 21st. R. L. himself, along with some willing helpers, will cook the fish and fries.

Notice of cancellation

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors canceled the election scheduled for May 5, 2001, due to no opposition. The unopposed candidates for the two open positions on the Board are Judy Williams and Doug Wilkes. These two unopposed candidates will assume their duties at the May 2001 meeting of the West Coke County Hospital District Board meeting.



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Obituaries

Fincher

Artie Mae Fincher, 88, of Water Valley died Sunday, April 1, 2001. Services were held on April 3, 2001 at Water Valley Baptist Church with the Reverend Greer Willis officiating. Burial was in Water Valley Cemetery. She was a homemaker, devoted wife of 67 years and wonderful mother.

She is survived by her husband, Orb Fincher; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Carl and Susan Fincher of Water Valley, Orb Wayne and Sherri Fincher of Belton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda Nell and Greer Willis of Pecos and Leona Merle and Larry Kelso of Bronte; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sons, Clinton Fincher and W.G. (Dub) Fincher.

"Hold your parents tenderly for the world will seem a strange and lonely place without them."

Emily Dickinson

"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalms 100, Verse 5
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Mackey

Georgia Mae Mackey, 90, of Bronte died Monday, April 2, 2001, in the Bronte Health and Rehab Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Thursday, April 5, 2001, at the First Baptist Church, Bronte, Texas, with the Reverend Morris Johnson officiating and Reverend R.W. Blackmon assisting. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mackey was born on March 6, 1911, in Bronte, Texas, to Emma and R.E. Cumbie, Coke County Pioneers. She graduated from Bronte High School and attended Howard Payne University. Georgia Mae and J.B. Mackey were married December 16, 1928, and made their home in Bronte. They worked together for 57 years operating Cumbie and Mackey Dry Goods.

Mrs. Mackey was an active member of the community. She was a longtime member of the Diversity Study Club and taught for many years in the children's department at

the First Baptist Church. She was a gracious hostess and loved entertaining and cooking for her family and friends.

Mrs. Mackey was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, J.B. Mackey and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Cumbie.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy Ed and Marifrances Mackey of San Angelo; a brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Jane Cumbie of Bronte; two granddaughters, Misty and Melinda Mackey of San Angelo; and two great grandchildren. She is also survived by nieces Linda Gladden of San Angelo, Susan Williams of Bronte, Dawn Burwick of San Antonio, and Shelly Hallman of Christoval; a special cousin, Gail Sartain; numerous great-nieces and nephews; and many wonderful friends.

Pallbearers were Royce Fancher, Larry Robinson, Alonzo Robbins, Tony Mackey, Gerald Sandusky, and Bill Allen. Honorary pallbearers were Cecil Coalson, W.A. Hickman, Cumbie Ivey, Sr., and Merle Andrews.

The family of Mrs. Mackey would like to express their appreciation to the staff of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center and Vistacare Hospice. Memorials may be made to East Coke County Ambulance Assn. or Bronte Health and Rehab Arts Auxiliary.
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Woodard

Hoping for the best, but knowing her illness was probably fatal in the near future, Zelda Faye Caraway Woodard peacefully slipped from this life into heaven on the afternoon of April 3, 2001.

She was born the second child of James Clayton Caraway and Lillian Williams Caraway on November 10, 1929, in Coke County, Texas. She attended Blackwell, Texas, schools and graduated from high school in 1947. While in Blackwell schools, she was a devoted basketball player and her prowess in this sport earned her many medals. Her early working livelihood included counter person at the Robert Lee Drug Store in Robert Lee, Texas, and from there to cashier at the Robert Lee State Bank. While working at the bank in late 1957, she met and later married John Gardner Woodard of Sweetwater, Texas. Their marriage in April 1959, was

followed by the birth of their only child, William Todd Woodard.

In 1966, Mr. Woodard was offered a position as pipeline superintendent in Crane, Texas. While in Crane, Mrs. Woodard was deeply involved in sorority work, becoming president of Rho Chi Sorority for two years and ended this with a life membership. Her involvement in Crane County 4-H, along with her husband, allowed her son to be on the Junior Rifle Team which won the coveted Texas title in 1973. She was elected president of the Little League Auxiliary and served two years in that capacity.

In 1970, Mrs. Woodard was told she was diabetic. In 1972, she began to receive insulin shots for this malady. This progressive disease finally ended her life.

Mr. Woodard retired in 1990, and the family moved to Robert Lee.

Mrs. Woodard is survived by her husband, John, of the home; her son, Todd and his wife, Tracie Taylor Woodard of Houston; a grandson, John Taylor Woodard of Houston; a granddaughter, Cara Blake Woodard of Houston; a brother, Jim Caraway of Bryan, Texas; a sister, Glo Snead of Ft. Washington, Maryland; and her mother, Lillian Middleton of the Robert Lee Care Center.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Friday, April 6, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee with Reverend Jim Reeves officiating. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.
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Music lovers to gather at Ballinger

An EMMAUS gathering will be at the First United Methodist Church, North Broadway, Ballinger. Everyone is invited to this first time gathering on Tuesday, April 24th, at 6:30 pm. If you are a music person, please bring whatever instrument(s) you play. There will be a keyboard and/or piano. For more information call (915) 365-2323.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

**St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Ballinger, Texas**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe
Robert Lee, Texas**

April 7th 6:00 pm Palm Sunday Mass

**St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Ballinger, Texas**

April 12th 7:00 pm Holy Thursday
April 13th 12:00 pm From the Cross to the Church
April 14th 7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross
April 14th 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
April 15th 8:45 am Easter Sunday Mass
April 15th 11:15 am Easter Sunday Mass

**St. James
Bronte, Texas**

April 15th 5:00 pm Easter Sunday Mass

Death Notices

Kay

Omar Lamar Kay, 81, of Alpine, died Saturday evening, April 7, 2001, while visiting in Robert Lee.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at 2:00 pm at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. The Rev. Tom Garmon, pastor of the Alpine First United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Jim Reeves, pastor of the Robert Lee United

Bronte cemetery cleanup

Bronte has been very fortunate to have received some rain recently. The weeds and grasses have really grown.

Periodically the City is fortunate to obtain the services of the inmates from the State School to help mow and clean the Bronte Cemetery. Equipment such as mowers and weedeaters are in short supply to enable them to get the job done during their stay.

Any donations of mowers and weedeaters for the upkeep of the Bronte Cemetery would be greatly appreciated. Even disabled mowers could be used for parts to keep the mowers running. If you have a mower or weedeater that you would like to donate to this cause, please call the City Hall at 473-3501.

Runnels Baptist Association to meet

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, April 16 at Seventh Street Baptist Church, Ballinger, Texas.

The Executive Board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 pm. The evening meal will be served at 6:15.

The program, praise and mission emphasis, begins at 7:00 pm. Roy Epperson, Director of Mission, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

In many European countries it was a tradition for a girl to present colored eggs to a boyfriend as an Easter gift.

Methodist Church officiated. Burial followed at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife Alta Bell Kay, one daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Bobby Hungate of Waco, one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Judy Kay of Andrews, one granddaughter, Kara Edwards of Waco, and two grandsons Nicholas Kay of Andrews and Kayce Hungate of Waco. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Judy Kay and daughter Carolyn of Fort Worth. Other in-laws are: Bob and Jamie Boren of Robert Lee, Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield of Grove, Ok, Janet Rathmell of Mertzton, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Jackson

Graveside service was held at 10 am Wednesday, April 11, in Robert Lee Cemetery for Helen Louise Jackson of San Angelo.

Mrs. Jackson, 80, died in a San Angelo hospital Monday, April 9.

Survivors include a son, Allen C. Jackson of Waco; a daughter, Tina Creamer of San Angelo; a sister, Jewel C. Olsen of Odessa; three grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Churches of Robert Lee

Invite You to Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
(915) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

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

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • Robert Lee
(915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Bronte revival scheduled

Bronte's First Baptist Church has scheduled Revival services for April 15-18. Sunday services will be at 10:55 am and 7:00 pm. Monday through Wednesday services will be at noon and 7:00 pm. Leading in these special services will be preaching evangelist David Burk, president of Total Surrender Evangelistic Association and staff evangelist of First Baptist Church in Sterling City, Texas. Music for the revival services will be presented by Sherman and Tammy Aten, music evangelists from Granbury, Texas. This is the same team which led in the Coke County Crusade last August in the Robert Lee Amphitheater. They have also been in revival services at FBC Bronte on several occasions.

The noon services on Monday through Wednesday will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy fellowship, music, and Bible study. Special emphases for youth and families are planned for the week. Information on these events and the revival itself may be obtained by calling 473-2331 or 473-5661. First Baptist Church is located at the corner of South Washington and Barclay Streets.

Pastor Morris Johnson says, "God has been doing some great and exciting things lately at First Baptist. We want to invite and encourage the community to come and see what's going on and get in on the blessings."

New service available to Coke County residents

Residents of Coke County will now have another way of renewing their vehicle registration. As of April 9, the Coke County Tax Office has been offering online vehicle registration services. Online registration renewal is available at www.texasonline.com.

This online service will be limited to vehicle owners who have received a Registration Renewal Notice from the Texas Department of Transportation. The registration must be due within 90 days but cannot be expired. Current liability insurance coverage is also required, and there cannot be any traffic warrants or other questionable notations on the motor vehicle record.

Motorists who renew via the Internet will be asked to enter a minimal amount of information, including their address, their vehicle plate number, insurance coverage, and the credit card they will use for payment. The Coke County Tax Office will then process the information to ensure that all requirements are met. It will



Randy and Patti Mobley of Big Lake and Sid and Kathy McCown of Robert Lee proudly announce the engagement of their children, Mandi Sue Mobley and Lee Alan McCown.

Mandi is a 1996 graduate of Reagan County High School and Angelo State University. She is currently employed by Reagan County ISD.

Lee is a 1995 graduate of Robert Lee High School and Angelo State University. He is currently employed by Schleicher County ISD.

The wedding date has been set for June 30, 2001, at Glen Meadows Baptist Church in San Angelo.

take tax office staff approximately two business days to process an approved online transaction and mail the renewal sticker to the customer. Site users will pay a \$2 convenience fee and a \$1 county mail processing fee for the service. At this time, only Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

The tax office staff, Kristy, Gayle and Vallery, are excited to join the other counties that are already part of this program. So far, Internet registration renewal has been implemented in Brazoria, Coke, Denton, Grayson, Harris, Liberty, Lubbock, Midland, Montgomery, Nueces, Ran-

Robert Lee City Hall will be closed

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 13 in observance of Good Friday. The Landfill will not be open on Saturday, April 14. Trash Service will run as scheduled. Happy Easter.

dall, Travis, and Williamson Counties.

For more information, please call Kristeen Roe, Coke County Tax Assessor/Collector, at 453-2614.

CASA announces training schedule

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has planned its spring training for new CASA volunteers. Training dates are Monday, April 23 through Thursday, April 26 from 6 - 9 pm, Saturday, April 28 from 9 am to 3 pm and Monday, April 30 from 6 - 9 pm.


The training sessions will take place at First Christian Church, 29 N. Oakes. For more information, or to receive an application call 653-0761.

German immigrants get the credit for bringing the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America.



Resurrection Revival
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7:00 p.m.
 Monday - Wednesday
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5 Qt. Bucket **\$3.99**



Selected Varieties
Coca-Cola Products
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans **\$2.89**





Bobby Roberts, President of Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, and wife, Jeffie, demonstrated butter making at Ag Day for the sixty-seven 4th grade students from Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City.

Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau hosts Ag Day

Robert Lee, Bronte, and Sterling City fourth grade students attended the annual Ag Day hosted by the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Thursday, March 29. The affair was held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Show Barn in Robert Lee. Sixty seven students were treated to various displays stressing the value and importance agriculture has on our daily lives.

The kids were able to view farm machinery such as tractors and hay-balers. Many of the children have seen this equipment in the field from the highway, but Ag Day afforded them the opportunity to view the machinery at a closer range.

Area field representative Sutton Page presented a program and demonstration to the students that allowed them to see how many of the products they use every day are directly attributed to agriculture. Many of the products are readily recognizable as farm products such as butter and milk, but some were surprised to learn that things such as mouthwash and shaving cream are also produced by the ag industry.

Joey Harmon brought his horse and explained to the children the value of a good ranch horse even in this age of four-wheelers and other modern conveniences. He also took questions from the groups concerning the impact a horse can make in the ranching industry.

The children were also treated to a sample of freshly churned butter. County President Bobby Roberts and his wife, Jeffie, furnished the butter and displayed a churn and butter mold.

Russell Johnson gave a sheep dog demonstration to the children, which is always a big hit. He explained the origin of the dog and the impact they have made in the sheep, cattle and goat industry. These dogs are hard workers and never fail to please the crowd with the ability they display.

Many of the children had another first when they were able to bottle feed a calf. The animals always steal the show

and this year was no exception. The students received a special treat and were allowed to pet baby goats, a calf and baby pigs. They also got to view chickens and some of them experienced the unexpected when they viewed a hen laying an egg.

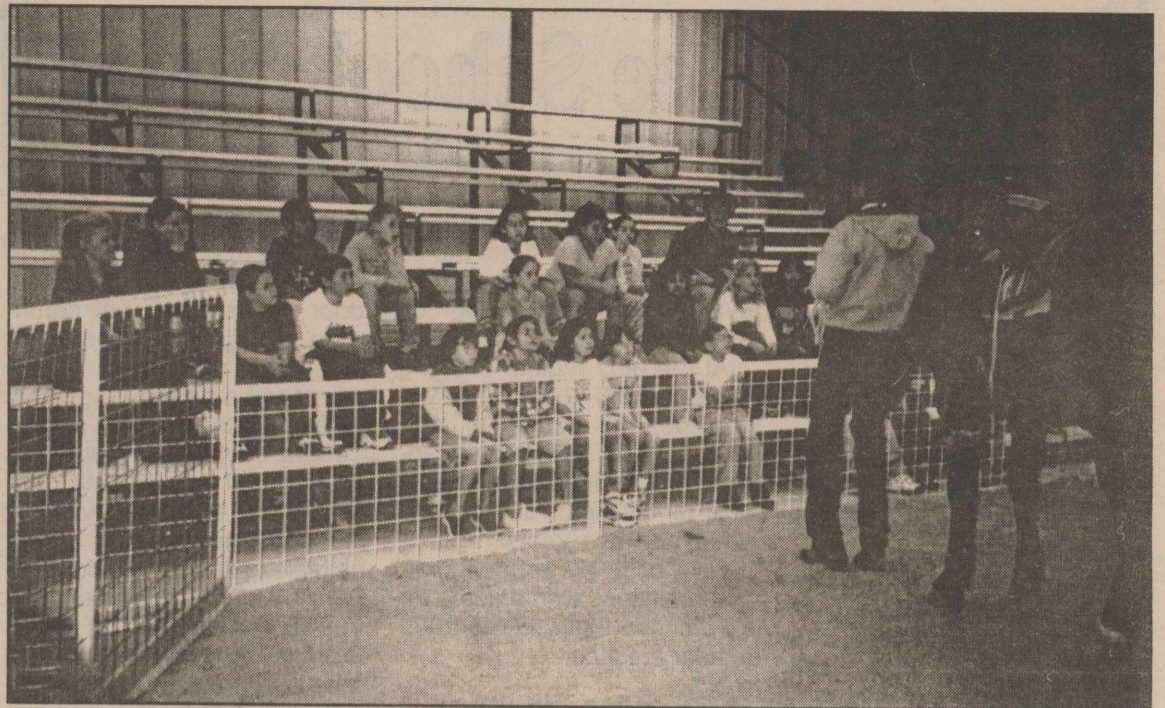
On hand for the affair were Cindy Bessent's and Denise Robert's Robert Lee fourth grade classes. They were accompanied by sign interpreter Donnia Robles. Bronte fourth grade students were accompanied by teachers Kandace Arrott and Frances Williams and principal Terry Marrs. Sterling City principal Jimmy Gault served as bus driver for Stephanie Sullivan's and Valrae Sides fourth grade classes.

Those responsible for the hard work in putting together the popular event were Bobby Roberts, Gaylon Pitcock, Donnie Thompson, Jeff Eubanks, John Stephens, Joe Sefcik, Alonzo Robbins, Russell Davis, Jeffie Roberts, Jimmie Byrne, Joe Harmon and Russell Johnson.

Bronte elementary to hold pre-registration

Bronte Elementary will hold their 2001-2002 pre-registration for the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten on Thursday, April 19, from 2:45 - 4:00 pm. In order to enroll, you will need to bring the child's immunization record, social security card, birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e. utility bill).

Some scholars believe the word Easter comes from an early German word - eostarum - which means dawn.



Joe Harmon of Robert Lee teaching farm animal safety with his horse at Ag Day Thursday, March 29.

Head Start registration

The location for Coke County Head Start 2001 - 2002 will be at 820 Commerce Street on Thursday, April 26th from 1:00 - 3:30 pm and Friday, April 27th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

Tom Green County Community Action Council - Head Start Program is a comprehensive, pre-k program serving 3,4, and 5 year old children. Children participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self-help skills and their health and dental care. Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch; participate in large and small group activities, individual activities, center time, story time and many successful, self-esteem building exercises.

It is required that the child be three years old by September 1st in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring COPIES of the following: Proof of income, (3 recent consecutive check stubs,

Longhorn varsity track results

At the district meet the varsity division results are as follows:

- * - denotes advance to area track meet on April 12 at Winters.
- *110 M hurdles - 4th - Henry White
- *400 M - 3rd - Josh Schoenfield
- *300 M hurdles - 3rd - Henry White
- *Shot put - 3rd - Steve Eldred
- *Triple jump - 4th - Josh Schoenfield
- *High jump - 3rd - Ryan McCorkle
- *Long jump - 2nd - Josh Schoenfield
- 200 M - 6th - Jesse McClure
- 1600 M relay - 6th - Ryan McCorkle, Zeb Speary, Brandon Gibbs, Josh Schoenfield

2000 W-2/Form 1040 Tax Return, Proof of child's age (Child's birth certificate), child's Social Security Number, up-to-date immunization record, and if applicable, Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamp Case Numbers. COPIES of these items **MUST BE** brought with you to register your child for the program.

***Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. If you suspect your child has a disability (i.e., speech delay/developmentally delayed) or if your child has been diagnosed with a disability, please be sure to inform the enrollment staff at time of registration.

Bronte HS District Golf Results

The Bronte boys team placed second in the district golf tournament, which was at Abilene Maxwell and San Saba country clubs. The boys scored a total of 689 for second behind Menard, which totaled 654.

Individual results for the two tournaments were:

- Team I - Brandon Gibbs, 86 & 83, 169; Ryan McCorkle, 80 & 87, 167; Josh Schoenfield, 87 & 91, 178; Charlie Bettis, 86 & 89, 175; and Henry White, 92 & 92, 184.
- Team II - Zeb Speary, 101 & 100, 201; Cody Lee, 99 & 90, 189; BJ Hall, 99 & 92, 191; Joseph Israel, 104 & 117, 221; Chase Williams, 117 & 108, 225; and Josh Eubanks, 114 & 105, 219.

In the girls' division, Bronte placed third with 796 strokes behind Baird and Robert Lee. Brooke McCutchen was second high medalist with a 78, 78, for a 156 total, just one stroke behind Mindy

McDowell with a 155 from Baird.

Individual scores for the girls' team were:

- Brooke McCutchen, 78 & 78, 156; Lacy Schoenfield, 99 & 92, 191; Katy Frazee, 106 & 101, 207; Britni Adams, 125 & 117, 242; and Khanni Beauchamp, 138 & 119, 257.

Quilt & Craft show

The third annual Quilt & Craft Show 2001, will be held on Saturday, April 21 in Brady, Texas from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be at the Heart of Texas Civic Center on Hwy 87N.

For information sheets & entry forms, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Quilt & Craft Show, 214 West Lockhart, Brady, Texas 76825-4108.

FMI call (915) 597-2946 or fax (915) 597-3912.

Fort Concho speakers series

The schedule is set for one of the Fort's most popular programs, the Fort Concho Speakers Series. Talks are scheduled from noon to 1 pm each Wednesday during April. The series will be held in the Commissary building at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark on the corner of Burgess and Avenue C. Admission to the program is free.

You may bring your lunch or reserve a brown bag lunch (for a fee) by calling 481-2646 or 657-4441 no later than 5 pm on the preceding Monday.

A bright red colored egg is a symbol of Easter in Bulgaria. Traditionally, the eggs are colored on the Thursday before Easter after the church services.

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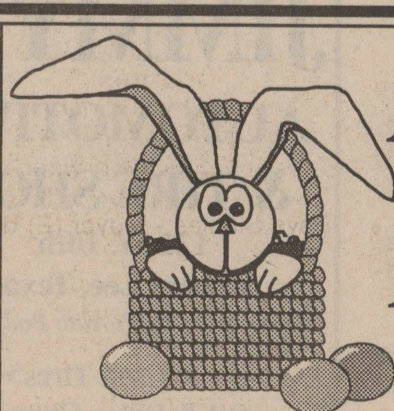


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Robert Lee School News

RLISD board election canceled

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 4, at 8:30 pm. The board voted to cancel the regular trustee election that had been called for May 5.

The cancellation is made possible by changes to the Texas Election Code a few years ago. The code provides that if all candidates in an election are unopposed, the jurisdiction may cancel the election and declare the candidates to be duly elected.

The Robert Lee board had two at-large positions that were up for election. There were only two candidates who had applied for a place on the ballot. They are Darrel Pitcock, an incumbent and currently president of the board; and Bill Burns. Mark Riley had originally signed up as a candidate, but withdrew his name by the withdrawal deadline of March 30.

Darrel Pitcock and Bill Burns were declared duly elected and will be officially installed after the May 5 election date.

A second item on Wednesday's agenda was the consideration of calling a special election to fill the two vacancies created by the resignations of trustees Ray Aldridge and Harvey Wojtek. After discussion, the board decided not to call a special election. The major reason mentioned was the short timeline. The legal deadline for calling a special election is 30 days before the election date, which is May 5. By law, prospective candidates would have only a 5-day window of time to apply

for a place on the ballot. It would be difficult to get the information out in time to give everyone a chance to sign up as a candidate.

At the next regular meeting on April 26, the board will consider the names of individuals to fill the two vacancies. One position has one year remaining on its term; the other has two years remaining. If filled by appointment, both positions would come up for election again at the 2002 regular election.

RL girls advance to regional golf tournament

The Robert Lee girls golf team placed second in the district golf tournament to advance to the regional tournament at Abilene Maxwell on April 23 & 24. The girls scored a team total of 728 to place behind tournament winner Baird with a 710.

Individual scores are as follows: Whitney Millican, 86 & 83, 169 (3rd high medalist); Dee Van Huss, 87 & 96, 183; Dixie Simpson, 96 & 86, 182; Amber Brosh, 96 & 102, 198; Shanna Wojtek, 100 & 98, 198; and Jennifer Nesbit, 100 & 114, 214.

The boys team placed third with a 690 total, just behind Bronte with 689 for second and Menard with a 654 total for first.

Individual scores for the boys are as follows: Salomon Saucedo, 86 & 80, 165 (4th high medalist & regional qualifier); Stewart Millican, 82 & 84, 166; Beau Blair, 86 & 89, 175; Colby Eubanks, 91 & 93, 184; Taylor Clendennen, 109 & 100, 209; Josh Alexander, 104 & 108, 212; Tim Messer, 110 & 100, 210.

Project graduation 2001

Plans are underway for Project Graduation 2001, the all night drug-free, alcohol-free party following Graduation. Committees will be working on food, entertainment, and prizes. In order to provide our Seniors with a night to remember, we need the support of the citizens of

our area. If you would care to assist us in any way possible, such as donations of money, door prizes, food, gift certificate, savings bonds, etc. please let us know. If item needs to be picked up give us a call at 453-2830 and ask for Teresa or 453-4317 and ask for Toni. If you care to contribute in a monetary way, please send cash or check payable to Project Graduation, PO Box 478, Robert Lee, Tx, 76945, Attention Teresa Romine. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Project Graduation has become a tradition in our community and is giving our young people a special night. A graduation celebration that will be the highlight of the Senior year. There could be no greater gift than a drug-free, alcohol-free SAFE commencement. Please help show support to this outstanding class of 2001.

Please encourage those students that you know to participate in Project Graduation, because if you don't support the project, our Seniors won't either.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We are looking forward to a fun and safe Graduation evening. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Teresa Romine &
Toni Rainwater
Project Graduation 2001

Personal

Pat Jones Watson of Rodeo, New Mexico visited last week with friends and relatives in Coke County. Pat, daughter of the late Bud and Yvonne Jones, was raised in Robert Lee and graduated from RLHS. She spent two nights with Sid and Johnnie Eubanks in Bronte and stayed a couple of nights with Joan Davis of Robert Lee before going on to Irving to see her children and grandchildren. Her oldest grandson, Kerry Woods, pitches for the Chicago Cubs.



Allison Millican (left) and Brettanie Reed have reached the top step in the Accelerated Reading Program at Robert Lee Elementary School. They have read three books that are considered classics and have accumulated at least 100 points. Allison is the daughter of Kay and Teddy Millican and Brettanie is the daughter of Todd and Carla Reed.

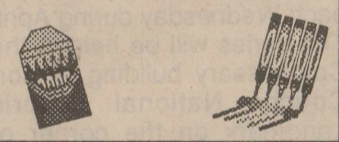
Robert Lee Accelerated Reading Program

Two more students have reached the top step in the Accelerated Reading Program at Robert Lee. They have read 3 books that are considered classics and have read enough books to accumulate at least 100 points. Allison Millican is a fifth grader and the daughter of Kay and Teddy Millican of Robert Lee. Brettanie Reed is the daughter of

Todd and Carla Reed also of Robert Lee. Robert Lee Elementary believes that reading is fundamental and they are proud of the students who achieve in reading.

At the Passover meal, it is a tradition for the youngest child to ask "the four questions". These are questions about the difference between the Passover meal and regular meals.

SCHOOL MENU



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Monday, April 16
Holiday

Tuesday, April 17
Orange juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Wednesday, April 18
Orange juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Thursday, April 19
Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk

Friday, April 20
Orange juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 16
Holiday

Tuesday, April 17
Barbecue wieners, corn, broccoli & cheese, rolls, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, April 18
Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, refried beans, banana pudding, milk

Thursday, April 19
Pigs in blanket, macaroni & cheese, black eyed peas, fruit cocktail, milk

Friday, April 20
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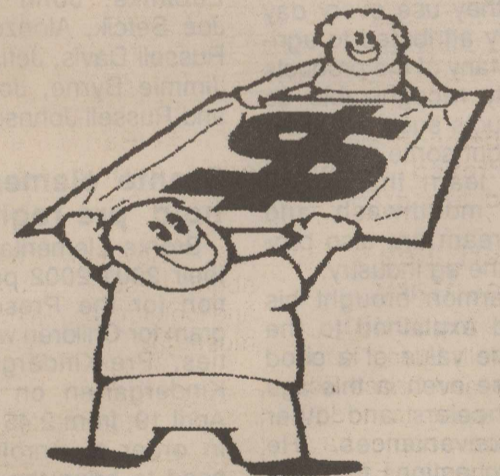
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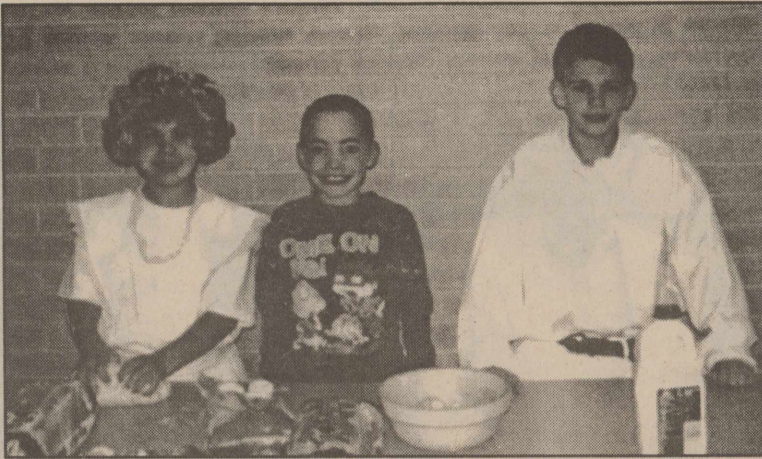
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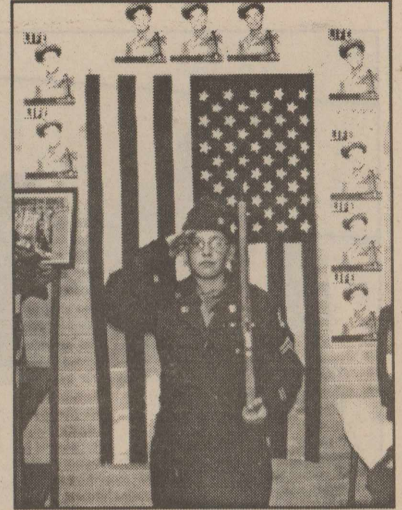
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Megan Robinson portrayed Mary Kay Ash during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.



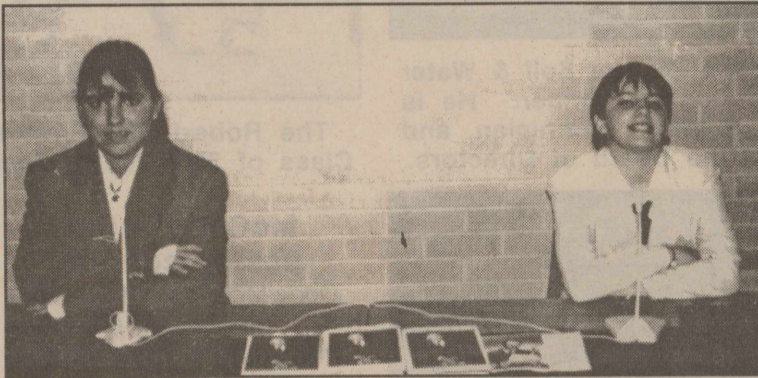
Rebecka Saucedo portrayed Mrs. Baird, Andrew Graft portrayed Mrs. Baird's assistant, and Bannon Roe portrayed Gail Borden during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.



Mason Ross portrayed Audie Murphy during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.



Brody Dillard portrayed Tom Landry during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.



Melissa Martinez portrayed Dan Rather and Chelsea Conner portrayed Walter Cronkite during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.



Arrin Minjarez portrayed Babe Didrikson during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.



Cody Williamson portrayed Clyde Barrow and Cori Torres portrayed Bonnie Parker during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.

Robert Lee Elementary Living Museum

by Molly Burns, Kasie Skinner, and Chase Roe

From the past to today, many famous people have called Texas home. Famous Texans was the subject of this year's living museum recently put on by Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders.

Each student had to do research on his or her chosen person. After completing their search, a paper was written summarizing the findings. At this point, a one-minute speech was written and memorized. They each had to find a costume that would be similar to what their character might have worn and "become" that person.

The program was held in the halls of Robert Lee Elementary. Some roles that people played included Quanah Parker, ZZ Top, Charles Goodnight, Ann Richards, Mrs. Baird, and Barbara Jordan. The kids did a marvelous

job. They enjoyed learning about these Famous Texans and look forward to next year's museum.



Kimberly Cardenas portrayed Stephen F. Austin during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.



Kasie Skinner portrayed Charles Goodnight during the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders' living museum.

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County library recipient of books and audio tapes

Coke County Library Story Hour children participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the courthouse lawn on Tuesday morning. The event provided much delight and many candy eggs. The Easter Rabbit brought many smiles. Those who arrange the Easter festivities are appreciated by those who know anyone under the age of eight.

The Story Hour graduation exercises will be held Tuesday, April 24, at 10:00 am in the mini-park gazebo. Children will receive hats, certificates, and refreshments will be served to children, parents, caregivers, and visitors.

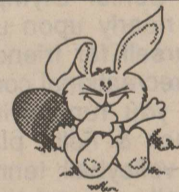
The library has been the grateful recipient of several donations of books and audio tapes. Donations such as these help expand the collection for library patrons to enjoy

Also received was a monetary donation with which the following books were added: The Tortoise and the Jackrabbit, the story of the tortoise and the hare with a southwestern slant; What's in a Name: How Proper Names Become Everyday Words; Instant Reference Geography: Round River from the Journals of Aldo Leopold; Wild Within: Adventures in Nature and Animal Teachings: Ants at Work: How an Insect Society is Organized; Front Porch Tales: Stories of Family, Faith, Laughter and Love; and Rap-pole and Blacklock's A Field Guide to the Birds of Texas.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12.

The Coke County library will be closed this Friday in observance of the Easter holiday.

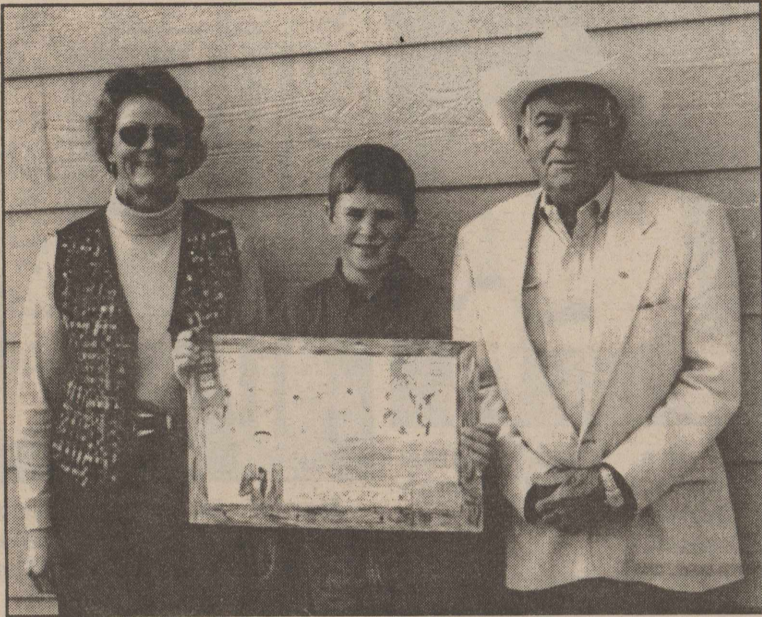
In the early 1900s it became common in England and Europe to send Easter cards, decorated with hens, chickens, eggs, Easter bunnies, children and spring flowers.



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& a very special thank you to the Easter Bunny!



Cody McCabe (center) was the District Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest winner. He is shown with Donna Waldrop, District Technician, and Wilbern Millican, Chairman of the Board of Directors.



The Robert Lee Elementary School 6th Grade class was named Outstanding Class of 2000-2001. Their teachers are Linda Burns and Diana McCabe.



Rebekah Beauchamp received a \$50 savings bond for being the District Runner-up in the Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest. Bud Johnson, SWCD Director, presents her with her ribbon.

My hero

by Kagan Maxcey
(Editor's Note: The following essay was a class assignment for the 5th grade in Iraan Elementary School. Kagan, 10, is the son of Wade and Renea Maxcey of Iraan, and the grandson of R.L. & Evelyn Flanagan).

Why I think my granddad, R.L. Flanagan, is my hero is because he is a great arrowhead hunter, a fisherman, and a wonderful storyteller.

My granddad is a fantastic arrowhead hunter. He told me he has found over 16,000 arrowheads in his life. When I go into his little house that he hangs out in I see a bunch of arrowheads that he has collected. The arrowheads are hung in frames, in drawers, and boxes. He has taught me to arrowhead hunt.

My granddad is a fisherman. In the summer he fishes mostly in his spare time. My granddad has a record for catching the biggest striper in Lake Spence. The striper weighed 35.13 lbs. And the length of the striper was 41.75 inches. He takes me fishing and we have a great time.

He is a great storyteller. He tells stories about trapping animals, catching fish, and hunting arrowheads. He laughs and uses his hands while telling a story. His stories are interesting.

My granddad is an arrowhead hunter, a fisherman, and a good storyteller. That is why my granddad is MY HERO.

San Angelo senior games

The 2001 Senior Olympic Games are nearly upon us. Prepare yourself for friendly athletic and recreational competition. If you run, swim, bowl, do track & field, play horseshoes, volleyball, tennis or basketball around-the-world, free throw or one-on-one, then the San Angelo Senior Games are for you. Recreational events include billiards and washers. Social events include bridge, forty-two, and dance.

Individual and team sports will be offered separately for men and women in five-year age divisions, with the exception of social events.

Call or mail and get your registration forms if you were not registered in 1999 or 2000. April 27 is the deadline for registering, with a late fee after that date.

For more information contact the San Angelo Senior Games, PO Box 54, San Angelo, Tx 76902, or call (915) 942-9853. Don't get left out of great fellowship and competition.

McCabe wins poster contest

Cody McCabe of Mrs. Linda Burns' Robert Lee 6th grade is the winner of the conservation poster contest for students in the 5th and 6th grade for 2000-2001. The contest is sponsored by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. In addition to a ribbon and certificate, Cody received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and was honored at an awards banquet in Wall on March 22, 2001. Cody is the son of Mike and Diana McCabe of Robert Lee.

Rebekah Beauchamp of Mrs. Heather Lee's Bronte 6th grade was the district runner-up and the recipient of a \$50 savings bond. Rebekah is the daughter of Sheila Beauchamp of Bronte.

The top four places in each class were Bronte 5th grade (Mrs. Pat Lee); 1st - Zachary Bennett, 2nd - Emily Austin, 3rd - Savannah Martinez, 4th - Estephanie Flores. Bronte 6th grade (Mrs. Heather Lee); 1st - Rebekah Beauchamp, 2nd - Logan Rawls, 3rd - Philip Rawlings, 4th - Eric Hendrickson. Robert Lee 5th grade (Mrs. Cindy Bessent); 1st - Allison Millican, 2nd - Molly Burns, 3rd - Chase Roe, 4th - Briana Longoria. Robert Lee 6th grade (Mrs. Linda Burns and Mrs. Diana McCabe); 1st - Cody McCabe, 2nd - Sarah Philley, 3rd - Cara Cavness, 4th - Kelsy Duncan.

Every student who submitted a poster received a certificate from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in appreciation for the thought, effort and publicity on the need and worth of soil

and water conservation that the posters depicted. The posters will be displayed at the Robert Lee State Bank and the First National Bank in Bronte.

In recognition of the growing response from teachers and students, the directors instituted a new award in 1995. The class with the most outstanding posters will be honored as the year's Outstanding Class and presented a rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year.

Mrs. Linda Burns' 6th grade was chosen Outstanding Class for 2000-2001. All the youngsters seemed to regard the award with enthusiasm and there was already talk among next year's Coke County 5th and 6th graders about plans to win the plaque for their class next time.

Three posters done by Cody McCabe, Rebekah Beauchamp and Sarah Philley were entered in the Texas Area II Contest which includes 52 counties.

Pupils could choose any phase of resource conservation that is part of the work of the local soil and water conservation district. Included in this work are: soil use and treatment, erosion control practices; crop, range, and pastureland management; drainage problems; watershed protection; flood prevention; fish and wildlife management; and promoting the involvement of all citizens in conserving water and renewable resources.

Response from teachers and students was excellent and posters submitted were

outstanding, both in art work and content. Each year choosing only two to four winners per class and two overall becomes more and more difficult for the board of directors.

Contributions from the First National Bank in Bronte, Robert Lee State Bank and the Kickapoo Creek Water Control and Improvement District made the contest possible and helped pay for the awards. Without their support and the enthusiastic participation by the schools, the contest could not have been successful.

Texas wine and food festival

The 17th Annual Texas Wine and Food Festival, hosted by the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council, will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2001.

The setting will be the beautiful Pavilions at the Paseo de Santa Angela for the Wine, Brew & Food Tasting Finale. Beginning at 6:30 pm, this event will feature twenty of San Angelo's finest restaurants and caterers along with participating Texas, French, Chilean, Italian, Australian and California wineries. The Pavilions are located across from Ft. Concho on Oakes Street and Avenue C. Tickets are available in advance and at the gate. Tickets will be a little higher at the gate.

Tickets and information are available at the Cultural Affairs Council on the mezzanine of the Cactus Hotel, 36 E. Twohig or by calling (915)653-6793.

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The Robert Lee Care Center February birthday party was hosted by AON with entertainment provided by Bobby Joe Jones (from left), Dallas Johnson, Buck Duncan and Kyle Long. Celebrating birthdays were Billie Harris, Beatrice Maxwell, and David Chesshir.



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Home lawn care

Site evaluation: Evaluate your lawn for high spots, low spots, and ruts made from equipment because these areas will most likely cause scalping. Take the time to level out the lawn surface with the addition of soil. To reduce rutting, lift the sod with a sharp spade and place topsoil underneath, then replace sod and keep that area moist for several days to a week to encourage a healthy root system redeveloping. Is your lawn smooth enough to mow with a reel mower? Is it smooth enough to mow at the optimal mowing height for your grass variety without continual scalping damage? Scalping will most certainly put the grass at a disadvantage and eventually lead to the decline of the lawn's quality.

Selecting the right mowing height: It is essential that you mow your particular grass variety at or near the optimal mowing height because this will keep that grass the healthiest and most dense (highest number of shoots per unit area). Higher density means more soil surface shading, which severely restricts the germination of many annual grassy and broadleaf weeds. Maintaining a dense and healthy turf is the best weed control. Selecting the right mowing height also means selecting the right mower for the job. Do not put money into a high density Bermuda grass or zoysia grass hybrid variety and expect to mow it at 3 inches with a rotary mower and expect a high quality lawn. Many of the varieties available today require mowing height at or below 1 inch, which cannot be done effectively with a rotary mower.

Some general mowing height requirements of common grass species are given below in variety, the range of mowing height and the optimal mowing height. Buffalo grass has a range of 2-4.5 inches and optimal height of 2.5 inches; Common Bermuda grass has a range of 1-2.5 inches and optimal height of 1.5; Hybrid Bermuda grass has a range of 0.75 to 2 inches and optimal height of 0.75 inches; St. Augustine

grass has a range of 2.5 to 4 inches and optimal height of 2.5 inches.

How often do I mow?: This question deserves an "it depends" answer. You will have to play it by ear for every different season, weather, nutrient availability change, etc...The best rule to follow is NEVER TAKE MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE LEAF BLADE OFF AT ANY ONE TIME. If you have piles of clippings left after each mowing then you are mowing too infrequently. For a good example, consider a farmer's hay field, they go out there and remove close to 80% of the leaf surface of those grass plants and subsequently the grass left after the hay is baled turns a golden tan color. This happens because the grass plants are not capable of recovering from that amount of stress for quite a while. The small amount of leaf surface left is not enough to maintain the physiological activities (photosynthesis) for plant energy. Grass plants have a "growing point" where all of the leaves originate - and that growing point is near the soil surface when the grass is mowed frequently. When people let their lawns get really "hairy" that growing point begins to elevate from the soil surface and when the mower does finally come through - the growing point may be cut and removed with the rest of the clippings - this results in that plant's death. Frequent mowing, never removing more than 1/3 of the grass blade ensures that the growing point will stay near the soil surface and the turf will stay healthier and denser.

Blade sharpening: Maintaining a sharp mower blade, whether rotary or reel, is essential in maintaining turf health. A smooth, clean cut not only looks better for the lawn, but it also does much less damage to the grass plant. When you have a dull mower blade - you are "thrashing" or "beating" the tops of the grass blades off. This leaves a ragged top which becomes straw colored. This gives a lawn a "tannish" hue and leaves the grass wide open for insect and disease encroachment. These

ragged tops are prime points of entry for many fungal pathogens (turf disease causers) and small turf insects.

Be sure to have your mower blade checked and sharpened frequently - at least once a year. You can adequately sharpen a rotary mower blade with a good bench grinder and a tub of cold water. Here are a few steps to take when sharpening. First of all - wear safety glasses when grinding. Try to keep the original angle on the mower blade by making smooth, quick swipes across the grinding wheel. Dip the blade in cold water after every few swipes across the grinding wheel so you don't lose "temper" in the steel. If you see blue in the blade where you are grinding - that means that the temper is lost in that area and that steel is now very soft - there will most likely be a chip there next time you check your blade. Be very careful with the sharpening process and use the cold water judiciously. After you are finished grinding the blade angle, test to see if the blade is properly balanced. Place the blade on a thin pole through the center hole of the blade. If it wants to fall to one side - that side is heavier. You will need to grind off some more steel on the heavy side to balance the blade. You don't need to grind more of the angle down - just grind a little steel off the back side or a corner of the blade. When you have the blade properly balanced - take a file and file off the burrs left behind by the grinder.

If you don't feel comfortable with grinding your own blades, check around for a service in your area that will do it for a few bucks.

Kid's Pre-K Program

Senator Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) filed legislation that would give school districts the option of making public pre-kindergarten classes available to all children. Under current law, disadvantaged children who meet certain criteria may receive a half-day of free pre-kindergarten classes. This bill expands the program to give all Texas children the opportunity for a public school, pre-kindergarten education on a tuition basis.

"The long-term benefit is that we get more kids into the structure of learning at an early age," said Senator Duncan. The bill provides that the fee structure only cover actual costs of operation. "This bill will not cost taxpayers any additional funds."

Senate Bill 596, known as the Kid's Pre-K Program, will be optional for school districts across the state of Texas. Senator Duncan says, "It's not our intention to force this on districts that don't have a need, but it will be a great benefit for those districts that do want to provide this option."

Parents, whose children currently receive a half-day of free Pre-K, will have the option of full-day Pre-K for their children if they pay for the additional half-day. Parents not eligible for free tuition under the current program must pay for services.



Danya Marie Wright and Jerrod Lee Patrick of Hondo, Texas, plan to marry April 28th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Gardendale, with Scott Caldwell officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ed and Mindy Wright of Gardendale, and the granddaughter of Sondra Hester of Robert Lee and Earl and Clara Breeding of Odessa. She is a 1998 graduate of Permian High School and attended Odessa College and Southwest Junior College. Danya is employed by Hondo Veterinary Hospital.

The prospective groom is the son of Jerrell and Dianna Patrick of Fort Stockton, and the grandson of Jessie and Helen Patrick of Gardendale, Bob and Irene Whitlock of Del Rio, and the great-grandson of Lucille Whitlock of Del Rio. He is a 1996 graduate of Fort Stockton High School and is currently attending the Independent Electrical Contractors Technical Institute in San Antonio. Jerrod is employed by Eldridge Electric in San Antonio.

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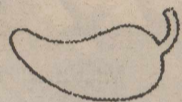
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3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, C/H/A, carport. Must move, will make you a great deal. 473-4020 for appt.
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Caring for elderly at home. Cooking & cleaning. Run errands, shopping...etc. Phone anytime 473-4126.
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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Sat. 7-2. 801 Childress in Robert Lee. Little bit of everything.
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GARAGE SALE

1997 50 cc. Dirt Bike \$700. 9-N Ford Tractor & equipment. Good condition \$3500.00. Riding lawn mower \$200, chains & boomers, compound bow & acc. \$50, cast iron patio set \$75, side by side Fridge \$75, Dryer, and lots more stuff. 224 N. Woods, Bronte. 473-4310. Sat. 14th.
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CARD OF THANKS

THANKS SO MUCH!!
We appreciate all the help during Bill's illness & his stay in the hospital. Thanks for the calls, the cards, the food, the yard work and especially the prayers.

Our Love
Bill & Rachel McAdoo
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THANK YOU DEAR FRIENDS

and neighbors. Our heartfelt thanks go to each of you for the love shown to us during my dad's (Clifton Cole) lengthy illness. All of the food, flowers, cards, thoughts, concerns, and mostly your prayers will always be cherished.

Thanks again,
Debbie & Doug Wilkes
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WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS

how all your kindness & caring for our daughter Sondra during and after her accident, means to our family.

We thank God and everyone who took care of her at the accident scene.

She was very fortunate to walk away from this accident, she had God watching over her.

Thanks so very much goes out to Francis and Gracie Mendoza, Barbara Renfro, Charlotte Crain, the couple with the truck who looked after her, called 911, called her fiance Sam and called us. We didn't get your names, thank you so much.

Thanks for the excellent care from the ambulance crew. Shel Williams, Mary Bessent, Jim Reeves. Thank you for your medical care at the scene and on the way to Shannon. If I left anyone out, I'm sorry.

Thanks to the Coke County Sheriff's Department and DPS Officer Roy Blair.

Thanks to everyone who called or talked to us in person.

Thanks to Connie and Brenda for coming to the hospital ER to check on her.

If I've left anyone out I'm sorry, we are still pretty upset. The accident has really taken a toll on everyone.

You don't know how many people care about you until something bad happens to you or your family.

Thanks so very much to each and everyone. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Sondra, Mackenzie, Dylan Mark & Lynda VanDeventer Sam, Pat, Robert, Tammy & Robert Taft
37a-1tp

WE WOULD LIKE

to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who sent flowers, food or said a kind word during the loss of our sister, Emilia Gonzales.

Manuel and Christine Abalos Lita and Joe Gonzales Willie and Mickey Abalos
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MANY THANKS

The family of Zelda Woodard wishes to thank all the fine friends and relatives who contributed time, effort, and prayers during the saddest part of our lives.

Special thanks go out to Reverend Jim Reeves for conducting a beautiful service, and to the ladies in the church who provided such wonderful food for the family. Special thanks also for the men who acted as pallbearers for Zelda's final journey in this life.

John G. Woodard
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Woodard
John Taylor and Cara Blake
Woodard

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Snead and family
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Caraway and family
Mrs. Lillian Middleton
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THE FAMILY OF

Artie Mae Fincher would like to say thank you, from our hearts, for the care and concern you all shared with us in the passing of our wife and mother. The cards, food, flowers and prayers touched our hearts. A special thank you to all those special, special, friends at Bronte Health and Rehab who cared for mom and loved her as we did. God bless each of you.

Orb Fincher
Merle & Larry Kelso
Glenda & Greer Willis
Kenneth & Susan Fincher
Wayne & Sherri Fincher
37b-1tc

NOTICES

THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE

is accepting proposals for the construction of a Compost Recycling Center. Bid specifications may be obtained at City Hall. Bid deadline April 27, 2001.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of Robert Lee, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on May 5, 2001 for voting in a general election to elect three council members to regular terms.

Location of polling place:

Coke County Courthouse
13 E. 7th Street
Robert Lee, TX 76945

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Coke County Courthouse, Clerk's Office, 13 E. 7th Street between the hours of 8-12 am and 1-5 pm beginning on April 18, 2001 and ending on May 1, 2001.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Mary Grim, Box 150, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

Garland Davis, Mayor
City of Robert Lee
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AVISO DE ELECCION CITY

A los votantes registrados del Robert Lee, Texas:

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 am hasta las 7:00 pm el Cinco de Mayo de 2001 para votar en la eleccion para legir eleccion tres miembro (as) del consejo para termo regular.

Direccion de las casillas electorales: Condado de Coke a las 13 E. 7th Street en Robert Lee, Texas.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Condado de Coke en el Oficio de Secretaria a las 13 E. 7th Street en Robert Lee, Texas. Entre las 8-12 de la manana y las 1-5 de la tarde empezando el 18 de Abril, 2001 y terminado el Primera de Mayo, 2001.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Mary Grim, Box 150, Robert

Garland Davis, Mayor
Oficial que preside
37a-1tc



Alex Grady Robinson

Robinson adoption finalized

Amber, Amanda and Megan Robinson would like to announce they are now officially big sisters to Alex Grady Robinson with the finalized adoption on April 5, 2001. Born April 8, 1999, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 inches long. He is now a whopping 30 pounds and 34 inches tall. Other new family welcoming Alex are Thomas and Tomi Robinson (dad and mom), Curtis Garrett (grandfather) and Erma Hudman (great-grandmother) all from Robert Lee, Cameron Cook (brother) from Lubbock, Leroy Robinson (brother), Candy Speed (sister) and Dalla Driver (sister) all from Andrews, Tammy Sandel (sister) from Colorado, Stephanie Leonard (aunt) from Blackwell and Nita Killian (grandmother) from Midland and a lot of nieces, nephews and cousins.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Easter's on its way



Queen Mini Martin and King Ted Henderson reigned at the Robert Lee Care Center Valentine's Day party held February 14.

For those planning an Easter Egg Hunt, the best and the safest place to start is in the supermarket. Most people ordinarily open cartons to check eggs before they buy them, but it helps to make the inspection a careful one.

Make sure all the eggs are clean and free of cracks. If cracked eggs are accidentally purchased, throw them away. Cracks allow microorganisms such as Salmonella to enter and contaminate the eggs.

Cooking eggs thoroughly will kill Salmonella, but raw or undercooked eggs can transmit this bacterium, notorious for causing food-borne illness. Those highly susceptible to such illnesses are the very young, the elderly, pregnant women and people with weak immune systems.

Eggs should be refrigerated in their cartons. Although many refrigerators have egg slots on the doors, they are not the best place to put eggs because the temperature may fluctuate as the door is opened. Store eggs in a section of the refrigerator where the temperature is constant.

For a safer Easter Egg Hunt follow these steps when preparing eggs:

*Keep eggs refrigerated until you are ready to prepare them. Do not let them sit at room temperature for more than two hours before or after cooking.

*Eggs should be hard boiled - until the yolks and whites are firm. Do not stack eggs on top of each other in the pot. This could cause uneven cooking. Put eggs in cold tap water and bring them to a rapid boil. The Food and Drug Administration recommends boiling eggs for at least seven minutes for safety reasons. Then, remove the eggs from the pot and cool under running water.

*Place the cooked eggs in the refrigerator until it's time to decorate them. Once they are decorated, put them back in the refrigerator until time for the hunt.

*Be sure eggs are hidden and gathered in a short period of time. Hard-boiled eggs are still perishable and should not be left at room temperature for more than two hours.

*Those eggs that are not eaten immediately after the hunt should be discarded. Eggs not used in the hunt can be stored in the refrigerator up to one week.



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Vaughn

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Joe Vaughn celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Joe Vaughn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 7, 2001 with a gathering of family and friends at the Bronte Housing Community Room.

Bobby & Marlene were married April 20, 1951 at the ranch home of the bride at Bronte. They have three children, James Lynn Vaughn & Jolene Henderson of Bronte and Bruce Vaughn of Midland, Texas. They also have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn have lived in Bronte since their wedding. He is a farmer and rancher. He was employed by Coke County, when he retired

after 33 years, eight of those years as Commissioner of Precinct 2. She has retired from nursing after 35 years.

They are members of the First United Methodist Church of Bronte.

Hosts for the celebration were the couple's children and grandchildren.

BVFD runs for March 2001

Saturday, March 3rd, 2001; well head fire at the Watts lease, 8 miles north of Blackwell.

Sunday, March 4th, 2001; grass fire, 10 miles north of Bronte on Hayrick Road.

A tradition in Bulgaria called for people to tap their Easter eggs against the wall of the church on Easter morning.

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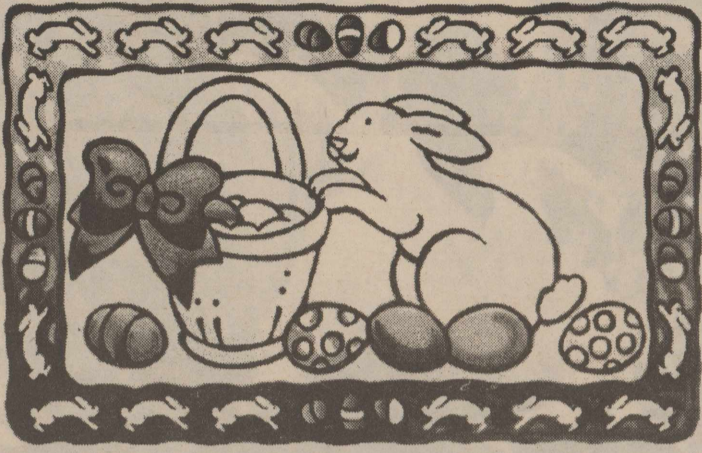
1997 Grand Marquis LS White/Tan Leather	\$13,495
1997 Grand Marquis LS Red w/Cloth Interior	\$10,995
1998 Grand Marquis LS Tan/Tan Cloth	\$13,995

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2000 Executive Tan/Tan Leather • 18,000 Miles	\$24,499
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2000 Executive White/Charcoal • 17,000 Miles	\$24,479
2000 F-350 Crewcab XLT	\$26,995
1999 F-250 Supercab 4x4 XLT Automatic • Diesel • White	\$22,995
1999 Expedition Eddie Bauer White • One Owner	\$19,995
2000 Windstar LX Program Car • Green • 16,000 Miles	\$17,995
2000 Mustang 15,000 Miles	\$14,995
2000 Taurus GL 14,000 Miles, Great Gas Mileage, Super Price	\$13,495
1995 Town Car Signature Edition White/Red Leather	\$11,995

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Easter Egg Hunt

