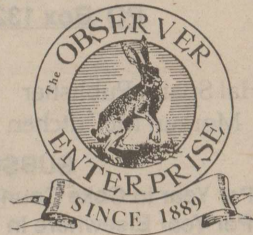


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Strategy meeting set to halt decline; rebuild Robert Lee

An Economic Strategy meeting will be held Thursday, April 26th, at 7:00 pm in the courtroom at the Coke County courthouse.

Robert Lee residents, as well as residents living around Robert Lee, are encouraged to attend this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to begin a movement that will halt the decline and begin a rebuilding of our city. The decline has been gradual but persistent. It is hoped that the rebuilding will begin at this meeting and will persist in a

positive way.

The City Council of Robert Lee has invited Troy Williamson, Director of the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa, to speak about an Economic Survey recently conducted. Mr. Williamson will lead a discussion which will point the way to solutions to some of our economic problems. Following the meeting/discussion, Mr. Williamson will be able to show how the



Jordan Camri Digby of San Angelo, Texas, won Most Beautiful and Model of the Year Saturday, April 21, 2001. The Pageant was held at Edison Junior High in San Angelo. She will advance to the State Level in the Little Diamond Miss Pageant in Abilene in June. Jordan won Baby of the Year last April in San Angelo. She went on to State in 2000 to place runner-up in the overall category at the Diamond Miss Pageant in Abilene. She was also first runner-up in the Miss San Angelo Pageant in December 2000.

Jordan is the 2 1/2 year old daughter of Joe and Nikki Digby. Her proud brother is Janzen Digby and Mario and Sheryl Tavarez of Robert Lee are Jordan's grandparents.



These Coke County Library Story Hour children enjoyed refreshments at their graduation held at the Coke County Library Tuesday morning, April 24, 2001.

community can go about seeking ways to shore up our economy.

Many small towns in Texas face the same problems. Water, abandoned houses, wrecked cars, unsightly real estate, deteriorating town centers, are problems common to many areas. Much representation is needed to find creative solutions. Robert Lee can be unique in being a survivor in the small, rural town decline.

The City Council is seeking a unified understanding of our present situation. It is hoped this meeting will bring together concerned people who will take pride and enjoyment in rebuilding a really nice place.

Following the strategy meeting, steps will be taken to act quickly on targets identified. Success in small improvements will encourage attempts at larger improvements. This meeting is a beginning.

Pageant association to meet

The Coke County Pageant Association will meet on Thursday, May 3 at Robert Lee City Hall at 7 pm. All interested area residents are encouraged to attend.

National Day of Prayer set for Thursday, May 3

The Coke County Ministerial Alliance will be sponsoring activities in Robert Lee and Bronte to commemorate National Day of Prayer next

Thursday, May 3. Bronte citizens will be meeting at the minipark at noon. In Robert Lee, a gathering will be held on the front lawn of the courthouse at 12:05 with music and prayer. Citizens are invited to bring sack lunches, and soft drinks will be provided.

Story Hour graduation

Story Hour graduation was held April 24th to mark the end of the 2001 year. All students received a cap and certificate during the ceremonies and then had cookies and punch outside in the minipark. Teachers and parents who attended made the event special as did the presence of some grandparents and some folks who came just to enjoy the show. The Story Hour children are a special group who never fail to inspire with their enthusiasm. The kind assistance of the adults present is appreciated. Graduation marks a date on the calendar but does not mean the end of library visits as children are always welcome and the children's books are in good supply.

Blackwell CISD registration

Blackwell CISD kindergarten pre-registration will be held Wednesday, May 2, 2001 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Parents will need to bring their child's Social Security card, immunization record and birth certificate.

Festival set for Sunday, April 29

Sunday, April 29th will be a special treat for the members and guests to Robert Lee Baptist Church. The Fifth Sunday Faith Festival is designed to celebrate faith in the Lord Jesus.

The day will begin with an emphasis on Sunday School at 9:45. Invite a friend, rekindle the relationship of a non-active member, and bring your family. An impactful worship service will follow at 11:00 am. Bring a couple of your favorite dishes and stay for the covered dish luncheon at noon.

The day will wind up with a talent show immediately following lunch. Everyone is talented in some way or ways. If you can't sing or play an instrument, you may want to share your scripture reading or poetry or prose reading. The program will last about an hour. Contact Pat Stephens at 453-2578 to be a part of the God Given Talent Show.

No evening service will be held; so make your plans to participate in Sunday morning's Faith Festival activities.

MC Select Shot tourney slated

Mountain Creek Golf Club will host a select shot golf tournament this Saturday, April 28, beginning at 9:00 am. 3-person teams will compete in this 27 hole tournament, with an entry fee of \$150 per team. Ivey Motor Co. is sponsoring a \$500 award for a hole-in-one during the tournament.

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Obituaries



Honea

Val Jean Honea, 64, of Orient passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2001, at his home.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 am Saturday, April 21, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with the Reverend Bryan Ross officiating. Burial followed in the Mule Creek Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Jean was born on January 24, 1937, in Cisco to Willie and Geraldine Honea. He attended school in Fort Worth and entered the U.S. Navy in 1954, serving in Korea. On April 14, 1962, Jean married Shirley Derrick in Hobbs. They made their home in Odessa, moving to Orient, Tx. in January of 1980. He was a member of the Tennyson Baptist Church and the VFW. Jean was a loving father, husband, and brother.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Honea of Orient; two daughters, Sheryl Yvonne Thorn of Abilene and April Dawn Honea of Austin; one

brother, Bobby Ballard of Big Spring; three sisters, Rose Mary Cook of Fort Worth, Gayle Power of Kennedale, Tx, and Dayle Fleniken of Savannah, Ga; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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McFall

Dorothy Ann Bishop McFall, 69, a Somervell County District Clerk, died Friday, April 20, 2001 in Bronte.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 pm Monday, April 23, 2001 at Wiley Funeral Home. Burial followed at Squaw Creek Cemetery in Rainbow, Texas.

Dorothy McFall was born August 9, 1931 in Bertram. She served as deputy court clerk for Somervell Counties 18th and 249th District Courts and was elected court clerk for two terms from 1980 to 1988.

She is survived by daughter, Kay Lynn Styles of Bronte; sons, James Bishop McGaughey of Havelock, N.C. and Carlyle McFall of Cleburne; five grandchildren; one great granddaughter; sisters, Merrilynn Devrow of Seymour and Barbara Welch of Wichita Falls; brother, Clayton Bishop of Wimberley; aunt, Evelyn Taylor of Austin and uncles, J.B. Bishop of Cary, N.C. and W.W. Taylor of Marianna, Fl.

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Never argue at the dinner table, for the one who is not hungry always gets the best of the argument.

Richard Whatley

Fifth Sunday Faith Festival

A Time to Celebrate our Faith

You are invited to join us
Sunday, April 29th

9:45 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Impactive Worship
12:00 Noon - Covered Dish Lunch
1:00 PM - God Given Talent Show
(evening services dismissed)

Robert Lee Baptist Church
22 West Eleventh Street - Robert Lee - 453-2724

Early voting continues for May 5 election

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

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



The Robert Lee Girl Scout Troop #237 enjoyed a guided tour of the Coke County Museum by Jeffie Roberts and Scout Leader Nancy Arthur March 5, 2001.

Death Notices

Hickman

Johnnie Mack Hickman, 76, of Big Lake died Sunday, April 22, 2001, in Big Lake. Service was held at 10 am Wednesday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with burial at 2 pm in Bronte Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Hickman of Big Lake; sons, David Mack Hickman and Johnny Frank Hickman, both of Midland; daughter, Gina Lou Hickman of Midland; sister, Willie Foreman of Bronte; and brothers, Ed Hickman of Killeen and Pete Hickman of Fort Stockton.

Crowe

Jacqueline June Crowe, 43, of San Angelo died at her home Monday, April 16. Memorial service was held on Saturday, April 21, at Edmund Baptist Church in San Angelo.

She is survived by her father and stepmother, Jack and Dawn Nelson of Houston; a sister, Judy Nelson, a niece and a nephew, all of Bentonville, Ark.; a son, William Drennan and daughter-in-law, Christy Drennan, two daughters, Jennifer Crowe and Erica Crowe and son-in-law, James Fine; and two grandchildren.

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.

Victory Assembly to celebrate anniversary

This Sunday, April 29th, will mark the first anniversary of Pastor Erma Johnson at the Victory Assembly of God Church in Robert Lee. The congregation is inviting everyone to come help them celebrate this anniversary on Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at 6th and Houston in Robert Lee. Brother and Sister Hammer will be leading the gospel singing; so plan on attending and celebrating this special anniversary with the congregation. For more information, please contact Jeanette Walker at 453-4786.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program

Noted television host Doris Winkler will be the featured speaker at the 14th annual Senior Spring Fling and Expo May 16 at the San Angelo

Coliseum and Exhibits Building.

Master of ceremonies for the event will be Pat Attebery, well-known West Texas television personality.

The Senior Spring Fling is scheduled to take place from 9 am to 3 pm.

People may order lunch tickets by mail by sending payment and a stamped self-addressed envelope to RSVP, 3001 S. Jackson St. in San Angelo.

For more information contact Dolores Schwertner at 223-6388 or Betty Ford 223-5704.

Churches of Robert Lee

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

First United Methodist Church
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(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

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Bronte, Texas



Approximately 300 people enjoyed the fish and fries and later the sounds of Bobby Roundtree and the Good Ol' Boys Swing Band Saturday evening, April 21, 2001. The fish fry and dance, held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall, was sponsored by West Coke County Community Development as the official kick-off of the \$2000 Lake Spence Striper Contest.

Youth recognition program

Ian Glenn is one of sixteen people from Dallas County to be recognized by the City of Dallas at a reception to be held at 7:00 pm, May 27, 2001. The "Youth Recognition Awards Program" will honor youth and adults who have made an impact in the Dallas community.

Ian is being honored for his academic accomplishments and his participation in youth activities at Faith Community Church. A ninth grade student at Duncanville I.S.D., Ian also plays violin and is on a hockey team in a city league.

His parents are Drs. Victor and Liza Glenn of DeSoto, Texas. Clark and Mary Frances Glenn of Bronte are his grandparents.

"64" study club meets

Members of the "64" Study Club met for their monthly meeting April 10, 2001. The meeting was held at the Robert Lee Methodist Church.

President Beth Prather presided at the meeting with 20 members and 1 guest present. The club was happy to announce one new member, Betty Hurley.

Nita Duncan, program chairman, introduced Mary Francis Lomas who gave a very informative talk on a showing of her Cactus Flower line of clothing and compli-

mentary accessories.

Beth Prather and Pat Gunnels met with Judy Fort from the Texas Agriculture Department in Austin concerning the economic development in Robert Lee.

Troy Williamson, Director of the Economic Development Center at the University of Texas, Permian Basin is set for a meeting Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 pm in the courtroom at the Coke County courthouse. He is looking forward to meeting Robert Lee's concerned citizens at this time.

Hostesses were Leta Caston, Ruth Beal, Pat Gunnels, Reba Tabor, Sue Millican and Beverly Sinclair.

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Bronte School News

BISD Board of Trustees meet

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, April 19, 2001. David Scott was absent from the meeting.

Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, and Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal, gave their reports of current enrollment and student activities to the board.

The Textbook Adoption List for 2001 was approved. The List of Transfers prior to May 1, 2001 was approved. Fairview Shared Services Agreement was approved. Auxiliary personnel list and pay scale were reviewed. The board reviewed a report of current buses and other vehicles. Motion was made and approved to adopt the TASB Local Update 65 according to the instruction sheet. The board reviewed the results of the April 7, 2001, Site Base/Board Retreat.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave his report to the board. It included updates on facilities, legislation, changes to Cadco renovation plans, and CCJJC. The board was also brought up to date on the energy management report, and the 2001-2002 school calendar options. A discussion of the Breakfast Program for 2001-2002 school year was held. Mr. Richey reminded the board of the TEA Review Visit of the National School Lunch Program May 9th.

Motion was made and approved to pay the March 2001 bills.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:04 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 8, 2001, at 7:00 pm in the board room.

Bronte tennis results

Bronte Jr. High participated in the district tennis tournament at Angelo State University on April 21, 2001. Results are as follows:

7th grade girls - Doubles - 1st round - Lindsey Thigpen/Lindsey Koenig (Menard) def Sara Basquez/Bailey Saunders (Bronte), 6-4, 6-2

7th grade boys - Singles - 1st round - Brandon Steward (Eden) def Reece Braswell (Bronte), 6-1, 6-0

Doubles - 2nd round - Jaylon Saunders/Curtis Moore (Bronte) def Johnny Rivera/Adrian Cortez (Eden), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4

Finals - Schwertner/Havylak (Miles) def Saunders/Moore (Bronte), 6-0, 6-0

8th grade girls - 1st round - Roxy Reyes/Heather Medders (Eden) def Monica Delagarza/Christan Kelley (Bronte), 6-2, 6-0; Tasha Truss/Kari Aycock (Menard) def Ashleigh Kelly/Jasmine Kresta 6-2, 6-0

8th grade boys - Singles - 1st round - Omar Condarco (Menard) def Sherman Griffin (Bronte), 6-2, 6-4; Cody Moore (Bronte) def Jeff Rutledge (Eden), 6-1, 6-1

2nd round - Cody Moore

(Bronte) def Ty Powers (Eden), 6-0, 6-3

Finals - Condarco (Menard) def Moore (Bronte), 6-0, 6-3

UIL regional results

On Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, the following students traveled to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene for UIL Academic competition: 1) Ariel Marrs, Poetry and Spelling; 2) Elizabeth Morgan, Calculator; 3) Science team: Jade Richards, Cara Sefcik, Anthony Flores and Brandon Poehls.

Jade Richards placed high enough in the Biology section of the science test to be the runner-up for the Top Biology Award making her an alternate to State UIL competition in Science.

All of the students performed well and gained valuable experience in their events.

Tomlinson family reunion

On April 14th and 15th, 2001, a family reunion was held in the home of Jess and Zula Blann at Kingsland, Tx, a beautiful home and a beautiful location. Those present from San Angelo: our mother, Opal Tomlinson, Geneva T. Simpson, Warren Tomlinson and Andrew; Bronte: LeDrew and Bobbie T. Arrott; Mike, Andra, Courtney Arrott and Kale Beck; Kim A. and Randy Crooks; Alisa A. and Shane Webb, Cheyenne and Joel; Pueblo West, Co.: Donnie and Wanda T. Duncan, Cliff and Kelly Duncan and Diana and Nate, Jerami and Kimberly Habinck; Dike, Tx.: Jim Tomlinson (his wife Pat unable to attend due to illness); Crowley, Tx.: Dan and Jennifer Tomlinson, Whitney T. and Todd Felty; Kingsland, Tx.: Jess and Zula T. Blann; Weatherford, Tx.: Shawn and Brandy Sweeten; Highland, Tx., Cliff and Susan T. Guess. Our sister, Shirley T. Sweat, San Angelo, was unable to come due to illness.

Zula had gotten a large cake honoring our mother and this was served in the middle of the afternoon on Saturday. They have a large oak tree in their front yard, said to be about 400 years old and she had placed large bows with names on the trunk of it in memory of our loved ones who have died.

We had a fish fry and all the trimmings on Saturday night, thanks to Dan. During all this time we spent visiting, picture viewing and picture taking. Some were brave enough to swim in the Llano River. We had music, music and more music (singing and a band). Wanda, Donnie, Clift, Kelly and Jim are gifted musicians. We also enjoyed hearing Kim sing. Donnie has retired from the railroad and his family has their own band and play at many functions in Colorado. They brought their instruments and Jim brought his and we all enjoyed the hours they played for us.

Sunday morning we had Sunrise Services held by War-

ren and Jim. Later we had a scrumptious breakfast. The chefs were: Jess, Dan, Kim and Randy.

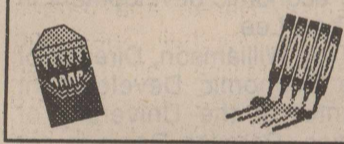
A wonderful time was had by all and the drive down and back was simply picture card perfect due to the abundance of blue bonnets and wild flowers along the way.

Texas frontier forts muster

Fort Worth's Stockyards National Historic District becomes base camp for the first ever "Texas Frontier Forts Muster," held April 27, 28, and 29. Reenactors from more than a dozen historic forts in Texas will converge in the Stockyards and establish encampments featuring authentic military gear, tents, wagons, cannons and flags. Other features include parades, military drills, weapons demonstrations, a frontier history symposium, presentations of military fashion, frontier-era music, and mounted drills. The event is free and open to the public.

Fifteen forts have registered to participate, including Fort Concho, Fort Stockton, Fort Chadbourne, Old Fort Parker, Fort Bliss, Fort McKavett, Fort Davis, Fort Belknap, Fort Richardson, Fort Leaton, Fort Lancaster and Fort Griffin. Special features include the Texas Parks & Wildlife Buffalo Soldiers Program and the 4th Memorial Cavalry. In addition, the Texas Camel Corps will bring camels to the event, reliving a little -

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, April 30
Cereal, apple sauce, blueberry muffins, milk

Tuesday, May 1
Sausage, grape juice, pancakes, milk

Wednesday, May 2
Breakfast burrito, apple juice, cinnamon toast, milk

Thursday, May 3
Scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuit, milk

Friday, May 4
French toast sticks, mixed fruit, pop tart, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 30
Chicken nugget with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, chocolate pudding

Tuesday, May 1
Tacos with cheese, refried beans, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, milk, peanut butter cookies

Wednesday, May 2
Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, jello, milk

Thursday, May 3
Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, milk, ice cream cups

Friday, May 4
Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, bun, milk, pink panther cake



The Bronte Elementary "A" Honor Roll Luncheon for the 5th Six Weeks was held recently with the following students honored: Ariel Coalson, Jesse England, Samuel Rawlings, Nicole Reed, Gus Saunders, Rebekah Beauchamp, Eric Hendrickson, Jonathan Marrs, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, and Lahren White. Brooke McCutchen and Josh Schoenfield discussed their success in the sports of volleyball, golf, and track, and the dedication and commitment it takes to be successful in sports. Others attending were Frances Williams, Kandace Arrott, Pat Lee, Heather Lee, Terry Marrs, Rick Howell, and Alan Richey.

remembered note in the state's history where camels were utilized to transport supplies and dispatches across the arid landscape. The Cross-Timbers Group will recreate old Fort Worth as well.

Meat case sales jump

Two years after 9,500 retail chains have implemented "Beef Made Easy," a meat-

case simplification program devised by the beef checkoff program, sales have increased 3.5 percent from the previous year. The program works with retail beef marketers to organize their meat case by cooking method. Color-coded stickers guide consumers to beef cuts that are prepared similarly in order to ease confusion about how to prepare different beef cuts.

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Relay for Life

It will soon be time once again for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a way to honor cancer survivors, memorialize those who have lost the battle and at the same time, raise money for cancer research and support services. This year it will be at San Angelo Stadium and start at 6:00 pm on Friday, June 8 and end at 12 noon on Saturday, June 9, 2001. Relay is made up of many teams and someone from each team is continuously walking for the entire 18 hours of the event. A group from Robert Lee has had a team and participated since 1999 raising \$2,400 the first year and in 2000, the team raised \$3,900. Interest has continued to grow and this year there will be two teams from Robert Lee.

If you or someone you know is a cancer survivor, you are encouraged to participate in the Survivor's Lap of the Relay for Life on Friday, June 8th. Please call the American Cancer Society office at 944-2509 to register and be at the stadium by 5:15 pm.

A luminaria ceremony will be at 10:00 pm also on Friday, June 8th. Thousands of hand-decorated luminaria bags are lit in memory of or in honor of those with cancer. It is a very special way to remember those who have lost their battle as well as cancer survivors. You can support the Robert Lee teams by making donations or purchasing a luminaria candle in memory or in honor of loved ones or friends. The luminaries are available for a minimum donation of \$5 each. Local talent, Macy Hill, will be performing at the luminaria ceremony.

The teams plan to go door-to-door in Robert Lee for donations and luminaria sales. Another fundraiser will be a Mother's Day bake sale on Friday, May 11, 2001.

Because Relay for Life has several large sponsors to completely cover the costs of the event, all money raised from Relay goes directly to the American Cancer Society benefiting Tom Green and surrounding counties and for research. The American Cancer Society provides many valuable programs for cancer patients and their families including transportation, hotel rooms, support groups, medical equipment, education, research and much more. For more information on ACS services, call them at 944-2509.



Hunters J. D. Myers (right) and Jay Bowles of Louisiana, brought down these large birds the opening day of spring turkey season on the Bagwell and Open Heart ranches near Sanco.



The team members include Cindy Bessent, Cynthia Dillard, Denise Roberts, Sheri Millican, Kellye Duncan, Pam Millican, Gayle Bolding, Dee Anna Harmon, Valarie Howard, Kei Antilley, D'Ann Eubanks, Cynthia Hill, Debbie Wilkes, Donna Watkins, Cathy Waltz, Debbie McCabe, JoNeil Blair, Dianne Simpson, Linda Eaton, Pam Messer, Sheila Carver, Kim Phillely, Cathy Hendry, Beverly Bell, Jeanette Jacobs, Kay Gothard, Pam Hawkins, Melissa Fitzgerald, Susan Owens, and Marlane Burns. For more information on any of the Relay activities, contact Cindy Bessent at 453-2393 or Dee Anna Harmon at 453-2804.

Personal

The family of Floyd and Jessie Harmon gathered on Paint Creek near Robert Lee at the home place of his late parents, Thomas and Amanda Harmon, for their 8th annual Easter egg hunt and wiener roast. Floyd and Jessie began their married life here 68

years ago. Bobby and Jeffie Harmon Roberts own this land and their son and family, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts reside on the place.

Those present on the evening of April 15, 2001, for a lot of reminiscing, hunting eggs and eating were Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts, Marshall, Sheri, and Stewart Millican, all of Robert Lee; Lawana and Howard Perry of Carlsbad; Dorene and Wayne Mashburn, Rena Johnson, Brady Johnson and his friend, and Jason Harmon all of San Angelo; Jerry and Janie Harmon of Weatherford; Troy, Susan and Cayla Millican of Sterling City; Tammy Mason and Lee Hortenstein of Bronte; Sheila Roberts Farrar, Crystal and Lauren Hammetton, and Ryan Stanford all of Houston; Kannan Millican of Stephenville; and Milton (Bill) and Dorothy Harmon of Waxahachie.

Percifull golf tournament results

The annual Noel Percifull Memorial Golf Tournament was held on the 21st of April at the Singing Winds Golf course in Bronte. The tournament was a 27 hole two person select shot format. 32 teams participated for money and prizes. Closest to the pin contest was won by Martin Basquez on hole #1, Clay Allen on hole #3, and Sue Caudle on hole #6.

Tournament results are as follows:

Championship flight - 1st - Hodge & Vincent; 2nd - Clifton & Davis; 3rd - Sneed & Bement; 4th - Flores & Blair

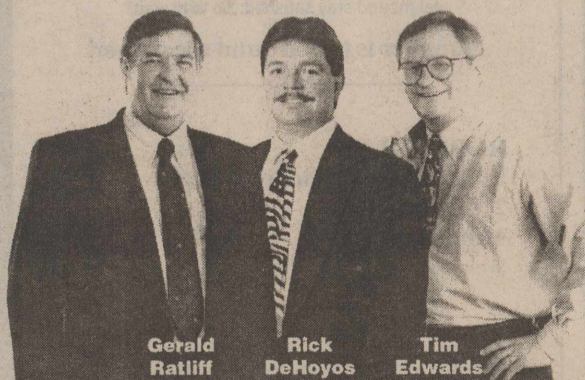
First flight - 1st - Walston & McQueen; 2nd - Allen & Allen; 3rd - Pruitt & Walker; 4th - Poehls & Luckett

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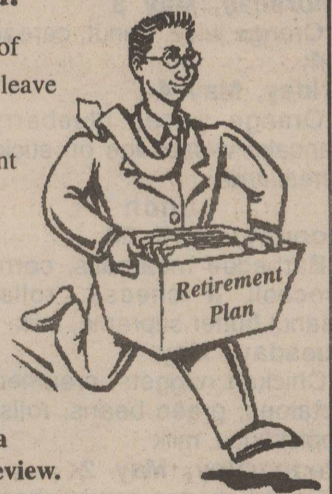
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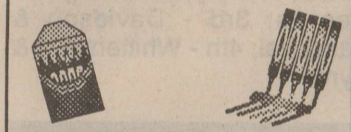


Jimmy Morris

RL All Sports Banquet to feature Jimmy Morris

The annual Robert Lee All Sports Banquet is set for this Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria. Featured speaker at this year's banquet will be former major league pitcher Jimmy Morris. Some may remember Morris as the oldest rookie in professional baseball, beginning his professional career in the majors at 35 years of age. Morris, who was an All American punter at Angelo State, was a high school teacher and baseball coach at Big Lake when he began playing pro baseball. Morris's autobiography, "The Oldest Rookie", is on the newsstands now, and his story is about to be made into a motion picture by Walt Disney Studios, with the lead role

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

- Monday, April 30**
Orange juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, May 1**
Orange juice, breakfast burrito, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, May 2**
Orange juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk
- Thursday, May 3**
Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Friday, May 4**
Orange juice, blueberry pancake w/sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, April 30**
Barbecue meatballs, corn, broccoli & cheese, rolls, peanut butter supreme, milk
- Tuesday, May 1**
Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, applesauce, milk
- Wednesday, May 2**
Grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, pickles, fruit, milk
- Thursday, May 3**
Baked potato, chili w/crackers, peaches, gingerbread, milk
- Friday, May 4**
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tator tots, ice cream, milk

being played by well known actor Dennis Quaid.

Make plans to attend this year's all sports banquet and hear all about Jimmy Morris and "The Oldest Rookie".

Blackwell school awards

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2nd grade
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3rd grade
Zac Burwick, Dylan Keiner, Marissa Griffin, Bill Miller, Kolten Pena, Travis White, Lacey Saunders, Manuela Solis, Callen Ware

4th grade
Darren Griffin, Jade Hughey, Kristin Hyde, Ashton Monroe, Clay Stanford, Mirella Solis

5th grade
Samantha Morrow, Kali Pena, Tyser Robertson

6th grade
Amanda McWhorter, Jarred Walker

7th grade
Philip Buckner, Cody Morgan, Jake Wilkinson

8th grade
Tiffany Coffey

9th grade
Kayla Saunders, Heather Jones

10th grade
Chris Morgan, Kaitlyn Saunders

11th grade
Cody Blair, Jessica McIntire

12th grade
Gayna Cantrell, Katrina Buckner, Steven Hayes, Clint Morgan, Ashley Ragland, Latosha Roland, Tanya Blackwell, Pascual Solis

A-B honor roll

2nd grade
Brandon Elliott, Juanito Solis, Hadley Holland, Sonia Saavedra

3rd grade
Brandon Harrell, Stacie Murray

4th grade
Geoffrey Ehl, Sherri Lantrip, Wesley Dunlap, Caitlin Ware

5th grade
Danielle Breshers, Marcy McMorris, Levi Frizzell

6th grade
James Jones, Sylvia Solis

7th grade
Rikki Saunders, Jessica Chavez

8th grade
Ashley Early, Melenda Solis, Ambra Cole

9th grade
Ryan Ragland, Albert Solis, Sharla Holland, Latisha Roland

10th grade
John Jones, Jenifer Breshers, Meghan McGhee, Lindy Wilson, Auston Parr, Daniel Sanchez

11th grade
Jennifer Dove, TJ Holland, Jamie Hodges, Trae Carter, Kammie Lisso, Stephanie Sanchez, Ariel Leonard

12th grade
Ryan Dove, Viola Sims, Trent Killough

RL elementary registration

On Wednesday, May 2, Robert Lee Elementary School will host the annual PreK and Kindergarten registration. Parents may register PreK and Kindergarten students from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Parents are asked to bring a copy of the birth certificate, Social Security card, and immunization record for each child wishing to enroll. To be eligible for PreK, a child must be four years old by September 1, 2001. To be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must be five years old by September 1, 2001. Due to schedule changes, enrolling students will not be staying in the classrooms with the present PreK/Kindergarten classes as has been done in past years. A walking tour of the school will be held at 9:15 for the PreK and Headstart groups. Any student who wants to eat lunch at 11:00 and is accompanied by a parent may do so. If additional information is needed, please contact the Robert Lee Elementary School office at 453-4555.

Motivational skit provided by RLHS

Robert Lee High School seniors, James Gallegos, Tiffany Copeland, and Erin Millican, and junior, Bret Ballew presented a motivational skit for students in grades 3 - 6 on Monday, April 23. The purpose of the skit was to help students focus on the upcoming TAAS Reading and Math tests. After the skit, which emphasized the benefits of getting a good night's rest and eating a balanced



James Gallegos (from left), Tiffany Copeland, Erin Millican and Bret Ballew presented a motivational skit for 3rd-6th graders at Robert Lee Elementary to help these students focus on the upcoming TAAS Reading and Math tests.

breakfast, Erin shared a few personal thoughts about test taking. "This is just one of the many tests you will take throughout your life, so use the skills you have been taught, take your time, and think about each question and answer. Then you will be successful," Erin told the students. The high school students concluded the program by sharing a few "cheesy" jokes about test taking. The elementary students promised to give their very best effort on the TAAS.

Decrease exposure to outdoor pollution

Outdoor air pollution is impossible to avoid completely, but there are some ways you can make its overall impact less severe. Listed here are some tips from the American Association for Respiratory Care that will help you decrease your exposure to outdoor pollution.

1. Avoid exposure to toxic fumes:
 - *if you work on your car in the garage, make sure the garage door is completely open
 - *don't allow exhaust fumes to enter your house
 - *dispose of chemical saturated rags in a sealed container

*replace lids on solvent containers securely

*minimize your use of strong chemicals; when you must use them, consider wearing a mask to minimize inhalation of the fumes

2. Stay updated on pollution reports:

*be aware of mold and pollen counts before going outside

*you may want to wear a mask, especially when mowing, raking leaves, or working in your garden

*go out in the early morning, as opposed to the afternoon, to limit your exposure to the irritants in the atmosphere

3. Be familiar with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for cities with more serious pollution problems:

*Stage I alert: conditions could worsen and become hazardous

*Stage II alert: stay indoors; depending on your sensitivity, you might be able to go outside for a short time, but limit your activities

*State III alert: it is not safe for you to go outside at all; be sure to clean the filter in your air conditioner often

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Save a life - be an organ donor

It is the hardest question a health care worker has to ask and it may be one of the most difficult and important answer a family has to give; "Do you wish to donate your loved one's organs?" Thousands of American families each year say "yes", but the number of organs donated falls far short of being able to provide life-saving organ transplants for all those in need.

Currently more than 75,000 people are waiting. Waiting is all some will do. Some will finish the wait and receive an organ; others will die before a match is found. Six thousand Americans, 16 people a day, died last year because there were not enough organs available.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge all people to sign a donor card and, most importantly, discuss this decision with their families.

Currently in the United States organs are donated by "informed consent," where a patient signs a donor card and informs their family they wish to be a donor when they die.

In many European countries, an alternate system, "presumed consent," is in place. And in some of the countries that have adopted this system, the waiting list virtually has been eliminated.

With presumed consent, everyone is assumed to be an organ and tissue donor unless they "opt out." Those who do not want to be an organ donor sign a statement that says they do not wish to donate their organs or tissues upon their death.

In European countries that have adopted presumed consent, a registry is checked to determine if the deceased had expressed his or her wishes concerning organ donation. If not, the family is notified that their loved one did not indicate that he or she wished to "opt out" of being a donor. Thus their organs are retrieved. If the family objects, the deceased's organs will not be retrieved. In Austria, Hungary, and Spain, the family's wishes may be overridden.

Some transplant advocates in Texas have proposed changing state law to "presumed consent" to help erase the shortage of organ donations. Dr. Phil Berry, past president of Texas Medical Association and himself a liver transplant recipient, says, "We are losing this battle; therefore, bold changes are necessary."

Even without moving to a system of presumed consent, Texans can help alleviate the shortage of donors by signing a donor card and discussing organ donation with their family members.

Under current Texas practice, even if an individual has signed an organ donor card, family members still will be asked for consent. Do not neglect the most important step in the process of becoming an organ donor, tell your family.

Many patients cannot afford any more delays, so physicians continue the crusade.

To receive a donor card or to obtain more information on becoming an organ donor, call Texas Medical Association at

(800) 560-7812.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

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Whereas, all citizens-young people, older Americans, families, new Americans, workplace volunteers; and professionals have something to contribute as a volunteer; and

Whereas, our communities benefit from any volunteer action, no matter how big or small; and

Whereas, volunteers fight the pervasive issues that exist in every community, and every country; and

Whereas, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation and world;

Now, Therefore, I, Jackie Walker, Coke County Judge do hereby proclaim that Coke County join with others across our nation and around the world to celebrate 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers.

I urge all citizens to recognize our shared traditions of volunteering and commit or recommit to volunteer involvement as a unifying force to build stronger communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can make 2001 "The Year that Changes the World."

Signed this 23rd day of April, 2001

Jackie Walker,
Coke County Judge



Scenes from the Coke County Library Story Hour graduation held at the Coke County Library Tuesday morning, April 24, 2001.

Making the decision to have a child - it's momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.

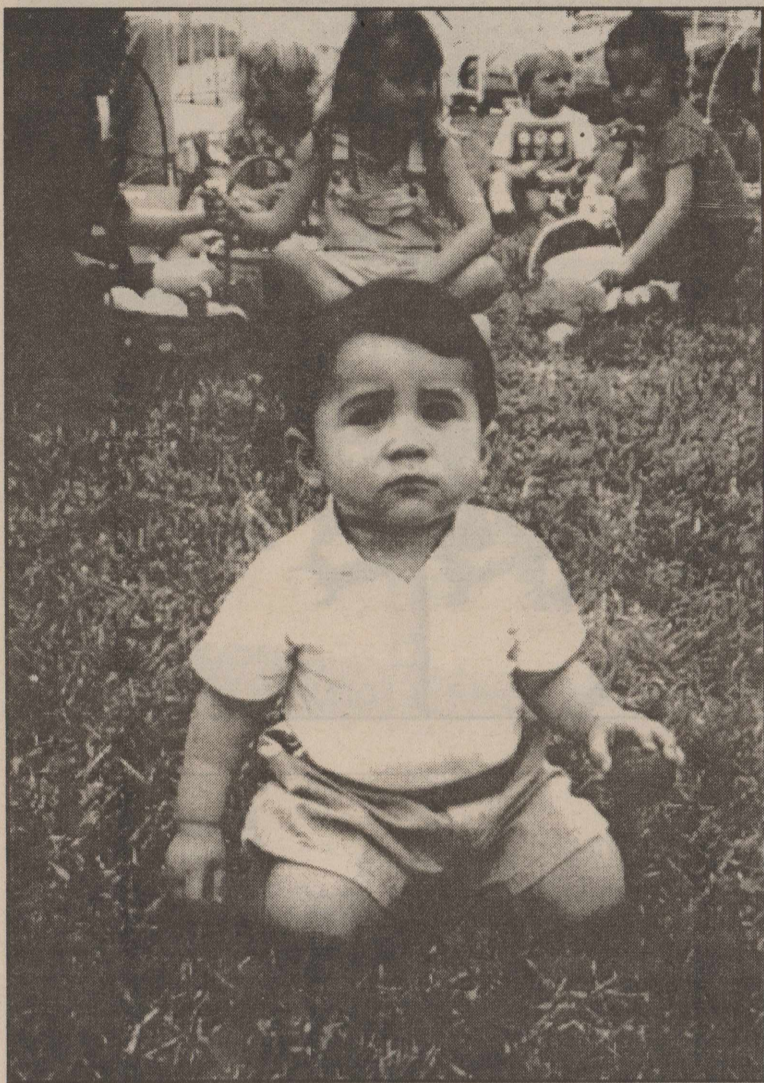
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A. J. Minjarez is the cute youngster who was among the children who enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt at Robert Lee Care Center Friday, April 13.

Economic development workshop

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is collaborating with AEP-West Texas Utilities and the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center to host a workshop on Wednesday, May 2 in San Angelo. The open forum will provide businesses and community leaders a chance to learn about opportunities available in rural economic development, incubators, community development, tourism and business expansion.

The Conference will kick off with an AEP-West Texas Utilities sponsored reception at 6 pm on Tuesday, May 1 at the Commissary Building at Fort Concho, in San Angelo.

The West Texas Economic Development workshop will begin at 7:30 am on Wednesday, May 2 in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center at the Houston Harte University Center at Angelo State University. The conference is \$35 per person and attendees may pre-register by calling the A.S.U. Small Business Development Center at (915) 942-2098.

The "RITE Approach to



An Easter Egg Hunt was held at Robert Lee Care Center Friday, April 13, 2001, for the employees' children and others. The Easter Bunny (Charles Miller) wished the children a Happy Easter and enjoyed visiting with them.

Economic Development" will feature the latest in community planning, business retention, rural telecommunications and tourism initiatives that can help communities in their rural development efforts.

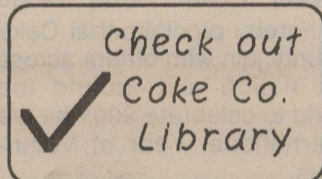
Al Micallef, owner of JMK International, will be the featured luncheon speaker. Micallef, businessman, West Texas rancher and owner/founder of the Reata Restaurants in Alpine and Los Angeles, will talk about making the most of every opportunity and how diversification has helped him to be successful.

"Rural Texas faces many challenges, and by working together we can provide the knowledge and tools to help these communities and businesses overcome the obstacles and improve their economic future," Combs said.

The workshop is a result of TDA's Sheep and Goat Economic Adjustment Strategy Study. The Economic Development Administration funded the study to assist the

sheep and goat industries and communities dependent on those industries. The study and workshops are a cooperative effort among TDA, TSGRA, EDA, A&M and community leaders to improve rural economic development in Texas.

Other co-sponsors of the event include San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, Concho Valley Council of Governments, Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development and the Texas Rural Development Council.



The library will hold a book sale Friday afternoon, May 4th and Saturday morning, May 5th. There will be a good selection of hard back books for 50 cents and some paperback books which will sell for 10 cents. There will be a few

children's books sold.

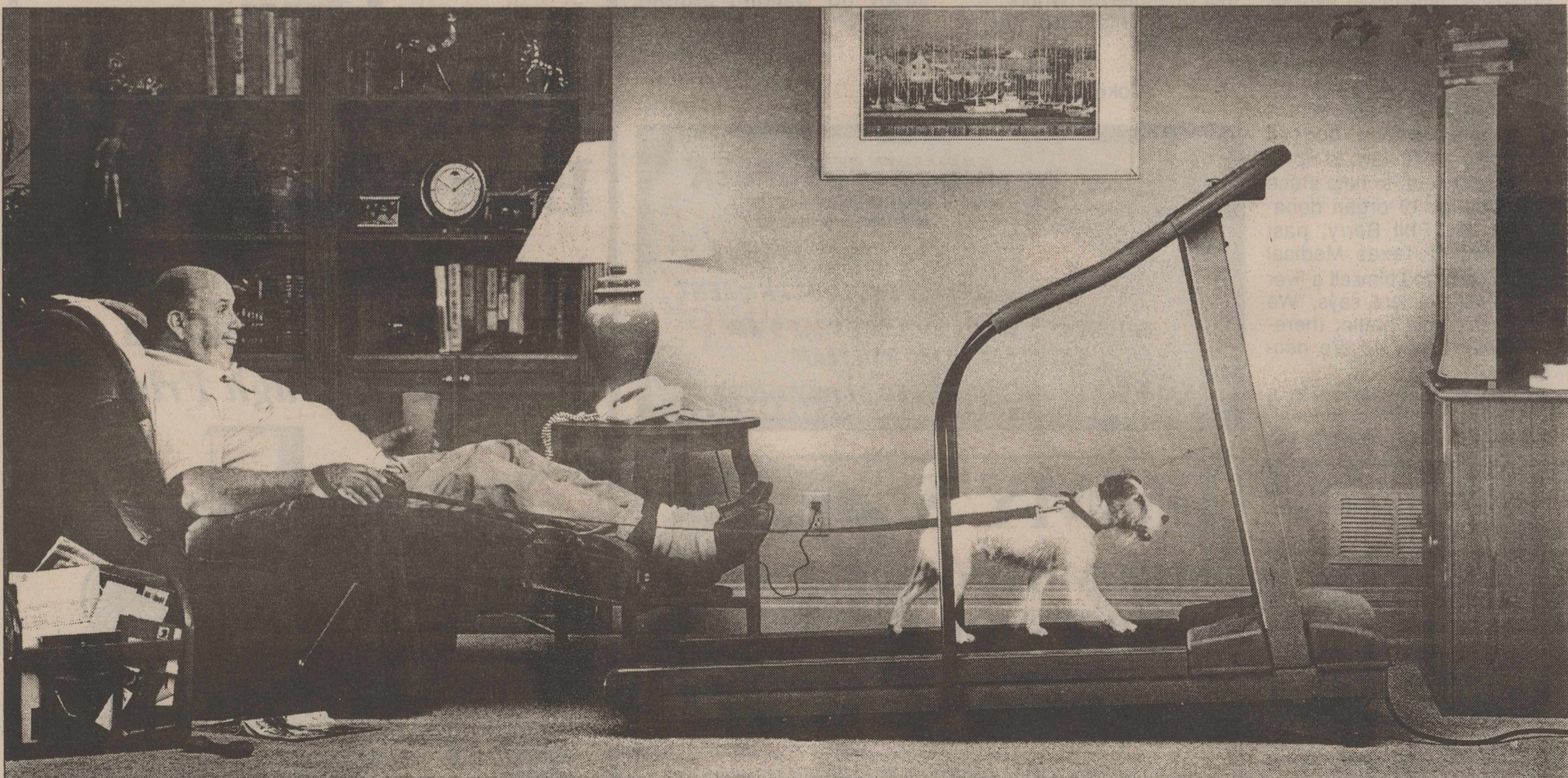
For those patrons who enjoy Arizona Highways magazine, a bound collection of the magazines has been donated to the library to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; and Friday, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

Look Who's New

Laurn Grace Pitcock was born March 23, 2001, at the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 7 lb. and 6 1/2 oz. and was 20" long.

Her parents are Judd & Cathy Pitcock of San Angelo. Her grandparents are Darrel & Sharon Pitcock of Robert Lee and Jimmy & Jo Dale Weatherbee of Bartsville, Ok. Great-grandparents are D.J. & Nelia Walker and Winnie Pitcock of Robert Lee; Mr. & Mrs. Red Weatherbee of Rankin; and Dorothy Followell of Mertzon.



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Letter to the Editor

Regarding the intersection of 208 and 158, I for one am tired of cars missing the curve and destroying personal property. The drivers have no regard for speed limit signs coming into town and they maintain the speeds they were driving on the open road. By the time they realize there is a curve ahead and hit their brakes, it is too late. They hit the vacant lot where there is an embankment, and go airborne. The have completely destroyed my neighbor's shed and small house.

On Monday, a pickup destroyed my car and storage shed. Debris from the impact hit the house and the concussion of the accident knocked my husband out of his chair. The vehicle stopped inches from my house and I am not even on the corner.

In the 4 years that I have been in this location, I have seen 6 vehicles follow the same path of missing the curve, going airborne and destroying property. Earlier this year, 3 young men were transported to Shannon from such an accident. The old mesquite tree in the alley has been hit numerous times.

Is someone going to have to be maimed or killed before something is done? Would a curve ahead sign help? There are none coming from either direction, just an intersection sign and a blinking light. By the time the driver realizes there is a curve, it is too late. Would a guard rail help? We have asked the Department of Transportation to consider putting up a guard rail.

The light at Austin and 208 is a joke. I have also witnessed numerous accidents there. The youngsters are too busy trying to impress the opposite sex, to practice safe driving. They don't always slow down for the stop light and if they do stop, they peel out to see how much rubber they can lay on the pavement.

Our Sheriff's Department is doing a good job, but they have other things to do other than monitoring intersections 24 hours a day.

There used to be a saying on TV, "It is 10 o'clock, do you know where your children are?" The parents of the young people need to be more alert to what their children are doing.

Marian Thompson

SS benefits and taxes

Fredi Franki
SS manager
San Angelo

People who receive Social Security retirement benefits should be aware that they may have to pay taxes on some of their benefits if their total income is above average.

"About eight million people pay taxes on their Social Security benefits," stated Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas.

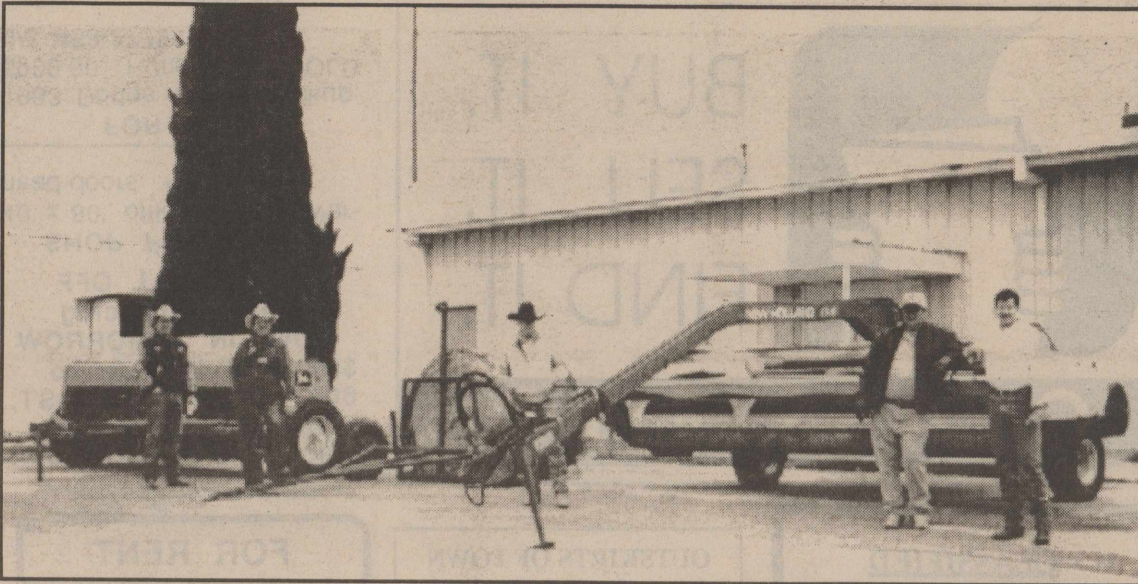
However, only the higher income beneficiaries---about 20 percent of the total number of beneficiaries--are included in that number, Franki noted.

Couples whose combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000 and individuals with income between \$25,000 and \$34,000 may have to pay federal income tax on up to 50 percent of their benefits. Couples whose combined income exceeds \$44,000 and individuals whose income is more than \$34,000 may have to pay taxes on up to 85 percent of their benefits. For those whose income is below these levels, Social Security benefits are not taxed.

To figure if taxes are owed, income is defined as adjusted gross income as reported on Form 1040, plus one-half of the total Social Security benefits received for the year, plus nontaxable interest.

The taxes are due along with any other taxes that have to be paid when filing their federal tax return. Retirees may elect to have their taxes automatically withheld by completing a Form W4-V.

"Be sure to check Form 1099 that you receive from Social Security showing how much you received in benefits last year," Franki stated.



Gaylon Pitcock and John Stephens brought farm equipment to town to display for the children at the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day at the show barn in Robert Lee March 29, 2001.

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GARAGE SALES

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Friday & Saturday April 27 & 28, 8-5. Highway 70 in downtown Blackwell. Watch for signs. Furniture and lots of miscellaneous.

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GARAGE SALE

812 Childress. Robert Lee. Misc household items. Ladies clothes, jewelry, shoes. Friday & Saturday, 8-4.

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3 FAMILY YARD SALE

Thur - April 26, 9-4; Fri - April 27, 9-4; Sat - April 28, 7-2. We charge double for early birds. 602 E. 5th. Corner Hwy 208 & 5th. Robert Lee.

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2 FAMILY YARD SALE

Fri - 8-2 & Sat - 8-3. 405 W. 17th, Robert Lee. Furniture & misc.

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In 1925, a Ford automobile cost \$265.

RVFD RUMMAGE SALE

The fire department will be accepting donations for the rummage sale to be held in June. Call any fireman for pickup of large items, or they can be dropped off at the fire station.

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CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU

so much for your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, food, and your concern and compassion for me and my family while I was in the hospital, and my recovery at home. It is so nice to live in a place where people care. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Charlotte Millican & family
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WHAT A PARTY!!

Thank you for coming to our wedding reception - kinfolks, friends & loved ones from far & near. You really made a great send off for us "young" married couple.

A special Thank You to the hostesses. We love each & every one of you. Come to see us.

Dolores & Rachel Seal
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THE KIDS OF COKE COUNTY

would like to thank the Bronte Chamber of Commerce for donating to the Easter Egg Hunt.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

On April 12, 2001, the Bronte City Council voted to continue the City's Curfew Ordinance. Information regarding the Ordinance may be obtained from the City Hall, 114 South Washington or by calling 473-3501.

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Blackwell Euterpean club

The Blackwell Euterpean Club met at the Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon, April 19. President Gypsy McMullin led the club in reading the collect and called the roll for the last time as she is leaving for Colorado before the last meeting of the year. Treasurer's report was given by Heather Sanderson.

The program was given by Karen Saunders, local art teacher. Each member was provided with water colors and brushes to paint flowers. Karen walked us through each step. Some members were very good. Everyone enjoyed the experience and Karen was very patient.

The fellowship hall was decorated with Easter baskets, eggs, and bunnies. Sue Dean served trifle, Easter cookies, fresh fruit and dip, nuts and punch to Margaret Battle, Lillie Burwick, Betty Cole, Collene Fletcher, Tommie Lucas, Hulene Magness, Karen McBride, Gypsy McMullin, Dona Sanderson, Heather Sanderson, Karen Saunders, Sharon Taylor and Bobbie Varnadore.

Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend.

Albert Camus



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Wildlife meeting slated in Snyder

A wildlife program, "Sustainable Wildlife Management" hosted by Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell, Garza, and Kent County Extension Offices and sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA - National Resource and Conservation Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., and the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, 2001 at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, 10 miles north of Snyder, Texas just off of U.S. Highway 84 on County Road 2128, from 8:30 am until 4:10 pm. This meeting is planned to help area landowners and managers to further develop their wildlife management skills toward profitable wildlife enterprises.

The first part of the program will begin at 8:00 on the evening of May 8 where Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department stationed in Scurry County, will conduct a spotlight deer survey on the Wagon Wheel Ranch to help area managers learn how to estimate their deer populations.

Leading off the program on Wednesday, May 9 at 9:00 am, will be Tamara Trail, Director of Education and Special Events for the Texas Wildlife Association headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, who will discuss the function of the Texas Wildlife Association and the benefits of membership to those interested in wildlife. Following Tamara will be Rory Burroughs with Krooked River Outfitters who will present Techniques to Enhance Wildlife Habitat. After a break, Duane Lucia, Conservation Scientist with Texas Parks & Wildlife, will discuss how to live with feral hogs, a growing problem in our area. Kent Mills, with Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., Snyder, Texas, will finish the morning session with a talk on some practical feeding programs for deer.

After a steak dinner at the Rusty Spur Cafe, Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in San Angelo, Texas will cover the topic of determining the proper deer harvest for your country. Dr. Dale Rollins, Wildlife Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo, Texas will then discuss how to manage your quail har-

vest to maintain a viable population on your ranch. Finishing out the afternoon session will be a talk from Roy Wilson, of Texas Best Outfitters, on how to improve the dove hunting opportunities in this area, and Mike Graham, a wildlife biologist near Del Rio, Texas will give his insights on selection and location of deer blinds and feeders to enhance your hunting success.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in wildlife management. The fee for this Wildlife Meeting is \$20.00 for those who pre-register by May 2nd. For those who wish to sign up at the door, the fee will be \$30.00. All proceeds in excess of the costs of the meeting will go toward a scholarship fund for area youths who attend either the Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigade, youth wildlife and leadership camps sponsored by the Extension Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife, National Resource Conservation Service, and private and university volunteers. To pre-register, call your local county agent, or Greg Greuben, County Extension Agent - Agriculture for Scurry County at 915-573-5423.

Pesticide handling and safety

Pesticides are an important tool for producing a safe, abundant and affordable food and fiber supply. The Texas Department of Agriculture is the lead state agency for regulating pesticides and investigates complaints of alleged pesticide misuse.

Reading and following label instructions provide the foundation for safe pesticide use. Pesticides should be in their original container with the label attached.

Pesticides must be labeled for their intended use. This includes the targeted pest as well as the crop and location.

Using pesticides for other than their labeled use is illegal and can harm people, animals and the environment.

Animal Pest Control: Farmers and ranchers, and even homeowners in urban areas, have a legitimate need to control predators. Common animal predators include coyotes, foxes, raccoons, hogs, birds and feral dogs.

There are legal, safe and, in some cases, non-poisonous ways to protect livestock and crops. The method should be selected based on what works best for the problem and the location. There is no "one size fits all" solution for controlling animal pests.

These options do not extend to controlling domestic dogs and cats that may pose a problem. There are no pesticides labeled for use to eliminate domestic animal problems.

Pest control companies or government agencies such as the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service can provide information and assistance.

Extension has publications available on the internet about wildlife control (txnat.tamu.edu/ranchref/predator/pred.htm).

Illegal Baits: Most pesticide applicators follow the law. But TDA has pursued several cases of people placing pesticides in meat, grain or even sandwiches to try to control animal pests.

The indiscriminate placing of such baits is illegal and has resulted in the death of wildlife, farm animals and domestic dogs and cats.

People have also become ill from handling baits. Sometimes only a small amount of a pesticide ingested or absorbed through the skin can cause serious injury or death.

Use Caution

*If you suspect you have encountered an illegal pesticide bait or an animal that has consumed one, be careful. Contact appropriate medical or veterinary personnel. Call your TDA regional office or local law enforcement office.

*Do not attempt to remove the bait unless you are trained in how to handle pesticides safely. If you can, cover the bait or quarantine the area.

*If you believe your pet or livestock have consumed a pesticide, use caution in handling the animal or attempting to remove the bait from its mouth. Saliva may contain toxins.

*Secondary exposure such as an animal eating one killed by pesticides or a person handling a sick animal can cause health problems.

Be a Good Neighbor:

Problems often arise in small communities or where urban areas have expanded into farming or ranching regions. Homeowners should realize domestic dogs and cats can be a nuisance or hazard to certain agricultural operations.

Even if the law does not require dogs and cats to be confined, your pets will be safer and cause fewer problems if they are kept at home. Children should also be supervised in areas where baits - legal or not - may be placed.

Applicator Behavior: Applicators have a responsibility to practice good stewardship and follow all applicable laws. Illegal or irresponsible pesticide use can cause a pesticide to be removed from the list of tools

available for agricultural production.

*Pesticides should be stored and disposed of properly to prevent theft or accidental exposure.

*Providing restricted - use pesticides to someone not licensed with TDA is illegal.

*Pesticide applicators should consider all people or animals that may have access to an application site and practice the appropriate degree of caution if there is any chance that people or animals may come in contact with the pesticide.

*Label directions should be read thoroughly, and caution warnings should always be followed.

Enforcement: TDA has the authority to file administrative, civil or criminal charges against anyone who misuses pesticides. This authority also extends to general - use pesticides, those that can be bought by the general public.

TDA penalty options include:

*Administrative penalties up to \$4,000.00 per incident.

*Civil penalties up to \$25,000.00

*Class A, B, C misdemeanors

*Third - degree felony - 2 -10 years imprisonment and up to a \$10,000.00 fine

TDA may also refer the incident to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and local law authorities. Punishment can range from fines, to loss of licenses, to loss of property, to jail time.

A species does not have to be endangered or threatened to be protected. Animal cruelty charges can be filed by local law enforcement. Penalties may be assessed and enforced under more than one law.

How to File a Complaint: To report pesticide exposure or misuse, contact the nearest TDA regional office or TDA Austin office at 1-

800-TELL-TDA.

For TDA to take enforcement action, a pesticide complaint case must be supported by evidence. Evidence of misuse may no longer be present after a period of time. Persons who suspect misuse should contact TDA as soon as possible.

Personal

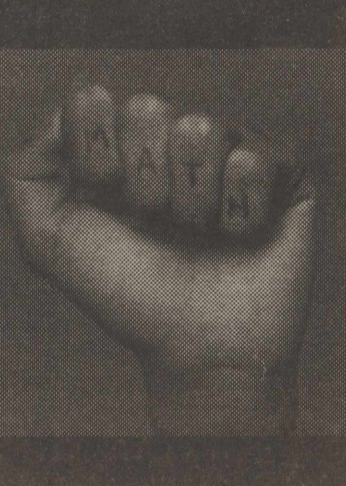
Sheila Farrar, Crystal and Lauren Hammerton, and friend Ryan Stanford of Houston spent Easter weekend in the home of her parents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. The group attended the beautiful Easter Sunrise Service in the Amphitheater in Robert Lee.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting will be held Thursday, May 3rd, 6:30 pm, at the Bronte Nursing Home. All caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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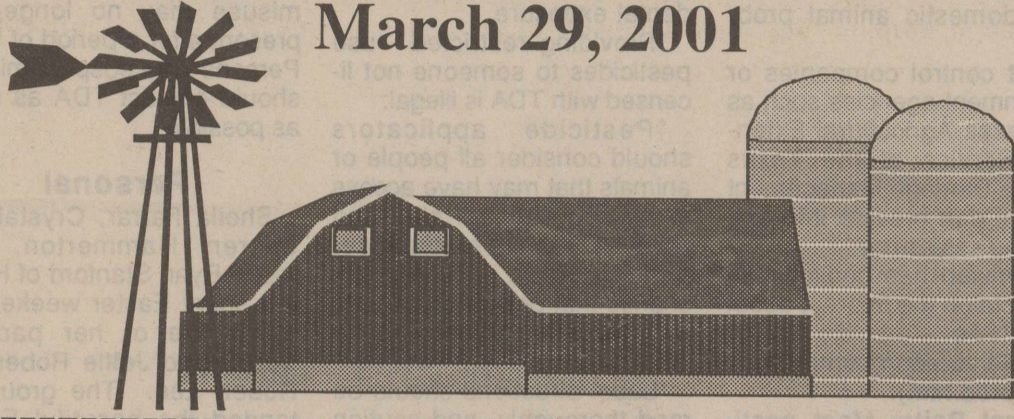
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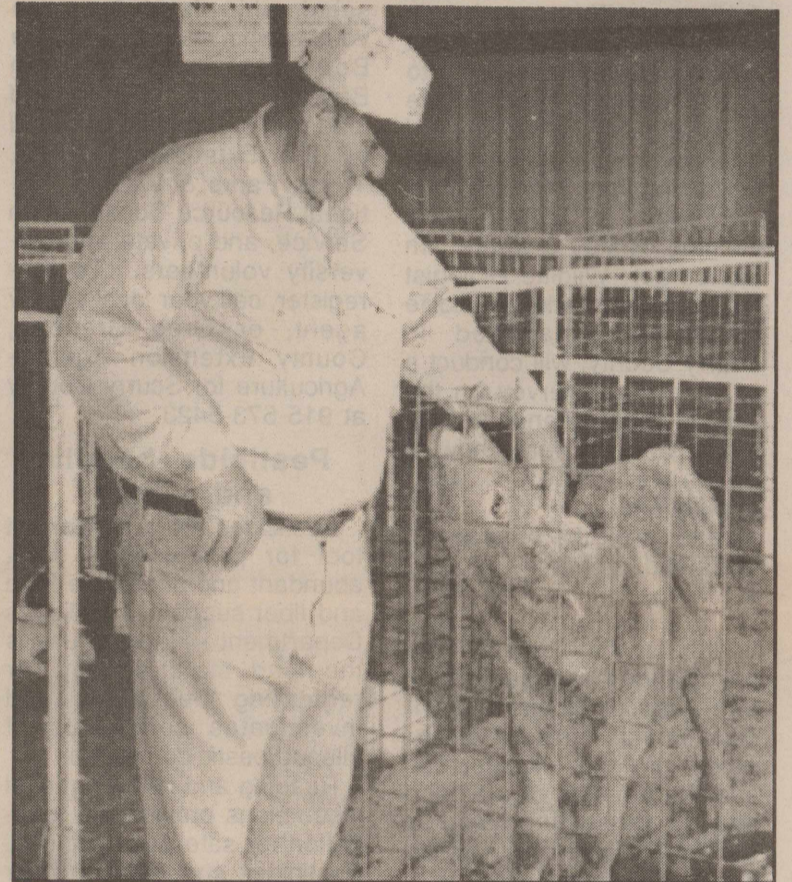
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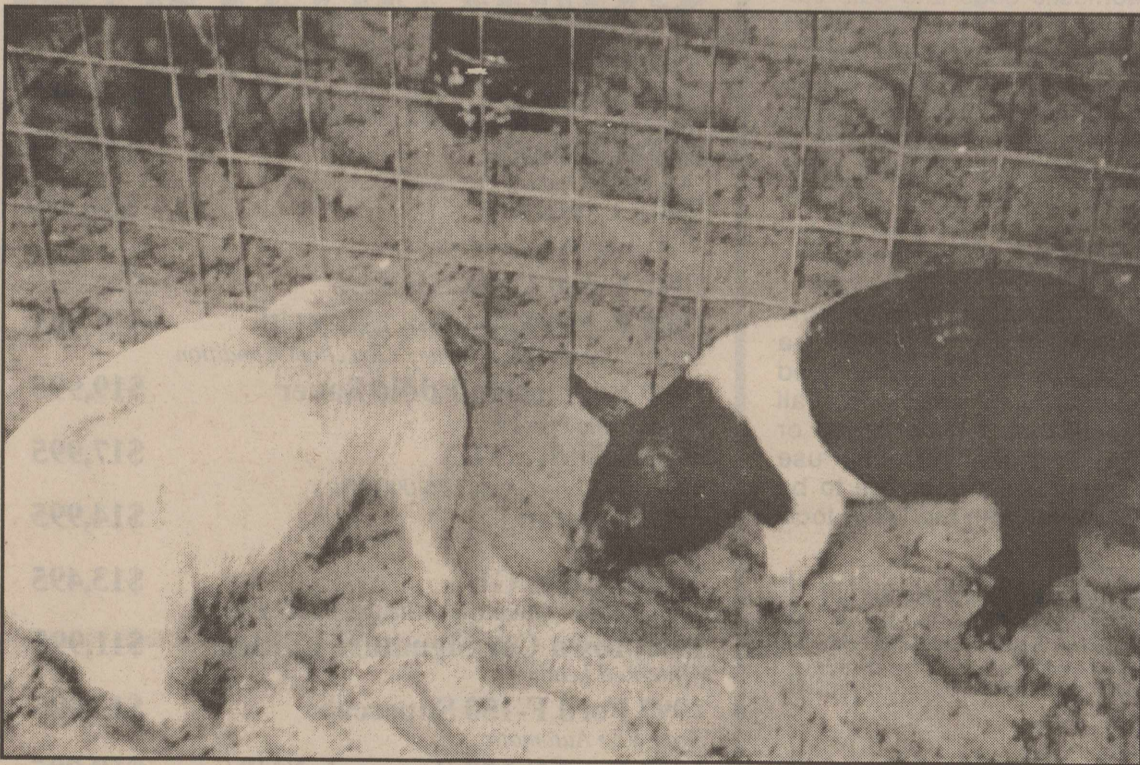
Donnie Thompson of Bronte brought his hens and rooster to the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day at the show barn in Robert Lee March 29, 2001. One of his hens actually laid an egg while on display for the children.



Jeff Eubanks (right) had a popular display with his goats at the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day at the show barn in Robert Lee March 29, 2001. Bobby Roberts assisted him with the kids.



John Stephens of Robert Lee brought his pet calf for the children to pet at the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day at the show barn in Robert Lee March 29, 2001.



Pigs from Steve Oleksiuk III's farm were on display for the children attending the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day at the show barn in Robert Lee March 29, 2001.



Russell Johnson of Bronte presented a sheep dog demonstration to the 86+ children who attended the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day at the show barn in Robert Lee March 29, 2001.