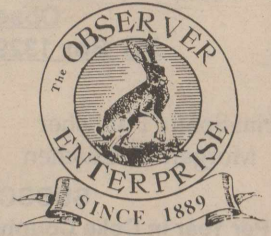


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Producer meeting set July 16 to discuss new NAP program

Unlike the old NAP, and other disaster programs that take time to implement, the new NAP program will provide immediate relief to farmers. Appraisers will inspect the damaged crops, the County Committee will review the claim and payments will be issued once the loss threshold is reached. NAP covers 50% of the producer's expected production at a payment rate equal to 55% of the crop's average market price. Benefits are limited to \$100,000 per crop year for each participant.

Beginning with the 2001 crop year, availability of NAP benefits will be based on producers' individual crop losses, rather than on losses occurring in a large area. These guaranteed benefits, subject to a minimal administrative fee, will provide risk protection during the time when crops are most vulnerable based on the farmer's ability to produce the crop.

NAP covers all noninsurable, commercially grown crops produced for food and fiber, including honey, forage and grazing crop, and turf-grass.

To be eligible for assistance, applicants must pay a nonrefundable administrative fee of \$100.00 per crop, per county. Fees are capped at \$300.00 per county not to exceed \$900.00 for farmers

with interests in multiple counties.

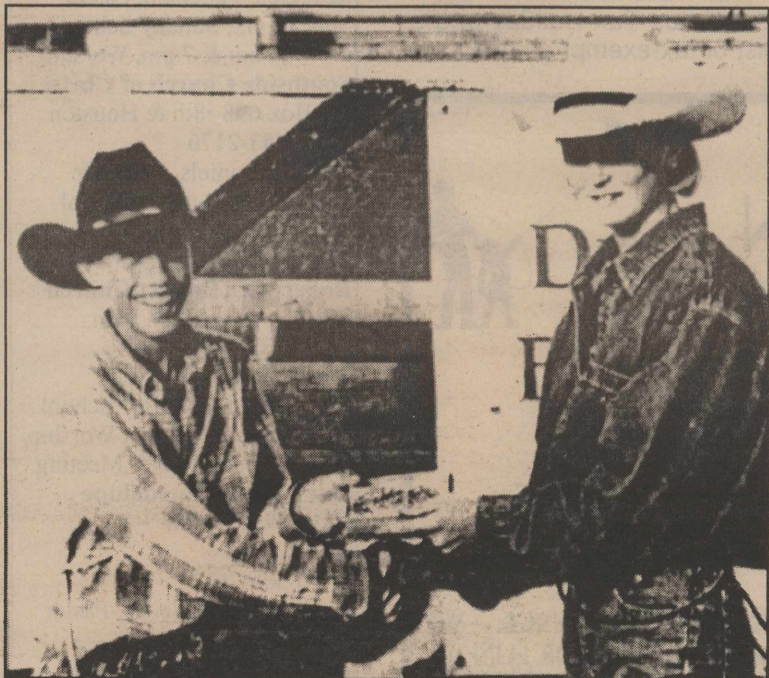
Applicants are encouraged to provide years' production data to FSA to establish a documented yield history for loss calculations and payments. To be eligible for NAP, a farmer must have a risk in producing the crop and comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

FSA is currently accepting applications for NAP coverage for 2001 crops. Farmers who sustained weather-related crop damage to a 2001 NAP crop and timely reported acreage and losses may be eligible for coverage.

The FSA Office will be holding a producer meeting to cover the known details of the program. Monday, July 16, at 6:30 pm at the courthouse in Robert Lee. The meeting will be held in the District Court room. All interested individuals are invited to attend. For more information, call the County Office at (915) 453-2751.

Walker reunion

Descendants of the late W.R. and M.E. Walker will meet Saturday, July 14, 2001, at the large rec hall in Robert Lee. Friends are welcome to attend.



Lance Millican (left) won the novice division and the Ruben Whitehead memorial buckle at the 2001 World Championship Goat Roping in Ozona. Ashlee Worley presented the buckle to Lance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Millican of Robert Lee.

2001 Annual Silver Texas Homecoming

On Saturday July 21, 2001, an evening of fellowship will kick off the annual Silver, Texas Reunion. It will be held at the Robert Lee big Rec-Hall beginning at 5:00 pm - till the cows come home.

Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring your dominoes, old photos, school annuals, etc., if you would like. It's been rumored that we might have some pickin' and grinnin' goin on around 8:00 pm. Come out and join us for a good time of fellowship.

Sunday July 22, 2001 marks the date for the annual Silver, Texas Homecoming. Church services will be held at Silver Baptist Church from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Immediately following the annual meeting, election of new officers, and collection of donations will take place.

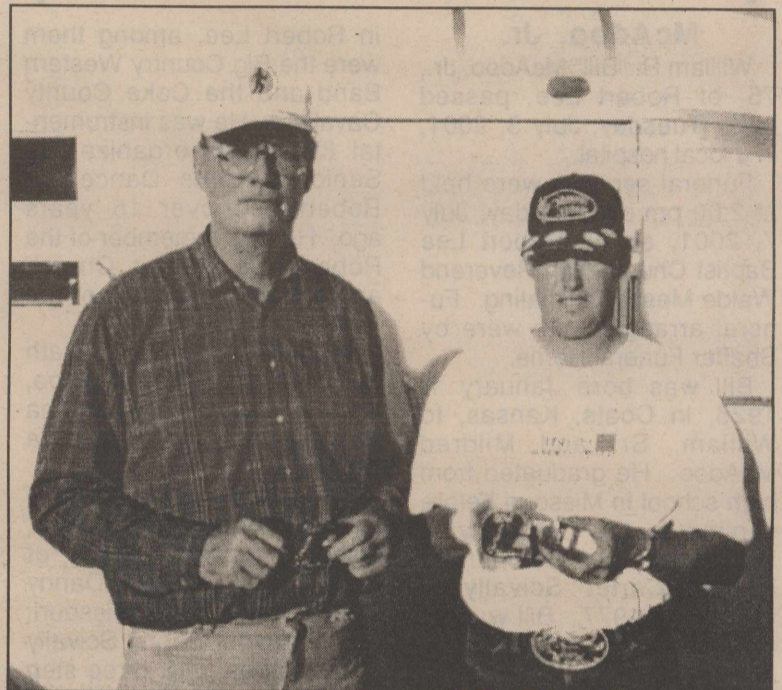
Visitation, as well as a covered dish luncheon will be in the church Fellowship Hall beginning at 12:30 pm. Young and old alike are encouraged to attend. Please bring enough food for your bunch. Paper goods and drinks will be furnished.

Joint installation of officers held by Masons

A Joint Installation of Officers of Bronte Masonic Lodge No. 962 and Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A.F. & A.M. was held Saturday, July 7, 2001. Bronte Lodge hosted the installation in their Lodge.

Grady Coulter of Bronte served as Installing Officer and Bob Large of Robert Lee as Installing Marshall. Bobby J. Clark was installed as Worshipful Master of Bronte Lodge No. 962 and Bobby Roberts as Worshipful Master of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 in Robert Lee.

Others installed were Senior Wardens - George Snapp of Bronte and David Chesshir of Robert Lee, Jr. Wardens - Billy J. Lockett of Bronte and Johnny Carver of Robert Lee; Treasurer - J. T. Henry of Bronte (not present) and Arthur Runnion of Robert Lee; Secretary - Grady Coulter of Bronte and Garland Davis of Robert Lee (not present); Chaplain - R.W. Blackmon of Bronte and Bob Large of Robert Lee; Senior Deacons - Jack Moore of Bronte and James (Red) Stephens of Robert Lee; Jr. Deacons John Smith of Bronte and Mike



Bobby Bolding (left) of Robert Lee and Bartley Murray of Miles were the winners of the hand-made buckles Sunday at the Coke County Roping Club Members' Buckle Roping.

Bagwell of Robert Lee (not present); Senior Stewards - Royce Lee of Bronte and Gaylon Pitcock of Robert Lee; Jr. Stewards - Martin Lee of Bronte (not present) and Allen Bloodworth of Robert Lee; and Tilers Buddy Eldred of Bronte and Wayland Drennan of Robert Lee.

Others present for the Open Installation were Herman Seale of Bronte, Pat Clark, Dian Coulter, Gayne Eldred, and Earline Moore all of Bronte; Jeffie Roberts, Sheila Carver, Polly Large and Nancy Allen all of Robert Lee.

Bronte Eastern Star Chapter No. 1048 served a delicious meal following the installation.

Commissioners Court accepts resignation

The court met the 5th of July and accepted the resignation of Kristy Roe, Tax Assessor/Collector effective August 1, 2001. Ms. Roe will be going to work in the Tax Office in Brazos County.

The court will be appointing a replacement the 23rd of July, 2001. Anyone interested in being considered for the position should send a letter to the Judge's office or visit with the judge.

While in special session the court also addressed the change in Private Road charges and reduced the hauling of water to \$45.

37th annual roundup weekend

The 37th Annual Mason Jaycee Roundup Weekend will be held in Mason, Texas on Friday and Saturday, July 13 & 14, 2001.

The rodeo will be both evenings at Fort Mason Park Rodeo Arena.

A dance will be held each evening to begin after the rodeo at Fort Mason Park dance slab.

The parade will be held on Saturday July 14 at 10 am.

On Saturday, the Mason Arts & Crafts Guild will sponsor the Arts and Crafts Fair. To obtain booth information, call 915-347-1020 or 915-347-6472. There will be many outstanding craft booths, delicious food and live entertainment throughout day.

Robert Lee 1991 class reunion

The '1991' class of R.L.H.S. will have it's 10th year reunion on Saturday July 14, 2001. The reunion will be held at the home of Steve & Wanda Oleksiuk. Please feel free to join them for a visit from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

BHS 1981 class reunion

The Bronte class of 1981 will be having their 20 year class reunion July 21, 2001. It will be held at the Bronte Park Pavilion from 1:00 pm til ?. Bring your annuals, photos, and memories and plan on having a good time. Everyone is welcome.

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Obituaries

McAdoo, Jr.

William R. "Bill" McAdoo, Jr., 75, of Robert Lee, passed away Tuesday, July 3, 2001, in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 7, 2001, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with Reverend Waide Messer officiating. Funeral arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Bill was born January 1, 1926, in Coats, Kansas, to William, Sr. and Mildred McAdoo. He graduated from high school in Missouri before serving in the US Navy in World War II. He married Rachel Carter Scivally in Odessa in 1977. Bill was an oilfield truck driver, he retired and moved to Robert Lee in 1983.

Bill played in several country western bands in Odessa and

New ADA guide available

by Fredi Franki
 Social Security Manager
 San Angelo

A new guide explains the rights of individuals with disabilities who are seeking employment under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The federal civil rights law sets out guidelines to prevent discrimination in the workforce and to enable people with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of society.

The guide explains your employment rights under the ADA, the meaning of "reasonable accommodation" and how to request it, and appropriate action to take if you think your rights have been violated. You will find telephone numbers and website addresses for the sponsoring agencies and additional sources of information about the ADA and the many types of reasonable accommodation. The sponsoring agencies include Social Security, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.

You can obtain a copy of A Guide For People With Disabilities Seeking Employment from Social Security's Internet website at www.ssa.gov/workta2.html. The website contains valuable information about work support services available to people with disabilities who want to work. You can also contact your local Social Security office for more information.

in Robert Lee, among them were the Big Country Western Band and the Coke County Cavaliers. He was instrumental in helping organize the Senior Citizens Dances in Robert Lee over 15 years ago. He was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church and a lifetime member of the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his father, William McAdoo, Sr. and two sisters, Norma Townsend and Virginia Clements.

Bill is survived by his wife, Rachel McAdoo; his mother, Mildred McAdoo both of Robert Lee; one son, Danny McAdoo of Buffalo, Missouri; one step son, Bobby Scivally of Muskogee, OK; three step daughters, Betty Brashear of Clyde, Janice Carthel of Hobbs, NM, and Shirley Timmons of Austin; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Spain,

A volume of poetry entitled Dances in Moonlight published by the International Library of Poetry has been placed in Robert Lee Library by Jane Austin Bruckner who grew up in Coke County. The volume is given in loving memory of her grandparents Wylie and Eva Nunn Byrd. Do read her poem entitled "Responsibility" about learning to hang the weekly washing.

Sincerely,
 Jane Austin Bruckner

Third annual sales tax holiday

Carole Keeton Rylander
 Texas Comptroller

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, many clothes and shoes can be purchased tax-free August 3-5, during Texas' third annual Sales Tax Holiday, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Sales Tax Holiday provides much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families and lets them stretch their budgets a little farther as they shop for school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad."

This year, the Sales Tax Holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes. Cities have the option to not waive local sales tax during the tax holiday, but no community has opted out of the event this year.

The rules for the 2001 Sales Tax Holiday are the same as in previous years. They include:

*Most children's and adults' clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are exempt from sales taxes. Customers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

*Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads are not tax exempt. However, tennis shoes, baseball caps, jogging

Death Notices

Coppedge

Dean Coppedge, 51, of Sweetwater died Tuesday, July 10, 2001, in an Abilene hospital. Graveside service was held at 2:00 pm, Thursday, July 12, 2001, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include two daughters, Sondra Reeves and Melissa Coppedge both of Sweetwater; one brother, Jim Coppedge of Robert Lee; one sister, Paula Cates of Robert Lee; and four grandchildren.



Clay Antilley (from left), Ashlee Millican and Erin Millican represented the Coke County 4-H program at the District 7 4-H Leadership Lab held June 25-28 in Mahill, New Mexico. Erin has been on the District 4-H Council the past year and was involved in planning this event.

suits and other athletic clothes that are commonly worn on the street are eligible for the tax exemption.

*Accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax-exempt.

*Items previously placed on layaway may be redeemed tax-free during the Sales Tax Holiday, and items placed on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday may be redeemed tax-free later.

*School supplies and backpacks are not tax exempt.

"Earlier this year, I asked the Legislature to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include backpacks, school supplies, sewing supplies and safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also proposed expanding the tax holiday to five days to avoid the three-day traffic jam."

"However, the Legislature did not make the Sales Tax Holiday a priority, and the proposal died. Next session, I will again urge the Legislature to make Texas families and the Sales Tax Holiday expansion a top priority," Comptroller Rylander said.

During the first two Sales Tax Holidays in 1999 and 2000, Texans saved an estimated \$69.6 million, including \$54.8 million in state sales tax and \$14.8 million in local sales taxes.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of tax-exempt and non-ex-

empt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

WCC EMS Memorials June 2001

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 Linda & Mack Kirchman
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 Gina & Don Bell
 Jane Austin Bruckner

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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
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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Summer reading program

Creepy-crawly rings will be featured at the Coke County Library Summer Reading Program along with the treat-of-the-week. Rings will be available to readers with each visit. The winner of July 6th drawing was Danial Nolen. The book is Draw 50 Dinosaurs and Other Historic Animals.

Following the Fourth of July celebrations, the following came to attention on the Internet at Peggie's Place: Only in America - can pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance. Only in America... do people order double cheeseburger, large fry, and a diet coke. Only in America... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and leave useless things and junk in boxes in the garage. Only in America...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

There are four more Fridays before the Summer Reading Program ends. Four more chances to win a drawing book.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte. Library cards are free.

Carr Scholarships awarded at ASU

Angelo State University has awarded an additional 67 Carr Academic Scholarships for the 2001-02 academic year to outstanding high school graduates in the Class of 2001.

The new scholarship awards bring to almost 400 the number of Carr Academic Scholarships going to incoming ASU freshmen for the upcoming academic year.

To qualify for Carr Academic Scholarships, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT I or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

The scholarship program at Angelo State is supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo.

New award recipients from Coke County include Katrina L. Buckner from Blackwell, Maria A. Arellano, Amber M. Freeman, and Gina M. Hernandez are new award recipients from Robert Lee.



Amy Allen, daughter of Kenneth and Carolyn Allen of Bronte, would like to announce her engagement and forthcoming marriage to Bryan Jones, son of Mikel and Laura Jones of Big Lake, Texas. The bride-elect and prospective bridegroom both live in San Angelo. Amy is a graduate of Bronte High School and Angelo State University. She is a Registered Nurse at West Texas Community Hospital in San Angelo. Bryan is a candidate for August graduation from Angelo State University with a degree in Business Management and Management Information Systems. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Tom and Maureen Smea of San Angelo. The prospective bridegroom's grandparents are Everett and Lois Miller of Glenwood, Arkansas, and Wade and LaRue Jones of Big Lake, Texas. The wedding will be held September 8, 2001, at the Christian Church of San Angelo, Texas.

"You don't have to sit on a cactus to learn how to jump."

All that Virginia Shaham and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahams found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at Alamo Village and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Virginia counts on co-op power for her home and business. She belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

Deregulation is a thorny issue and no one has a crystal ball to view its impact. Like many other Texas cooperatives, Smart Choice co-ops believe the wisest course is to "wait and see." Before deciding, Smart Choice co-ops want to know if deregulation has raised or lowered rates for other Texas power customers, particularly in rural areas.

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**Arrests/charges filed
June 2001**

William Trey Taylor
Driving while license suspended, 05-27-01
Favian A. Minjarez
Driving while intoxicated - Motion to revoke probation
Driving while license suspended, 06-06-01
Judy Ann Crouch
Expired Drivers license
No liability insurance
Violate promise to pay, 06-07-01

Brady Wade Bolding
Class B theft, 06-13-01
Coby Clayton Carper
Class B theft, 06-14-01
Rosalia Tyler
Driving while intoxicated - 1st, 06-14-01

**Out of County
Warrants Served**

Judy Ann Crouch
Theft by check
Theft of merchandise by check, 06-07-01
Runnels County Warrants

**Coke County Court
Disposition
June 20, 2001**

The State of Texas vs: Robert William Blythe
Charge: Driving while intoxicated - 1st
Plea: Charge changed to obstructing Hwy., fine \$1,200.00, court cost \$210.25

The State of Texas vs: David Cody Mashburn
Charge: Purchase/Furnish alcohol to a minor
Plea: Fine \$150.00, court cost \$210.25, 2 days jail credit for time served

The State of Texas vs: Terri Jean Ellis
Charge: Driving while intoxicated - 1st
Plea: Fine \$750.00, court cost \$235.25, 30 days probated 12 mo, DWI School

The State of Texas vs: Jerry D. Riley
Charge: Criminal trespass
Plea: \$500 fine, \$235.25 court cost, 15 days probated 12 mo., Credit given for time served 9 days

The State of Texas vs: Jeremiah Wayne Edging
Charge: Possession of Marijuana - more than 2 oz.
Plea: \$1,000 fine, \$235.25 court cost, 60 days jail probated for 24 mo., Drug Offenders Course

The State of Texas vs: Nathan Joseph Andrew Mecher
Charge: Criminal trespass
Plea: \$1,400 fine, \$235.25 court cost, 15 days probated 12 mo., 24 hrs. Community Service

**51st District Court
Disposition
June 25, 2001**

State of Texas vs: Brent Joseph Reiningger
Charge: Theft
Three years Deferred Adjudication, \$750.00 fine

**Coke County Court
Disposition
June 26, 2001**

The State of Texas vs: Fernando Landeros
Charge: Possession of alcohol by minor - 3rd Enhanced
Plea: \$250.00 fine, \$280.25 court cost, 5 days jail probated 6 mo., 12 hrs. Community Service, 180 days Driver License Suspension

**Coke County Court
Disposition
June 29, 2001**

The State of Texas vs: Randall Dean Bretz
Charge: Driving while intoxicated
Plea: 90 days in jail, credit given for time served

The State of Texas vs: Randall Dean Bretz
Charge: Making alcohol available to a minor
Plea: Dismissed

Nature tourism

From the office of Susan Combs, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, comes the booklet entitled Nature Tourism. The issuing of this book was partially due to the passage of legislation in 1999 stating that the Texas Department of Agriculture was authorized to offer financial assistance to agriculture-based nature tourism operations.

The booklet points out that the things to consider in beginning a nature tourism operation are: business description, product description, market description and competition. Other components are location, facilities, management needs and earnings. Suggested prices are \$5 - \$6 a day for birding; \$18 - \$25 an hour for horseback riding; \$2 - \$6 a day for mountain biking or hiking. Birders and bikers will often pay extra for camping privileges.

Landowner liability facts are discussed in detail in the booklet. If annual charges for entry during the current year do not exceed four times the property taxes on the agricultural land, landowners have little liability. Only if willful or wanton injuring occurs is there a problem.

The potential is good for nature tourist as 97% of Texas land is private and state and national parks are becoming more and more crowded. It is estimated that 23 million tourists who visit Texas are seeking "nature" activities. Bird-watchers are among the most affluent and enduring tourists.

On Tuesday, June 19, Judy Fort will be in Robert Lee to meet with the City and will be happy to discuss nature tourism with anyone interested.

Divers in the Persian Gulf used goggles made of clear, polished tortoise shell, as early as the 14th century.

**Locals enjoy
Disney World**

Lindsey Roe, Cara Eaton and Dolores Roe have recently returned from Orlando, Florida where they spent from June 7th through June 12th enjoying all the fun they could stand at Disney World.

After a flight delay at Mathis Field, they should have left at 5:50 am but really left at 8:00 am, and a re-schedule at DFW, the three finally arrived at Orlando at 4:30 pm and at the Polynesian Hotel at around 5:30 pm. The girls fell in love with the Polynesian immediately. They enjoyed the laid back atmosphere of the hotel and surroundings.

Friday they took in "Animal Kingdom" and enjoyed the many activities including the "Lion King" production, "Tarzan Rocks", "It's tough to be a Bug" and the Kilimanjaro Safari. They had a blast having their pictures made with all the Disney Characters, then lunched at the "Rainforest Cafe".

Saturday was fun at the "Magic Kingdom". All the rides, sights and the Magical Moments Parade. The weather was hot and humid but it didn't slow them down. They cooled off on "Splash Mountain". They went back to the Magic Kingdom Saturday night to watch the Spectro Magic Parade. It is new as the Light Parade has been moved back to California to Disney Land. The Spectro Magic Parade was spectacular with its sparkling lights and fiber optics. It was even better than the light parade.

Sunday was Epcot day. The girls enjoyed "Space Mountain", the GM Test Track cars and all the countries represented. "Maw Maw" sat in the shade with her portable fan and watched the people while the girls did all the fun rides. Sunday night they went to MGM Studios to see the production of "Fantasmic". The girls also made two trips down the "Tower of Terror" before going in to see the show.

Monday they went back to MGM Studios and took in all the sights and sounds of Hollywood. They watched "Beauty and the Beast", the "Indiana Jones Stunt Spectacular", rode the "Rock 'N' Roller Coaster" starring Aero Smith. Took in the backlot and area where all the costuming is done and made another



Meeting Mickey Mouse during a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, were (from left) Lindsey Roe, Cara Eaton, and Dolores Roe.

trip down the Tower of Terror.

Tuesday was shopping morning at Downtown Disney then back to the hotel, checked out of the Polynesian and headed home. They were sorry to leave Orlando but were glad to see Robert Lee again.

**July 4th
celebration**

The Lockett gang celebrated July 4th at Box L Ranch. It wasn't as hot sitting under big mesquite trees or down on the dock fishing as it was in town.

Matthew was the only one fishing and he caught several big nice fish but put all back in the tank except two, which he kept, so Grandma Joy could cook them the next day for

lunch. A big cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings were the evening meal. Billy Joe and Joy were the chefs.

After a meal of good ole hamburgers and hot dogs along with cookies and ice tea, everyone enjoyed watching the grandchildren put on a good show with fireworks.

Those present and enjoying the evening were: Debbie and Scott Bayer; Aaron, Amanda and Corey; Joy and A.J. McDaniel from San Angelo; Matthew Plowman from Lubbock; Billy Joe and Diane Lockett, Dewey Lockett and Helen Murtishaw from Bronte.

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Pre-K**

- 1 box crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 bottle school glue
- 2 pencils
- 1 pkg. assorted construction paper
- scissors
- water colors
- 1 school box
- 1 large box kleenex
- backpack
- bottled drinking water (if desired)
- extra clothing (including undergarments)

**Please label everything
Kindergarten**

- Crayons (no more than 24)
- 1 bottle school glue (white)
- 2 glue sticks
- 6 regular pencils
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 small school box
- 1 large box kleenex
- 1 pocket folder
- towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- backpack
- 1 change of clothes for accidents
- bottled drinking water (if desired)

**Please label everything
Initial each crayon**

- 1st grade**
- 1 box of quart size ziploc bags
 - 6 #2 pencils
 - 1 large pink or green eraser
 - 3 - 100 count white index cards (3x5)
 - 2 large boxes of tissues
 - 1 small supply box
 - 1 pair sharp scissors (that cut paper well)
 - 1 box 24 crayons
 - 1 large Elmer's glue (no colored)
 - 1 plain ruler with inches and centimeters
 - 1 recipe box for index cards
 - 1 small individual pencil sharpener
 - 1 box water colors

**Please label everything
2nd grade**

- 1 small spiral notebook - wide ruled
- 12 - #2 pencils
- 1 large pink pencil eraser
- 1 pkg. construction paper
- 1 large box tissue
- supply box (small)
- scissors
- crayons
- glue
- 1 small box baggies - ziplock (quart)
- 2 sturdy slick pocket folders (no brads)

**No markers please
3rd grade**

- wide ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils - dozen
- erasers
- 2 red pens or red pencils
- pencil sharpener w/shavings holder
- 2 spiral notebooks - wide ruled
- construction paper
- good scissors
- crayons
- glue gel
- washable markers
- ruler - centimeters and inches
- zip lock bags - quart size
- 3 boxes of tissues
- pocket folders with brads - need red, blue, green, purple, yellow
- small supply box or zip pouches

**Please no trappers or
notebooks**

- 4th grade**
- 3 boxes kleenex
 - 8 - #2 pencils
 - 1 spiral notebook (wide ruled)
 - 2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (wide ruled)

- 1 - 3 ring notebook binder (large)
- 2 pkgs. - 3 ring subject dividers (multi-color)
- 1 - zipper pouch for notebook
- 1 - 12" ruler
- 1 - 50 count zipper seal sandwich bags

5th grade

- 2 boxes of kleenex
- 1 box of reinforcements
- scissors (sharp-heavy duty variety)
- pencil sharpener - small (w/shaving attachment)
- 1 fine point black marker
- Elmer's glue
- 4 - #2 pencils
- 2 red pencils
- 2 highlighters (any color) markers, crayons, or map colors
- 1 spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- 2 pkgs. 3 - ring notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 2 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow pocket folders
- 1 lg. 3 - ring notebook binder
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- pencils
- ruler
- scissors
- glue stick
- map colors
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- crayons
- eraser
- 4 folders with brads
- clipboard and crayon box (optional)

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- 06-02-01 - 1:40 am - medical transport
- 06-08-01 - 10:58 pm - medical transport
- 06-09-01 - 4:04 pm - medical transport
- 06-10-01 - 6:20 pm - medical transport
- 06-10-01 - 9:33 pm - medical transport
- 06-12-01 - 1:10 pm - air med
- 06-17-01 - 8:50 pm - medical transport
- 06-23-01 - 2:20 pm - medical transport
- 06-30-01 - 4:05 pm - air med



Members and coaches of the Twisters T-Ball Team include (top row, from left) Kerry Gartman, Zach Skinner, Jordan Gartman, Meagan Ross, Laredo Williamson, Zachary Sanchez, Kacey Roberts, Faylin Bell, Frankie Gartman, (bottom row, from left) Jacob Torres, Justin Gartman, James Roberts, Will Howard, Makenna Netting, and Shaylee Bell. Not pictured are Grady and Randy Barnett and Jonah Saucedo.

**Host families
needed**

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive very soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

Doty encourages families to

contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Robert Lee and Bronte area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area families, students and schools.

**Look Who's New
Corbin Charles
Drennan**

Kodi Rene Drennan is proud to announce the arrival of her brother Corbin Charles. He was born June 27, 2001, at Shannon Women's and Children Hospital. Corbin weighed 6 pounds and 1 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Rick and Katie Drennan. Grandparents are Mary Beth and Wayland Drennan of Robert Lee and Elizabeth and Bill Jackson of Midland. Great-grandmothers are Louise Walker of Robert Lee, Ruby Drennan of Sterling City, and Myrene Wallace of Ironton, Missouri.

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GARAGE SALES

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CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department for handling the grass fire on our place.
Floyd & Shirley Farrington
50b-1tp

THANKS SANDRA ORTEGA
for the chocolate ice cream cone cookie jar...our collection is now complete. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.
Sincerely,
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I WOULD LIKE
to say a word of thanks to those who helped with the recent VBS, especially to Brother Waide and the recreation team from Midland, the folks from Victory Assembly of God, and to all those from Robert Lee United Methodist. This is one more example of the cooperation between our churches.
Rev. Jim Reeves
50a-1tp

NOTICES
RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 7C-0228825
IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
Austin, Texas
July 3, 2001
NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF L.C.S. PRODUCTION COMPANY TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR THE SPA (ODOM LIME) UNIT FORT CHADBOURNE FIELD COKE COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. SS 2001 et seq. (2001), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing **August 3, 2001, at 9:00 am** at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. SS 2001 et seq. (2001).
For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor Lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.
This hearing will be held to consider the application of L.C.S.

NOTICES

Production Company for unitization and secondary authority for the SPA (Odom Lime) Unit, Fort Chadbourne Field, Coke County, Texas. Applicant states that 100% of the working interest owners have approved of the Unit, and have executed and/or ratified the unit agreement. Over 88% of the royalty owners have approved of the Unit and have ratified the unit agreement.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, John Beckham, at (915) 673-1393. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

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If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

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PART OF THE RECORD IN THIS CAUSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE. DATA IN COMMISSION RECORDS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, BUT THE REFERENCE MUST BE SPECIFIC, AND IF IT INCLUDES EXHIBITS FILED IN PRIOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION, A COPY OF SUCH EXHIBIT PROPERLY IDENTIFIED SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR THIS RECORD.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

49a-4tc

Congressman backs forced dues repeal

In a new sign of the growing support for Right to Work in the U.S. Congress, a ninth Texas congressman, Charles Stenholm (D), has joined Texas Republicans Dick Arme, Joe Barton, John Culberson, Tom DeLay, Ron Paul, Pete Sessions, and Lamar Smith, and fellow Democrat Ralph Hall in backing a bill that would repeal the federal labor-law provisions that authorize the firing of employees for refusal to pay dues to a union.

Paying heed to the many Right to Work supporters among their constituents, on June 28 Mr. Stenholm and five other congressmen signed on to H.R. 1109, the National Right to Work Act, bringing the total sponsorship to 65. The bill was reintroduced March 20 by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA.). A companion Senate Bill (S. 873), sponsored by North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms (R), was introduced May 14th.

Under current federal labor law, millions of employees can be fired unless they continue paying dues or "fees" to union officials. H.R. 1109/S. 873 would bar such firings.

"We are hoping for congressional floor votes on this much needed reform," said Reed Larson, president of the Springfield, Va. - based National Right to Work Committee.

"President Bush and the leaders of both chambers of Congress are all on record in favor of forced-dues repeal," he explained.

Mr. Larson urged congressional leaders to schedule roll-call votes on H.R. 1109/S. 873 as soon as possible.

"Nearly eight out of 10

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Americans support ending the federally imposed forced-dues system, and returning to workers a right that never should have been taken away in the first place," he noted.

A recent opinion survey by Political/Media Research Inc. (Mason-Dixon), for example, showed that 77% of Americans support employees' Right to Work whether or not they choose to affiliate with a union.

"Compulsory unionism robs American workers of their freedom, corrupts our political system, and saps our economy of productivity and jobs," added Mr. Larson.

According to the U.S. Labor Department, between 1969 and 1999, non-farm employment in the 21 states that now have Right to Work laws grew by 54%, compared to just 37% in the 29 states that don't protect employees from federally-imposed forced union dues.

Meanwhile, real per capita personal income grew by 82% in Right to Work states, compared to 67% in forced-dues states.

"Now that they have a pro-Right to Work President in the White House, congressional leaders should seize this opportunity to hold roll-call votes on legislation that would restore a basic freedom to American workers," concluded Mr. Larson.

For more information about the National Right to Work Act, contact John Tate at (703) 321-9820 x 2203.

Property owners come out winners

Texas was founded on the principle of protecting private property, and property owners are among the big winners now that the 77th Texas Legislature is over.

John Eckstrum, chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors, credits state lawmakers for protecting the rights of consumers during the 2001 session, which ended May 28.

Eckstrum cited these issues as examples from the 77th session:

***Home warranties.** In Texas and nationwide, it is common practice for a home seller to provide a residential service contract (home warranty) as a benefit to the buyer. However, because of a quirk in Texas law, homebuyers could unknowingly have their coverage rescinded during the first three days after closing. Legislation championed by the Realtors association fixes the problem, ensuring that home warranties



A nice crowd attended the dedication of the Ratliff Building Thursday morning, June 21. The building, donated by Phillip and Martha Ratliff, will be used as the Bronte annex to the Coke County Courthouse.

become effective immediately when a buy takes possession of a home.

***Homeowner associations.** In several highly publicized cases, Texans lost their homes to foreclosure because they fell behind in paying mandatory-membership homeowner association fees, or violated other association rules. Texas Realtors supported legislation to curb abuses by overly aggressive associations, implementing safeguards that take effect before the associations can foreclose.

***Manufactured housing.** By the late 1990s, one in three housing starts in Texas was a manufactured home, according to the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M. As manufactured home owners begin to trade up, move or look for new housing, often they find it difficult to resell partly because of unfavorable financing terms on their original purchase. The Texas Association of Realtors wanted legislation requiring consumer disclosures on financing terms, hook-up feed and other costs related to buying a manufactured home. Legislation with those terms along with other consumer protections passed.

***Electronic signatures.** Passage of the Texas Uniform

Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) paves the way for legally valid electronic signatures. Once the remaining few technological and practical hurdles have been cleared, Texas Realtors and their clients will be able to conduct real estate transactions almost entirely via the Internet, saving consumers time and headaches.

***Mortgage brokers.** During the previous legislative session in 1999, Realtors, consumers and mortgage brokers worked together to implement a licensing system and regulatory authority over mortgage brokerage businesses in Texas. This session, they improved the existing law by instituting standardized forms for prequalifying and commitment letters, which will help consumers to better understand the loan application process.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Time to treat for cattle grubs

Cattle grubs are internal parasites and their damage is largely unseen, yet they cause greater economic losses to the U.S. beef industry than any other insect pest.

While grubs are usually found on the backs of infested animals during the winter months, that's not the time for control measures since the pests have already done their damage. Feed efficiency and animal vigor are greatly reduced in infested animals.

Grubs are the larvae or worm stage of heel flies, and adult heel flies are active over most of the state from March through May. The time to treat for grubs is now through August when grubs are small and before infested animals suffer stress, weight loss and decreased feed efficiency.

Heel flies cannot sting and cause no pain to cattle but they frighten the animals making them difficult to manage. Heel flies lay their eggs on an animal's hair in the lower leg region. Tiny larvae hatch in a few days, crawl down to the base of the hair and bur-

row into the skin

This begins a migratory course through the animal's body, congregating in the animal's throat after a few months and after eight to nine months, appear in the mature grub stage on the animal's back.

The systemic insecticides are absorbed directly through the skin, circulate throughout the body and kill grubs while they are small. Injectable treatments are circulated in the body fluids to kill the invading pests.

As always, read and follow label directions when applying any form of insecticide. Remember, the best time to treat for grubs is during early summer. With the new pour-on wormers, like Ivomec, Cydectin, Dectomax, etc., cattle can be effectively treated for grubs along with worms. These also give 2-4 weeks fly control. Don't wait until September to treat because the grubs are concentrated in the throat region and killing them at this stage could strangle the cattle.

Last chance to enter

The Texas United States Pageants are a statewide event that honors the state's loveliest ladies and sends the Texas representatives to the Ms. United States, Miss Teen United States and Miss Teenage United States competitions. According to Tracy Crist, Executive Director, "We have had a number of inquiries from ladies in the area but, as of June 20, no one has followed through." There is still time for a contestant to step forward, but she will need to act quickly. Says Crist, "I must have the completed application in hand no later than July 20th. Contestants will have time to prepare, since the Pageant does not begin until August 11, 2001.

There are only 30 contestants allowed per age division to compete for the state title. The state winners will win a five-day cruise to the Bahamas where they will compete at the national pageant this November. The proceedings include evening gown, swimsuit and interview competitions.

Teenage delegates must be between 13 and 16, never married, never given birth and a resident of Texas. Teen delegates must be between 17 and 19, never married, never given birth and a resident of Texas. Ms. delegates must be between 20 and 39, not married and a resident of Texas.

The two-day event, hosted in Southlake, August 11th & 12th, culminates the selection for Ms. Texas United States, Miss Teen Texas United States and Miss Teenage Texas United States. Ladies interested are urged to contact Tracy Crist immediately at (817) 442-8896 or at tracy-crist@msn.com.

Nursing home crisis

The nursing home crisis that threatens the quality of care for approximately 100,000 elderly Texans is not over, an alliance of care providers has warned.

Despite the legislative appropriation of \$175 million in general revenue for the next biennium, even under the most hopeful scenario, Texas nursing homes will continue to lose money every day for the Medicaid residents due to woefully inadequate reimbursement from the state, according to the Texas Alliance for Nursing Homes. It pointed to a number of closed or bankrupt facilities across the state as dramatic evidence of the critical problem.

"Folks who think this money has solved the crisis are sadly mistaken," said Mike Burris, alliance chairman. "This stop-gap measure doesn't begin to address the problem."

Burris said the new monies could potentially raise the average rate per resident day in 2002 from \$83.50 to \$91, still leaving Medicaid reimbursement well below the acknowledged breakeven point and more than \$20 per resident day under the national average. In addition, 15 new bills passed by the 77th Legislature directly relating to nursing homes will impose an additional financial burden on care providers and the families of nursing home residents in Texas. Even before passage of these new laws, Texas nursing homes already were the most highly regulated in the nation.

"For the last five years or more, Texas nursing homes have been trapped in a financial hole that has gotten deeper and deeper," Burris said. "The lack of state legislative action to address the core problems of the reim-

bursement system reconfirm the merits of our pending lawsuit."

Earlier this year a number of members of the alliance filed a lawsuit in federal court charging the state with not complying with a 1997 court-approved settlement in which the Texas Department of Human Services agreed to provide adequate reimbursement of costs.

"The band-aid approach that has been touted as a solution to these problems doesn't address the massive financial hemorrhaging of our care provides that endangers our elderly," said Bill Horabin, a nursing home operator and plaintiff in the lawsuit. "Nursing homes cannot financially survive along the same old path. That's why we turned to the court that has recognized the crisis before, and now, after insufficient action by the legislature, is the only remaining hope to prevent more closures and bankruptcies."

According to Burris, more than 60 percent of Texas nursing home care providers are under water financially, and that percentage is not likely to improve over the next

biennium even with the appropriation of \$175 million in general revenue over two years. Those dollars will allow the state to draw down an additional \$1.50 in federal matching funds for each state dollar, yielding an approximate total of \$435 million for 2002-2003, he said. But there is no assurance that those dollars will be used to address the existing deficit because of "strings" the Legislature tied to the use of the \$435 million.

"Not all facilities will have access to large portions of the money because their operations will not fit the criteria the Texas Department of Human Services has imposed on them," Burris explained. "We welcome regulations which safeguard the interests of our residents, but when operators with virtually spotless records at the state and federal level don't qualify for earmarked quality enhancement funds, something is wrong."

Burris also cited one new legislative requirement that a specified portion of the state reimbursement rate must be spent only on liability insurance premiums. Facilities will not have the option to spend that portion on patient care, or

anything else that could improve resident living conditions, or even simply reduce the facility's Medicaid revenue shortfall.

"The fact remains that Texas ranked 45th in the nation in Medicaid reimbursement for nursing homes when the session began, and it looks like things aren't going to change for the better with the session over," Burris said. "We're still near the bottom in Medicaid reimbursement, number of registered nurses and nursing aides per home and costs continue to soar."

The Texas Alliance for Nursing Homes is composed of independent nursing home operators, suppliers, health care professionals, community organizations and families of residents.

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