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## February 18 is first date to file for May 4 local elections

Monday, February 18, is the first day candidates can file to be on the ballot for the May 4 elections. The filing period runs through March 20, 2002.

Two 3 year terms will be on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. These offices are currently held by Jolene Henderson and David Scott. Candidates may pick up an application at the BISD Superintendent's office.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on two 3 year terms and one 1 year unexpired term. These offices are currently held by Jim Gray, Mark Riley and Jess Williamson. Candidates may pick up an application at the RLISD Superintendent's office.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill two council seats and the mayor's office.

Currently, Garland Davis is mayor and the council seats are held by Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland. Candidates may pick up an application at Robert Lee City Hall.

The 2 year terms of Bronte Mayor Martin Lee and Aldermen Frances Williams, Leslie Rolls and George Snapp will be expiring. Candidates may pick up an application at Bronte City Hall.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Larry Robinson, Leon Brooks and Ed Cumbie are expiring. Candidates may pick up an application at Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

West Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Winton Milliff, Linda Burns and Patty Byrne are expiring. Candidates may pick up an application at Robert Lee Care Center.



Jim Bob Solsbery was the guest speaker at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held Monday evening, February 11, 2002. Outstanding students, citizens, educators and pioneers were honored during the evening. Chamber Director changes were noted and include outgoing director Susan Graves and incoming director Annie Gill. Kay Gothard will remain as a Bronte COC director. Others on the program at the banquet were Mayor Martin Lee reporting on water usage and availability, Alan Richey discussing student enrollment and construction projects, Garland Richards discussing the renovation at Fort Chadbourne, and Gerald Sandusky reporting on economic development and brontetx.com.

#### Services held for Mrs. Robert Lee (Lucile Bryan) on Feb. 12



Mrs. Lucile Bryan

If Mrs. Jessie Yarbrough can be credited with being the historian of Coke County, then just as surely the title of Mrs. Robert Lee has to go to Mrs. Lucile Bryan. Mrs. Robert Lee, who was 91 years of age, passed away early Sunday morning due to congestive heart failure. But her legacy in Robert Lee and Coke County began a long time ago, and will live for all of us, even after her death.

In 1936, Lucile married Jeff Dean, former Superintendent of Schools in Bronte, and County Judge of Coke County. She earned her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Sul Ross State University, and taught in the public schools for 29 years, retiring in 1972.

Following the death of Mr. Dean, she married Wilson Bryan of Robert Lee in 1965. Each of the two individuals in this marriage were already active in community affairs individually. Lucile and Wilson as a team were a creative and dynamic force in Robert Lee. She composed and produced the historical pageant "Ole Coke County - Home of the Rabbit Twisters" for over twenty years, and Wilson designed and supervised construction of the ampitheater for the production. They also created Bryan's Barn, a 6 acre Christmas Light Fantasy that is known and loved throughout the state. This Robert Lee treasure has received statewide publicity with a photo layout in Texas Monthly, in addition to attracting from 5,000 to 10,000 visitors each year. Lucile was named Citizen of the Year in Robert Lee in 1976, with Wilson receiving the same award in 1979.

Lucile's talents and abilities did not overshadow her per-

sonality in her dealings with others. According to Rev. Jim Reeves, who conducted her service on Tuesday, "her happiness was her trademark. I never saw Lucile without a smile on her face. She was in love with everyone she met."

Lucile probably wouldn't like being bestowed the title of Mrs. Robert Lee. She would probably think that someone else in the past or the future might be more deserving. Or that community service shouldn't be a contest, anyway. However, we can't think of anyone in the past that has done more for this community than Mrs. Bryan. And, should someone step up in the future, they will have a wonderful example to follow, not to mention some awfully big shoes to fill.

#### Bronte Senior Center news

The Bronte Senior Center will again be sponsoring a free tax preparation day. Taxes will be filed free of charge on certain type returns. This service is for seniors and the low to moderate-income families. This service is sponsored by AARP and Bronte Senior Center.

The free tax preparation day will be held February 22 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Bronte Senior Center, 813 E. Oliver in Bronte, Texas.

#### Jail replica to be presented

The Coke County Historical Association will meet at 5:00 pm, Thursday, February 14, at the Old Jail for the presentation by Mr. Ted Disko of a carved replica of the old jail. The carved replica will be used to raise money needed to restore the building. Mr. Disko's gift is a generous one given in the interest of saving the old jail. The replica will be on display in several buildings in the County. A ticket sale and drawing will occur at a later date.

A short meeting will follow the presentation. A tour of the old jail and a discussion of its future will be held. A call for volunteers to help with this project is being made. A plan will be formulated to proceed with the restoration. Support is needed in this endeavor. Volunteers will be the mainstay of the program.

#### Wackenhut to host blood drive

United Blood Services will be at Wackenhut Correctional Facility Friday, February 22 from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Please call Chris Gifford at 473-5700 for an appointment.

"We are hoping for the biggest blood drive ever for Bronte," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. "We need you to be a hero. All it takes is one

hour to help up to 3 patients."

Donors must be 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You will also need identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. If you would like to make an appointment to give blood,

Please call 653-1307.

Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

#### County Courthouse to be closed

The Coke County courthouse will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of President's Day. Business will resume on Tuesday.

#### Robert Lee City Hall to be closed

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed in observance of President's Day on February 18, 2002. The landfill will be open on Saturday, February 16th.

#### CC retired teachers meeting slated

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 18, 2002. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

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#### - Obituaries



Bryan

Bryan of Robert Lee, Texas

passed from this life on

February 10, 2002. Service

was held at First United

Methodist Church in Robert

Lee on Tuesday, February

12, 2002, at 2:00 pm, with

Pastor Jim Reeves officiating.

Interment followed at Robert

Lee Cemetery. Services were

under the direction of Shaffer

Lucile was born in 1910 in

Sallis, Mississippi to Sally and

James D. McWhorter. Rev.

McWhorter was a Methodist

minister who preached for

many years in and around

In 1936, she married Jeff

Dean, former Superintendent

of Schools in Bronte, Texas

and County Judge of Coke

County. Lucile was preceded

in death by Jeff Dean; her

brother, James D. McWhorter,

Jr., and her sister, Katherine

M.A. degrees from Sul Ross

State College and taught in

the middle schools for 29

years, retiring in 1972. She

married Wilson Bryan of

Lucile earned her B.S. and

Sterling City, Texas.

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Funeral Home in Robert Lee.

Lucile McWhorter Dean

Tony Dean and wife, Cindy of Jacksboro, and Della Plagens and husband, Freddy of Hondo; her step-children, Thelma Jo Hinnard of Robert Lee, Terry Frank Bryan and wife Jeanne of San Angelo, and Richard Bryan and wife, Tillie of Ballinger; her nephew, James D. McWhorter, III and wife, Peggy of San Angelo; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials can be sent to Robert Lee First United Methodist Church or Coke County Library in Robert Lee.

#### Snead

Douglas Snead was born December 2, 1904, in Johnsville, Erath County, Texas, to John Carson and Hattie Viola Bragg Snead. Douglas moved to Coke County at 6 months of age. He passed away February 10, 2002, peacefully at his home with his family by his side.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at Fairview Cemetery with Reverend Paul Evans officiating. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Bronte.

Douglas married the love of his life, Virginia Helen Thetford on August 19, 1930. Virginia preceded Douglas in death in 1995 after 65 years of marriage. He is also preceded in death by three brothers, J.C., Joe Long, and Dewitt and two sisters, Iva Snead and Ethel Nichols.

Douglas loved sports and was a great athlete in his time. Old timers said he was the best left handed pitcher to come out of Coke County. One of his favorite stories was when he went to state in the pole vault.

Douglas is survived by two sons, Ben Douglas Snead, Jr. and wife, Jo of Bastrop and Billy Doak Snead and wife, Kelley of Nashville, Tennessee; two daughters, Hattie Jane Roberts and husband. Norman of Coahoma and Wanda Bell Parker and husband, Jerry of Bronte: thirteen grandchildren, Randy Corbin and wife, Carolyn of San Angelo, Sujane Schoenfield and husband, Jeff and Melinda Reed of Bronte, Gary Roberts and wife, Kim of Cortez, Colorado, Terry Roberts and wife, Shanna of Winters, Sherri Whitten of Austin, Rachel McCarty of Austin, Emma Claire Snead of Nashville, Tennessee, Ginger Lindsey

#### ...Obituaries (continued)

and husband, Kenney of Fredericksburg, Julie Morrow and husband, Robert of Miles, Ben Douglas Snead, III and wife, Sharon of San Antonio, John Snead and wife, Paula of Buda, and J.T. Fort of Bastrop. He is also survived by 20 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

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#### Death **Notices**

Koenig

Mattie Lee Koenig, 85, of San Angelo died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, in Robert Lee Care Center. There will be no services. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons Leonard Koenig of Miles and Randy Koenig of San Angelo; brother, Bill McNurlen of San Angelo; and sister, Quanita Scoggin of San Angelo.

Edwards

Dennie M. Edwards, 57 died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, in a local hospital. Service was Feb. 9 in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra K. Edwards of San Angelo; son, Dennie M. Edwards Jr. of Lafayette, La.; daughter, Melissa Elyce Griffith of Temple; father and stepmother, Delmar and Eleanore Swain of Modesto, Calif.; brother Delmar Swain Jr. of Modesto; and sister, Debra Swain of Arnold, Calif.; one granddaughter; a number of nieces and nephews; and his mother-in-law, Beatrice Wojtek Cobb of San Angelo.

Hageman Ruth Epsie Hageman, 83, of San Angelo died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, in a local hospital. Service was held Tuesday, Feb. 5, at First Baptist Church in Tennyson with burial in Bronte Cemetery. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons, Clifford Dwain Hageman of Pleasanton and Don Hageman of San Angelo; daughter, Epsie Jo Hanna of San Angelo; and sister, Emma Lou Steward of San Angelo.

#### McCorkle benefit successful

The benefit supper held Feb. 5 to help offset expenses for Patti McCorkle during her treatment at Houston was a huge success. So many people offered to help that we finally had to tell people we had enough help, just to eat. They took us at our word because over 300 people were served.

Due to the generous donations of people and businesses the benefit cleared \$3070.27. While no count was taken it appeared that there were as many people from Robert Lee as from Bronte at the benefit. It was great to see a community come together to help someone, then be such interesting rivals on the basketball court.

#### Tennyson Pastor retiring

Rev. Bryan Ross has announced his retirement as pastor of Tennyson Baptist Church effective at the end of February. He has served for the past 11 years.

Previous to this pastorate he served as Director of Missions for the Big Spring-San Angelo Baptist area for 21 years. During his 53 years of ministry he pastored 6 Texas Baptist churches.

Mrs. Alice Ross served as a kindergarten teacher at Harris Avenue Baptist Church in San Angelo for 27 years. The Rosses will continue to live in their home in San Angelo.

#### Art extravaganza to benefit WTRC

One hundred twenty artists and artisans will display more

#### colors to bronzes, ceramics and wood - all of which will be for sale. Location for the event is at Fort Concho's Commissary and Quartermaster buildings,

than 230 works in various

mediums at the third annual

Stribling Art Extravaganza

February 22-24 at historic Fort

Concho in San Angelo. The

event benefits West Texas

Beverly and Ben Stribling

are underwriting the show and

sale which features the artistic

talents of current and former

residents of San Angelo and

Displayed works will range

from oils, acrylics and water-

Rehabilitation Center.

the Concho Valley.

located off South Oakes Street in San Angelo Hours are 10 am to 7 pm,

Friday, February 22; 10 am to 7 pm, Saturday, February 23 and 1 to 4 pm, Sunday, February 24. Admission is

"We're very pleased with the response from local and area artists which has increased from last year," said WTRC President/CEO Woody Gilliland. "We're equally proud to provide an opportunity for the public to see the tremendous amount of artistic talent in the region and, at the same time, provide an avenue of support for West Texas Rehab Center."

More event information is available by contacting Donor Relations at WTRC - 915-223-

#### Churches of Robert Lee

Invite You to Worship

**Emmanuel Pentecostal** PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy (915) 453-2360 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor

Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm First United Methodist Church PO Box 144 •9th & Chadbourne (915) 453-2417

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

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

Wed. 7 pm **Pecan Baptist** PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy (915) 453-4645 Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor

11 am & 6 pm, Worship thside Church of Christ PO Box 698 •8th & Houston (915) 453-2176 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

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

**HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE** All facilities of these banks will be

**CLOSED** Monday, February 18th





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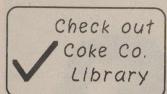
453-2545 473-2911 Robert Lee, TX Bronte, TX

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Lee in 1976, as was Wilson in Lucile is survived by her husband, Wilson Bryan; her children, Jerry Dean of Austin,

the state. Lucile was voted

Citizen of the Year in Robert



The Coke County Library lost a grand patron last week. Lucile Bryan left her historical legacy of the Coke County Pageant in the library last year. There are many volumes of pictures taken during rehearsals for each of the years the pageant was under her direction. She also left many of the references sources she used to keep the pageant vibrant each year. Booklets, newspaper clippings, and letters compile the collection. Her reference questions were a challenge, but the delight she found in the answers to her questions never decreased. Memorials to Mrs. Bryan will be used to upgrade the collection of local and re-

gional history.

The Story Hour group met
Thursday morning for a Valentine party. The moms got together to provide treats and a Valentine exchange. The group made Valentine sacks last week to fill up this morning with their treasures.

The library sale is planned for Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be superior hardback books for \$1.00. All other hardbacks will be sold for 25 cents. All paperbacks will be sold for 10 cents. The books to be sold include mystery, romance, and general fiction. Some non-fiction will be available as

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday morning at 9:30. The students ride the Thunderbird Bus to the library. Adults are welcome to join the activities.

#### Arrests/Charges filed for January 2002

Roy Dwayne Pickett II -Driving while intoxicated, 1st -01-01-02

James Prescott Carter Johnson - Reckless driving -01-11-02

Jeremy Wayne Edging -Possession of marijuana - 01-

Bradley Scott Davis - Possession of marijuana - 01-27-02

John Edward Heldenbrand -Possession of marijuana -Driving while intoxicated, 1st -01-27-02

#### Coke County Court Dispositions January 16, 2002 The State of Texas vs:

William Leon Ferguson Charge: Assault causes bodily injury - family member

Plea: \$500 fine, 30 days probated 12 months, \$211 Court

The State of Texas vs: Coby Clayton Carper

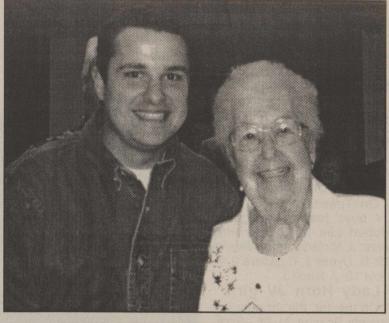
Charge: Driving while intoxicated

Plea: 60 days confinement, probated 12 months, DWI Course

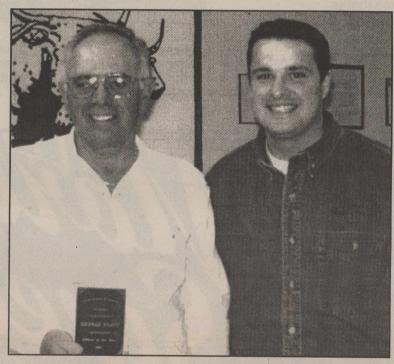
The State of Texas vs: Coby Carper

Charge: Theft

Plea: \$300 fine, \$210.25 Court Cost, 40 hours Com-



Bronte Chamber of Commerce Representative Brian Arrott presents Marie Arrott with the Pioneer Award at the annual Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet.



Bronte Chamber of Commerce Representative Brian Arrott presents George Snapp, Outstanding Citizen of the Year, with the award at the annual Chamber banquet.

munity Service, 6 months deferred adjudication

The State of Texas vs: Justin Richard Cox Charge: Evading arrest/detention Plea: 60 days concurrent credit for time served

Coke County Court Dispositions January 28, 2002 State of Texas vs: Renee Bohannon

Charge: Assault causes bodily injury

Plea: \$500 fine, \$256.00 Court Cost, 40 hours Community Service

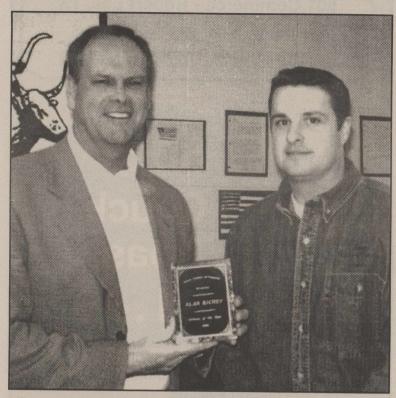
State of Texas vs: Denny Ray Bohannon Charge: Assault causes bodily

injury Plea: \$500 fine, \$211.00 Court Cost, 40 hours Community Service





# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte Chamber of Commerce Representative Brian Arrott presents Alan Richey, Outstanding Citizen of the Year, with the award at the annual Chamber banquet.



Bronte Chamber of Commerce Representative Brian Arrott presents Pat Lee, Outstanding Educator of the Year in Reading, with the award at the annual Chamber banquet.

Bronte Longhorn basketball On the 5th, the Longhorns

won against Robert Lee by a score of 44-40. Scoring were: BJ Hall 9, Joel Webb 2, Tyson



Breakfast Monday, Feb. 18 Breakfast pizza, orange juice, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 19 Sausage rolls, apple juice,

milk Wednesday, Feb. 20 Scrambled eggs, grape

juice, toast, milk Thursday, Feb. 21 Donut, sliced peaches,

toast, milk Friday, Feb. 22 Cereal, sliced pears, biscuit,

Lunch Monday, Feb. 18

Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, tator tots, sliced peaches, marshmallow krispie squares, milk Tuesday, Feb. 19

Soft taco with cheese, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce & tomato, flour tortilla, chocolate pudding, milk Wednesday, Feb. 20

Sub. sandwiches, sliced turkey and cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, orange half, bun, chips, chocolate chip cookies, milk

Thursday, Feb. 21 Oven fried chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet corn, rolls, jello, milk

Friday, Feb. 22 Frito pie, chili & cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn chips, ice cream cups,

Baker 2, Dalton Graves 12, Scott Snyder 2, and Charlie Bettis 17.

Their record overall is 15-10 and district 4-4.

Longhorn JV boys

On Tuesday, the 5th, the JV boys team won against Robert Lee 31-17. Scoring were: J. Minjarez 4, C. Williams 10, B. Dyess 2, C. Moore 2, K. Hoyt 10, J. Isreal 3.

Lady Horn JV girls

On the 1st, the JV girls lost against Roscoe 31-21. Scoring were: Natalee Reed 5, Corin Garcia 2, Kailey Howell 8, Ryan Martinez 2, Jasmine Kresta 4. They made 7-16 free throws.

On the 5th, the JV lost to Robert Lee 31-13. Scoring were: Natalee Reed 6, Corin Garcia 1, Ryan Martinez 2, Monica DeLaGarza 4. There were 6 of 15 free throws made.



Bronte Chamber of Commerce Representative Brian Arrott presents Heather Lee, Outstanding Educator of the Year in Math, with the award at the annual Chamber banquet.



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#### Jackie Walker -----



Jackie Walker

I would like to thank the citizens of Coke County for allowing me to serve as County Judge for two terms. I have worked hard during my tenure to be a good representative for Coke County. I feel that I am the most qualified to serve as your Judge for the next term. My experience as Municipal Judge, Mayor and County Judge has given me the training and knowledge that is required to administer your County Government. This job requires more than a regular forty-hour week. You pay for a full time Judge. I feel You deserve to have a full time Judge. I have served eight of the ten years required for Coke County retirement.

During my tenure, the County Personnel has, doubled the size of Wackenhut, changed it to a boys facility, built the Pavilion at Bronte, accepted the building from the Ratliffs and created the Coke County Anne pleted several pav jects, added a deputy ugh the grant process for three years, obtained a drug dog, replaced the air/heat at the courthouse, repairs at both recreation centers, decreased the county's portion of match on several working grants, received several library grants, and completed the 9-1-1 addressing. The entire commissioners court, officials and department heads are involved. We all work together and when each does his or her part, the county prospers. County government is set up different than other businesses. There is not a boss, but each and every elected official has certain responsibilities. Checks and balances are important and must be followed. The open door policy is and will remain in force as long as I remain your County Judge. Your visits are always welcomed.

Several years ago, I was approached to run for Mayor and that is when I became involved in government. Government has been the job I've enjoyed most and I feel the experience and training I've gained has been and is invaluable. I served as Municipal Judge and Mayor for five vears before being approached to run for County Judge. I've attended the required Judicial Education courses and as many administrative sessions as possible. The boards and committees I serve on as Coke County's representative have allowed me to make many contacts that are invaluable to the County. Networking is very important in County Government. My latest appointment

was to the Judicial Administrative Education Advisory Board of which I serve as Vice President. I also serve on the following: State of Texas Indigent Health Care Advisory Board - Concho Valley Council of Governments, as Chairman and also five committees - Texas Association of Regional Councils, four committees - Texas Association of Commissioners and Judges, one committee - Rural County Judges Association - Coke County Historical Committee - Coke County Emergency Management Committee - Coke County Juvenile Justice Board - Concho Valley MHMR Board of Trustees.

I've spent most of my life being a Mother and an active involved citizen. I feel you must give of yourself and in return you will be given unto. I attend church at the Robert Lee Baptist Church and teach a Sunday School Class, I drive the ambulance when needed, and assist with Youth work when possible. I worked in a doctor's and attorney's office, owned a bakery and tax preparation business while in Junction. After moving to Robert Lee during 1979 we bought the motel and I opened my tax office.

I was born and raised in Coke County. My husband, Ralph Walker and I moved to Junction for seventeen years, then as most Coke County people, we chose to come home and Ralph died shortly thereafter. I have four daughters, Loretta Bridges, Carla-Moore, Pamela Talley and Frankie Gartman. I am happy to say that all four of my daughters graduated from college and have good careers. I have four son-in-laws and seven grandchildren that in my opinion are the best. Needless to say I have been blessed with a loving and caring family. I'm the daughter of Calvin and Cova Sparks, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lem Cowley and Mr. & Mrs. Enoch Sparks - all lifetime residents of Coke County.

Maintaining county integrity and progress requires total commitment. Lifeel the people want and need a full time judge. The job is demanding, but it is one I love. I respectfully ask for your vote and support in the upcoming election.

#### Music festival slated for Ballinger

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Sunday, February 17, at First Baptist Church in Ballinger for a music festival.

The music festival will begin at 4:00 pm. Dale Ellis, music director is in charge of the program. Churches that will have individuals, ensembles, instrumentalists or choirs that would like to sing or play, may contact Dale Ellis at 915-365-2830.

We receive three educations, one from our parents, one from our schoolmaster, and one from the world. The third contradicts all that the first two teach us.

Montesquieu

## Political Profiles

#### Roy Blair -----



Roy Blair

Roy Blair is a Coke County product, being raised in Robert Lee. He is a graduate of Robert Lee High School. After graduation, he attended Angelo State University, St. Edwards University and Bee County Jr. College. Roy graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy, June 15th, 1974. He retired from DPS in May of 2001 after serving 27 years, 4 months. He was stationed in Gonzales, Texas for 3 years, Sterling City, Texas for 4 1/2

years before being stationed in Coke County until his retirement. He retired at the rank of Senior Trooper, holds a Masters Peace Officer license, is an instructor for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education and is currently commissioned as a Special Ranger for the Texas Department of Public Safety. Roy has received 1985 hours of training in law enforcement which includes training in driving, cultural diversity, special investigative skills, sexual harassment prevention, civil disturbance, family violence, child abuse or neglect, hazardous materials and legislative laws.

Roy is married to Judy Gartman and they have two children. Tracie and husband, J.J. Tennison live in Abilene, Texas with their two children, Joshua and Ashlie. Joe and wife, Daisy also live in Abilene and have one son, Stran. Bill and Eula Fay Blair of Robert Lee are Roy's parents. Judy's parents are Douglas and Erma Lee Gartman, also of Robert Lee.

Roy serves his county and community in various functions. He is a Deacon at Pecan Baptist Church where he also serves as an Adult Sunday School teacher. He has been a member of the Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club since 1993. He has served as president, vice-president and is currently the secretary/treasurer. Other civic duties include member of the Coke County Water Supply Board and the Coke County Liaison Station for the State of Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Roy owns and operates Rock Oil Company, which he started in 1985. He also owns Rock Solid Communications where he serves, since 1993, as an agent for Texas Cellular. Roy also is an electrical contractor in Coke County.

As a candidate for Coke County Judge, Roy knows the importance of the position and feels he is qualified to serve as County Judge. Roy would appreciate your consideration in the March 12th Democratic Primary Election.

#### George Brickey -----



George Brickey

George Brickey is a candidate for County Judge of Coke County. He has for the past three years and is currently serving as municipal judge for the City of Robert Lee. George worked six years for Texas Farm Bureau

Insurance and Financial Planning serving Coke County. He was a correctional officer for seven years with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Division. George was also employed twenty years in Aviation corporate management and budgeting, and six years in the United State Army Security division.

He and his wife, Lea Ann, have been married for 25 years. They have three children: Justin, who is serving in the United States Air Force in Saudi Arabia; Michael attends Robert Lee High School; and Clayton Tanner, who attends Robert Lee Elementary School

George attended North Texas University, majoring in business management, accounting, and aviation. He holds an associates degree in personnel management. He attended annual courses in criminal law, traffic law, and courtroom application. George has had aviation security training by the FBI and FAA, and has attended an annual 40 hour court and criminal law course.

He and Lea Ann are members of the Robert Lee Baptist Church, where he assists with the youth department.

Mr. Brickey ended his profile interview with the following statement: "I, George Brickey, would like to use my knowledge and ability to serve you, the people of Coke County, as your county judge, with your best interests in mind."



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!

J. D. and Mary Jo Harmon

Married on February 14, 1942, in Ballinger, Texas

With Love,

Frank, Mandy, Damon, Erin, and Brandon Box

investments
you need
and the
excellent
service
you deserve.

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Trichelle Gray earned a #1 rating at the UIL Tuesday, Feb. 12th. Region 2 Solo and contest in Ensemble Abilene on February 9. The only 1A student to compete, she competed with students from 2A, 3A, impressive score of 31-12. 4A and 5A schools. Scoring were Soliz 2, Ro-Trichelle sang "Danza Danza Fanciulla Gentile" in Italian at the regional competition. Trichelle will compete at the state level on May 27 and 28 at for the season and 8-0 district. Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. She is the daughter of Jim and Brenda Gray of Robert Lee.

Lady Steers varsity

The Lady Steers ended the regular season last Tuesday night (5th) at Bronte with a 58-47 win, bringing their season record to 23-2 and their district record to 7-1, tying them with Roby. A playoff game with Roby was played last Friday night (8th), with the results being unknown at press

In the Bronte game, the Lady Steers jumped out to a



Breakfast Monday, Feb. 18 Orange juice/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk Tuesday, Feb. 19

Orange juice/apple juice, pop tart, cereal, milk Wednesday, Feb. 20 Orange juice/apple juice, donut, cereal, milk

Thursday, Feb. 21 Orange juice, apple juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk

Friday, Feb. 22 Orange juice, apple juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Lunch Monday, Feb. 18 Pizza, corn, salad, chocolate pudding, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 19 Chicken O's, macaroni & cheese, peas, rolls, pears, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Beef, bean, cheese burrito, salad, French fries, pineapple, milk

Thursday, Feb. 21 Lasagna, green beans, salad, rolls, applesauce, milk Friday, Feb. 22

Hot dog, chili, cheese, tator tots, fruit cocktail, milk

39-22 half-time lead and coasted to an eleven point win. Jodee Helwig scored 21 points and Whitney Millican added 15 to lead the Lady Steers in the scoring column. Krystal Soliz came off the bench to add 8 points. Others scoring included Jennifer Alexander 6, Shanna Wojtek 5, Kizre Matthews 2, and Rachelle Mills 1.

Regardless of how the district playoff with Roby turns out, the Lady Steers will face either Crosbyton, the runnerup of district 5-A or Rotan, the winner of district 5-A, on

Lady Steers JV results

On the 5th, the JV girls took command of their game against Bronte and won by an driguez 3, Lott 4, Cervitos 1, Wallace 2, Riley 2, Roe 6, N. Sanchez 4, Kendall 2 and M. Sanchez 5.

The JV girls record is 17-5

#### TDH advises giving older children a boost in autos

"When?" demanded a peeved 5 year old from the backseat of the family auto. "When can I be out of this baby seat? I'm a big boy."

At 45 inches tall and weighing close to 42 pounds, he is too large for the convertible car safety seat that he had ridden in since birth. From his point of view, he is a big boy too big for the "baby seat".

Texas Department of Health (TDH) child safety officials agree with this kindergartner's assessment but caution that he still is not ready for just a seat belt.

"Studies indicate that although more and more parents are conscientious about putting infants and toddlers in child safety seats, there is a safety gap when it comes to 4to 8-year olds," said Johnny Humphreys with the Safe Riders Program at TDH. "Only about 10 percent of children in that age category actually ride in booster seats."

When children outgrow child safety seats, usually at about 40 pounds, most are then restrained with a vehicle's safety belts alone, even though these restraints are designed for adults and do not fit children properly.

"Children are not ready for seat belts alone until they reach 80 pounds and are 4 feet 9 inches tall," Humphreys said.

In a crash, children can actually suffer injuries from ill-fitting seat belts. A recent study shows that children 2 to 5 who were restrained only by the vehicle's adult seat-belt system were nearly four times more likely to suffer serious injuries in a crash than those children restrained in a child safety seat.

Booster seats are crash-

tested, proven devices that raise the child up so that the vehicle lap and shoulder belts fit properly. Booster seats provide correct fit for a child in a vehicle safety belt system in three ways:

· The lap belt will be placed low on the child's hips, rather than on the child's abdomen;

 The shoulder belt will cross the center of the child's

· The child's knees will bend at the edge of the booster seat, increasing comfort and fit.

"Many children like the sporty looks of newer types of booster seats available today," Humphreys said. "Another positive from the child's point of view is that he or she can see out the window of the vehicle better in a booster seat."

Booster seats are designed to be used in vehicles with lap and shoulder belts; they cannot be used in older vehicles with lap belts only, Humphreys said. "One safety seat is available for children weighing more than 40 pounds to use in a vehicle equipped with lap belts only."

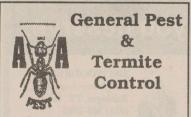
"With booster seats, children are safer and may actually enjoy the new, more grown-up seat," Humphreys said. "And those seats should be in the back seat. In fact, all children 12 years old and under should ride in the back seat, primarily because of the dangers air bags pose to children."

#### Pets pose problem for people with asthma

For asthmatics, sharing a home with a furry friend can be risky. According to Dr. Benjamin Interiano, a pulmonologist and associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, the most important thing to remember with any allergy is to avoid the source.

"If a person is allergic to a pet, the best thing for them is to remove the pet from the home," Interiano said. "If that's not possible, the animal should be kept outside the asthma sufferer's living space, including bedrooms and family rooms."

Dogs and cats are the main culprits, however any animal with fur or feathers can aggravate asthma. When pets live inside, it is impossible to avoid contact with their hair, dander and various contaminants emitted from the urine and feces into the air.



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#### David Rawlings -----



**David Rawlings** 

I am currently completing my first term as County Commissioner Pct. 4. My family consists of my wife, Kary and my children, Rebecca, Philip, and Samuel. We have been residents of Coke County for 12 years. The Rawlings family has deep roots in Coke County. My great-grandfather settled here in 1888 and was elected County Commission in 1904.

I graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. While attending college I worked for Scherz Landscape Co. After graduation I worked briefly for Builder's Service Co., before going into the ranching busi-

My community involvement includes having served on the Tax Appraisal Review Board,

the Coke County Trappers Association and as President of the PTA at Bronte ISD. I am currently a member of the Bronte Evening Lions Club, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger and serve on the Health Advisory Council at Bronte ISD.

In my position as County Commissioner, I represent the County on the Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development Board. Commissioner I have completed 32 hours of continuing education. I believe my experience is an asset to the County. I am committed to working for the betterment of the County within the constraints of the budget. I will work for the continued maintenance of our roads and city streets, as well as our park and county buildings. Currently I am researching grants that will enable us to upgrade our pools and parks. Law enforcement in our county is a strength and I will continue to support it.

I am proud of my relationship with all county officials as well as officials in the schools and cities. My goal is to be open to new and better ways of serving the citizens of Coke County. Your ideas and suggestions are taken seriously.

Thank you for your support. David R. Rawlings

## Political Profiles

#### George Snapp -----



George Snapp

Personal Information: George was born on March 27, 1932 in Fisher County, TX. Wife: Jimmie of Bronte, Sons: David and Jimmy Snapp of Odessa, Daughters: Karen Phillips of Odessa, and Annette Dorris of Arlington, Step Daughters: Vickie Parker of Robert Lee and Terri Gardner of Blanchard, OK. Step Son: Lea Daggett of El Paso.

Education: Rotan Schools -Rotan, TX; Texas Trade School - Dallas, TX; Odessa Jr. College - Odessa, TX.

Armed Forces: US Army Cpl. Korea 1953-1955.

Work History: American Meter - Garland, TX 19521958, Technician; Odex Engineering Inc. - Odessa, TX, and Hobbs, NM, 1958-Construction 1964, Superintendent and Store Manager; Calibration Services Inc. - Odessa and Monahans, TX, 1964-1970, Co-owner and Vice President; Snapp Lease Works, Inc. - Odessa, TX 1970-1996, Owner and President; Retired in 1996.

Community Service: Monahans, TX - Jaycees 1964-1968, Director and VP; Little League Coach 1964-1969, Secretary and Treasurer; Girls Softball Organization 1965-1969, Organizer and VP; Cub Scouts 1966-1968, Cub Master. Odessa, TX - Little League Coach 1971-1972. Bronte, TX: Lions Club 1996-Present, Member; Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary 1997-1998, Organizer and Vice President; Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary 1999-2000, President; Coke County Food Bank 2000-current Board Member; RSVP of Concho Valley 1998 - current Board Member; Economic Development 1998 - current Board Member; Bronte Community Chest 2000 - present Chairman; City Council

1998 - present Councilman.

Awards: Monahans Jaycees Distinguished Service Award 1968; Youth Work Award 1968; Director of the Year 1967; Youth Work Award Monahans Little League 1968; Named in the US Jaycees Outstanding Young Men of America 1969; Named by Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year, Feb. 2002, Bronte.

Religious Affiliation: Member of the First United Methodist Church, Sunday School teacher - Monahans, TX; Member of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Youth Leader 1971-1977, Odessa, TX: Current member of the First Baptist Church, Teen Sunday School teacher - Bronte, TX.

Statement to Voters: With my 30+ years experience in business, working for and with people, knowledge of equipment and three years on Bronte City Council, I am your best vote for County Commissioner Precinct #4. 1 am asking the voters of Bronte, Tennyson, and all voters of Precinct #4 for your support and vote in the March 12, 2002 primary.

#### William J. Thomas -----

I am a candidate for County Commissioner Precinct 4. I was born and raised in Tennyson, TX. I graduated from Bronte High School in 1950 and attended San Angelo Junior College. Served during the Korean War in the Army Sig. Corps. 1953-1955, with a tour of duty in Japan. Retired in 1988 after working for Western Electric Co. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for 34 years. Moved back to Coke County in 1991, with my wife, Martha

> **Board members** elected for Little League

The Coke County Little League had a meeting on Feb. 7, 2002 and elected the Board members for the 2002-2003 baseball season. Members elected to office were Kenny White - President: Roger Rowan - Vice President; Ronda Sedden - Treasurer; Angie Hoyt - Secretary; Kyle James - Safety Officer; Blake Hoyt - Player Agent.

#### Look Who's New Shae Nicolas Guerra

Shae Nicolas Guerra was born Feb. 5, 2002, 8:49 am at Odessa Regional Hospital, weighing 4 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 17 inches long.

Parents are Tracy Torres and Stevie Guerra and siblings, Emily and Linsey Arellano. Grandparents are Ross and Olga Torres of Robert Lee and Ida and Wilburn Wehlmann of Rowena.

Among his other jobs, Abraham Lincoln worked as a professional wrestler.

and 3 of our 4 children Kevin, Edwin, Karen Thomas and Melinda Brasuell.

If elected Commissioner, I will serve all the people in Precinct 4 and Coke County. I realize Coke County has limited funds, but we could do a better job on the roads and how the tax money is spent.

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Phelan Wrinkle

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Coke County Treasurer. I have been with the county for 17 years. I worked for Maureen Vosburg in the Tax Office and ran for County Treasurer in 1986. I took office in 1987 and been fortunate to have had that position since that

#### Phelan Wrinkle -----



sion, West Coke County Community Development and have been the treasurer of that association for several vears. I am a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

I am from Coke County; my

parents are the late Jesse and

Valeria Parker. I have two

grown children, Kerry Don

Wrinkle, from Vernon and

Kristi Silvas, from San Angelo.

I have two grandchildren, Ky

and Craig Wrinkle, from Ver-

I am a member of Coke

County Historical Commis-

I had the honor of being named the Outstanding County Treasurer for the State from the County Treasurer's Association of Texas. This is an honor that is voted on by the County Treasurers from all the counties in Texas.

am a certified investment office, which requires 20 hours additional education that excludes my 20 hours that are required by the State. I have been a director for the State association from my re-

I have enjoyed my years as your County Treasurer, and I promise to continue to do the very best that I can to take care of this office.

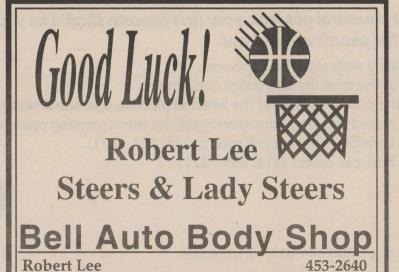
I would appreciate your vote and support for re-election to the office of County Treasurer on March 12, 2002.

#### **VOTERS OF COKE COUNTY**

Even though I am unopposed in the March 12 Primary Election, your vote confidence to elect me as Tax Assessor/Collector would be greatly appreciated.

> Thank you, **Gayle Sisemore**

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Gayle Sisemore, PO Box 952, Robert Lee, TX 76945.



#### Saving energy costs at home

Your dad was right: Turn off the lights!

Shutting off the lights when you leave the room does save electricity and lowers energy bills.

And it's just one of the simple, inexpensive ways to save energy and money recommended by Janie Harris, Texas Cooperative Extension housing and environment specialist.

"Many things people can do to reduce energy consumption involve changing behavior," she said, such as getting in the habit of turning off lights when leaving the room.

"There are a lot of other things they can do that don't cost a lot of money."

Heating and cooling, on average, accounts for almost half of a home's energy usage - 44 percent, Harris said - which means saving energy in those areas can really impact utility bills.

For example, don't set the air conditioner so low. Just a 2-degree increase in the setting - say, from 72 degrees to 74 degrees - can save \$30 to \$50 each month in the cost of cooling, Harris said.

To maximize savings even further, "make sure the building...is sealed," she said. Check for air leaks around doors, windows, fireplace dampers and recessed lighting. When these little leaks are sealed, the air conditioner doesn't have to come on as often because cooler air stays inside longer. (Likewise in winter, when the heater doesn't have to work so hard because more of the warmed air stays inside.)

And turn off ceiling fans if no one is in the room. Harris said ceiling fans stir the air and cause perspiration to evaporate off the skin - they don't actually lower the temperature of the air. If no one is in the room, keeping the ceiling fan on is just wasting electricity.

Another 33 percent of a home's energy usage is caused by lighting, cooking and other appliances, Harris said. One way to maximize energy savings there is to replace ordinary incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient fluorescent ones.

Initially, fluorescent light bulbs look expensive - most will be in the \$8 to \$12 range but in the long run they are real money-savers. A fluorescent light bulb has an average life span of 10 years, Harris said, and uses a lot less energy. Incandescent bulbs spend 90 percent of their energy giving off heat, and only 10 percent giving light; fluorescent bulbs are closer to 50 percent heat and 50 percent light. Plus, a fluorescent bulb of about 27 watts gives the same amount of light as a 100 watt incandescent bulb, she added.

In his booklet, "Energy Savers," the U.S. Department of Energy suggests replacing just one-quarter of the incandescent light bulbs in a home's high-use areas with fluorescent ones can result in about 50 percent savings on the home's lighting energy

Using task lighting - for instance, over the sink or the desk, focusing on just the

task at hand - instead of lighting up the whole room can also save energy dollars spent on lighting, Harris said.

About 14 percent of a home's energy usage comes from heating water, Harris said. One of the best ways to keep the hot water heater running at its peak is to flush the tank at least every six months. Check the owner's manual or call a professional for advice on this process.

The U.S. Department of Energy also recommends:

\*Repairing leaky faucets quickly;

\*Insulating hot-water storage tank and pipes (but not the thermostat - professional advice may be necessary, especially for gas or oil water heaters);

\*Lowering the temperature on the thermostat; and

\*Using non-aerating, lowflow faucets and showerheads.

When it comes to major appliances, nothing consumes energy like the refrigerator - about 9 percent of the home's total energy bill, Harris said - and opening and closing the refrigerator door should be kept to a minimum. That's why refrigerators with water and ice dispensers in the door are energy-savers - and convenient too.

When buying any major appliance, Harris advised, check the energy usage label carefully. The most energy-efficient appliances will have labels with the usage arrow farther over to the left.

And always buy appliances with the Energy Star label.

This seal of approval "was created by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," according to the booklet, "Energy Savers." Appliances with the Energy Star label have been rated the most energy-efficient on the market.

Lowering home energy costs doesn't have to be an expensive proposition. But a few simple steps can help save a bundle.

#### **News from ACT**

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 6, 2002, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 1. Late registration postmark deadline is March 15 (an additional fee is required for late registration)

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$24 (\$27 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects



Brandon Poehls and Britni Adams were named Outstanding Students of the year at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet.

their high school curriculum. The ACT was taken by students nearly 2 million times last year.

Important tips - Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than

once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online on ACT's website - www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

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# Political Profiles

#### Gayle Sisemore -----

My husband Tommy and I and daughter Misti moved to Robert Lee in 1991 from Muleshoe, Texas. We have five daughters, two sons (one deceased) and eight grandchildren.

In my "spare" time I enjoy my 2 grandchildren that live here and also enjoy reading, sewing, crocheting and cross

My history with Local Government dates back to 1981 when I was a dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office in Bailey County, later dispatching for the Muleshoe Police Department and also secretary for the Chief of Police in Muleshoe.

In September of 1991 I began as part-time deputy in the Coke County Tax Office and later advanced to Second Deputy followed by Chief Deputy position until August 2001 when I was appointed as Tax Assessor Collector after the resignation of Kristy Roe.

The Tax Assessor Collector is required by law to be certified in the field of assessment and collections. I have completed two of four required courses prior to the State exam. I plan to take the remaining courses in the spring of 2002 and, if funds permit, the State Exam soon after-



Gayle Sisemore

Working in the tax office has allowed me the privilege of meeting the public on a regular basis and seeing these acquaintances through each passing year. In Coke County we are blessed by being populated by a wonderful group of people that I have had the pleasure to serve while working in the tax office.

As Tax Assessor Collector I would strive to continue to serve the citizens of Coke County with the service and dedication they deserve.

Even though I do not have an opponent in the upcoming election I would appreciate your vote and support.

saves taxpayer dollars by eliminating costs associated with printing and mailing child support warrants.

"Direct deposit is a quick and efficient way for parents to receive child support payments that are needed to feed and clothe their children. I am encouraging all eligible parents to enroll in this important program because it helps families and saves taxpayer dollars," said Attorney General

In July 2001 the Attorney General's Child Support Division (CSD) began offering direct deposit to parents on a trial basis. In December the CSD launched an outreach campaign to encourage the 350,000 custodial parents who receive their child support payments through the Texas Child Support Disbursement Unit (TxCSDU) to enroll in direct deposit.

The TxCSDU was created in April 2000 under a federal mandate that requires states to provide one location for employers to send child support payments withheld from employee pay checks. The TxCSDU processes more than 700,000 child support warrants a month with a projected increase to 1 million warrants per month by August

Printing and mailing a child support warrant costs 97 cents, compared to only 3 cents for electronic delivery. If 50 percent of eligible custodial parents convert to direct deposit, taxpayers will save \$5.6 million per year once the



The Bronte Elementary "A" Honor Roll Luncheon for the 3rd Six Weeks was held recently at the BHS Home Economics Building. Honorees included Stacia Brannan, Chelsea Cook, Emily Fiveash, Bill Miller, Shelbi Waller, Jessi England, Samuel Rawlings, Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, and Cody Wallace. School Counselor Vicky McCutchen was the guest speaker. Others attending the luncheon were Alan Richey, Terry Marrs, Frances Williams, Kandace Arrott, Pat Lee, Lisa Dyess, Heather Lee and David Rawlings.

program is fully implemented. Parents who sign up for direct deposit will receive their child support quicker because the time it takes to mail and

cash a check is eliminated. Direct deposit reduces the risk of warrant theft, and provides convenience by saving extra trips to the bank.

Parents receiving child support payments through the Texas Child Support Disbursement Unit can obtain a direct deposit authorization form by calling 1-800-252-8014, or by visiting the Attorney General's website at www.oag.state.tx.us and selecting child support.

#### Bill Wheat -----



**Bill Wheat** 

I was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Mc-Cutchen, Commissioner Pct. 2. In the past 14 months, I have learned quite a bit about County business, met with a lot of people, all of which I am proud to know.

My qualifications remain the same, with some additions. I was born Sept. 6 a long time ago, raised by parents who taught me the meaning of a job well done. My education consists of high school, one year of college, and a whole lot of trials and errors. I have owned and operated my own businesses, starting out with a welding rig in 1952, expanding to a construction company. I sold the company in 1972, went to work for Tilson-Godsey, John Deere dealer, as shop foreman, in charge of repair and modification of John Deere and other makes

of equipment.

In 1974, I bought a motorcycle dealership in Midland, Texas, sold the business and real-estate in 1979, moved to Oak Creek Lake, established a construction company, doing carpenter, concrete, landscaping, electrical, plumbing, roofing, and all the things connected with new construction and remodeling.

I am a member of the First Methodist Church in Bronte, married to a wonderful woman for a short time (53 yrs.), have one daughter, Teri, who is currently a counselor in Elgin High School, two grand-daughters, Jill, a personal trainer in Plano, Texas, and Wendy, who is completing her teacher training at Central High School in San Angelo and will graduate from ASU this spring.

I am seeking the position of commissioner of precinct 2. Your support and vote will be greatly appreciated.

#### **Attorney General** encourages direct deposit

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn recently announced a statewide campaign to inform custodial parents that direct deposit is an option for receiving their child support payments from the state. Direct deposit provides a safe, fast and convenient method for depositing child support payments directly into a parent's checking or savings account. Direct deposit also PAID ADVERTISEMENT

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heart: This week, Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is going to change that.

This Wednesday, February 13th through Monday, February 18th, Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC will offer 90 bank repossessed, lease return and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values, and pass the savings on to their customers.

'These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), auctions, and other sources," Dick Kibiloski of Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC said. "We have been asked to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. And if that means selling these vehicles for up to thousands be- tomers prompt, quality serlow normal values, then that's what we'll do."

other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just a \$59 posses-

"The opportunity San Angelo area bargain hunters have been waiting for is back! Customers may never see savings like this again."

DICK KIBILOSKI, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC

ments. Payments start as low as \$79 per month.\* "It's that simple," said Mr. Kibiloski. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. Just pick your vehicle and pick your payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under warranty. "With our pre-owned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Mr. Kibiloski added.

will be on hand to assure cus-

vice and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Kibiloski Every bank repossessed and said, "We'll have over \$4 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we sion fee\* then start making pay- can arrange financing for just

about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

Trade-ins will be accepted, customers should bring their title or payment

book to expedite delivery. "The opportunity San Angelo area bargain-hunters have been waiting for returns this Wednesday through Saturday at Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$59 then start making payments.\* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Kibiloski.

After the \$59 SuperSale ends at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 18th, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to (915) 949-1811. Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is located at 4105 Extra sales and finance staff Sherwood Way in San Angelo. Closed Sunday.

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24-tnc

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FOR RENT Small 1 BR house for rent or

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

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has a community meeting room for public use. Interested parties please call 473-3541 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am to 11:00

29-4tc

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#### GARAGE SALES

HUGE PATIO SALE Sat. 16, 8:30-12:00 pm. 501 N. Franklin, Bronte. Catch yellow ads. Lots boys baby clothes newborn - 18 months. 29-1tc

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Saturday only. 8 am - 1:00 pm. 302 S. Washington, Bronte. Stove, clothes, household etc., shoes & more.

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BARN SALE

at Suzy's Clip 'n' Snip. 114 Hickman Rd, Bronte. Fri. the 15th, 8-?.

29-1tc

3 FAMILY SALE Fri. & Sat, 8:00 - ?. Desk, some furniture, dishes and kitchenware wedding rings, Postal Proof Replicas, digital camera, car-seats, range, dishwasher & lots of misc. 602 S. Washington, Bronte. If you don't see it, ask.

29-1tp

#### CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK

everyone for their thoughts and prayers for my baby boy and I. A special thanks to the Robert Lee Headstart families & staff for the fundraiser and also to all who helped and contributed.

Sincerely, Tracy Torres & family

29-1tp

#### NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE: The West Coke County Hospital District hereby gives notice of its intention to sell a building and land located at 717 Austin Street, Robert Lee, Texas. This is Lot 9, Block 23, of the original town of Robert Lee. This sale will be by Sealed Bid. The Sealed Bid must include: the name of the proposed purchaser, the description as stated above, the bid price. The sale will be for cash. Sealed bids may be submitted to Roger Alexander, Administrator, West Coke County Hospital District. Bids will be accepted during office hours of 8 AM to 5 PM at the offices of the Hospital District. The property may be inspected by contacting Roger

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Alexander, Administrator, West Coke County Hospital District, at 307 W. 8th, Robert Lee, TX. Sealed bids are required to be submitted by 5:00 PM on March 4, 2002. Bids will be opened at 5:00 PM on March 4, 2002. The sale may be completed after March 8, 2002.

#### NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 4, 2002 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 18, 2002 and March 20, 2002. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administra-

#### 29-1tc INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS

El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Oeste De Coke hacen saber que el dia 4 de Mayo, 2002 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada tres (3) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 18 de Febrero, 2002 hasta el 20 de Marzo, 2002 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las applicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las applicaciones seran obtenidas de las 9 AM -5 PM en el Robert Lee Care Center. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador Roger Alexander.

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#### Manufactured housing

Attorney General John Cornyn

Q: I'm considering buying a manufactured home to put on some property I own. I heard there are new rules for buying homes like this. Is this cor-

Manufactured homes A: account for one third of all new homes sold in Texas today. Last year, the Texas Legislature passed HB1869, which changes the way these homes are sold and taxed. The new law classifies a mobile home as new improvement to real property if it is hooked up to utilities and permanently installed on a foundation on land also owned by the mobile home owner. This means that the owner may qualify for a homestead exemption and that the property tax rate will be the same as for other private homes.

Also, once the home is permanently attached on your land, any lien related to its purchase is converted to a lien on new improvements to the land and is covered by Texas' homestead laws. Article XVI, section 60, of the Texas Constitution was also amended this year to recognize the converted manufactured home lien. This change is meant to clarify confusion with the previous law that some consumers faced when trying to refinance their mobile

If your mobile home is located on land that you lease from someone else, it will still be classified as personal property. This is true whether the home's placement there is temporary or permanent. However, it will be appraised separately from the land it sits on and will be taxed at the same rate as other single-family homes.

HB 1869 also says that when you buy a mobile home with an existing mortgage, you must be given a disclosure statement dealing with zoning, water and sewer service, property taxes, and homeowners' association fees. The seller must also give you a written document stating the total purchase price, interest rate and repayment schedule. This disclosure must also list any future costs you will be responsible for, including property taxes, insurance, utility service or road maintenance.

In addition, closing on the

sale of a manufactured home must now take place at a federally insured financial institution, a title company or a law office. The seller may not pay any part of the down payment or closing costs related to the sale. Retailers, brokers or salespeople who arrange the purchase of the home may not receive any compensation from the seller.

Remember that these new rules only apply to mobile homes sold or permanently attached to their foundations after January 1, 2002.

Q: I own a motor home and lease space for it at a trailer park. Are there new rules my

fect April 1, 2002, creates new protections for consumers who own a mobile home or motor home and keep it on a lot leased from a trailer park or other property owner. These rules are roughly comparable to those for other residential tenants. For example, the landlord may not enter a tenant's mobile home without permission except in an emergency or if the mobile home has been abandoned.

Common areas must be open to all tenants in the park, and the landlord may not interfere with tenants' meetings. The landlord must disclose the name and address of the owner of the property where the trailer park is located and of the management company that runs it.

The law also covers maintenance and repair obligations, security deposits, subleasing, liability for property damage and eviction procedures.

Under HB 557, if a tenant's lease won't be renewed, the landlord must give 60-day notice so that the mobile home may be relocated. The law requires a 120-day notice if the property is being converted from a trailer park to some

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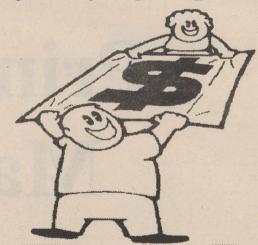
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