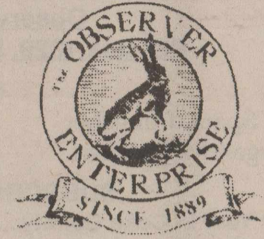


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## Weekend storms dump rain, hail in Coke County

Once again, the Memorial Day weekend proved to be one of storms in our area. Rain and hail fell Saturday and Monday evenings. The rain was accompanied by high wind and brilliant lightning.

Rainfall reports ranged from 1.5" to close to 5" in various sections of the county.

The rain is quite welcome after several years of prolonged drought. Early reports maintain that Lake Spence may double in size (from 9% of capacity to 18%) due to heavy rain on its watershed. Unfortunately, reports from Oak Creek aren't promising, with little or no difference in the level of the lake.

Water levels rose at Mountain Creek Lake in Robert Lee following Monday's deluge.

Pea and marble size hail was abundant, but many residents watched golf ball hail fall outside their windows.

Wind or small tornadoes were responsible for minor damage in and around Robert Lee and Bronte.

The storm was also responsible for power outages throughout Coke County Monday evening. Most power was restored by midnight on Monday. However, some residents west

of Robert Lee remained without power until sometime Tuesday morning.

### Fort Chadbourne Day set for June 22

Fort Chadbourne Foundation and the Bronte Chamber of Commerce will be presenting "Fort Chadbourne Days!", celebrating the Fort's 150th anniversary. The celebration will be held at the historic Fort Chadbourne near Bronte on June 22, 2002.

The celebration will include historical re-enactments, entertainment and activities for all ages.

Fort Chadbourne is located 12 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277. For more information, call (915) 743-2555 or go to the website at [www.fortchadbourne.org](http://www.fortchadbourne.org).

### Fort Chadbourne Day Celebration parade

We would like to invite you to participate in our Fort Chadbourne Day Celebration parade in Bronte, Texas on Saturday, June 22, 2002. The participants will begin lining up at Bronte Health and Rehab Center at 9:30 am.

The parade will begin at 10:00. It will last approximately 30 minutes and will conclude at the Veterans Memorial Park. We



Storms packing heavy rain, high winds, and large hail rolled through Coke County Monday evening, May 27, disturbing several family Memorial Day celebrations. Most damage in the Robert Lee and Bronte areas was not severe. However, a shed belonging to Lynn Denton and a road sign were destroyed across from Bryans' Barn on the old Sterling City highway just outside of Robert Lee.

hope you will consider joining us. We'll all have a great time!

For parade entry please call Julie Springer 473-3105 or e-mail [4jules1@gte.net](mailto:4jules1@gte.net), Fran Crumpler 473-2911 or e-mail [fgcfnbbron@wcc.net](mailto:fgcfnbbron@wcc.net). If you already have a parade entry form, mail to Bronte Chamber of Commerce Box 516 Bronte, TX 76933. Deadline to enter is June 15, 2002.

### Roping Club sets workday

The Coke County Roping Club will have a workday at the arena this Saturday, June 1, from 8:00 am until lunch. Members are asked to bring their gloves, pliers, tie wire, axes, pruning shears, welder, cutting torch, diesel, and anything else they might need to pitch in and help fix the fence and clean up the arena.

### Gospel singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, June 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

### Sanco Homecoming

The 48th annual Homecoming will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2002, at Sanco. The program will begin at the tabernacle at 10 am and will feature singing, and other special music, a devotional and other topics of interest.

A covered dish meal will follow at noon. Those who attend are invited to bring a main dish with their usual contributions of salads, desserts, etc. Iced tea will be served as usual.

Cleanup for the homecoming in Sanco will be held June 1st and 8th. Meet at the tabernacle at 9:30 am for the cleanup. Your

help will be welcomed and appreciated.

### District 4-H Leadership Lab

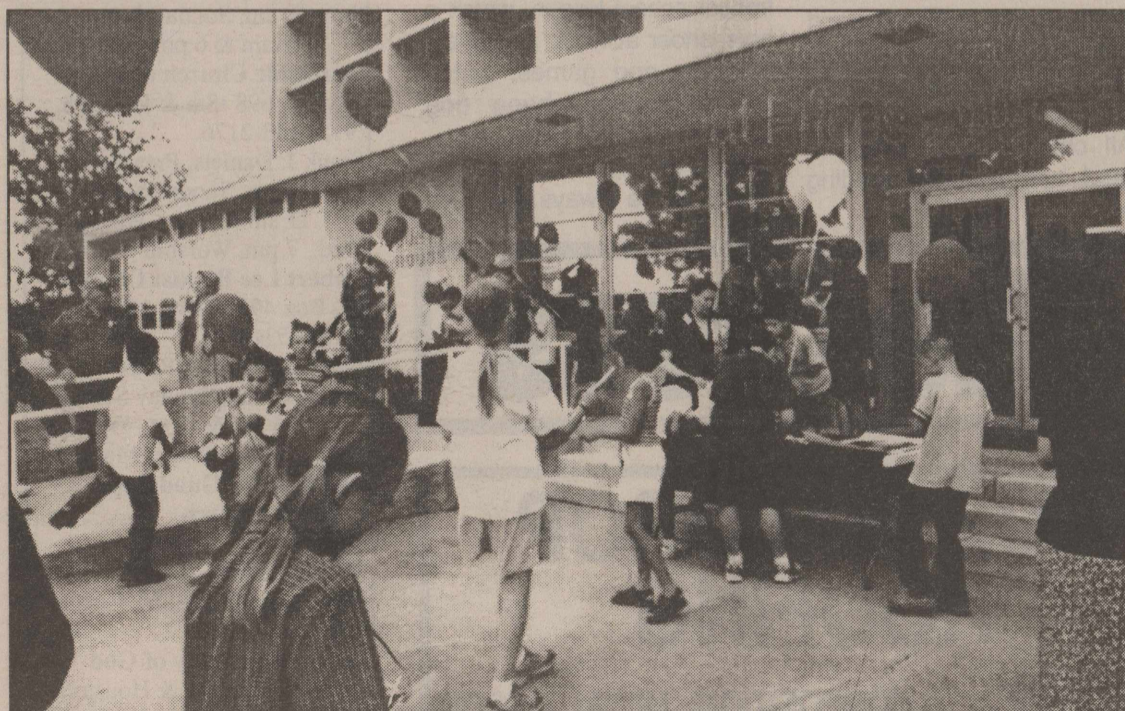
Reminder: District 4-H Leadership Lab will be held June 24-26 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Registration deadline is June 3, 2002, a deposit of \$20.00 is due at that time. District Leadership Lab is open to 4-H members who are age 13-19 as of camp date.

### CCRC names inaugural scholarship winners

The Coke County Roping Club has recently announced their inaugural scholarship winners. Each recipient received a certificate in the amount of \$100 to be applied to their college tuition at the university or commercial college of their choice.

Honorees named at Bronte include Dalton Graves, son of Roger Graves and Janet Graves of Bronte; and Morgan McCutchen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen of Bronte.

Honorees from Robert Lee include Bret Ballew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ballew of Robert Lee; and Jennifer Holladay Murray. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Holladay of Robert Lee, and just recently became the bride of Bartley Murray of Harriett.



Coke County children enjoy the festivities surrounding the tree planting ceremony at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee Wednesday morning, May 22. The tree was donated by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and planted by Bob and Carol Steakley.

Debbie Wilkes 453-2545 or Pam Millican 453-4755.

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**Excavation at  
Fort Chadbourne**

Members of the Concho Valley Archeological Society, at the invitation of Garland and Lana Richards, conducted excavation work at Fort Chadbourne on Saturday, May 11, 2002. The work centered primarily on excavation of the foundation of what may have been an officers' quarters building. This foundation is adjacent to the house originally begun for Robert E. Lee in anticipation of his transfer to Fort Chadbourne; however, his orders were changed and he was sent to another fort. The proposed Robert E. Lee house was completed after the abandonment of Fort Chadbourne and was occupied by a family named Fountain. The house is now known as the Fountain House and has been restored under the guidance of Garland and Lana Richards, on whose ranch the Fort is located.

Items found during the recent excavation included glass and pottery shards, portions of glass bottles, square nails, small pieces of metal, a musket firing primer, metal and pearl buttons, and a tooth. The excavation was under the direction and supervision of Larry Riemenschneider of Veribest, who is a Regional Steward with the Division of Archeology, The Texas Historical Commission, and also a member of the Concho Valley Archeological Society.

On June 22, Fort Chadbourne Days at Historic Fort Chadbourne will celebrate the Fort's 150th anniversary. Historical re-enactments, entertainment, and activities for all ages are planned. The Concho Valley Archeological Society will also be conducting additional excavation work as part of the activities.

For more information regarding Fort Chadbourne Days, telephone: 915/743-2555; Website: www.fortchadbourne.org; e-mail: fortchadbourne@msn.com.

If you would like more information pertaining to historic or prehistoric archeological sites, contact 915-653-8216.

**Relay for Life  
set for June 7**

The San Angelo Relay for Life will be held from 6 pm on Friday, June 7th until noon on Saturday, June 8th at San Angelo Stadium. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's way

of honoring and memorializing those with cancer and a fundraiser all at the same time.

Relay is made up of many different 15-member teams with someone from each team continuously walking for the entire 18 hours. Robert Lee will have two teams at Relay again this year.

The opening ceremonies begin at 5:45 pm on Friday with the first lap dedicated to only cancer survivors. It is quite a celebration! ALL CANCER SURVIVORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. Please call the American Cancer Society office at 944-2509 to register.

At 10 pm on Friday, a luminaria ceremony will be held. Thousands of hand-decorated luminaria bags are lit in memory of or in honor of someone with cancer. This is a very special way to remember a loved one. This ceremony is part of how Relay is also a fundraiser; luminarias can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 each. To purchase luminarias, contact any of the Robert Lee team members.

Relay for Life has several large sponsors which leaves the money raised at Relay to benefit the local American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society provides many valuable programs and services for cancer patients and their families including transportation, hotel rooms, support groups, medical equipment, education, research and more. For more information on these, call the ACS office at 944-2509.

Local team members include Nettie Autrey, Beverly Bell, JoNell Blair, Cindy Bessent, Cynthia Dillard, Kellye Duncan, Linda Eaton, Dee Anna Harmon, Valerie Howard, Jeanette Jacobs, Debbie McCabe, Pam Messer, Pam Millican, Sheri Millican, Martha Patterson, Karla Reed, Denise Roberts, Douglas Roberts, Donia Robles, Juan Robles, Dianne Simpson, Jana Smith, Pat Taft, Donna Waldrop, Cathy Waltz, Donna Watkins, and Debbie Wilkes.

Relay for Life promotes a great spirit of friendship and camaraderie. This will be the fourth year that a team from Robert Lee will be participating. It's not too late to have another team, or just make a donation. For more information, contact Dee Anna Harmon 453-2804, Cindy Bessent 453-2393,

**Spoonts celebrate  
60th anniversary**

Mr. & Mrs. Bon Spoonts celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 23, 2002 with a dinner at their home.

Cloreta Bruton & Bon Spoonts were married May 23, 1942 in San Luis Obispo, California. They have two children. John Spoonts of Ft. Worth & Linda Massengill of Bronte, one granddaughter, Stephanie Price and two great-granddaughters, Madison Price & Kristen Price of Bronte.

Mr. & Mrs. Spoonts have lived in California, Florida, San Angelo, San Antonio, Priddy, Abilene and Bronte.

He served his country during W.W.II and Korea. They ranched near Priddy and Ft. Chadbourne. The owned and operated a Casden Oil dealership in Bronte after W.W.II where he managed a baseball team, was commander of American Legion and Fire Chief. After serving in the Korean conflict he worked for Taylor Chevrolet in Abilene and Toliver Chevrolet in Haskell. She worked for Dr. O.E. Harper in Abilene.

Returning to retire in Bronte, they owned and operated a convenient store. He formed a girls soft ball team, "Bon's Girls" and they won several trophies.

Cloreta enjoys shopping for antiques. Bon retired from ranching.

**Inmates scheduled  
for work in Bronte**

Inmates will be working in Bronte the week of June 3 - 7. They will be clearing the creek bed on East Main Street and mowing at the cemetery.

Homemade cakes and cookies can no longer be accepted. Commercially packaged cookies and snacks are allowed. Anyone wanting to donate snacks or drinks can contact Pat or Lori at the Bronte City Hall, 473-3501.

**Vacation Bible School  
slated for Bronte**

Central Baptist Church, 324 South Franklin, will be having their Vacation Bible School, Jonah: An Overboard Adventure! Learning to walk in God's Ways, June 2-6 from 6-9 pm.

All children are invited to attend and anyone needing



**Mr. and Mrs. Bon Spoonts**

information, please call Larry or Linda at 473-4811. We will be having our Closing program on Thursday, June 6 at 6 pm and all parents and family are invited to attend.

Come and have a wonderful time learning about Jonah with the "VeggieTales" characters for "Saturday morning fun and Sunday morning values."

**Fort Concho  
Frontier Day**

Come bring the family to Frontier Day at Fort Concho for a morning of fun on Saturday, June 1st. Frontier Day begins at 6:30 am with the annual Lions Club pancake breakfast and activities continue until noon.

This event provides an opportunity for families, at no charge, to experience frontier life through demonstrations at the Cotton House, Cattle House, Wool & Mohair House, Mexican-American Heritage House and Pioneer Family House.

Other activities include merchants along Officer's Row, an 1880s baseball game and batting contest and live entertainment. Take a ride on Rodeo Roper, a fiberglass horse where young and old alike can try to rope a calf. Come see the Southwest Dairy Mobile Classroom with a live milk cow display, make your own rope with Emery Downen and his antique rope making machine and view the square foot garden display by the Master Gardeners. Kids can enjoy a frontier school lesson, watch a horseshoer at work, participate in crafts and games, watch sheep shearing/sheep dog demonstrations.

Back for an encore performance is the always entertain-

ing Doug Whitaker, a trick roper and gun slinger. He will thrill audiences with his bull whip performance, fancy six shooter demonstrations, trick roping and gun spinning.

Come enjoy live music with bagpipes, military music, a brass band, an accordion player, dulcimers, square dancers & cloggers provided by talented local entertainers. A special display is planned called "The Tyranny of Housework: Our Fascination with Everyday Things of the Past" featuring early household items from the Fort Concho Collections.

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**ASU Dean's List for 2002 Spring semester**

Students achieving the Dean's List, for the 2002 spring semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the honor roll are:

Blackwell - Katrina Lynn Buckner, and Wendy L. Johnson

Bronte - MaDonna Kay Evans, Scott Griffin, and Kathleen Henry Morgan

Robert Lee - Dana Michelle Holladay, Jennifer Ann Holladay, Dan R. McCown, Michael J. Pentecost, Brittanie Allison Perez, Matthew Bryan Pitcock, and Chad Matthew Stallings

Tennyson - Guadalupe Rachel Harolson

**Bell reunion held in Robert Lee**

Eleven of the nineteen grandchildren of Judge W. H. Bell and Elizabeth Bell held a cousins reunion in Robert Lee last week (May 21-24, 2002). They were sons and daughters of four of the nine daughters of Will and Lizzie: Ruby Bell Sturman, Opal Bell Brown, Alta Bell Bilbo, Ruth Bell Denman. Other Bell daughters are: Jodie Lowry, Willie Clark, Jeffie Williamson, Lois Landers, and Robbie Turner.

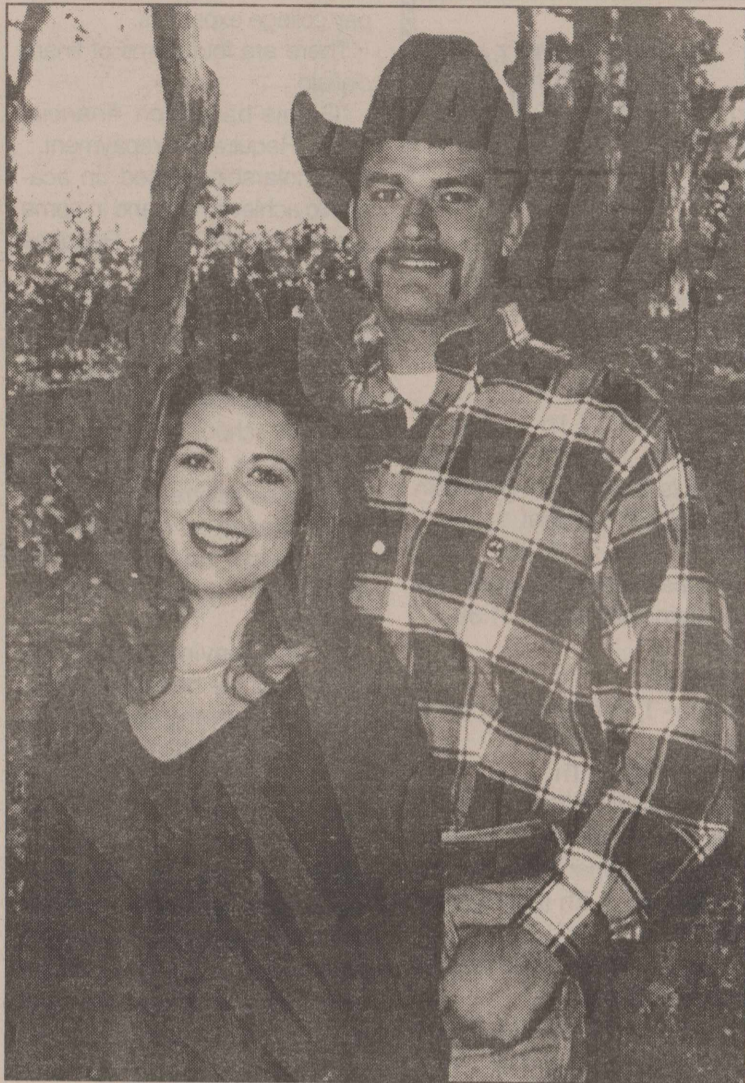
The eleven cousins present for the reunion were: Jack Sturman of Tulia; Bill Sturman of Riverside, CA; Frank Sturman of Boise, ID; Floydene Groves of Mesilla, NM; Janie Beth Sturman of Thousand Palms, CA; Gwendolyn Scherz of San Angelo; Alta Bell Kay of Alpine, Jamie Boren of Robert Lee; Janet Rathmell of Mertzon; Bill Rial Denman of Medina; and Charlotte Prickett of Lewisville.

Also attending were Mary Denman of Medina; Bob Prickett of Lewisville; Karen McClure of Springer, NM (daughter of Floydene); and Ava Lou Davis of Robert Lee.

Four of the cousins were unable to attend: Joyce Hope Brown Jarmon of Corpus Christi; Carleen Clark Craddock of Medina; Tommy Denman of San Jose, CA and Jo Ann Bilbo Littlefield of Grove, OK.

Four of the nineteen grandchildren are deceased: Marjorie Brown Lewis, Robert Lowry, Craig Landers, and Peggy Bilbo Gilmore.

The occasion of the reunion was the results of the two Sturman brothers and two Sturman sisters going to Tulia to celebrate the 80th birthday of their brother Jack Sturman.



Jerrod Pitcock and Amber Ayers will be married Saturday, August 17, 2002, at 3 pm at Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo, Texas.

Amber is the daughter of Gary and Teresa Ayers of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of Earl and Bettye Ayers and Margaret Burgess, all of San Angelo. She is employed at Elite Physique and attends Howard College in San Angelo.

Jerrod is the son of Darrel and Sharon Pitcock of Robert Lee. He is the grandson of Winnie Pitcock of Sanco and the late Teddy Pitcock, and D. J. and Nelia Walker of Robert Lee. He is employed at San Angelo Packing and is a senior at Angelo State University.

Activities of the reunion included the Denman and Sturman cousins sightseeing at the Coke County Courthouse, Grammy's Creek (Mountain Creek), viewing the site of Grammy and Papa Bell's house (the present home of Joe and Kathy Brasher), Lake Spence, First Methodist Church and the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Wednesday night all the cousins convened at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant for supper, visiting, and picture taking.

The Sturmans were raised in Elida, New Mexico and some of the New Mexico and Texas cousins had not seen each other for over fifty years. The Sturmans visited their grandparents nearly every summer when they were growing up. Jack Sturman was a frequent visitor to Robert Lee during World War II when he

was stationed at Camp Barkley in Abilene.

A highlight for the Sturman and Denman cousins was visiting with their only surviving aunt, Robbie Turner of San Angelo. She now resides at the Meadow Creek Nursing Center.

All in all, it was a joyful time for the Bell cousins and Aunt Robbie.

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



On May 7, Robert Lee Elementary 4th and 5th grade students created a Living Museum entitled American Heroes 1700-2002. The students portrayed famous Americans and presented a short speech about their chosen personality. Michael Rodriguez (left) and Mason Ross portrayed explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

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| Alexander<br>Gov./Eco. 2301 - Jennifer Alexander  | 8th Grade - Andra Braswell, Cassidy Wink<br>9th Grade - Wade Arledge, Kayli Dickey, Jake McCabe, Lindsey Roe<br>10th Grade - Jessica Fluhmann<br>11th Grade - Ashlee Millican, Shelby Roe<br>12th Grade - Jennifer Alexander, Jodee Helwig, Rachelle Mills, Bobbie Sparks |
| <b>Agriculture</b><br>9th - Cody Bridges<br>10th - Chris Eubanks<br>11th - Stewart Millican<br>12th - Jesse Cerritos                  | <b>John Phillip Sousa Band Award (for top band member)</b><br>Bobbie Sparks   |
| <b>Family Consumer Science</b><br>9th - Lindsey Roe<br>10th - Jessica Fluhmann<br>11th - Ashlee Millican<br>12th - Jennifer Alexander | <b>UIL State Meet Certificates of Achievement</b><br>Charles Abalos (Track), Stewart Millican (Track), Salomon Saucedo (Golf)   |
| <b>2001-2002 Drum Majors (Band)</b><br>Drum Major - Bobbie Sparks<br>Assistant Drum Major - Monica Barrera                            | <b>Valedictorian</b> - Bobbie Sparks<br><b>Salutatorian</b> - Jennifer Alexander<br><b>Top Ranking Boy</b> - Adam Cates   |
| <b>Principal's Citizenship Award</b><br>High School - Charles Abalos<br>Junior High - Stephanie Trejo/Carolina Vera                   |   |
| <b>A Honor Roll (all year long - HS &amp; JH)</b><br>7th Grade - Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Cody McCabe                             |   |

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- Casey Eubanks Memorial Scholarship (Archery Club)**  
Charles Abalos
- Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society Award for Outstanding Proficiency in American History**  
High School - Bobbie Sparks  
Junior High - Andra Braswell
- Perfect Attendance**  
Cassidy Wink, Carolina Vera, Stephanie Trejo, Michele Sanchez, Shelby Sailer, Lindsey Roe, Travis Taylor, Cooper Riley, Stewart Millican, Nicole Sanchez, Amie Kendall, Adam Cates
- Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Certificate**  
Jodee Helwig - Citizenship  
Bobbie Sparks - Excellence in History
- America's Homecoming Queen Finalist (top 10%)**  
Jennifer Alexander
- Certificate of Literary Merit from the High School Writer for having their written work published**  
Analay Gallegos, Kayla Medrano, Cassidy Wink, Ashley Womack
- University Interscholastic League Scholar Awards (for students that are ranked in the top 10% in their class and have made contributions in extracurricular activities)**  
\*\*\*Bobbie Sparks, \*\*\*Jennifer Alexander, \*\*\*Jodee Helwig, Jamie Chesshir, Rachelle Mills, Adam Cates, Trichelle Gray, Shanna Wojtek, Bret Ballew, Amy Riley
- Yearbook Staff**  
\*\*\*Rachelle Mills, Becky Welch, Brandon Anderson, Shelby Sailer, Matt Millegan (Editor), Robert Raney, R. J. Service, Andrea Rusgrove, Robert Sailer, Chris Eubanks, Alan Roe
- Cheerleaders (2001-2002)**  
Whitney Millican, Shelby Roe, Kizre Matthews, Kindra Matthews, Jennifer Alexander, Rachelle Mills, Trichelle Gray (Mascot)
- Top 10 Scholars for the 8th Grade**  
Andra Braswell, Cassidy Wink, Tiffany Bagwell, Cara Eaton, Stephanie Trejo, Lance Millican, Carolina Vera, Kyla Millican, Kayla Medrano, Analay Gallegos
- Student Council Officers**  
President - Jodee Helwig, Vice President - Shelby Roe, Treasurer - Whitney Millican, Secretary - Bobbie Sparks, Reporter - Lindsey Roe
- Student Council Representatives**  
8th Grade - Josh Conner, Tiffany Bagwell  
9th Grade - Omar Saucedo, Julie Riley  
10th Grade - Brian Abalos,

- Jennifer Fluhmann  
11th Grade - Ashlee Millican, Travis Pitcock
- 12th Grade - Melissa Landeros, J. J. Reyes
- Senior BETA Club Members receiving Honor Chords**  
Charles Abalos, Jennifer Alexander, Bret Ballew, Adam Cates, Jamie Chesshir, Trichelle Gray, Jodee Helwig, Melissa Landeros, Kelley Long, Kizre Matthews, Whitney Millican, Rachelle Mills, Amy Riley, Bobbie Sparks, Shanna Wojtek
- AON Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarships**  
Bret Ballew, Trichelle Gray, Bobbie Sparks
- ASU Carr Scholarship**  
Adam Cates
- Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star**  
Jodee Helwig
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- Wayland Baptist Scholarship**  
Jodee Helwig
- UTPB Presidential Scholarship (\$14,400)**  
Bobbie Sparks
- Howard College (Dora Roberts) Scholarships**  
Charles Abalos, Whitney Millican
- Coke County Roping Club Scholarship**  
Bret Ballew
- Cheerleading Scholarship**  
Whitney Millican
- Jr. High Medals for top student in each subject**  
7th Grade English - Cody McCabe  
Texas History - Kelsy Duncan  
7th Grade Math - Kelsy Duncan  
7th Grade Keyboarding - Katie Bessent  
8th Grade English - Andra Braswell  
8th Grade Math - Cassidy Wink  
Earth Science - Cassidy Wink  
G.T. - Andra Braswell  
7th Grade Reading - Jordan Brown  
8th Grade Reading - Cara Eaton

- 8th Grade Health - Cassidy Wink
- Life Science - Kelsy Duncan  
Skills for Life - Katie Bessent  
American History - Andra Braswell
- Tech Application - Cara Eaton/Andra Braswell  
Careers - Andra Braswell  
Art - Kori Logan
- High School Medals for top student in each subject**  
English I - Clarissa Peel  
English II - Andrea Rusgrove  
English III - Alice Beach  
English IV - Whitney Millican  
AP English I - Wade Arledge  
AP Statistics - Bobbie Sparks  
US History - Alan Roe  
Girls' Athletics (Most Athletic) - Whitney Millican, Jodee Helwig, Shanna Wojtek  
AP English II - Travis Taylor  
AP English III - Ashlee Millican/Shelby Roe  
AP English IV - Bobbie Sparks  
PreCal - Bobbie Sparks  
Government - Jamie Chesshir  
Alg. I - Lindsey Roe/Jake McCabe  
Humanities - Rachelle Mills  
IPC - Lindsey Roe  
Spanish I - Michele Sanchez  
Alg. II - Shelby Roe/Ashlee Millican  
World Geography - Wade Arledge  
BCIS I - Shelby Roe  
BCIS II - Jennifer Alexander  
Geometry - Felipe Arellano  
Biology - Chris Eubanks  
Chemistry - Ashlee Millican  
Spanish II - Nicole Sanchez  
Anatomy & Physiology - Jamie Chesshir  
World History - Chris Eubanks  
Economics - Robert Sailer  
Boys' Athletics (Most Athletic Boy) - Colby Eubanks  
Spanish III - Adam Cates  
Health - Wade Arledge  
Communication Application - Lindsey Roe  
HS Art I - Shanna Wojtek  
HS Art II - Shannon Honse  
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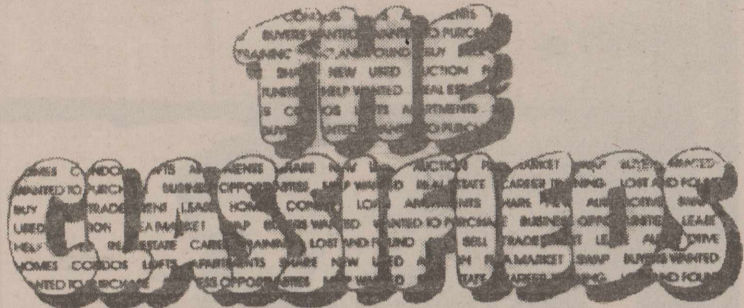
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**BRONTE ISD**  
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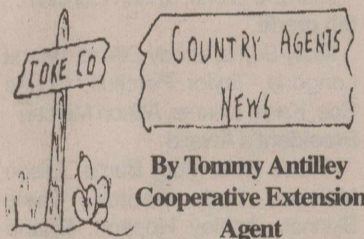
### RL FCCLA attend state leadership conference

The Robert Lee Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America recently attended the State FCCLA Leadership conference in Corpus Christi. Shelby Roe interviewed for State FCCLA officer and was elected as State Vice-President of Public Relations. She will represent the state next year as she performs all her duties. She will attend the national conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota this summer. Other students competed in STAR events. Michele Sanchez won 1st place with her illustrated talk, "You Are What You Wear". She will represent the state as well as Robert Lee this summer at the National Conference. Nicole Sanchez placed 3rd with her illustrated talk, "Play Now, Pay Later" about teens and credit card usage. Jodee Helwig placed 4th in job interview, and Lindsey Roe received 6th in job interview. These students did an outstanding job and competed well at state.

Trichelle Gray served as voting delegate and as STAR event door monitor. Ashlee Millican and Veronica Cerritos served as STAR event timers, helping their advisor Sheri Millican, event co-chair. Tammy Roe and Elena Sanchez also accompanied the group as sponsors.

While attending the conference the group heard two outstanding speakers, Harriet Turk, and Tim Cusack. Both gave powerful speeches on leadership, character development, attitude, and humor.

The Robert Lee FCCLA has had a successful and enjoyable year.



### Yard care guide helps homeowners

Just in time for summer, the Texas Cooperative Extension office is offering free copies of a yard care guide that shows citizens how to cut pollution and waste, and conserve water. The new guide illustrates how to maintain a healthy yard and environment with a minimum of cost, work and waste.

The guide, produced by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, follows a four-step plan-grasscycling, mulching, composting (including worm composting), and green landscape design and yard care - called YardWise. To obtain a free copy of A Green Guide to Yard Care, contact the Coke County Extension office, county courthouse.

The guide is packed with how-to information, but it also explains the scientific principles behind these practices and the economic and environmental

importance of using them.

The first three steps of YardWise - grasscycling, mulching and composting - are the basic tools for building up and protecting a healthy, fertile soil. Building on this foundation, the final step of "green yard care" is arranging and watering plants and managing pests so that the yard needs little or no chemical fertilization or pest control and releases little, if any, sediment of chemicals to pollute the environment.

At 25 pages, including a glossary, table of contents, diagrams and references to sources of more information, this guide is comprehensive and yet easy to use.

Yard trimmings account for as much as 20 percent of landfill waste, and represent one of the state's best opportunities to reduce waste at the source, in this case, backyards in Texas.

For more information, contact Tommy Antilley at the Cooperative Extension Service office in Robert Lee at (915) 453-2461.

### Crech sisters reunion

The nineteenth annual Crech Sisters reunion was held May 10-12, 2002, at the Yeager's Tunas Creek Ranch located 6 miles west of Bakersfield and 28 miles east of Ft. Stockton off Interstate 10. Hosts and hostesses for the reunion were Molly and Paul Yeager, Amy (Yeager) Hayter, and Prudie Pearl and Pat Connor.

Twenty-three of the group arrived Friday evening, enjoyed a delicious meal and a lot of visiting. Shortly after the meal, the sky began boiling with dark clouds and before long the wind became very strong bringing an inch of rain and large hail the size of golf and tennis balls. This brought a damper to the fun, as all the automobiles and travel trailer not under cover sustained a lot of hail damage. Two tornadoes were sighted near Bakersfield, which added to the excitement. The good thing was Tunas Creek beside the house got on a big rise. A total of 1.5 inches of rain had fallen there since the first of the year, so everyone was glad the Yeagers could add another inch to their yearly total. After the weather cleared, 16 of the group retired to their beds at the ranch. Others went to Ft. Stockton.

As the Yeager Ranch is a working ranch with several cottages around the main house, which they are planning to open as a Bed and Breakfast ranch, the work must go on. Paul was out by daylight fixing water gaps on Tunas Creek, and the cowboys (Bill Ballew, Douglas Roberts, and Patrick Connor) were on their horses by the break of dawn helping one of the nearby ranchers roundup 42 pairs of cows and calves and loaded them on a truck.

A delicious brunch was served about 10:00 am, more relatives arrived, and the cowboys were in and ready to eat.

By the time Paul and the other cowboys got in, it was time for them to round up the goats to



These Robert Lee High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the State FCCLA Leadership conference in Corpus Christi recently. They include (from left) Shelby Roe, Ashlee Millican, Veronica Cerritos, Michele Sanchez, Nicole Sanchez, Lindsey Roe, Jodee Helwig and Trichelle Gray. The group's sponsor is Sheri Millican.

slaughter for the late evening barbeque meal. This was an experience for those watching but they all enjoyed the meal. The meal was planned to be served from the chuckwagon in the backyard, but the wind was much to strong.

Those present were two of the three surviving Crech sisters, Jessie Crech Harmon of Robert Lee and Prudence Crech DuBas of Houston. The other sister, Madelle (Dumpy) Crech Griffith of Lubbock was recuperating from a broken hip which ended in a total hip replacement and was unable to attend. She and her husband, Jimmy, were missed very much.

Other present were Floyd Harmon, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, and Douglas and James Roberts all of Robert Lee, Lawana M. Perry of Carlsbad, and Wayne and Dorene Mashburn of San Angelo, all family of Jessie (Crech) Harmon; family of the late Mary Ruth (Crech) Atkins were Pat and Prudie P. Connor and Patrick Connor of Ft. Stockton; Wesley and Earnestine (Teny) Stevens of Yoakum; Paul and Molly Yeager of near Bakersfield; and Amy Hayter, Connor and Bryce of Cherokee.

Also, present were Rodney and Raye Crech of Odessa, family of the late Grover Crech, family of the late Loreine (Jane Crech - Huelster) Collins were Barbara Harrison of Abilene; and Scott and Debbie Harrison of Ft. Worth; Eugene (Butch) and Aletha Crech of Woodson near Throckmorton, family of the late E. B. (Push) Crech; and Bill Ballew of Robert Lee and State Trapper in the area around the Yeagers was present to share in the fun and work.

This is the family of the late Elias Brown Crech and Prudie Ann (Dozier) Crech who were long time Coke County residents. There were 15 children with only three surviving. The Crech Sisters Reunion will be held someplace and sometime in the Year 2003.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental firm transportation rate and an interruptible transportation rate designed to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5-mile, 24-inch pipeline extending from the Bridgeport area in Wise County to the junction of Lines W and W7 in Denton County and then in an easterly direction to the junction of Lines D 17-9 and D9 in Collin County, hereinafter called the "Northside Project." The supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate are proposed to be charged upon the initiation of service on the Northside Project. The proposed supplemental firm rate constitutes a major change and will result in an annual increase in the revenues of TXU LSP of approximately \$9.8 million. These revenues will represent an 8% increase in the total revenues of TXU LSP.

The proposed supplemental firm transportation rate will be applicable to all firm transportation customers contracting for capacity on the Northside Project. The only current customer directly affected by the supplemental firm transportation rate will be TXU Gas Distribution. No other customer has agreed to contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project. The supplemental firm rate may, however, indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by TXU Gas Distribution in the state of Texas. The supplemental firm rate will be assessed to TXU Gas Distribution for its contracted capacity on the Northside Project in addition to the city gate rate approved in the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8976. The supplemental firm rate may then be passed on to TXU Gas Distribution's residential and commercial customers. If any other transportation customers contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project, those customers may also pay the supplemental firm transportation rate in addition to any other applicable rates charged such customers.

TXU LSP also proposes an interruptible transportation rate for the use of the Northside Project. To the extent that shippers other than firm transportation customers use the Northside Project, they will be charged this interruptible rate. TXU LSP proposes to reduce the proposed supplemental firm transportation rate charged to firm customers on the Northside Project through an annual revenue crediting mechanism based on revenues from the interruptible rate approved in this proceeding.

Construction of the Northside Project is estimated to be completed in approximately 23 months after approval of this rate application. The proposed supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate will be effective on June 4, 2002, but will not be charged until the initiation of service on the Northside Project and will be charged for an initial seven year period. TXU LSP further proposes to reconcile the projected capital costs with those actually incurred and to adjust the supplemental firm transportation rate and interruptible transportation rate accordingly.

A Statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9292 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Gas Distribution. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before June 17, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be June 17, 2002.