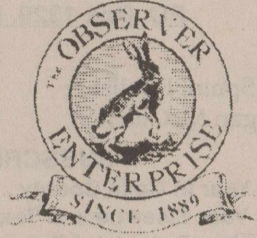


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Fort Chadbourne Day scheduled for Saturday

Historic Fort Chadbourne will celebrate its 150th anniversary this weekend as the annual Fort Chadbourne Day celebration will be held Saturday, June 22, at Bronte and at the fort. This year's activities are being sponsored by the Fort Chadbourne Foundation and the Bronte Chamber of Commerce.

The celebration begins at Bronte, with a Fun Run at the Bronte High School Track. Registration begins at 7:30 am Saturday morning. The parade will begin at 10:00. Participants are asked to line up at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center at 9:30 am. The parade will begin at the Rehab Center and conclude at the Veterans Memorial Park. For more information on the parade, contact Julie Springer at 473-3105.

All of the other activities on Saturday (besides the ranch rodeo that night) will then shift to Fort Chadbourne. The schedule of events for the day include the following: Flag Raising Ceremony at 10:00 am; Fort Tours from 12:00 to 1:00 pm and from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Speakers

will include Preston Lewis on Buffalo Hunting at 11:00 am and Henry Crawford on Buffalo Soldiers at 1:00 pm. The Texas Fiddlers will be on stage from 2:00 until 3:30, and a Cattle Demonstration will be presented at 2:30 pm. Flag Lowering Ceremony is set for 5:30 pm.

All day activities include many soldiers from neighboring forts; re-enactors and Indians and Early Settlers; Buffalo Shooting Demonstration; Flint Knapping Demonstration; Chuck-wagons and West Texas Rehab; Texas Gun Slingers; Officers' Quarter Archeology Dig; Indian Dancers and Village; Boy Scouts; Texas Rangers; and a Sharps Rifle Display.

Don't forget! There will also be food and crafts vendors on hand; so come and plan to spend the day during the 150th anniversary of our very own Fort Chadbourne. The fort is located just 12 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277. For more information, call 743-2555 or go to the website at www.fortchadbourne.org.

Fort Chadbourne Days!
at the Historic Fort Chadbourne

**FORT CHADBOURNE'S
150TH ANNIVERSARY**

June 22, 2002

12 miles north of
Bronte on
Highway 277

Coke County Ranch Rodeo slated for Saturday evening

Dust off your hats and boots, 'cause it's rodeo time in Coke County. The action will begin Saturday evening at 6:00 pm at the Coke County arena in

Bronte. Fifteen ranch teams from around the state will compete for handmade buckles and a \$1,000 first prize purse.

The first event of the evening will be Team Penning, sponsored by Kay's Main Street Market, followed by Team Mugging, sponsored by Robert Lee State Bank. The Wild Cow Milking is next, sponsored by First National Bank of Bronte. The Trailer Loading will follow, sponsored by Hall of Fame Taxidermy and B&K Processing, and the last event of the evening will be the Team Branding, sponsored by Annie G's, Hometown Hardware, and Shalon's Floral.

Don't worry about feeding the kids. The Bronte Lions Club will once again be manning the concession stand and serving up delicious barbecue and sandwiches.

Spend the day Saturday at historic Fort Chadbourne, and cap off your weekend with a night of exciting ranch rodeo entertainment.

County 4-H camp

County 4-H camp will be held at Buffalo Gap, July 18 & 19, 2002. Cost of county camp will be \$20.00. All 4-H members are eligible to attend. Please contact the Extension office at 453-2461 by July 1, 2002, to register.

Bronte COC Fun Run

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will host the Fort Chadbourne Days Fun Run. The Fun Run is a 5K Adult Run and a 1/2 mile kids run. It will be held Saturday, July 22nd, with registration from 7:30 am - 8:00 am at the Bronte Track Field.

The run will be through the streets of Bronte near the track field. The kids run will begin at 8:00 am and the 5K will begin at 8:15 am. Awards for the 1/2 mile kids run will be given to the top overall boy and girl, the top 10 finishers, and all other participants. In the 5K run, awards will be presented to the top male and female overall. First, second and third place male and female finishers will receive awards in the following categories: 0-19 years, 20-29 years, 30-39 years and 40 years and up.

For more information contact Gloria Allen at 282-2160.



Members of the South Plains Opry, South Plains College's summer country music stage show include (from left) Jesse Brownfield of Las Cruces, New Mexico, vocals and rhythm guitar; Macy Hill of Robert Lee, vocals; Bryan Brazier of Salinas, California, vocals and rhythm guitar; Velda Phipps of Wolfforth, keyboards; Leisha Wallace of Muleshoe, vocals; Rusty Hudelson, director, harmonica and accordion; Schahara Hudelson of Levelland, bass; Larry Amos of Temple, drums; Merna Heersink of Monte Vista, Colorado, fiddle, mandolin and vocals; and John Hartin, chairperson of the Creative Arts Department, lead and steel guitar. The group will perform a variety of traditional country music classics during performances June 20 through June 27.

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Louise Walker was honored on her 85th birthday June 8, 2002, with a surprise birthday party at the Lake Spence home of Bobby and Joyce Walker. Hosting the party were nieces and nephews, Bobby and Joyce Walker, Donald and Janis Walker, Curtis and Annice Walker and Wanda Caulder. Also attending were Wayland and Mary Beth Drennan, Debra Drennan, James and Chelsea.

---- **Obituaries** ----

Harmon

Ruby May Harmon went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, May 29, 2002.

Ruby was born July 11, 1914 in Lamar County, Texas to John Henry and Fannie Lee Lay.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George Douglas Harmon.

Ruby is survived by her daughters, Shirley Ann Harmon-Lay and Glenda Lee Newsom both of Midland; grandchildren, Kendie Thompson of Oglesby; Douglas Newsom and Amanda Newsom of Midland; great-grandchild, Brandon Thompson of Oglesby.

Honorary pallbearers were George Robinson, Marvin Zahn, Brad Thompson, Bob Mason, Ray Newsom and Reverend Jerry Berry.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, Texas, 79702.

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Rucker

Lucille Rucker, age 93, went to heaven to join her husband Elmer and many other beloved family members on June 18, 2002 after a long and fulfilling life. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, June 21, 2002 at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas. The family will receive friends at Mount Olivet reception from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Thursday the 20th of June.

Lucille was born on September 12, 1908 in Crowley, Texas to Mary Lou and George Whitten. She married Elmer Rucker on February 13, 1927 and together they had one daughter, Dolores Rucker Terry. Her life was devoted to her God, her husband Elmer, daughter Dolores, four grandchildren, and five great grandsons.

Lucille was preceded in death by her beloved husband Elmer, parents, brothers and sister, and great grandson Mark Crown. She joins them with love in a peaceful and better place.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Dolores and T.W. Terry of

Tennyson, Texas; grandchildren Richard and Sheila Wheeler, Rhonda Wilkinson, Skipper and Bonnie Terry, and Laura and David McMahon. Also surviving with loving memories are great grandson Ruck Scott and Carol Wheeler, Jacob Wilkinson, Zachery and Dylan McMahon.

The family and friends will greatly miss our "Nana", and express deep appreciation to those who loved her. A special thank you goes to all the staff of Bronte Health and Rehab Center, those special people with Hospice, and Vista Care.

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Mary Ann of Alvarado, and Harold Seabourn of Hamilton.

Thank you to Robert Lee Care Center, EMS, Shaffer Funeral Home, and Vista Care.

Wagley

Joe Chad Wagley, 25, of Mertzson, died at 9:30 pm Saturday, June 8, 2002, in Craig, CO, as a result of a car crash.

Survivors include his mother, Freida Wagley of Mertzson; his father, Jody Wagley of San Angelo; one sister, Gail Wagley of San Angelo; his maternal grandmother, Lola Jones and maternal great-grandmother, Leona Roe, both of Barnhart, Texas; paternal grandmother, Callie Wagley and great-grandmother, Vivian Hicks, both of San Angelo; two aunts, one uncle; and numerous cousins.

Funeral service was held at 2 pm Friday, June 14, at Southland Baptist Church. Graveside service followed at 4:30 pm in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado, Texas.

Owens

Edna Elizabeth Anderson Owens went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at the age of 95, in the nursing home in Stanton, Texas. Edna lived in Bronte for 41 years.

The minister officiating was nephew Rev. Dennis Anderson of Nacogdoches, Texas. The service was held at Sunset Christian Church in Grapeland, Texas on Friday, June 14, 2002 at 1:00 pm. Ms. Edna was buried in the family plot at the Davis Cemetery. Arrangements

were by Bailey & Foster Funeral Home.

She is survived by two children; Mrs. Dale Hightower and her husband, Don, of Harker Heights, and Mr. Sam Owens and his wife, Joyce, of Midland. She also leaves behind fifteen grandchildren thirty-nine great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.



Perez

Phillip Perez, 24, died Saturday, June 15, 2002, in a San Angelo hospital. Rosary was held at 7 pm Monday at Shaffer Funeral Home. Service was held Tuesday at 10 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery.

Survivors include father, Florentino Perez, Jr. of San Angelo; mother, Catarina Sierra and stepfather, Cayetano of Robert Lee; brothers, Cayetano Jr. of Robert Lee, and Mario and Albert, both of San Angelo; and sisters, Luisa of Robert Lee and Sylvestra of San Angelo; grandfather, Juan Sierra of Lubbock; eleven uncles, three aunts, and various cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Manuela C. Sierra of Lubbock.

My Guardian Angel

Dear Angel even at my side,
how lovely you must be...
To leave your home
in heaven,
to guard a child like me.
When I'm far away from home,
or maybe hard at play...
I know you will protect me,
from harm along the way.
Your beautiful and shining face,
I see not, though you're near.
The sweetness of your lovely voice,
I cannot really hear.
When I pray, you're praying too,
Your prayer is just for me.
But when I sleep you never do,
You're watching over me.

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Death Notices

Mitchell

Copeland "Buddy" Mitchell, 86, of San Angelo died Friday, June 14, 2002, in Robert Lee Care Center. Graveside service was held at 10 am Monday, June 17, in Robert Lee Cemetery with nephew Charles Fowler officiating. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Elgene Wyatt Mitchell of San Angelo; daughter, Rita Gallegos of Los Lunas, NM; brother, Gene Mitchell of Lubbock; sister, Kathaleen Muckelroy of May; nieces, Sammie Baker and husband Ronnie, Pat Taft and husband Robert, and Janis Fower all of Robert Lee, Milum Kahlich from Brownwood; nephews, Charles Fowler and wife Eva Belle of San Angelo, Roy "Waddy" Fowler and wife

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11 am & 6 pm, Worship

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11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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

Sims - Marquard exchange vows

Shelly Ann Sims and Ryan Edward Marquard were married June 3, 2002 aboard the Celebration Ship at port in Galveston, Texas.

The bride was dressed in a traditional white organza gown with a chapel length train. The gown had an a-line silhouette with a scoop neck and spaghetti straps. Opalescent bugal beads and pearls were worked in a trailing pattern around the neckline and down the princess seams. The beaded pattern was repeated on the back of the bodice. The gown's chapel length train had beautiful bead work around the hem. The bride also wore a silver circulette headpiece with a floral vine motif. Petite rhinestones and pearls accented the headpiece. Two layers of white illusion extended to elbow length.

Serving her sister as Matron of Honor was Kim Wyatt of Chillicothe. The bridesmaids were Robbie Rodriguez, cousin of the bride, of San Antonio and friends Cassie Kukendall of San Angelo and Robyn Morrison of Plano.

The bridegroom's best man was Rhett Stone of McKinney. Groomsman for the ceremony were Brad Taylor of Spring Branch, Will Bottila of Lubbock, and Martin O'Connor of McKinney.

The flower girl was Kaylee Ann Wyatt, niece of the bride and the ring bearer was Riley Wyatt, nephew of the bride, both of Chillicothe.

Tim Sims, brother of the bride, of Bronte and James Wyatt, of Chillicothe, served as ushers.

Mrs. Marquard is a 1997 graduate of Bronte High School. She received a bachelor's degree in Dietetics from Texas Tech University in May 2002.

Mr. Marquard is a 1995 graduate of McKinney High School. He received a bachelor's degree



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Edward Marquard

in Marketing in 1999 from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in Business Administration in 2000 from Texas Tech University. He is employed by Cintas Corporation in Denver, Colorado.

After a Western Caribbean cruise the couple will reside in Denver, Colorado.

Cemetery workday scheduled

Members of the Hayrick Masonic Lodge and Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association will start working at 7:00 am Saturday, June 22, at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Many graves have sunken. All interested persons are invited to work.

Save the Jail project

The Coke County Historical Commission's Save the Jail project will kick off on Saturday, June 22, at the Fort Chadbourne Days event.

Tickets for the raffle of the replica of the old jail by Mr. Ted Disko will be on sale at the Commission's booth on the grounds of Fort Chadbourne. The tickets will be offered for \$1.00 each, or

six tickets for \$5.00, as a donation to the renovation project. A drawing for the winner of the replica will be held at the Robert Lee Street Affair on October 5, 2002. The winner does not have to be present at the drawing.

Mrs. Jane Bruckner, author of Grandmother Stories, has generously donated copies of her book to the Historical Commission. The books will be on sale at the booth at Fort Chadbourne. The money from the sale of the book will be used in the renovation project at the jail.

The Coke County Cookbook sponsored by West Coke County Development Association will be available at the booth. Copies of the Coke County map which were printed during the Texas Sesqui-centennial will also be available.

Interested citizens and members of the Coke County Historical Commission are invited to work at the booth at Fort Chadbourne, June 22, from 8:00 to late afternoon, or to come visit and join in the festivities offered in Bronte and at the Fort.

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ASU Dinner Theater presents "The Fantasticks"

The Arts at ASU Theatre season opens with the summer dinner theatre production of THE FANTASTICKS, which is America's longest running and most loved musical, having run for 42 years. THE FANTASTICKS was created by the famous musical team of Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt.

THE FANTASTICKS runs June 25-July 1. Reservations for this Arts at ASU production may be made beginning June 17th by calling 942-2000.

"64" Study Club enjoys salad dinner

Members of the "64" Study Club met for their annual salad dinner May 14, 2002. The meeting was held in the Robert Lee Methodist Church. This was the final meeting for 2001-2002 club year.

Alice Beaty was the installing officer for the 2002-2003 year. Each new officer was given a piece of fruit representing their office.

Beverly Sinclair, president, Della Alexander, first vice-president, Johnetta Lawrence, social chairman, Dale Fields, membership chairman, Sarah Green, secretary, Pat Carwile, treasurer, Peggy Davis, historian, Virginia Fikes, parliamentarian, Jennie Lee Tinkler, reporter.

Each year the club presents a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of Robert Lee High School. This year's scholarship award was presented to Bobbie Sparks.

Following the short business meeting, 23 members and guest Alice Beaty enjoyed a lovely salad dinner.

Hostesses for the evening were Della Alexander, Peggy Davis, Ava Lou Davis and Grace Ditmore.

Ulmer Bird collection now housed at ASU

A collection of Ulmer Birds' writing and research is now housed in the West Texas Collection at Angelo State University. Josephine Bird received the invitation to donate this collection on May 9th, 2000. It took her a year to organize 37 large boxes of material.

On a recent check with the West Texas Collection it was learned that most of Ulmer's writings are processed and ready for viewing and research. They plan to have all of this collection categorized by late summer.

Access to this collection and information concerning it can be obtained at 915-942-2164. Included in this collection are: The Cross and the Battalion (a book); The Woman in Blue (a pageant); Son of the River (a play); Poems (over 500); Newspapers (1910-1980); Sanco Families (notes); Sanco (an album) Bird family genealogy. Josephine Bird and Susann Campbell made this information available to ASU.

Top students shine at Texas Tech

Texas Tech University students are moving out of the book and into prominent lists.

Students earning a 4.0 grade point average, while enrolled in 12 or more qualifying semester hours, made the President's list. Students carrying 12 or more qualifying hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 earned their place on the Dean's list.

Commencement for graduating Texas Tech University students took place on Saturday, May 11, 2002.

From Bronte, Freshman Elizabeth Kathleen Morgan (Civil Engineering), daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manley of Morgan made the Dean's List for Spring 2002.

Shelly Ann Sims, from Bronte and daughter of Ron & Beverly Sims graduated from Texas Tech University, Spring 2002 with Bachelor of Science degree.

Eastern Star installs officers

A stated meeting of Bronte Chapter #1048 Order of the Eastern Star was held on Monday June 10, 2002 with Lois Leverington, Worthy Matron presiding. The Chapter voted upon the petition of James "Red" Stephens for dual membership in Bronte Chapter #1048. He was welcomed as a new member. Mr. Stephens is also a member of Robert Lee Chapter #187.

It was reported that Stormy White of Bronte Independent School District was the recipient of a \$550.00 Scholarship from the Chapter. A scholarship is given each year to a deserving high school senior of Bronte Independent School District or Blackwell Independent School District. Earline Moore, Past Matron, presented the award to Miss White at the awards ceremony.

Brenda Buckley, Chairman, reported on the meeting held by the City of Bronte to secure volunteers for the water project. Many members have already signed up to help and forms will be available at the next meeting in July to volunteer to contribute time or whatever is needed.

Fort Chadbourne Days was discussed and it was decided that the Chapter would participate in the celebration at the Fort. Homemade ice cream will be furnished by all members and sold. The money will be used for charitable purposes.

Following the regular business meeting, officers for the year 2002-2003 were installed: Worthy Matron, Gayna Eldred; Worthy Patron E.E. "Buddy" Eldred; Associate Matron, Lanette Fletcher; Associate Patron, Keith Fletcher; Secretary, Dian Coulter; Treasurer, Earline Moore; Conductress, Brenda Buckley; Associate Conductress, Lois Leverington; Chaplain, Leonard Leverington; Marshall, Grady Coulter; Organist, Mary Belle Hilliard; Adah, Patricia Lee;



The Robert Lee Slammer Teeball team includes (front row, from left) Valerie Gonzales, Shaylee Bell, Brandon Torres, Bridger Netting, Hudson Collier, (middle row, from left) James Roberts, Cheyenne Ellis, Taylor Brackeen, Faylin Bell, Makenna Netting, (back row, from left) and coaches, Ernest Ybarra, Douglas Roberts, Jodie Collier and not pictured Mike Netting.

Ruth, Anita Sowders; Esther, Joan Lightfoot; Martha, Sheri Miller; Electa, Dorothy Collins; Warder, Jack Moore; Sentinel, Herman Seale.

Installing Officers were: Installing Officer, Ettie Hubbard, Bronte; Installing Marshall, Jeffie Roberts, Robert Lee; Installing Chaplain, Bob Webb, Winters; Installing Organist, Belinda Schwartz, Winters; Installing Secretary, Allie Horn, Carlsbad; Installing Warder, Jim Horn, Carlsbad and Installing Sentinel, Bobby Roberts, Robert Lee.

A salad supper was served in the dining room to officers, members and visitors.

Fireworks safety tips

by Bud Thompson

Robert Lee Fire Marshal Bud Thompson would like to remind all residents that fireworks are illegal within the city limits of Robert Lee.

Families are preparing for the 4th of July outings and picnics. Many will use fireworks during their celebrations. If possible leave fireworks to the professionals. If you do set them off, follow these important safety tips.

Child safety comes first, do not allow children to play with or ignite fireworks. You don't want to end up in the emergency room.

Adults should read and follow all warnings and instructions before igniting fireworks. Be sure other people are out of range before setting off rockets.

Sparklers burn at such high temperatures they can burn clothing and cause severe burns.

Light your fireworks on a smooth flat surface, out in the open, away from structures, dry grass and flammable materials.

Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned, it can go off in your hand.

Keep a garden hose or bucket of water close by in case of a malfunction or fire.

The summer season is here and with the recent rains, the grass is growing and the hot temperatures will dry it fast. It won't be long until the fire hazard will again be in the high range.

Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. Douse your camp fire before leaving. Be careful with cigarettes. Field

strip them when out of doors and ash trays are not available. Do not throw finished cigarettes out your car window.

Remember these safety tips and you can have a happy 4th of July celebration.

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries do.

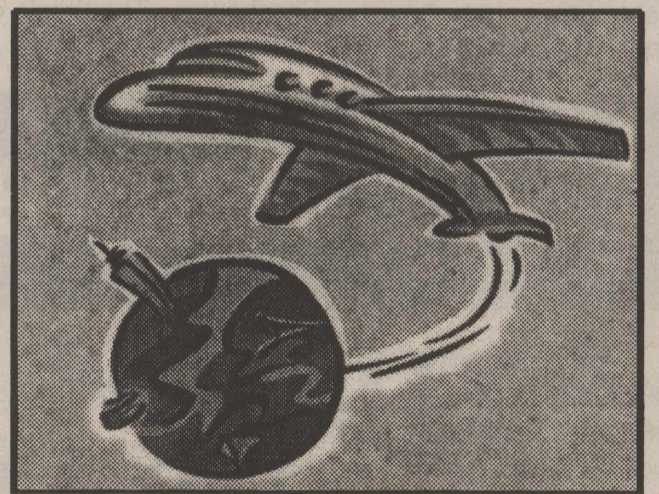
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RLISD school board news

The Robert Lee ISD School Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2002. Main topic of the board meeting was employment of Jimmy Orr as Athletic Director for the 2002-2003 school year. Other items discussed were changes to local policy concerning students attending the Fairview campus and adding the position of Business Manager to the Employment classification.

RLISD welcomes new athletic director

Jimmy Orr will be moving to Robert Lee shortly from the Big Lake area. Jimmy will assume his position as athletic director on August 1st. Jimmy has been a coach at Reagan County ISD since 1998. He has also coached at Morton ISD and Muleshoe ISD. He and wife, Kristy, have three children. A graduate of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, he has a Bachelor of Science Degree in All Level Kinesiology with a specialization in Biology.

RLISD welcomes new high school principal

Robert (Bobby) Fryar is the new High School Principal at Robert Lee High School. Bobby was assistant principal at Sweetwater High School prior to coming to Robert Lee. He is a graduate of ASU and obtained his Master of Education and Principal Certification from Tarleton State University. He and his family will be moving to Robert Lee in the near future. He will officially assume his duties on August 1st.

VBS set at Bronte FBC

First Baptist Church of Bronte, at 424 S. Washington, invites all children age 4 through those who just completed 6th grade to join them for their annual Vacation Bible School.

Built around an Amazon adventure expedition, the week will be full of exciting Bible stories, crafts, fun music in the Worship Rally, and rain-forest related refreshments and recreation for everyone!

The Vacation Bible School will begin Sunday, June 23rd, and continue each night through Thursday, June 27th. Times will be from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. This week of adventure will conclude with a Family Fun Night on Thursday. Parents, family and friends will be invited to come and hear the children sing songs they have learned and join in a time of fun games and refreshments.

This week of fun and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone.

Come join the Amazon Outfitters as they go on Expedition with the One True God! Call 473-2331 or 473-5661 for more information.

Artists invited to exhibit in Street Affair

The city of Robert Lee is inviting artists to exhibit during the annual Street Affair to be held Saturday, October 5, 2002.

The juried show will consist of paintings, sculpture and photog-

raphy. The center of the exhibit will be those works most representative of Coke County; the country, the animals, the weather, the people, the landmarks, etc. are considered to be subjects for this special exhibit. Two works can be considered from each entrant.

A grand prize cash award will be given at the preview reception on Friday, October 2, 2002, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Photographs or slides of entries are due August 28th-30th and should be mailed to the Coke County Library, P.O. Box 637, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. A stamped self-addressed envelope should accompany submissions and the artist's name and address should appear on each slide or photo.

SACHS reunion slated for August

On August 30th and 31st, 2002, the San Angelo Central High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will host a reunion which will be open to all SACHS graduates from the class of 1965 through 1969.

For reunion details as they develop or for information concerning classmates of 1965-1969 who have moved or are missing and for those interested in attending, please see the reunion website or contact a reunion representative.

Reunion website, www.angel-fire.com/tx/68central/60reunion.html. Contact for class of '67, Herschel Carmichael 658-7221; class of '68, Shireen Jackson 653-4638.

All classmates are invited to join in the planning stages for the reunion. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the San Angelo National Bank downstairs meeting room.

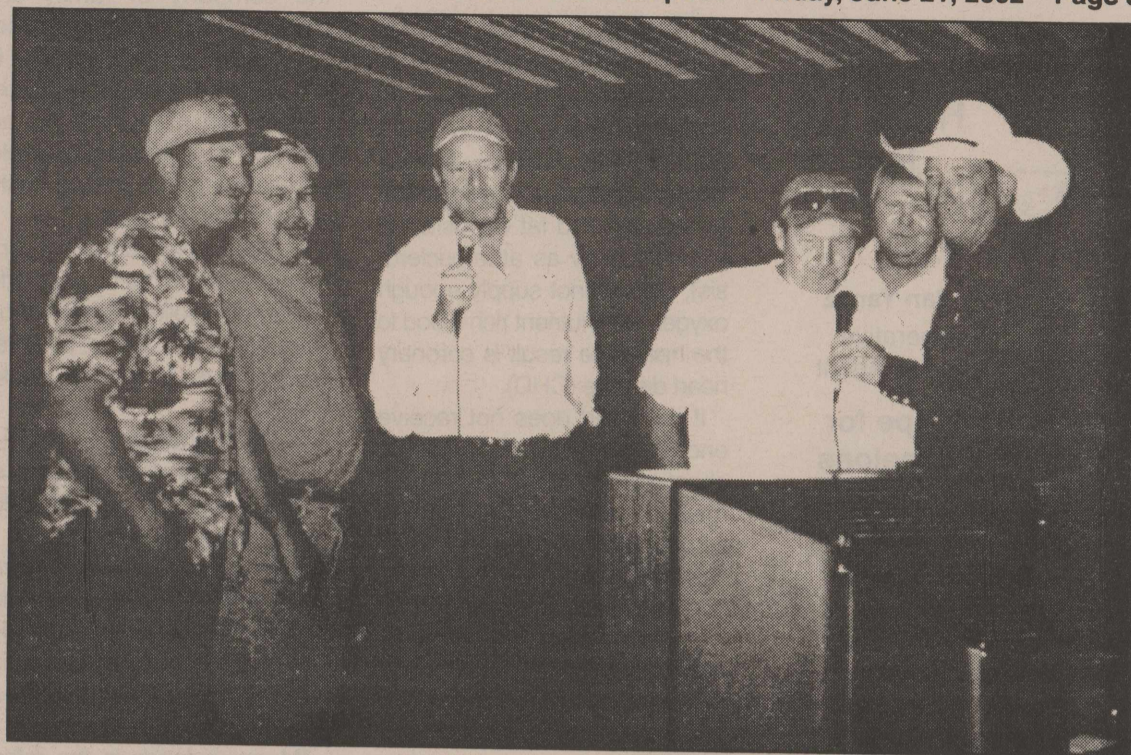
FSA & NRCS announce EQIP sign-up extension

John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced a second sign-up period for conservation funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that will run through June 28, 2002. The 2002 Far Bill signed into law on May 13, further extends USDA's allocation of monies targeted for conservation practice application on private lands.

"Interested producers are encouraged to act quickly if they wish to make application during this 'second chance' opportunity for federal financial and technical assistance provided through EQIP," said Fuston.

EQIP was established under the 1996 Farm Bill to address significant agricultural natural resource concerns through the application of select practices that were determined to be beneficial to the overall protection of the tract of land being treated. Participants entered into long-term contracts and agreed to treat all conservation issues identified by using a "whole farm" approach to planning.

According to Ruston, "EQIP now has a more flexible approach. Producers can treat



These Bronte High School Class of 2002 dads appear to be having a great time at the Project Graduation Barbecue and Karaoke Party held in honor of the seniors at the Bronte Park Saturday evening, May 18. Jeff Schoenfield (from left), Bob Frazee, Gary Shaffer, Ron Cooper, Clint Porter and Roger Graves put on quite a show for the graduating class.

specific resource concerns without locking their entire farm into a long-term contract. This gives them options to address new or unforeseen conservation problems as they arise."

EQIP remains a voluntary, competitive program. The new Farm Bill outlines significant changes in program provisions pertaining to length of contract and payment limitations. The Bill eliminates Geographic Priority Areas (GPAs) and the "bid down" option that enabled

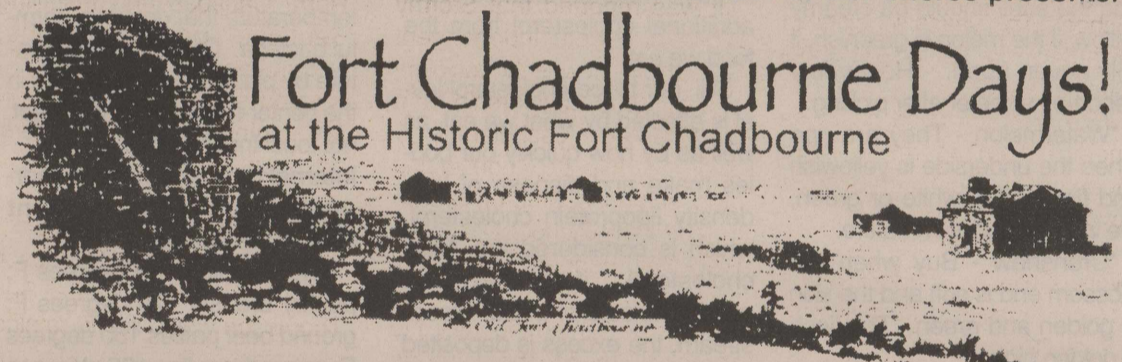
producers to make their application more competitive by shouldering a higher percentage of the total cost of practice implementation. For Texas, cost-share is set at 75 percent.

"To date, Texas FSA has allocated \$60.2-million in cost-share assistance and incentive payments. Proactive producers statewide used these funds to treat the most environmentally sensitive farm and rangeland, voluntarily reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and

quantity, preserving wildlife habitat and insuring the sustainability of Texas agriculture," stated Fuston.

For more information regarding the EQIP application process, conservation practices and eligibility requirements, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Information can also be found on FSA's website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. You may also call our office to visit with FSA or NRCS @ 915/453-2751.

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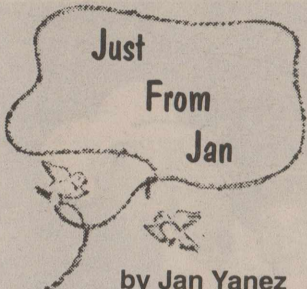
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by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Time is ripe for summer melons

If the tests and fragrance of a fresh, juicy slice of melon makes your mouth water, you are in good company. Melons have been a favorite fruit for many centuries. They appear in Egyptian tomb paintings dated to 1400 B.C. and are mentioned in the writings of the early Greeks and Romans. Watermelons were a common refreshment of Americans in Massachusetts at the start of the 17th century.

This summer you can enjoy traditional melons such as cantaloupe, honeydew and watermelon, or go for the exotic by trying crenshaw, Persians, pepinos, casabas or the African homed melon. Use the following guidelines to pick a perfect melon every time.

***Cantaloupe** - Buy when there is a smooth rounded depressed scar where the stem used to be, if you find some stem the melon was picked too early. Cantaloupe should be eaten when it gives off a fragrance.

***Honeydew** - The blossom end should be slightly springy and the shell should be creamy yellow, if the melon is greenish, it will never ripen. Honeydew becomes sweeter after picking.

***Watermelon** - They are ripe when the underside is yellowish and firm, if it is white or green, the watermelon is immature.

***Crenshaw** - Buy when the blossom end is soft and the skin is golden and green. The flesh is golden pink.

***Casabas** - The shell is golden when the melon is ripe. The flesh is white.

***Persians** - When ripe, the blossom end is soft and the shell is mauvish with netted skin. The flesh is a shade of orange.

***African homed melon (kiwano)** - The melon should have an orange to a golden yellow color and be covered with spines. It should be five inches long and three and one-half inches in diameter.

***Pepino** - As it ripens this melon is green to yellow with purple stripes. It should not be soft or bruised. The pepino is four to six inches in length and oval shaped.

Any way you slice it, the melon is a great warm weather pick-me-up dish.

Important role of cholesterol in health

Your blood cholesterol level has a lot to do with your chances of getting heart disease. Too much cholesterol in the blood can clog the arteries. Heart disease is caused by narrowing of the coronary arteries that lead to the heart. Like any muscle in

the body, the heart needs a constant supply of oxygen and nutrients, which are carried to it by blood through the coronary arteries. If the coronary arteries become narrowed or clogged by cholesterol and fat deposits (a process know as atherosclerosis), and cannot supply enough oxygen and nutrient rich blood to the heart, the result is coronary heart disease (CHD).

If the heart does not receive enough oxygen-carrying blood, chest pain, known as angina, may be experienced. If the blood supply to a portion of the heart is completely cut off by total blockage of a coronary artery, the result is a heart attack.

What is Cholesterol? Cholesterol is a soft, waxy, fat-like substance that occurs naturally in all parts of the body and is needed by the body to function normally. Cholesterol is one of several types of fats lipids (lips) found in the bloodstream and in all of the body's cells. Though we tend to think of cholesterol in negative terms because it is a risk factor for heart disease, cholesterol is actually essential for the body's normal functioning. In fact, the body uses cholesterol to produce cell membranes and build cell walls, as well as to produce many hormones, vitamin D, and the bile acids that help to digest dietary fats.

It only takes a small amount of cholesterol, however, to meet the body's needs, and the body produces all the cholesterol it needs, without need for any additional cholesterol from the food we eat.

Still, our blood cholesterol level is affected by what we eat, as well as by how quickly our bodies make and dispose of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, which is considered the "bad" cholesterol. If we have too much cholesterol in our bloodstream, the excess is deposited in the arteries - including the coronary arteries - where it can lead to narrowing and blockages that lead to heart disease.

Grilling outdoors safely

Outdoor grilling is a popular way to prepare food during

warmer weather while enjoying the company of family and friends. However, grilling does "open the door" to foodborne illness if proper cleanliness and preparation measures are not allowed. Also, excessive smoke and charring may be unhealthy and should be avoided.

To keep your cookout a fond memory rather than a regretful experience, follow these simple steps from Jan Yanez of Texas Cooperative Extension, Coke County:

Food Preparation:

*Select fresh meat, poultry, or seafood that is high quality for best cooking results.

*Keep these perishable products at 40 degrees F or colder until immediately before grilling. Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator or defrost in microwave and immediately place on grill.

*Marinate foods in the refrigerator and discard leftover marinade.

*Wash your hands before and after working with raw meat, poultry or seafood.

*Wash your surfaces and cutting boards with hot soapy water before and after preparing food. To sanitize use 1 tsp. bleach per quart of water. If possible, use a separate cutting board for fresh produce and raw meat, poultry, or seafood.

*When away from home, keep your meat and poultry away from other food in a separate cooler with ice.

*After placing raw meat on the grill, wash utensils and platters with hot, soapy water before using them to serve cooked food.

*Cook foods to an internal temperature that destroys harmful bacteria. Check the temperature by placing a thermometer in the center-most part of the meat, not touching the bone.

Internal temperatures for thorough cooking to prevent foodborne illness are:

whole poultry 180 degrees F; poultry breasts 170 degrees F; ground beef patties 160 degrees F; ground poultry 165 degrees F; beef, veal, or lamb steaks, roasts, or chops 145 degrees F; all cuts of pork 160 degrees F

*Serve food immediately after grilling or keep at 140 degrees F or above until served.

*Place on a clean platter.

*Refrigerate all leftovers immediately at 40 degrees F or below.



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. Martin Luther King, Jr., is portrayed by Cayetano Carrera.

*Discard any food left out longer than 2 hours or 1 hour if temperature is above 90 degrees F.

Grilling Tips

To prevent heavy smoking or charring of food and less smoke in your eyes follow these tips:

*Choose low-fat meats or trim excess fat before grilling.

*Precook meat in the microwave or by boiling to release juices that may cause flare-ups. Do not interrupt cooking. Immediately transfer pre-cooked food to the grill to finish cooking and provide "cookout" flavor.

*Avoid high-fat marinades or basting sauces.

*Cover grill with aluminum foil. Punch holes between grids to remove juices.

*To decrease heavy smoke from dripping fat, rearrange the food to another place on the grill, rotate the grill, or decrease the heat.

*Cook meat until done but not charred. Remove charred or burned material from the food and discard. **Do not eat charred or burned pieces!**

For more information about safe outdoor grilling, call Coke County Texas Cooperative Extension, at 915-453-2461.

Free guide on yard care available

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is offering Texans a free guide to help care for their yard and the environment.

A Green Guide to Yard Care has 28 of information and resources. The guide shows homeowners a simple four-step method called Yard Wise to help them maintain a healthy yard with less costs, less work, and less waste.

The guide includes information and tips on:

- *Mowing
- *Mulching
- *Composting
- *Green Landscape Design and Yard Care

To get a free copy of the guide, visit the agency's web site at www.tnrc.state.tx.us under "Publications." Texans can also order a free copy by calling 512/239-0028 and asking for publication number GI-28.

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The winner of the Friday drawing in the Coke County Summer Reading Program was Moriah Jane Royall. She won a drawing book with colored pencils. Moriah Jane, her grandmother and family are frequent patrons from Bronte.

The drawings will continue until the last week in August. Everyone who returns a book will be eligible for the final drawing July 31st. The grand prize is a Max O Super Soaker water gun. This week's reader whose name is drawn will win an art book on drawing insects. The drawings are held each Friday at 11:30. There are always treats available for summer readers.

The Library has been included in the connectivity grant proposal along with the school, courthouse, city hall and care center. When this grant is awarded, these city locations will have several computers and Internet connections available for public use. Jerry Horn of RLISD undertook the effort on behalf of the school, city, county and care center. Computer classes are a part of this grant project. The classes will be free and taught by local computer-wise people.

When the radio was invented, society thought that it would bring an end to reading; movies also were considered a threat; television has done some damage, but has not replaced reading as a source of pleasure and information. These inventions have been accepted as a way of life and so, too, will computers. When everyone learns to utilize computers, this invention will become as common as radio and TV. Although those of a certain maturity level may doubt their ability to "do" computers, classes and accessibility of computers will help make many more comfortable with the computer age.

The library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the new book drop outside of the Library in Robert Lee.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness

Recently, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) launched a statewide media campaign in conjunction with the Texas Runaway Hotline to reach as many runaways, troubled youth and families as possible, according to Hotline Director, Jay Smith. The hotline's toll-free telephone number is 1-888-580-HELP (4357).

"Our campaign began the week of June 10th and will continue throughout the summer months when most youths are out of school," states Smith.

The hotline's campaign includes more than 150,000 pieces of prevention materials, billboards, bus placards, and new public service announcements for television and radio entitled "World Turning", which are directed toward troubled youth and families who may be in need of hotline services.

"In Texas, an estimated 100,000 children ages 7 to 17 run away annually," Smith said. "Whether they are in large cities or small towns, runaway youths are vulnerable to a wide variety of crimes including assault and sexual exploitation." Hotline staff and volunteers provide callers with crisis intervention, telephone counseling and information and referral services.

For additional information about the Texas Runaway Hotline, call the hotline's toll-free telephone number or visit www.texasrunaway.org.

Elder neglect is widespread problem

Neglecting the elderly can be just as detrimental as forms of physical abuse.

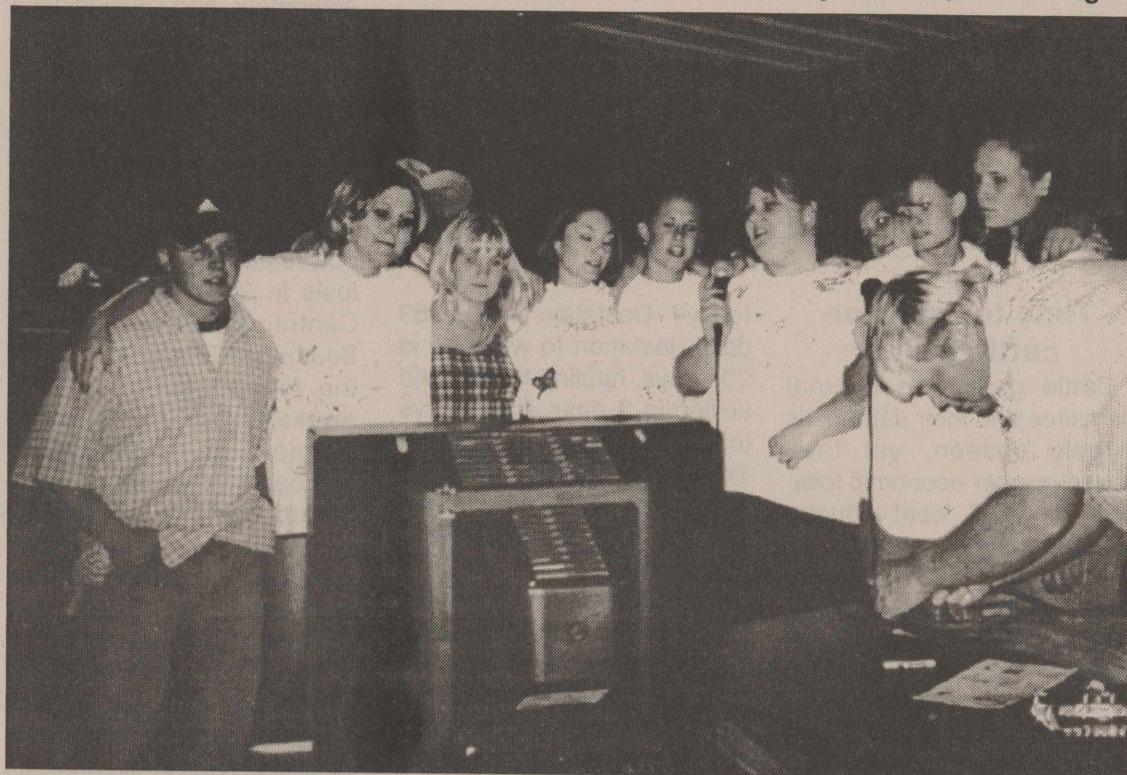
"The failure of caregivers to provide adequate meals, hydration or hygiene for elderly individuals, or withholding physical aids such as eyeglasses, hearing aids or false teeth, are all forms of abuse," said Dr. Carmel B. Dyer, associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and Geriatric Program director at the Harris County Hospital District.

"The problem is widespread, with more cases of elder abuse reported each year than new cases of breast, colon and cervical cancers combined," Dyer said. Less than one in ten cases of elder abuse are ever reported.

Elder abuse can include physical or sexual abuse, financial exploitation, self-neglect or caregiver neglect. Self-neglect occurs when a patient does not take care of himself or herself to the point that they suffer physical consequences.

Approximately 70 percent of the cases involve self-neglect. Individuals are either unable to take care of themselves due to depression.

Baylor geriatricians, along with the Texas Department of



Bronte Project Graduation honored the BHS Class of 2002 with a Barbecue and Karaoke Party on May 18, 2002, at the Bronte Park. The entertainment after the meal kept everyone involved and entertained. Unique renditions of many familiar songs were heard until the wee hours of the morning. A special guest joined the seniors having fun - Jerrod McClure (top photo, far left), a 2000 Bronte High School graduate who is currently serving in the Armed Forces, was home on leave and attended the celebration.

Protective and Regulatory Services and the Geriatric Program of the Harris County Hospital District, have created the Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment (TEAM) Institute. The TEAM mission is to improve the lives of abused and neglected elders through clinical care, education and research.

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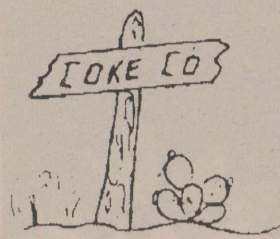
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Time to treat for cattle grubs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Purple Cow

This cow is in every beef herd in Coke County. This cow has been palpated OPEN today. She does not have a calf fetus at least 48 days old.

How far down the road will it be before this Purple Cow delivers you a paycheck if she is bred and conceives

today? Gestation time is 283 days, lactation to weaning is 205 days, hauling to sale and selling is 2 days and 3 days to get your check in the mail. This is a total of 493 days total time before you can present the check to the banker.

With the current estimates on cost of breeding and maintaining a beef cow for one year ranging from \$365 - \$425, let's assume the cost of that cow is one dollar per day. This Purple Cow will now cost you \$493 to own her from today to selling a calf. Will she raise a calf that will sell for \$493 - 493 days from now? Palpation can determine these Purple Cows. Every cow in the herd must provide cash flow during the year by one of two methods, she produces a calf to be sold or added to inventory or we must sell the cow.

Should we keep these Purple Cows in our herds? Calving percentage will determine the size of the burden the regular calving cows must bear to allow this "free loader" to grace our herds. Say you have 20 cows and have a 90 percent calf crop, this will result in 18 calves that must carry the burden of the two Purple Cows loss of \$986 or \$54.77 per calving cow. If calving percentage drops to 80 percent, the burden per calving cow doubles.

As you can see from this example, these Purple Cows get pretty heavy for her pasture mates and your pocket book before she provides some sort of calf to sell. With the rising cost of production, we can't afford these kinds of females to remain in our herds.

Texas Farm Bureau president speaks to Texas Animal Health

The president of Texas' largest farm organization told members of the Texas Animal Health Commission recently, that zoning the state for the purpose of regulating cattle tuberculosis is a better approach than regulating the entire state.

Donald Patman, a grain, cotton and cattle producer from Waxahachie, testified before the TAHC Wednesday. He cited the work of the TB working group, a consortium of producer groups and animal health experts.

"A majority of the TB working group feels that the "zone" approach would be the most viable option because it would concentrate the efforts to control the disease to specific areas," Patman testified. "This could reduce the need for addition-

al funds, personnel and equipment, and it would allow the rest of the state to continue operating without restrictions."

Patman said the Texas Farm Bureau counts about 100,000 cattle producers among its membership. Two outbreaks of bovine tuberculosis in 2001, one in South Central Texas and one in Southwest Texas, will prompt the federal government to revoke Texas' TB free status. Patman said the zone approach will cause hardship for producers in the affected areas, but those areas can regain their "free" status if no additional infections are reported for two years.

"The Texas Animal Health Commission should complete a feasibility study that would include an economic analysis and development of a plan for a zone approach to deal with tuberculosis in Texas prior to implementing a state-wide testing and identification program," Patman said.

Federal regulations mandate a loss of TB-free status when a state has two or more infected herds disclosed within a 48-month period. Texas will move from the TB-free status it has held since November 2000, to modified accredited advanced status, the second highest rung in an international five-tier ranking system for cattle TB eradication. The loss of free status will immediately impact producers who move or sell breeding cattle out of state. Breeding cattle are exempted from the interstate testing requirement only if they are from a TB accredited-free herd, one that is tested for TB yearly and is enrolled in the TAHC's accreditation program. Cattle moving to an approved feedlot or those that are consigned directly to slaughter are exempt from the requirement.

"If sellers arrive at the livestock market with untested breeding cattle, the market management will need to designate the untested animals as "Texas-only" cattle, restrict the cattle to slaughter only, or they will have to make arrangements for having the animals tested so they can move interstate," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission. "Producers can avoid delays in moving their cattle, if they'll have their accredited veterinarian test animals prior to sale." A TB skin test takes 72 hours to complete and must be conducted by an accredited

veterinarian.

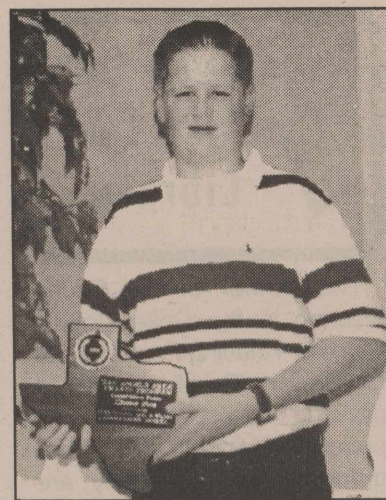
Conservation poster wins 3rd at Area

Chase Roe's poster entitled "Survivor" tied for 3rd place in the Texas Area II contest which includes 52 Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Chase's poster, along with every other 5th and 6th grade student in Coke County was judged in February by the Coke County Soil and Water conservation District Directors. The top three posters, done by Chase Roe, Samuel Rawlings and Brody Dillard, were entered in the Area competition.

Chase was honored at a banquet held May 7, 2002 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center in Sonora, Texas where he received a beautiful plaque for his accomplishment.

Chase was accompanied to the banquet by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roe; his sisters, Shelby and Lindsey; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe and District Technician Donna Waldrop and husband, Riley.

The 5th and 6th grade students of Coke County are to be highly commended for their imagination and artistic ability they portrayed in this contest. These students rep-



Chase Roe

resented the county well in competition.

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District thanked the Robert Lee and Bronte students for their participation and the teachers and principals for their support and enthusiasm in helping make this contest a success.

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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 rate identified as the "Integrity and Safety Assessment" (ISA) to track and recover costs of implementing its Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan and costs of system modification required by class location changes. The Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan is required by the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) pursuant to its Pipeline Safety Regulations, Rule § 8.101, while class location changes are necessary to comply with the Federal Minimum Pipeline Safety Regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 192, adopted by the Commission.

The proposed initial rate for the ISA is 2.05 cents per MMBtu, and is proposed to take effect as of July 1, 2002. The rate will be adjusted each year to reflect the change in costs necessitated by the pipeline safety regulations, with an opportunity for those costs to be reviewed by the Commission. The ISA will remain in effect for ten years from its initial effective date. The ISA constitutes a major change as that term is defined in Sec. 104.101, Texas Utilities Code. The proposed rate will increase the total revenues of TXU LSP by 3.7%, representing \$4.1 million of additional revenues.

The ISA will apply to the following classes of customers: 1) TXU LSP's customers with gas consuming equipment at an end-use location physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system or to the system of a local distribution company physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system; 2) entities selling gas to such customers; and 3) local distribution companies served by TXU LSP's pipeline system. The ISA will indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by such local distribution customers, including TXU Gas Distribution. At the proposed initial rate of 2.05 cents per MMBtu, the bill of an average residential customer (6 mcf of gas consumption per month) will increase approximately 12 cents per month.

A Statement of Intent to implement the ISA has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9304 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. 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 July 26, 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 deadline for intervention in this case shall be July 26, 2002.

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**51st District Court
Disposition of Coke
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State of Texas vs: James
Brandon Logan

Charge: Possession of controlled substance

Plea: 4 years deferred adjudication, \$750 fine, \$280 restitution

State of Texas vs: John Edward Heldenbrand

Charge: Possession of marijuana

Plea: \$300 fine, \$236 court cost, 60 days jail probated 18 mo., 40 hrs. Community Service, 1 year drivers license suspension

State of Texas vs: John Edward Heldenbrand

Charge: Driving while intoxicated

Plea: \$1,200 fine, \$236 court cost, 60 hrs. Community Service, DWI School, 180 days jail probated 18 mo., 1 year drivers license suspension

**Coke County Court
Dispositions
May 22, 2002**

The State of Texas vs: Rick Larry Blackhart

Charge: Criminal trespass
Plea: \$500 fine, \$211 court cost

The State of Texas vs: Rhett Clark

Charge: Criminal trespass
Plea: \$500 fine, \$211 court cost

The State of Texas vs: Peter Hewitt

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The State of Texas vs: Jake Kendell Phelps

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**51st District Court
Grand Jury
Indictments**

The State of Texas vs: Grover Wayne Worley

Charge: Arson
The State of Texas vs: Anthony Ervin Jackson

Charge: Arson
The State of Texas vs: Felicia Dawn Elliott

Charge: Burglary of a building (2 counts)
The State of Texas vs: William Wyatt Wallace

Charge: Burglary of a habitation - Burglary of a building (2 counts)
The State of Texas vs: Gabriela Medina

Charge: Felony criminal mischief
The State of Texas vs: Jerry D. Wofford

Charge: Manufacture of a controlled substance
The State of Texas vs: Juan C. Garcia

Charge: Delivery of a controlled substance
The State of Texas vs: Francisco Ontiveros Jr.

Charge: Aggravated assault on a public servant (2 counts) - Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - Burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony - Aggravated kidnapping -

Endangering a child

The State of Texas vs: Lindsay M. Weeks

Charge: Endangerment to a child

"Are we there yet?"

Anyone who's ever heard the words "Are we there yet?" resonate from the back seat knows it can be stressful traveling with children. But a little planning can make taking a spring break or summer vacation with the kids more enjoyable for everyone.

"If the children are going along, then the safest way to ensure that it's a positive experience for everyone is to plan ahead," said Dr. Karen Petty, assistant professor in family sciences at Texas Woman's University. Including children in the trip preparation process is the first step.

"By age 4, children can help pack their own things. That way they know exactly what was brought, where it is and that their favorites don't get left behind," Dr. Petty said.

Children's bags should be made of lightweight materials so the little ones can carry their own things, she added. Allow a child who wants to take "everything" to carry around the excess baggage before leaving home to demonstrate the importance of packing light.

Keeping children's minds occupied during the ride or flight is the second step toward a pleasant trip.

"A 'travel pack' that includes their favorite toys and activities and even some surprises is an absolute must for traveling with any age child. A see-through backpack is an excellent choice for a container if traveling by plane, rail or car," Dr. Petty said. Another travel pack storage idea for the car is a shoe holder with compartments attached to the back of a seat. It can hold all the "goodies" for playing along the route.

A variety of items will keep the children entertained. "Plan to bring enough toys and items for the car trip there and back," Dr. Petty said. "Or purchase some inexpensive, novel items along the way."

Letting children keep track of the route is another way to keep them occupied, Dr. Petty added.

Older children can use a road map and crayons or markers to keep track of where they are. Parents can make a map with drawings of landmarks such as towns, lakes, forests and cows for children too young to read a real map.

"When my daughter was 4, we traveled 250 miles round trip each week from home to my university. After hearing 'Are we there yet?' over and over, I began drawing a map that showed trees, cows and fences for the countryside and buildings for the larger towns along the way. She began to follow the road with a pencil and color in the pictures as we passed cows, schools, farms and buildings and began to look forward to the trip," Dr. Petty said.

Step three: Don't think driving at night when the children are asleep will make the trip easier. "Many of us have tried traveling

during the night with children. But once we arrive, the day begins with eager voices ready for activities when we're ready for bed," Dr. Petty said.

She recommends traveling during the day when children are at their peak and should be at their best. To keep them from getting cranky, stop about every two hours to stretch, walk around and maybe even toss around a ball.

Keeping healthy snacks at hand and stopping to eat at normal meal times also will help children stay at their best.

"Remember, if you take children on a trip, make the trip for the kids," Dr. Petty added. "Children think everything is about them, so make it that way and it will be a more pleasant experience for everyone."

Tips for traveling with children

*Pack toys and other items to keep children's minds occupied. Portable CD or tape players with headphones and children's songs on tape or books on tape are excellent trip items.

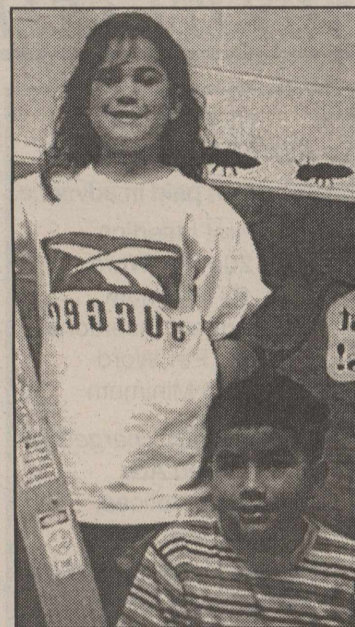
*Have children who are old enough pack their own lightweight bags.

*Take breaks about every two hours.

*Pack snacks and eat at normal meal times.

*Let children use maps to keep track of where they are.

*Travel during the day when children are at their peak performance.



These Robert Lee Elementary students have achieved recognized levels in the Accelerated Reading Program. Norma Rojas (top left photo), Garrett Blair (top right photo), and Molly Burns (bottom left photo) attained the Classic level by reading three books from a classic reading list and accumulating over 100 points. Jordan Gartman and Zachery Sanchez (bottom right photo) accumulated 300 points in the Accelerated Reading Program, an amazing accomplishment for students in the first grade.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

**Prior Bank Assets To Be
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Four Days Only at Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC

SAN ANGELO, TX- Fleet Liquidators Of America has been retained by Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC to present a unique "Prior Bank Asset Sale" this Wednesday, June 19th through Saturday, June 22nd.

Alvin Beaty of Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC said, "The reason for the Prior Bank Asset Sale is that a record number

of repossessed, off-lease, and other used vehicles have flooded the Texas market in the past year. We're absolutely swamped with quality pre-owned vehicles and have retained Fleet Liquidators to help us drastically reduce this inventory immediately."

Management at Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC has decided to sell their used vehicle inventory direct to the public by means of a \$59 Possession Fee Prior Bank Asset Sale. During this four-day event, every used car, truck, van and SUV will be available for just

a \$59 possession fee* then start making payments.*

According to Mr. Beaty, customers pay the \$59 possession fee* and then start making the payments on one of over \$2 million worth of repossessed, off-lease, and other used vehicles

start making payments.

Mr. Beaty stated that this is the "absolute best opportunity for anyone seeking a quality used vehicle to get the best deal ever!"

Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC will have finance representatives on hand to answer questions and help customers obtain the best terms.

Trade-ins will be accepted.

Customers should bring their title and/or payment books to expedite delivery. "This really is a win-win situation for everyone involved," Mr. Beaty said. "Customers get a great deal on a quality used vehicle, and we are able to drastically reduce our inventory."

After the \$59 Possession Fee Prior Bank Asset Sale ends at 7:00p.m. on Saturday, June 22nd, the dealership will return to normal operations. Questions can be directed to 915-949-1811. Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is located at 4105 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

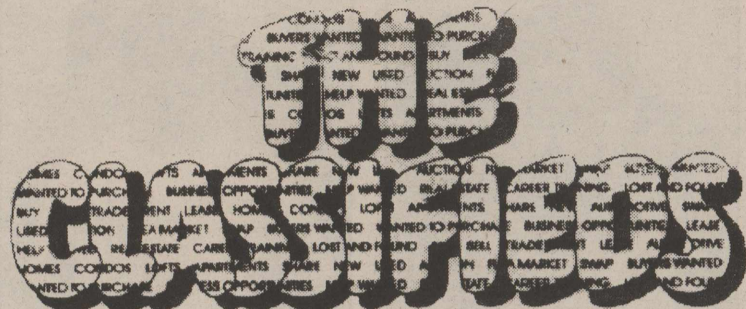
**"This is the opportunity Texas bargain hunters have been waiting for! Customers may never see savings like this again."
ALVIN BEATY, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC**

that will be on the Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC lot. "It's that simple," said Mr. Beaty. "All vehicles will be clearly marked, so just pick your vehicle. Start making payments on any used vehicle in stock and pay just a \$59 possession fee. Remember, this is not a lease."

Mr. Beaty said, "This Prior Bank Asset Sale is about making it simple and affordable for customers to get the used vehicle of their choice."

A large selection of models will be available, including Buicks, Chevrolets, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles, GMCs, Fords, and more, all for just a \$59 possession fee* then

*All offers with approved credit. \$59 plus tax, title & fees. Additional down payment may be required for credit approval. **Example: 1990 Olds Intrigue, stk#D2301A, Sale Price \$3174 plus tax. \$79/mo for 48 mos. @ 10.0% APR. \$59 possession fee plus title & fees. Total amount financed \$3,115. Total of payments \$3,792 plus tax. Subject to lenders final approval. Several Lenders to choose from.



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Other Listings Available
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 Commercial building, Highway 158 in Robert Lee, 5054 SF Display Area, 1947 SF Garage, 1125 SF Storage, 2 floor jacks
 1000+/- AC. Hunters cabin, Barn and Pens, rolling cedar hills, deep headers, excellent hunting
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 110+/- Acres, waterwell, view of Lake Spence.

MISCELLANEOUS
THE NO NAME STORE
 will have a grand opening June 26th, 2002 starting at 10 am - 5:30 pm. Refreshments will be served plus votes counted at 2 pm for name of the store. Drawing for discounts from 5-20% off on merchandise purchased over \$20 all day. Come by and vote until 2 pm on the name. Winning name will receive a \$25 gift certificate from the store. We have gifts, furniture, toys, balloons, silk flowers, custom gift wrapping and etc. Trying to serve residents with things not available anywhere else in town. Come celebrate with us at 717 Austin Street in Robert Lee. 47-1tp

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 915-365-2538

Political Calendar
The Observer/Enterprise
 has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.
 Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

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Charles Stenholm COKE COUNTY JUDGE
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 Needed now in the Robert Lee and surrounding areas! Must be 18 years or older. Must have reliable transportation. Will work with the elderly and disabled in their home. Call 800-665-4471 or 915-643-5604. Girling Health Care, Inc. E.O.E. 47-1tc

DIRECTOR/TEACHER WANTED
 for the FUMC Pre-school in Sterling City 3 days/week. High School Diploma required. Applications may be picked up from Amanda Davis at the clinic in Sterling City through Tuesday, June 25. Questions? Call Amanda at 378-3300. 47-2tc

SECRETARY/ RECEPTIONIST POSITION
 The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau in Robert Lee is looking for a self-motivated individual with good public relations and phone skills. Computer experience and office skills are helpful. Call or come by for an application. 453-4505. 46-2tc

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 Prefer RN, must be experienced in MDS, PPS, and TILES. References required. Privately owned nursing home. Paid health and life insurance, paid holidays and vacation. Competitive salary (worth the drive). Send resume to or contact Larry Wellhausen at Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center 1800 N. Broadway, Ballinger, Texas 76821, 915-365-2538 or fax 915-365-2530. 42-tnc

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Contact Sarah Lee at Senior
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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, 7 am - ? 6 W. 17th,
Robert Lee. Treadmill, Web TV,
dresser, clothes, misc.

47-1tp

GARAGE SALE
(Sat., 22nd) 7:30 - ? 810
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BIG SALE
Austin @ 17th, Robert Lee.
9:00 - 7:00, June 20-21-22.
Over 5000 yards of fabric,
sewing notions, new handmade
items, dishes, cast-iron, like new
clothes, lawnmowers, end
tables, console TV 25", lots of
junk. Come visit.

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GARAGE SALE
681 Hickman Rd., Bronte. Fri.
4-8, Sat. 8-2. Kids clothes, adult
clothes, toys, books, lots of
miscellaneous.

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CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO EXPRESS
our deepest gratitude to the
people of Bronte and Robert
Lee for the food, cards, and
thoughtfulness at the loss of our
son, A.C. (Sam) Hammer. We
are overwhelmed at your
kindness.

47-1tc

DEAR FRIENDS
Words cannot express how
thankful we are for the prayers,
cards, phone calls, visits, and
support you have given during
my recent hospital stay and
recovery. Thank you to those
who responded during both
emergency situations. Special
thanks to those men who
proved constant availability. We
are blessed by such wonderful
friends in this community.

Nancy and Kenneth Rasco

47-1tp

**TO THE BRONTE HEALTH
AND REHAB**

Center staff and all citizens of
Coke County
After moving full time to Coke
county a little over four years
ago, we were made aware of
the Bronte health and Rehab
Center when some "not so
favorable" press was in the local
paper. Not being from the area
and not expecting to have need
of the services, we did not
become involved with the facility
until a beloved family member
needed short term rehab and
eventually long term care. I
think many people, as did we,
wonder why our tax dollars went
to fund a hospital that did not
exist.

Our family member became a
full time resident of the facility in

early 2000, and we all came to
understand what this facility and
the wonderful people who work
there mean to the people in
Coke County. We heard all the
coffee shop comments about
this place, and we had over two
years of seeing just how
wonderful the people can be to
our ill and aging loved ones.
Our family spent many days and
nights visiting our loved one, and
not once in the hundreds of
visits that occurred did we ever
see anything but a pristine clean
facility, a staff of people that truly
showed love and affection for
the many residents, and while
suffering from the same
personnel turnover that most
businesses suffer from today, a
group of people dedicated to
giving the residents of the facility
a meaningful life.

We lost our loved one June
18, 2002. I cannot put into
words the feelings we have to all
of the people who cared for our
"Nana" for over two years. While
the names and faces
changed over the time she was
there, the "from the heart" caring
never wavered. Her last few
days were met with truly the
most loving group of people,
who went far out of their way to
accommodate us at the end,
and who showed "Nana" love,
dignity, and compassion far
above what their job
descriptions call for.

Coke County is blessed to
have Bronte Health and Rehab
Center, the wonderful and caring
special people at the Center,
those tireless loving people at
Hospice, and those at Vista
Care to serve this county.

The entire family of Lucille
Rucker thanks you all from the
bottom of our hearts for what
you special people did.

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**WE WOULD LIKE
TO THANK**

Father Wade, members of the
Catholic church, and to the
people who sent food, cards,
flowers, and all their prayers.

Family of Phillip Perez
Cayetano & Kathy Carrera
of Robert Lee

47-1tp

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of an
Open Budget Hearing for East
Coke County Hospital District for
the fiscal year July 1, 2002 to
June 30, 2003. The hearing will
be held Friday, June 28, 2002 at
6:30 pm in the nursing home
board room.

46-2tc

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED TEXAS
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT
CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway
improvement contracts will be
received by the Texas
Department of Transportation
(TxDOT) until the date(s) shown
below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT(S)
District: San Angelo
Contract 0069-03-050 for
SAFETY END TREAT
STRUCTURES AND
UPGRADE RAIL IN STERLING
County, etc. will be opened on
July 10, 2002 at 1:00 pm at the
State Office.

Plans and specifications are
available for inspection, along
with bidding proposals, and
applications for the TxDOT
Prequalified Contractor's list, at
the applicable State and/or
District Offices listed below.
Bidders must submit
prequalification information to
TxDOT at least 10 days prior to
the bid date to be eligible to bid
on a project. Prequalification
materials may be requested
from the State Office listed
below. Plans for the above
contract(s) are available from
TxDOT's website at
www.dot.state.tx.us and from
reproduction companies at the
expense of the contractor.
NPO: 6721

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)
San Angelo District
District Engineer

4502 Knickerbocker Rd.
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out
in bidding documents and the
rates will be part of the contract.
TXDOT ensures that bidders will
not be discriminated against on
the grounds of race, color, sex,
or national origin.

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DATE: JUNE 21, 2002

TO: Valentina Hernandez
Last Known Address: 829
Riverside, San Angelo, TX
And/Or Additional Owners of
Lots 10, 11 & 12; Block 17, OT,
Bronte, Texas

Your property, being Lots 10, 11
& 12, Block 17, OT, Bronte, Texas,
is not in compliance with Ordinance
349, adopted May 9, 2002,
because of the following conditions:

Grass, brush and weeds have
grown to a height of more than
twelve (12) inches.

You have ten (10) days from the
dates of this notice to correct the



Morgan McCutchen, a 2002 graduate of Bronte High School, was recently awarded a \$1500 Carr Scholarship to Angelo State University. She also received scholarships from the Sorosis Club, the Bronte Lions Club, and the Coke County Roping Club.

Morgan is currently taking summer college classes through the Distance Learning Lab at BHS and will be attending ASU in the fall. She is employed by the Observer/Enterprise, where she has worked for the past five years.

Morgan is the daughter of Wayne and Melinda McCutchen of Bronte.

violation or request a hearing in
writing, addressed the Municipal
Court Judge. In the event you
fail to do so, the City will enter
upon your property and mow or
have it mowed at 30 day
intervals during the annual
growing season.

Tall weeds are a breeding
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Please help us clean up Bronte.

Martin Lee, Mayor
City of Bronte

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It's tick time

The weather is warm. The days are long. Both animals and people are in the countryside.

It's tick time in Texas.

Ticks are often found in the same spots that people like to visit - wooded, brushy and grassy areas. And they often land on animals as well.

A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, human ehrlichiosis and tularemia. With prompt medical attention, these illnesses can almost always be successfully treated. But if people do not recognize the symptoms and seek treatment, the illnesses can be serious, even fatal.

The tick most likely to carry disease in Texas is the lone star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, according to Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian and director of the Zoonosis Control Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "This tick, which is about the size of a watermelon seed, will readily feed on human blood," she said.

Other tick species prefer attaching to animals and staying there.

The most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country is Lyme disease, a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. Named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where it was first described in 1976, the disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Occasionally there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite.

Untreated, Lyme disease can result in severe damage to joints, the heart and nervous system. Studies show that from 1 percent to 2 percent of ticks in Texas carry the organism that causes the disease. From 1990 through 2000, more than 2,200 possible cases of Lyme disease were reported in Texas. Of these, 732 cases were confirmed.

Symptoms of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis include headaches, muscle aches and high fever. A measles-like rash also may be present.

Tularemia is a bacterial disease affecting animals and humans, usually transmitted through a bite from an infected tick. It also can be spread through contact with blood or tissue from infected animals or by handling or eating undercooked rabbit meat.

Symptoms of tularemia include fever, an ulcerative skin sore and painful swollen lymph glands. If the organism is ingested, the person may have a throat infection, abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting.

Antibiotics are used to treat tick-borne diseases.

"Avoiding ticks is always the best prevention for any of these diseases," Mahlow said. "Keep fleas and ticks off pets and discourage unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home," she said.

To protect yourself from ticks:

*If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They can attach to any part of the body - head to toe.

*Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

*Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites by wearing a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

*Use insect repellent containing DEET (chemical name, N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) or permethrin (follow package directions).

If you find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it may take time to remove the tick properly. Ticks should be removed from pets using the same technique or by using a tick dip.

Using petroleum jelly or touching the tick with a hot match may be common practices but are not the best procedures, Mahlow said.

Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the TDH laboratory. They should be put in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on. Never mail ticks loose in an envelope. Call the TDH laboratory at 512-458-7615 for information on the proper way to submit live ticks.

People with flu-like symptoms following contact with a tick should get medical attention as soon as possible.

For more information contact Jim Schuermann, TDH Zoonosis Control Division at 512-458-7255; or Emily Palmer, TDH Assistant Press Officer, at 512, 458-7400.



Robert Raney (from left), Stacey Denton, Kyla Millican and Ashlee Millican recently participated in the State 4-H Roundup. These 4-H'ers were a part of 3000 elite 4-H members who presented their demonstrations at state competition at Texas A & M University. Coke County 4-H is proud of them and their accomplishments.



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