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Whole lot of shootin' goin' on in county

by Joan Davis

Lots of shooting (the sporting kind) went on in Coke County over the long holiday weekend as dove season opened on Sunday, Sept. 1. The best opener that locals have seen in perhaps seven years is underway.

Coke County Game Warden Jim Allen said good numbers of birds were distributed over the county, with afternoon shooting better than the mornings. He visited with several groups of hunters and found that a majority of them had filled their limits. Allen also observed that watering holes were yielding the best shooting, since water

is harder to come by than feed right now. Although locals were out hunting, quite a few of the groups were out-of-towners, which is welcome news for the economy.

One word of caution: be careful where you step during your dove hunting forays. Local newspaper publisher Hal Spain related that he had close encounters with snakes of the rattling kind two days in a row over the weekend. Both were observed after sunset each day, when the temperatures were somewhat cooler. According to Spain, it was the last sunset each of the reptiles would see until they crossed that great divide.

RLVFD needs more firemen to protect community

by Marian Thompson,
Secretary

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department met on Tuesday, Sept. 3, as Monday was a holiday. Only eight members were present.

The Fire Department needs volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department should contact Fire Chief Rick Drennan, Fire Marshal Bud Thompson, or any fireman.

The department meets every Monday of each month. Visitors are welcome to attend. The first Monday is the business meeting. The second, third, and fourth Monday of each month is for training classes, and or work nights, to become a certified fireman. Cadets are ages 16 to 18 years, with parents' consent, and they will receive fire and rescue training.

The firemen respond to auto accidents as well as to fire call, to standby in case of fire and to help with traffic control. They also assist the WCEMS when they need a landing zone set-up. They stand by for anything that can cause a potential fire, such as a natural gas leak, or electrical wires that are down. They

are all storm spotters, watching the skies for tornadoes when the weather is threatening. They are always there to protect their community.

At the meeting the minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as read. Dispatcher Bud Thompson reported that the new sirens should be set in place by the end of the month. He then gave the August monthly report: 2 regular meetings; 32 hours and 3 training classes; 70 1/2 hours for drills and activities; 1 assist WCEMS with a landing zone; 1 small grass fire; and 1 MVA; 10 3/4 man hours; 1/2 hour truck hours; 1/2 miles truck miles 1 way. Personal vehicles were used on all calls. There was one other structure fire at the lake. The house was air tight, and the fire put itself out, when it used all the oxygen inside. The fire department was not notified. Bud found out about it when he met the owner at a local restaurant, which made it hard to make a report for the state. The fire department needs to be notified when there is a fire. Reports have to be sent to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).

Chief Rick Drennan reported that he ordered two 24 inch pressure fans used to dissipate the smoke and noxious gas from a house fire. A



Democratic candidate for state representative Jeri Slone (seated, fourth from left), visited in Coke County on Friday, August 30. In addition to touring the courthouse, Slone met with RLISD teachers and administrative staff, as well as Head Start parents and other voters in the district. Slone is pictured with members of her staff and area seniors during lunch at the Senior Center in Robert Lee.

SCBA (air breathing apparatus), a foam unit, and foam. He also mentioned the Forest Service has grants available. He received a nice letter from Fort McKavett relating that their fire department is coming together. They are appreciative of our giving them the old pumper truck.

Topics of discussion were: how much they wanted to spend for Fire Prevention Week; the rural water district donated a copy machine to the fire department; and possible fundraisers. Susan Millegan crocheted an afghan that will be raffled off. Tickets will be available sometime this month.

Commemoration set for courthouse

A local prayer service to commemorate the one year anniversary of the September 11th hijackings and resulting destruction of the World Trade Center towers has been set for Wednesday, September 11, 8:00 am, on the courthouse steps. All those who would like to participate in the local commemoration are cordially invited to attend and participate. For local governmental resolutions commemorating the attacks, refer to these articles elsewhere in this week's paper.

Food Pantry provides need in Coke County

The Coke County Food Pantry continues to provide food for those in need. This summer has been busy. Thus far this year 742 sacks of food have been provided, serving a total of 1925 people. The food pantry is operated strictly by donations of money, food and volunteers helping to operate the pantry. Donations of money may be given to Joan Burns, Mary Bessent, deposited in the Coke County Food Pantry account at the Robert Lee State Bank, or be mailed to Box 1299. If you would like to give a memorial or a donation in honor of someone, you may give it to Joan Burns, Mary Bessent or it may be mailed to Box 1299. A card acknowledging the gift will be sent to the recipient. The food pantry is located at 21 Houston Street and is open on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:30 pm.

Swine Validation tags to be ordered

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to exhibit barrows at the major shows; Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo or Houston must have a state swine validation tag to be eligible. Barrow or gilts that will only be shown at county

show do not have to have a validation tag. Absolute deadline for ordering tags is September 18. Cost of the tags will be \$7 each. If you want validation tags, contact your Ag Science teacher or the County Extension office before the 18th.

Bronte UMC to hold revival

First United Methodist Church in Bronte will hold its annual revival September 8-11. Rev. Tom Thompson, former senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Abilene, will be the revival preacher. Rev. Thompson will be joined by Soul Purpose II, a southern gospel singing group from Sweetwater.

The revival will begin at 10:45 am this Sunday, September 8. The revival will continue with services Sunday through Wednesday at 7:00 pm each evening. A special service will be held Wednesday, September 11, the one year anniversary of the terrorist attack on America. Bronte volunteer fire fighters as well as the EMS volunteers and local law enforcement personnel will be recognized with a special gift. "We are looking forward to a great time of worship and fellowship! The whole community is invited," says Rev. Paul A. Evans, pastor of UMC.

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Obituaries

Barfield

Billy B. Barfield of Robert Lee died Monday, September 2, 2002, at his home. Services were held at 2:00 pm Thursday, September 5, 2002, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated by Wade Messer. Burial followed at 4:00 pm in the Sweetwater City Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Billy was born the only child to W.E. and Francis Barfield in Sweetwater on October 31, 1935. He graduated from Sweetwater High School and attended Texas A&M University, where he graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Billy worked in the USA and overseas with Halliburton before retiring to Robert Lee in 1985.

Survivors include four daughters, Kay Stratton of Waxahachie, Karol Coker of Hereford, Lisa Hanson of Havre, MT, and Susan Perez of Hamlin; one granddaughter of the home, Rachelle Mills; ten grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

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SA Writers' Club

The San Angelo Writers' Club will meet at 7 pm Tuesday, September 10, in the conference room at VistaCare Family Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Drive in San Angelo, Texas. An informal social period will precede the meeting, beginning at 6:30 pm.

For more information, call Sue South at 944-1321.

Death Notices

Rose

Monroe Rose, of Sweetwater, 76, died Wednesday, August 28, 2002, in an Abilene hospital. Service was conducted at 10 am Saturday, August 31, at Broadway Baptist Church with burial in Round Mountain Cemetery. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie Ross of Sweetwater, daughter, Marla Andrews of Sweetwater; son Marty Rose of New Braunfels; and sisters, Winnie Oden of Blackwell, and Treva Caithing and Elva Goracke, both of Bells.

Round-Up for Rehab

Coke County's Clifton Reed and Ed Cumbie are among 150 volunteers throughout Texas who will serve as local chairmen of West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 43rd annual Round-Up for Rehab. They are joined by regional chairman Carter Behrens of San Angelo and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson, both of Abilene.

Round-Up for Rehab is a year-round program that provides friends in the agriculture industry an opportunity to show their support of West Texas Rehab. Fall is the most active time of year for the event with seven special auctions scheduled. Cattle sales will be on Sept. 19 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and Sept. 24 at Abilene Auction. Specialty sales (all animals) will be Oct. 2 in Coleman, Oct. 4 in Dublin, Oct. 10 in Ranger, Oct. 14 in Junction and Oct. 30 in Stephenville.

Ways to participate include:
*Donate livestock to a sale in your area

*Make a cash gift to WTRC
*Attend one of the sales and join the bidding on livestock or novelty items.

Since 1953, West Texas Rehab's mission has been to improve the quality of life for every child and adult who enters its doors - regardless of their financial circumstance. A private, non-profit organization that treats more than 21,000 patients each year, WTRC has outpatient facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, Texas. Its primary services include adult and pediatric physical, occupational and speech therapies, audiology, industrial rehabilitation, orthotics/prosthetics, hospice care and home medical equipment and facilities make it one of the premiere physical rehabilitation organizations in the nation.

For more information, contact your local chairman or WTRC - Abilene at 915-793-3507 or WTRC - San Angelo at 915-223-6300.

Resolution

Whereas, on September 11, 2001, America was suddenly and brutally attacked by foreign terrorists, and;

Whereas, these terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, DC, and the fourth into a field in Somerset County Pennsylvania, and;

Whereas, thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders, and;

Whereas, these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve, and;

Whereas, these horrific events have affected all Americans. It is important that we carry on with the reg-

ular activities of our lives. Terrorism cannot be allowed to break the spirit of the American people, and the best way to show these cowards that they have truly failed is for the people of the United States and their counties to stand tall and proud,

Therefore be it resolved, that the governing board of Coke County condemns the cowardly and deadly actions of these terrorists, and;

Be it further resolved, that the governing board of Coke County supports the President of the United States, as he works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks, and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice, and;

Be it still further resolved, that the governing board of Coke County recommends to its citizens to support relief efforts by giving blood at the nearest available blood donation center.

Adopted this 4th day of September, 2002.

Jackie Walker
Coke County Judge

Wallace celebrates 96th birthday

Gib Wallace of Robert Lee celebrated his 96th birthday with family and friends Sunday, September 1, with a luncheon in his honor in the Northside Church of Christ fellowship hall following church services. Hosting the celebration were his daughter and son-in-law, Gayla and Jim Cox of San Angelo, and grandchildren, Melissa and Will Renfro of Mason and Justin Bradford of San Angelo.

In addition to the church congregation, a number of guests were present, including Ruth Williams, Rheba Clark, Morris, Wanda, Garret, and Duncan Wallace, Nadine Davis, and Jessica Smith. The group enjoyed a luncheon of brisket, smoked turkey, sausage, various vegetables, and salads. Two delicious birthday cakes rounded out the meal.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, freedom itself was attacked causing immense damage and tragic loss of life in Washington, D.C., New

York and Pennsylvania; and **WHEREAS**, Americans have always been united in our resolve to protect our freedom, and throughout history we have shown the world that we are a nation of people who will overcome any acts which attempt to threaten our freedom; and,

WHEREAS, America's diversity provides an unshakable respect and tolerance for each other, and demonstrates our unity and support for each other especially during these incredibly difficult times; and

WHEREAS, we all come together now in support of one another, and to remember the people who have been lost or injured by these acts of terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, we salute the selfless heroism of the countless firefighters, police officers, rescue workers, members of the National Guard, other public servants, and volunteers across the country,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN LEE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2002, as "A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE" in Bronte, Texas, and I urge our citizens and businesses to participate by flying the American flag.

Martin Lee, Mayor
City of Bronte

Churches of Robert Lee

Invite You to Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
(915) 453-2360

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

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Victory Assembly of God
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10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting



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Thanks again!

Roy Blair



Lance Millican (left) won the title of Reserve All-Around Champion Cowboy August 17 in the West Texas Rodeo Association and received a belt buckle for his efforts. He participated in the 16 & Under division. Lance is the son of Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee and will well represent Robert Lee High School this year in the Region II High School Rodeos. WTRA President Ron Miller presented the buckle to Lance.

Coke County Food Pantry Memorials

- Debbie Conley**
Paul & Joan Burns
- Bobby Baker**
Paul & Joan Burns
- Don Sparks**
Nell Hines
Cova Sparks
Jackie Walker
- Floy Sawyer**
Nell Hines
Paul & Joan Burns
Cova Sparks
Jackie Walker
- Noverta Reyes**
Mr. & Mrs. George Snapp
- Dee Smith**
Ben & Mary Bessent
- Gabriel Treadaway**
Ben & Mary Bessent
- Flora Smith**
Ben & Mary Bessent
- Lucile Bryan**
Paul & Joan Burns
Cova Sparks
Jackie Walker
- W.W. "Cotton" Timmons**
Cova Sparks
Jackie Walker
- Glenda Service**
Cova Sparks
Jackie Walker
- Hadley Richards**
Ben & Mary Bessent

Memorials may be addressed to the Coke County Food Pantry, Box 1299, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

9/11 Memorial Event
Four "Ground Zero" rescue workers will remember their fallen colleagues and other victims by traveling more than 1,500 miles to participate in a local memorial event on the first anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The four are Critical Response Medical Squad Capt. Rosendo "Rosey" Velez and Logistics EMT Sean Pelto-DiVincenzo, both of the Emergency Response Unit; FDNY Paramedic Steve Scarinzi, of Battalion 49-H-2; and a yet-to-be-announced

NYPD office from Precinct 114, all of Queens.

The 9/11 Memorial Event, sponsored by Sunset Mall, is set for 12 pm Wednesday, Sept. 11 on the north side of the mall.

RL Eastern Star plans garage sale
by Jeffie Roberts

Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187 will have a lot of items for sale Saturday, Sept. 7, at their garage sale. The sale will begin at 7:30 am (NO early sales) at the home of Dolores and Billy Wayne Roe on the Sterling City Highway at the edge of Robert Lee.

The proceeds will be used to fund a Scholarship for a Robert Lee High School graduating senior, to assist with a Birthday Party at the Robert Lee Care Center, needy families, Coke County Livestock Show and other local community activities.

Dolores Roe is Worthy Matron and James (Red) Stephens is Worthy Patron of Robert Lee Chapter Number 187.

Patriot's Day program

The U. S. Congress has established September 11 as "Patriot Day." The West Texas VA Health Care Center extends an invitation to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks one year ago.

At 12:00 noon on September 11, our hands will be placed over our hearts saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Please wear your red, white and blue and join the staff of the VA Medical Center as they gather to remember the victims, to honor those who exhibited great courage and renew our determination.

Please pause with them to reaffirm that:

*We stand with courage united in our resolve to overcome the threat against our nation;

*We stand with courage united in our confidence that America's people and leaders will persevere in defense of freedom and justice for all;

*We stand with courage in our conviction that true freedom is worth the price.

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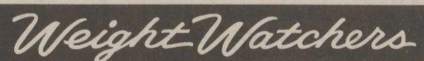
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns open season with a 35-6 victory over May

The Bronte Longhorns opened up the 2002 season with a 35-6 victory over the May Tigers.

The Longhorns took the opening kickoff and marched 68 yards for the first score, capped off by a Garrett Fiveash 43 yard touchdown run. The PAT was missed for a 6-0 lead. May was forced to punt on a three and out series. Bronte took the ball on their second series and marched down the field for another score when Cody Lee hit Joel Webb with a 16 yard TD

pass. The two-point conversion was good, and the Longhorns led 14-0.

After another good defensive series, the Longhorns took over on offense again and moved the ball for another score on a Fiveash 15 yard run. The Fiveash PAT made the score 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The only score of the second quarter came on a Jamie Wojtek fumble recovery in the end zone, which was forced by Justin Moore and Blaine Dyess. Bronte led at the half 28-0.

The Longhorns added one more score in the third quarter on a Lee to Tyson Baker 9 yard TD pass to make the score 35-0. May put a touchdown on the board with 1:50 left in the game to make the final score 35-6.

The Longhorn offense and defense looked good in the season opener. The defense held May to a total of 149 yards, and the offense had 300 yards. The Longhorns next play Christoval at Bronte on Friday, September 6.

Bronte Girl Scout meeting

The Bronte Girl Scouts will hold their meeting Monday, September 16, 7:00 pm at the Bronte Church of Christ. Girls grades 1-6 and a parent are encouraged to attend.

Lady Horns lose two hard fought matches

Bronte Lady Longhorns lost two hard fought battles against Greenwood and Crane on Tuesday night. The Lady Horns took both teams to three games in a 3 1/2 hour marathon. Greenwood defeated Bronte 15-10, 13-15, 15-13; and Crane won 10-15, 15-8, 15-3.

Statistics: Blocks - Heather Richey 4, Kailey Howell 2, Britney McCutchen 1, Lindsay Springer 1. Aces - Joe'l Sefcik 2, McCutchen 2, Richey 1. Kills - Richey 18, McCutchen 9, Springer 8, Howell 6 Kanah Coalson 5, Sefcik 1. Digs - Richey 26, Springer 23, McCutchen 16, Sefcik 10, Kayla Hilliard 10, Howell 7, Logan Acker 1, Ryan Martinez 1. Assists - McCutchen 25, Sefcik

10, Acker 1, Martinez 1.

Bronte's record is 7-3. The Lady Horns participated in the San Angelo Tournament on August 30-31.

JV Ladies lose to Greenwood, Crane

The Junior Varsity Lady Horns lost to Greenwood 4-15, 5-15. In the Crane match, they were defeated 6-15, 11-15.

Music education

by Les Suzi

submitted by George Tomes, band director, Bronte ISD

Contrary to popular misconception there is a life and opportunity for instrumental music students other than music. A high percentage of participants in instrumental music programs go on to pursue professional careers other than music and later credit disciplines learned in instrumental music with giving them the impetus for their achievement. The opening paragraph of a study done by the Rockefeller Foundation supports this conclusion: "An enduring myth within the academic world is that getting into the medical school is exhaustingly difficult and that doors are open only to science majors, hence the soul destroying pre-med race. Leaders of the medical profession themselves generally hold to this belief, yet the facts are quite otherwise. They suggest that an excellent piece of advice for an outstanding student eager to be admitted to medical school is to be a music major."

The Rockefeller Foundation

study states that music majors have the highest rate of admittance to medical school, a whopping 66.7 percent. Biochemistry, the subject closest to medicine, has a rate of 59.2 percent. The humanities in general have 51.2 percent admittance rate compared to 47 percent admittance rate for the natural sciences. The credibility of these statistics and the study lies in the fact that the study was done by medical doctors involved with medical schools throughout the United States. The study not only encourages but strongly suggests that students concentrate on liberal arts and maintains that physicians with liberal arts backgrounds make better doctors. This study should be read not only by music teachers and the counselors who insist in loading students schedules with heavy duty science courses, but especially by administrators and boards of education who, when contemplating cutbacks, arbitrarily begin with music programs and the arts in general. The Rockefeller study also states that students with interest and background in the liberal arts will not be at a disadvantage during their years in medical school and that this should be worthy of note by admissions committees, pre-medical school advisors, and the like.

Administrators and boards of education should begin to realize that there is more to instrumental music than marching band and the more visible performing groups. The need to realize that instrumental music can be and is more than a training ground for future teachers, professional musicians, informed listeners, and appreciators. It does go beyond that, as borne out in the Rockefeller study. If you are in the position of defending programs against cutbacks, you should take time

to research and use such studies as the Rockefeller study and to document the successes of your students in careers other than music.

Source: "Music Education - Just What The Doctor Ordered" by Les Suzi from Instrumentalist July 1990 - Used by permission of Coyle Music, Columbus, OH. Article originally appeared in Adlib newsletter published by Coyle Music.

Bronte ISD board meets in special session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a special board meeting, Thursday, August 29, 2002, at 8:00 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, President, David Scott, Terry Charles, Kendall Gibbs, Bob Frazee, Doug Hoyt, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Jeff Schoenfield was absent from the meeting.

An amendment to the 2001-2002 budget was approved.

Discussion was held concerning bus routes and transfer policy.

The regular board meeting for September was moved from September 12th to September 19th.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, updated the Board on the facilities and the construction. A tour of the facilities was made by the Board after the meeting.

Donna Evans was hired as third grade teacher.

The August bills were paid by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm by the president.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 9

Pop tarts, orange juice, toast & jelly, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Breakfast burrito, diced pears, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 11

French toast sticks, apple juice, milk

Thursday, Sept. 12

Cereal, orange half, biscuit & jelly, milk

Friday, Sept. 13

Donut, applesauce, toast & jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 9

Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, banana pudding, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Burritos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, cake, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, pink panther cake, milk

Thursday, Sept. 12

Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, rice krispie bars, milk

Friday, Sept. 13

Chopped Bar-B-Q, potato salad, baked beans, buns, chips, peanut butter cookies, milk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2003 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 16, 2002 at 8:00 P. M. in the Appraisal District office in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$125,120.00. This is a 1% increase from the 2002 budget.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is two full-time and one part-time. The number of employees compensated by the current year's budget is two full-time and one part-time.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District. If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, the proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

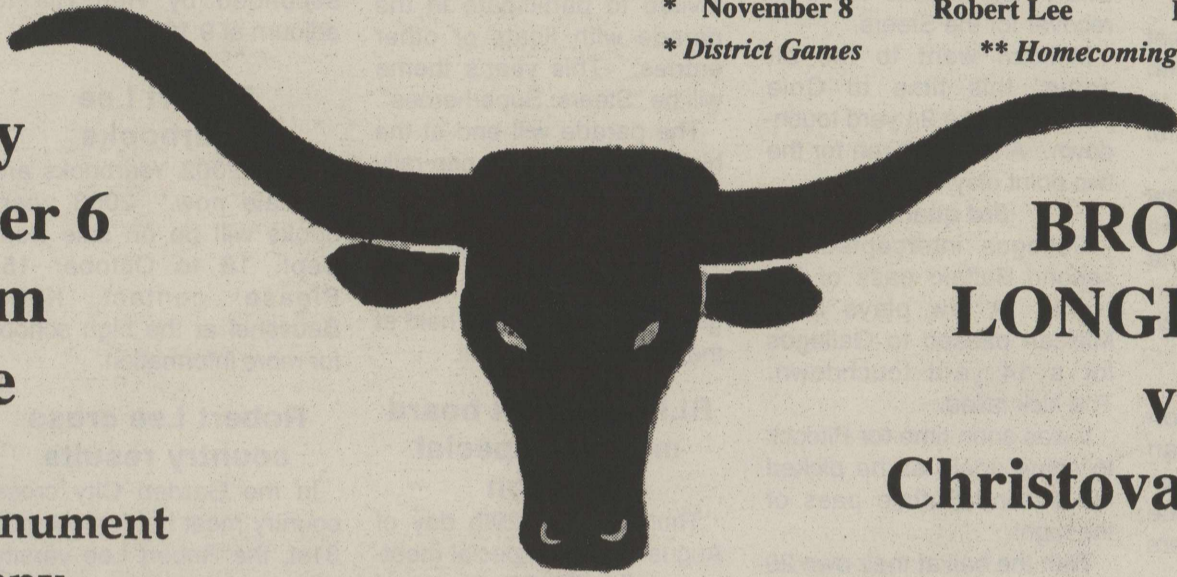
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August 30	May	Here	7:30 35 6
September 6	Christoval	Here	7:30
September 13	Rotan	There	7:30
September 20	Open		
** September 27	Eden	Here	7:30
October 4	Hamlin	There	7:30
* October 11	Sterling City	There	7:30
* October 18	Roby	Here	7:30
* October 25	Miles	There	7:30
* November 1	Roscoe	There	7:30
* November 8	Robert Lee	Here	7:30
* District Games	** Homecoming		

**Friday
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Christoval Cougars**

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers win 40-0 in season opener

By Bill Burns

The Steers went to Cross Plains to open the 2002 season against the Buffaloes. It was a long drive but well worth it as the Steers gained a 40-0 victory.

The Steers have a good set of leaders on the team with nine seniors, and expect to have a tough but successful season this year.

With the coming of new head coach Jimmy Orr, the fans are seeing a new style of play with a shotgun offense. It is fun to watch (sometimes scary).

1st quarter

With 8:00 minutes left on the clock, Stewart Millican ran for an 11 yard touchdown and Cooper Riley kicked the extra point to give the Steers a 7 point lead.

The Buffs could not get much going on offense as Jaziel Gallegos intercepted for the Steers.

With 2:49 on the clock, Anson Lott dashed 62 yards for the Steers second touchdown and Riley added a point with the kick.

The 1st quarter ended 14-0 in favor of the Steers.

2nd quarter

The second quarter was a little slower paced until half way through it when Travis

Pitcock picked off a Buffalo pass.

The Steers took advantage of the turnover and Millican passed to Gallegos for a 45 yard touchdown. On the ensuing kick-off, a Buffalo player fumbled the ball and Brian Abalos was there to recover for the Steers.

Millican went to the air again, this time to Cole Flanagan for a 24 yard touchdown. Anson Lott ran for the two point play.

3rd quarter

Gallegos intercepted his second Buffalo pass of the night. A few plays later Millican passed to Gallegos for a 14 yard touchdown. The kick failed.

It was soon time for Pitcock to shine again as he picked his second Buffalo pass of the night.

With the ball at their own 20 yard line, Millican handed the ball to Lott who refused to be tackled and 80 yards later, he had his second and the Steers last touchdown of the night.

4th quarter

The fourth quarter was scoreless but Brandon Soliz, Omar Saucedo, and Chris Torres got some valuable playing time for the Steers. GREAT GAME STEERS!!!

RL All Sports Booster Club meetings slated

Every Tuesday starting September 10th, the All Sports Booster Club will meet at 7:00 pm at the school library. There will be viewing of the high school and junior high games.

For membership information, please call Sharon Eaton at 453-5021.

Correction to RL senior officers elected

The senior class of 2002-2003 recently held class officer elections. The new senior class president is Cooper Riley. Incorrect information was submitted to the Observer last week. Please note correction.

Robert Lee homecoming

Robert Lee High School homecoming will be September 20th. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2:00. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "Steers: Superheroes".

The parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held at 2:50. The football game against the Christoval Cougars will begin at 8:00 pm. Following the game, a dance will be held at the new recreation hall.

RLISD school board meets in special session

Thursday, the 29th day of August 2002, a special meeting of the RLISD Board of Trustees was held in the high school library of the public school building at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by president Darrel Pitcock.

Those present were Gray, Riley, Hill, Pitcock, Washam, Burns, McCabe, and Supt. Wallace.

A public meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the 2002-2003 budget and 2002 tax rate.

The board entered closed session at 7:05 pm and returned to open session at 7:52 pm.

After discussion on the 2001-2002 amended budget, Bill Burns made a motion seconded by Wes Washam to approve the budget moves and amendments as listed. All for.

Discussion was held on the 2002-2003 budget. Supt. Wallace recommended that the board adopt the budget as presented. Mark Riley made a motion seconded by Jim Gray to adopt a fund/function budget for funds 199 and 240 for the 2002-2003 school year as presented.

Supt. Wallace recommended that the board adopt a \$1.50 tax rate for 2002.

Fredda McCabe made a motion seconded by Ron Hill to adopt a 2002 tax rate of \$1.50. All for.

Supt. Wallace recommended that Key and Piskuran continue to carry the property/casualty insurance for 2002-2003. Bill Burns made a motion seconded by Mark Riley to accept Supt. Wallace's recommendation. All for.

The next school board meeting will be Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm. Bill Burns made a motion seconded by Ron Hill to adjourn at 9:10. All for.

Robert Lee yearbooks

Extra 2002 Yearbooks are on sale now. 2003 yearbooks will be on sale from Sept. 16 to October 15. Please contact Kelly Beuschel at the high school for more information.

Robert Lee cross country results

In the Garden City cross country meet held on August 31st, the Robert Lee varsity runners placed as follows: 30th place - Nicole Sanchez; 34th - Monica Rodriguez; 57th - Michelle Sanchez; 75th - Andra Braswell; 82nd - Brittany Soliz; 83rd - Rachel Wallace; and Ashley Womack, 85th.

For the boys varsity it was Andy Mulkey in 45th.

The girls junior varsity runners were Tiffany Bagwell, Kayli Dickey, Cara Eaton, Jessica Fluhmann, Amie Kendall, Tyler Lott, Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, Kyla Millican,

Alana Parker, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe and Krystal Soliz.

Robert Lee PTO meeting scheduled

The Robert Lee PTO will be meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 pm in the RLISD cafeteria. The group will be discussing a possible Fall Festival, Book Fair, and making other important decisions.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

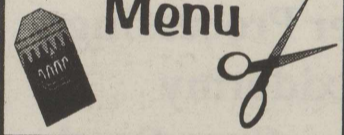
GED classes to be offered

Free GED classes will be offered this fall at Robert Lee ISD. Anyone wanting to take classes to earn a GED will need to call Gayle Bolding at 453-2508. A minimum of 8 people will be needed in order to have the class. The classes will meet 2 days a week at night. Please call this number for more information.

RLHS Spanish Club brisket dinner scheduled

The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club will have a brisket dinner on Friday, September 6, 2002. The dinner will be held prior to the Robert Lee vs. Menard football game in the high school cafeteria. Tickets may be purchased from an Spanish Club member. Ticket prices are adults \$5.00 and children 12 and under \$3.00. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Delivery will also be available. If you have any questions call Elena Sanchez at 453-4555.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 9

Orange juice/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Orange juice/apple juice, pigs in a blanket, cereal, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Orange juice, apple juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk

Thursday, Sept. 12

Orange juice, apple juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Friday, Sept. 13

Orange juice, apple juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 9

Frito pie, ranch style beans, salad, pears, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Chicken strips, gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, roll, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Ham & cheese sub, salad, pickle, chips, fresh fruit, milk

Thursday, Sept. 12

BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, sliced bread, peaches, milk

Friday, Sept. 13

Hamburger, salad, pickles, onion, tator tots, ice cream, milk

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RLHS Spanish Club Brisket Dinner

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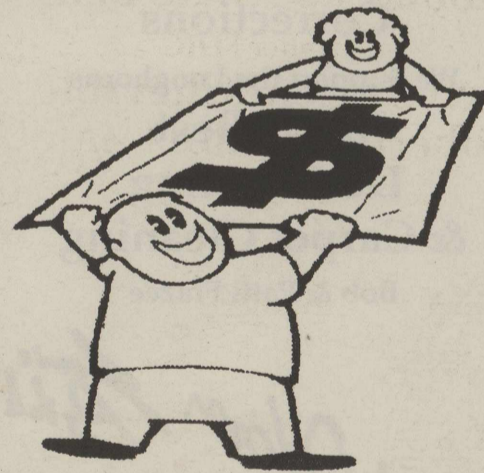
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August 30	Cross Plains	There 8:00	40
September 6	Menard	Here 8:00	0
September 13	Garden City	There 8:00	
** September 20	Christoval	Here 8:00	
September 27	Winters	There 8:00	
October 4	Open		
* October 11	Roscoe	Here 7:30	
* October 18	Miles	Here 7:30	
* October 25	Sterling City	There 7:30	
* November 1	Roby	Here 7:30	
* November 8	Bronte	There 7:30	

* District 15A Games

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Arrests/charges filed August 2002

James Leory Walker - parole violation - 08-03

William Vergil Coots - driving while intoxicated (1st) - 08-02

Margaret Millard - terroristic threat - 08-04

Reece J. Simpler - evading arrest with vehicle - minor in possession of alcohol - driving under the influence of alcohol (minor) - possession of drug paraphernalia - 08-04

Jarod Paul Wilson - driving while intoxicated - motion to revoke probation - 08-05

Jason Douglass Nitsch - evading arrest detention - possession of alcohol by a minor (3rd enhanced) 08-06

James Vivian - driving while intoxicated - 08-11

Tim Gonzales - theft by check - 08-15

Weldon Ray Runkles - driving while license suspended - 08-17

Michael Adam Baez - driving while intoxicated (1st) - 08-18

Joshua Lamar Washington - possession of marijuana - 08-24

Favian A. Minjarez - driving while intoxicated - motion to revoke probation - 08-27

Antonio Reyes Jr. - driving while intoxicated (3rd or more) - open container of alcohol in vehicle - 08-28

Rojelio Roy Reyes Sr. - open container of alcohol in vehicle - 08-28

Amy Summerville - theft by check - 08-29

Juveniles Handled through Sheriff's office

Curfew violation - 08-17

2 males age 16

1 male age 15

Curfew violation - 08-24

1 male age 16

Out of County Warrants served

Eric Joshua Mapes - criminal mischief - Ector County Warrant - 08-03

Antonio Reyes Jr. - driving while intoxicated - violation of probation - Kimble County Warrant; driving while intoxicated (Capias) - Lubbock County - 08-29

51st District Court Disposition 08-05-02

State of Texas vs: Jerry Don Wofford
Charge: manufacture of a controlled substance
Plea: guilty, 11 years I.D. - Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Coke County Court Dispositions 08-20-02

The State of Texas vs: Margaret Millard
Charge: terroristic threat
Disposition: \$300 fine, \$210.25 court cost

The State of Texas vs: Bert Pina
Charge: theft by check
Disposition: \$100 fine, \$225.25 court cost, \$91.14

restitution

The State of Texas vs: Jennifer Michell Woods
Charge: possession of marijuana

Disposition: 9 months deferred adjudication, \$400 fine, \$211.00 court cost, 40 hours community service

The State of Texas vs: Christopher Farrell Woods
Charge: possession of marijuana

Disposition: 9 months deferred adjudication, \$400 fine, \$210 court cost, 40 hours community service

The State of Texas vs: Lori Michelle Eubanks
Charge: purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor

Disposition: \$300 fine, \$236.00 court cost, 30 days jail probated 6 months, 30 hours community service

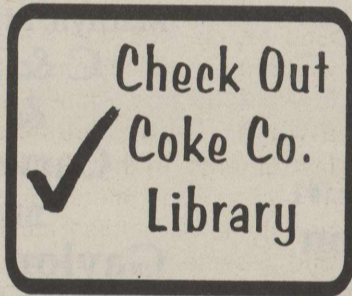
The State of Texas vs: William Alan Parker
Charge: driving while intoxicated

Disposition: pre-trial intervention, probation 1 year

Coke County Court Disposition August 20, 2002

The State of Texas vs: Dora Mayo

Charge: theft by check
Disposition: \$150.00 fine, \$265.25 court cost, \$71.88 restitution, probated 12 months



September has been declared "Library Card Sign Up Month" by the American Library Association. Library cards are free and easy to get at the Coke County Library. Name, address and phone number are all that is needed. Cards do not have to be presented when checking out books.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who have parents who read, perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Libraries provide information on health, sports, food, religion, current events, writing, science, history, music, art, hobbies, and almost any other subject. Libraries provide mystery, romance, poetry, detective, western novels and all for free. A large selection

of books on tape is also available at the Coke County Library.

The Coke County Library welcomes new readers anytime, but if visiting the library has been a thought, September is a good month to act.

The Story Hour program will begin September 17 at 10:00 am. Children three and older are welcome as are parents, grandparents, caregivers, and volunteers. Head Start children have made a trip to the library already.

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

Cotton Festival slated Sept. 14

Fun, fun, fun is the word for the Annual Miles Cotton Festival to be held on Saturday, September 14th in Miles, Texas as they celebrate their Silver (25th) Anniversary.

The All-Day activities include a brisket, pork rib and bean cookoff with over \$1,000.00 given away in prize money; a parade, breakfast, arts and crafts, Kid's Fair, Fun Run, washer pitching, Entertainment all day long in the City Park, a noon meal in our historic Opera House, Food Booths, Quilt Show, queen's contest and to round out the activities a boot-scooter under the stars street dance with music by Borderline.

For more information call 915-468-3611 or 915-468-3001 or check on the web at www.milestexas.com.

West Nile Virus TDH public service announcement

West Nile Virus (WNV) is an arbovirus (short for arthropod-borne virus) that may cause human disease, including encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). The virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito, and can infect people, horses, and many types of birds. Most people who become infected with West Nile Virus will have no symptoms or only mild ones and will fully recover. Symptoms are flu-like, including sudden fever, headache, nausea and body aches. In severe cases symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, convulsions, paralysis and, rarely, death. The risk of severe disease is generally low, 1 in 150 infec-

tions and usually occur in persons 50 years of age and older. There is no evidence to suggest that West Nile Virus can be spread from person to person or from animal to person. Humans and horses are considered dead-end hosts and do not contribute to the cycle or spread of the disease.

Although West Nile Virus can be carried in the bloodstream of over 100 species of birds, of particular concern are blue jays, crows and hawks, which die very quickly when infected with the virus. The State Health Department is testing these types of birds for the presence of the virus. To be tested, these specific birds must either be sick or freshly dead (within a 24 hour period) to ensure tissues are viable for testing. Birds, which are decomposed, rotten or decayed or appear to have died for other reasons (killed by a cat, dog or hit by a car) will not be tested.

Persons finding a dead blue jay, crow or hawk can contact the Texas Department of Health, Zoonosis Division in their area. Staff will determine whether the specimen should be submitted for testing. Bird testing takes place at the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin and takes upwards of 10 days for results.

West Nile Virus in Texas, 2002: Bird - 182; human - 38; mosquito - 91; horse - 134, for a total of 445 cases.

West Nile Virus was first detected in the United States in 1999 during an outbreak in New York. Since then, the virus has continued its westward movement across the US and into areas of Texas. West Nile Virus is dependent upon a bird - mosquito transmission cycle. Eliminating mosquito populations by fogging, removing breeding sites, or even through biological controls such as predatory minnows (Gambusia affinis) that will eat mosquito larvae will help to prevent human infections.

How can I reduce my chances of being infected? Remember the "Four D's to defend yourself against West Nile Virus."

Dusk/Dawn are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.

Dress in long sleeves and pants when you're outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing

with repellent.

DEET (chemical name, N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) is the active ingredient in many insect repellent products, it is used to repel biting pests when you are outside.

Drain standing water in your back yard and neighborhood - old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. These are mosquito breeding sites.

Visit our website for the most current information on West Nile and other zoonotic diseases, <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis>.

Pedal for the Park Bike-a-Thon

The annual Pedal for the Park is fast approaching. The Bike-A-Thon will be held September 14th, 2002. Sign up will be at 8:30 and the riding will start at 9:00 and last until 11:00. This Bike-A-Thon will help provide playground equipment for Cody Bill Park.

Lunch will be provided after the ride. Money raised needs to be turned in by September 30th to Zena Williamson 453-2795, at 1424 Washington or any AON Club members.

Please wear your bike helmet if you have one.

Prizes will be given!!! \$50.00 Savings Bond will go to the top money raiser!! T-shirts will be given to each child that raises at least \$35.00. There will be prizes for the most miles ridden in each age group as well.

Please help support the children when they come around to collect money for the Bike-A-Thon. The money goes towards a great cause.

Hamstring injuries tie up athletes

Hamstring injuries are something that even the world's greatest athletes can't outrun.

According to Dr. Charles Kevokian, an associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, athletes with hamstring injuries should take it easy.

"The best thing you can do is rest and do a gentle stretch," Kevorkian said. "If the injury doesn't improve, or if there is considerable pain, see a doctor."

As a basic strengthening exercise for the recreational athlete, he recommends that you put on ankle weights, get on your stomach and bend the leg at the knees while pressing against the hamstring.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Preparation for small grain production

Hopefully, we will receive some showers to be able to sow our winter grain crops either for grazing or grain production. There are several important decisions to make before we sow our grain.

First, fertility is probably the most limiting factor besides moisture. The best source of information for fertility is a soil test to see what is actually available in the soil. If a soil test has not been taken, there are a few rules of thumb to assist in determining fertilizer needs. For forage production, small grains will use about 60-70 pounds of Nitrogen per ton of forage, 20-40 pounds of Phosphorous and 20-40 pounds of Potassium for each ton of forage produced. Another way of figuring fertility requirement is that for each 100 pounds of beef produced per acre small grain will use 30-40 pounds of Nitrogen. For grain production, it takes 2 pounds of Nitrogen and 0.8 pounds of Phosphorous to produce one bushel of grain.

Secondly, moisture is the most limiting factor we have. Through several field trials where grain was sown at different intervals of mid-August, early October and mid-November results show the August planted wheat used most of the available moisture before spring resulting in lower forage production in the spring. In contrast the November planted grain couldn't use the early moisture and produced most of its forage in the spring. The October planted grain produced about half of its forage in the fall and about half in the spring. If you need early grazing, plant early, if you need spring grazing wait until October.

Field preparation is also very important to consider. Small grains need to be sown in a weed free, firm seed bed. This firm seed bed is very important for emergence of all small grains. One of the worst practices you can do is sow right behind the tandem. If your drill does not have depth bands, sowing grain behind the tandem can cause the seed to be planted too deep. When the seed has enough moisture to sprout and send up the coleoptile, or first emerged leaf, if the seed is too deep the coleoptile will not emerge through the soil line and die resulting in poor stands.

If grain is to be grazed, about 2/3's of the nitrogen needs to be applied at or near planting. If it is for grain production only, then 30-40% needs to be applied in the fall and the rest in the spring, if

moisture conditions are favorable. With the unpredictability of our rainfall, it is a wise idea to split the fertilizer applications so that you don't put all your eggs in one basket so to speak. One major important fact of small grain fertility is that the fertility levels at or near emergence of small grain can genetically determine the future production of that crop. If the fertility level is too low at this critical time, no amount of fertilizer and moisture can greatly enhance the pre-determined genetic potential of a grain crop.

Another key factor is what kind of small grain to sow. If you are going to strictly graze the crop out, there are several options to use. Beardless varieties of wheat such as WinTex, WinMaster or Russian have performed well in forage tests in this area, plus the awnless heads allow for more complete graze out by livestock. Also, if grazing is the only purpose of the crop, a producer might want to mix early and late maturing varieties together for extended grazing or mix oats, rye and Triticale for increased forage production.

For more information on varieties or small grain production, contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461.

Out of the Ordinary column

by Jane Austin Bruckner
In celebration of Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 8, 2002, I have found a wonderful grandparent story - after asking in this column, who named Bronte? Gerald W. Key, Vice President of Texas Sheet Metal Fabricators in San Antonio is the Key family historian, and wrote this about his great grandmother, and the naming of Bronte. You may contact him at KeyNotes2000@aol.com.

Amanda Head Key: Named the Town, Bronte

Written by Gerald W. Key
According to the family history, it was my great grandmother, Amanda Key,

who was asked by her husband, Wesley Key, to name the town.

'Annie' was born Amanda JoAnna Head on January 14, 1855 in Butts County, Georgia to William Henry and Amanda Delamar Head. During the great Arkansas land rush in the 1850s, she moved with her family to Dallas County. For those times, Annie was considered to be a very religious, studious, and well educated young lady. At the unusually young age of ten, she joined the Methodist Church. Annie attended schools in Holly Springs, but was educated mostly by her father, a county judge, and through the teachings of the Methodist Church.

On November 30, 1871, Annie married Wesley Fletcher Key in Holly Springs, Arkansas. Soon the family relocated to Greenville, Hunt County, Texas and then to Pursley, Navarro County, Texas. My great grandpa Wesley was a country doctor with no formal medical training but who had studied under another doctor, his uncle, Dr. Richard Childress Key. By 1874 they had moved to Hubbard City, Hill County, Texas. Realizing he needed more formal training, Wesley attended the University of Arkansas Medical School in Little Rock as a third year student. Great granny Annie lived with the Richard C. Key family while Wesley returned to Arkansas for his Medical Degree. In 1886, the family moved to Lingleville, Erath County, Texas. In 1890 when they moved to West Central Texas, the country was still wild and inhabited mostly by cowboys herding cattle. Wesley and Annie Key decided to make it their home on the Kickapoo Creek and eventually owned a considerable amount of property there. Soon other families began arriving and a nice little community was formed. In the beginning, the settlement had such names as Oso and Bronco but for some reason those names did not stick. When the railroad came through the community, the existing buildings were put on logs and rolled to the present location of the town.

Wesley, Annie and three of their children (Pearl, Henry, and Valdimir) were charter

members of the Bronte Methodist Church. The original congregation was organized at the Pecan Motts on East Kickapoo Creek in 1890. In 1907, the cornerstone for the permanent church was laid and great grandpa was on the building committee. All his active years, he served as steward in the church.

Wesley Key has long been recognized as the founder of the town and it was fitting that the wife of the founder named the town. It was not a quick decision but after careful thought and consideration, Annie chose the name of Bronte. Annie Key was a well-read woman; her favorite authors were Charlotte Bronte, author of Jane Eyre, Emily Bronte, author of Wuthering Heights, and Ann Bronte, author of Agnes Grey. Another interesting note is that before coming to America, the Key family lived in Yorkshire, England, which was hometown of the Bronte sisters. Whether that had anything to do with the naming of Bronte is pure conjecture but interesting speculation.

As the town of Bronte developed, so did the Key family. The Bible was always read in their home and their eight children all became God loving individuals and well-respected citizens. A lover of the arts, Annie Key always had musical instruments in her house. Two of her daughters, Annie and Garland, studied music and became piano teachers. Devoted to the church, one son, Ira, became a well-known Methodist preacher. Valdimir (V.O.) became an attorney. Henry was a merchant and farmer. Folden was owner of a lumber company and built many of the homes in Bronte. He also became the construction supervisor of streets in Bronte. Pearl married a

Methodist preacher. Daisy worked in a school and married a railroad man.

Amanda JoAnna Key died in Bronte on November 1, 1915 and is buried at the Fairview Cemetery. She was loved and respected by everyone. On the day of her burial all the children in Bronte were dismissed from school and attended her funeral.

Dr. Wesley Fletcher Key died in Wichita Falls, Texas on February 13, 1921, while visiting his daughter Garland. His body was returned to Bronte and buried beside his wife.

(Remember to buy a **Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas** available at the Coke County Library or the Observer/Enterprise office. Proceeds benefit the Coke County Historical Society. And send your grandmother story to jane@janebruckner.com.)

Boost energy level

Adopting proper eating habits is the best way to recharge your battery.

"The problem is usually poor nutrition," said Dr. Ken Goodrick, an associate professor of family and community medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Not eating enough, eating too much fat or not drinking enough water can cause a person to feel fatigued, Goodrick said. Caffeine abuse may also cause tiredness.

Goodrick recommends following a well-balanced diet that provides no more than 30% of total calories from fat. A healthy eating plan also includes five or more servings of fruits and vegetables and at least 8 glasses of water per day.

You can listen to what everybody says, but the fact remains that you've got to get out there and do the thing yourself.

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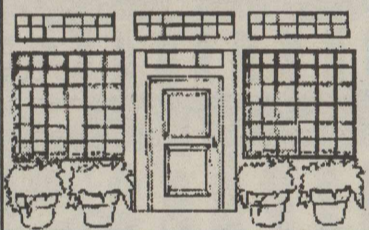
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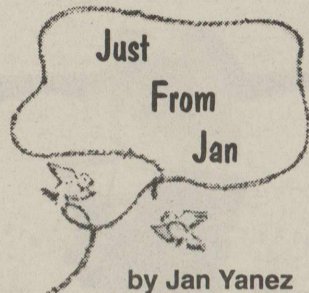
to express our appreciation to everyone for coming to give us comfort and support during this time of loss. Without friends like you, how could we make it. I cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate your coming, phone calls, delicious food, and cards. Thank you so much for caring, your prayers, and love. God Bless you.

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Lloyd "HUD" Hudman wishes to thank our many friends for their kind expression of sympathy on the loss of our loved one, June Hudman. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

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by Jan Yanez
 Cooperative
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Safe school lunches

Whether it is a brown bag, a lunch box or a tote bag, many children will carry a school lunch every day. Often when kids come home with the stomach cramps, diarrhea or even vomiting, it is diagnosed or dismissed as "just a bug going around." And indeed it may be a "bug" but not the "flu bug" often suspected. The "bug" may be foodborne illness.

Packing a carried lunch does require some food safety precautions, especially since the lunch may be standing at room temperatures for several hours before being eaten. Bacteria that causes foodborne illness live and grow at room temperatures. In fact, between temperatures of 40 degree F and 140 degrees F, enough bacteria can grow in two hours to cause illness.

The key to packing a safe lunch is "keep hot foods hot, cold foods cold, and everything clean." Here's why and how:

*Some foods need to be kept either cold or hot. These are perishable foods like meats, poultry, seafood, eggs and milk products. Meat salads like ham, chicken or egg are especially susceptible to food germs because they are handled a lot during preparation and hands can spread germs.

*Ideally, you should store lunches in a refrigerator to keep them cold, but this often is not possible. Lunch boxes, especially insulated ones, will generally keep foods cold much better than paper bags. Advise children to place their lunch in as cool a place as possible, never in the window ledge in the sun.

*To keep foods hot for several hours, a thermos designed for hot foods will work. Before pouring a hot food in, rinse the thermos with boiling water. Bring the food to as high a temperature as possible before pouring it into the thermos.

*Keep everything clean when preparing lunches to avoid spreading bacteria that cause the illness. Wrap foods in clean wrap. If using brown paper bags, use ones purchased only for that purpose.

Occasionally, foods that do not need to be kept hot or cold may be a desirable lunch choice. These foods include beef jerky, peanut butter, and some non-perishable cheeses and cheese spreads. Canned meat, poultry

and seafood products that can be opened and eaten immediately are other options. Good choices also include, fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and cereals and nuts.

Remember that food can be contaminated with enough bacteria to make you sick without looking, smelling or tasting bad. Keep carried lunches safe:

*Keep everything clean when preparing and packing lunches.

*Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Do not allow these foods to remain at room temperature for more than two hours.

*If perishable lunch foods are not eaten, throw leftovers away.

Winning nutrition for the athlete

Good nutrition is one choice an athlete can make to provide fuel for the body whether it is to play football, soccer, swimming, walking or jogging. Like any of these sporting events, good nutrition has basic guidelines. Athletes must follow and practice the dietary rules to feel great and score those winning points.

What would be the preferred nutritional choices an athlete should make? All athletes need to make dietary choices that provide enough energy in the form of carbohydrates and fats and essential protein, vitamins and minerals. So the diet should contain about 55 to 60 percent of calories from carbohydrates with 10 to 15 percent from sugars and the remainder from complex carbohydrates, no more than 30 percent of calories from fat and the remaining 10 to 15 percent from protein.

So, what does this mean in the food choices and athlete must make on a daily basis? Everyday an athlete should include grains, vegetables, fruits, beans, lean meats and low-fat dairy products. The basis of the diet should come from complex carbohydrates with some sugar. Fluids - especially water - important to prevent dehydration which can prevent any athlete from playing their best during the competition.

The reasons carbohydrates are so important for the athlete are that the body uses glucose in the blood for energy. When starches or sugars are eaten, the body changes them to glucose - the only form of carbohydrates used directly by muscles for energy. Most glucose is stored as glycogen in the liver and muscles. During exercise, glycogen is broken down in the muscles to provide energy. Usually enough glycogen is present in muscles for 90 to 120 minutes of exercise.

One frequently asked question by athletes is "Do I need extra protein or protein supplements to build muscles?" The answer is absolutely not. Muscles are built through training and exercise. The USDA Food Guide Pyramid recommends that not only athletes, but all people need the amount of protein obtained by eating two 3-ounce servings from the meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs

and nuts group. In addition, some protein is obtained from the milk, yogurt and cheese group as well as the bread, cereal, rice and pasta group. Extra protein supplements are not beneficial for muscle development. Unlike carbohydrates, protein cannot be stored in the body and any excess will either be burned as energy or stored as body fat.

TDA seeks historic farms and ranches

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the 2002 Family Land Heritage Program, which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100, 150, and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, almost 3,700 farms and ranches have been recognized in 219 counties.

"We must not forget our past," Combs said. "There was a time when few buildings and roads could be seen on the Texas landscape.

Instead, there were pioneer families, one after the other, homesteading on a great wilderness, building their homes and staking their claim to the land. This program recognizes these pioneers and the generations who have continued the farming or ranching heritage."

Farms and ranches that

qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin in March 2003. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in the 2002 registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator, Melissa Burns-Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

Warm up first

If fun in the sun and in the sand includes a few games of beach volleyball, don't forget to warm up first.

"Stretch your shoulders, thighs and calves," said Dr. Joseph Chorley, an assistant professor of pediatrics, adolescent and sports medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Volleyball players are more likely to suffer shoulder injuries because of the overhead action of spiking the ball. Knee and ankle injuries tend to be less common because the sand provides a more giving surface.

Chorley also recommends drinking at least eight ounces of water one-half hour before hitting the court. Taking water breaks every 15 to 20 minutes and having a sports drink after an hour of play can help keep you hydrated.

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What can the office of the Attorney General do for you

by Atty. Gen. John Cornyn

Instead of my usual question-and-answer column, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about what services my office offers the public.

Although state law only allows my office to provide legal representation, advice or opinions to state agencies and other authorized requesters, we still offer a wealth of services to the people of Texas.

Several divisions within my office provide direct assistance to the public. These include Consumer Protection, Child Support, Crime Victims' Compensation, Open Records, Texas Internet Bureau, and Public Information and Assistance.

Consumer Protection

My Consumer Protection Division (CPD) provides an informal dispute resolution service between consumers and businesses. If you would like CPD to review a complaint against a business, you can submit a consumer complaint form. If your complaint is appropriate for the dispute resolution process, CPD will review the situation and contact the business for a response. If CPD is unable to assist you directly, the complaint will be kept on file to assist us in monitoring trends in business practices and determining priorities for enforcement efforts.

To request a consumer complaint form or for additional information about the complaint process, you can call our Consumer Protection Division hotline at (800) 621-0508. You can also fill out the form on our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Child Support

The Office of the Attorney General is the designated agency responsible for collecting court-ordered child support on behalf of children. You can request an application for child support services by calling the Child Support Division at (800) 252-8014 or by consulting your phone directory for the number of your local office. Further information about child support services provided by our office is also available on our Web site.

Crime Victims' Compensation

Texas law provides that victims of violent crime and their families may be eligible for financial assistance through the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, which is administered by my office. The Fund can help pay for crime-related expenses such as funeral bills, medical and counseling bills, loss of support, or other expenses not covered by other sources.

We also provide technical assistance and training to those who work with victims of violent crime on a local level. More information on the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund

and the services offered by our office is available on our Web site.

Open Government

I strongly believe that government must be open and available to the people it serves. Texas law provides that all governmental bodies are subject to the Public Information and Open Meetings Acts. To help educate the public and governmental officials about these Acts, my office has published handbooks that answer some of the most frequently asked questions. In addition, we have an Open Records Hotline that field questions from the public and governmental officials on Public Information and Open Meetings issues. You can reach the Hotline at (512) 478-7636 or (877) 673-6839.

The open government handbooks and copies of attorney general opinions and letter rulings are available through our Web site. You can also request hard copies of open government handbooks by calling (800) 252-8011.

Texas Internet Bureau

The Internet has become a valuable resource for people to communicate with others, do research, and shop, among other things. Unfortunately, some unscrupulous individuals take advantage of the ease of communication and lack of regulation to prey upon the unsuspecting. My Texas Internet Bureau accepts and investigates complaints of possible illegal activity online. If you think you know of something illegal happening through the Internet, online child pornography for example, you can report it by filling out our online form in the Internet Bureau section of our Web site.

For more information on the duties and responsibilities of my office and the services we offer, please visit our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

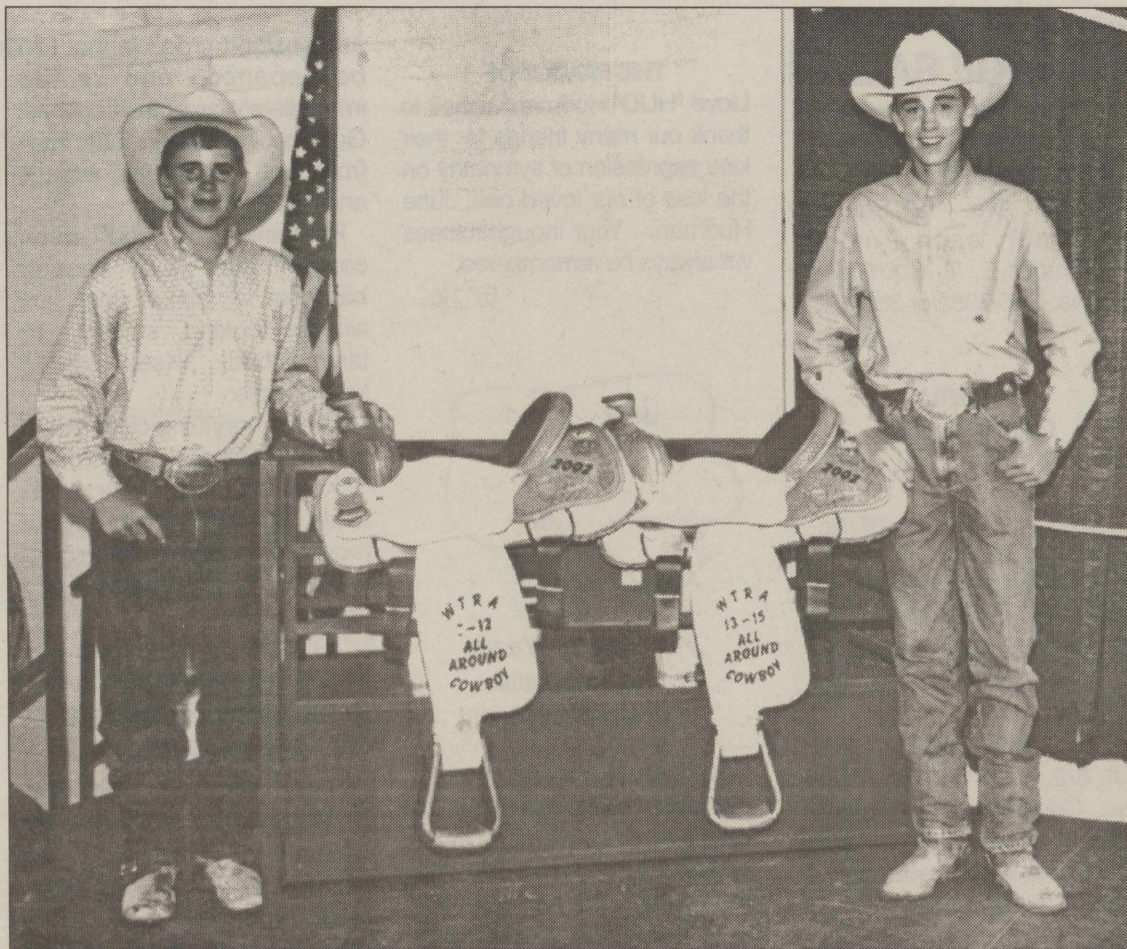
Natural vs. healthy

Just because it's "natural" doesn't mean it's healthy.

Supplements containing ephedrine, an extract of the herb ephedra, which is often marketed as a way to shed pounds and boost energy, could cause health problems if you neglect to carefully read the label.

"There are no well-designed tests that address safety measures when taking these supplements, and no one is sure of the kinds of long-term health conditions that could result," said Dr. Robert Luchi, geriatrician at the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Ephedra can affect the cardiovascular system, increasing blood pressure and heart rate. Therefore, anyone with heart disease, high blood pressure or neurological disorders should not use ephedrine supplements. The stimulant could cause heart attack, stroke, seizure or death.



Jake (right) and Cody McCabe won hand-tooled trophy saddles when they earned the West Texas Rodeo Association All-Around Champion Cowboy titles August 17. Cody participated in the 7-12 division and Jake in the 13-16 division. They are the sons of Mike and Diana McCabe of Silver. Jake will represent Robert Lee High School this year at the Region II High School Rodeos.

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