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Something for everyone at Saturday's Street Affair

With more than 30 craft and food booths signed up for the Robert Lee Street Affair this Saturday, there will be something for everyone. This year the booth entries were limited to hand-made items only. There will be no commercial booths. The Street Affair was planned to give crafters a showcase for their creations.

Many of the food booths will be fund raisers for school classes and organizations. Service organizations will have an opportunity to provide awareness for their purposes.

Because of the local and area talent, the art show was designed to provide a showcase for the artists. There will be only one "Best of Show" award this year. The award will be provided by the Robert Lee State Bank. The Art Show will run from Thursday through Saturday at Ben Bessent's showroom.

The dessert cook-off has been planned to show off the cooking talents of the town. No entry fee is being charged for the event. The entries will be judged at the Library at 10:30 am Saturday morning. A list of entrance rules are available at the Library and there will be five categories including cakes, pies, miscellaneous, sugar and fat free, and quick and easy. Certificates will be given to the winners and a grand prize will also be given. Cooks who wish to donate their dessert to raise money for the library may donate the entire dish. However, this is strictly optional.

The 5K run will begin at 8:00 am and is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the parade will follow at 9:30 am beginning at the courthouse. The antique cars will be on display behind the courthouse. Several prizes will be offered, among them the Best of Show, Greatest Distance Traveled, Oldest, People's Choice and several others. Ballots will be available on the site for the public to vote to choose the winners. Owners of classic and antique cars are dedicated to the restoration of these vehicles and enjoy having folks look at their work.

The Old Jail has been readied for the tours which will begin at 10:00 am. A collection of historical items will be

on display. Visitors will have an opportunity to see the living quarters on the first floor and the foreboding cells and hanging noose and trap door on the second floor. There will be several items available for raffle. Money will be used for the planned renovation. Also copies of Jane Austin Bruckner's Grandmother Book and Bonita Copeland and Wanda Smith's Coke County Cemetery Book will be on sale. The "kiddie art" poster of Coke County will also be on sale. A shuttle will run from the gazebo in Bryan's Mini Park to the jail from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Beginning at 12:30, local talent will be performing on the stage beside the Library. Several individuals and groups have signed up to entertain during the afternoon. A tent provided by Shaffer Funeral Home will allow seating and shade for enjoying the show.

Robert Lee's own Driftwood will be providing music and emceeing during the day's events. They will be announcing winners of various events and raffles and making public service announcements. Band members offered their time and equipment for use during the day.

AT 5:00 pm bar-b-que sandwiches will be available on the street by the gazebo. This will precede the street dance which will begin at 7:30 pm. Driftwood will make the evening a night to remember. The charge for the dance will be \$2.00 each person. The hat will be passed during the evening to help cover the additional expenses. Donations will go to the band for their day-long effort on behalf of the Street Affair. The street will be blocked off and no cars will be allowed between 7th and 8th Streets.

Parade needs entries

HELP - Join the parade Saturday, Oct. 5, in downtown Robert Lee. The Street Affair parade will begin at 9:30 (be a little early) and will form behind the courthouse and on 6th and Austin Street. Anything can be an entry - horseback riders, bicycles, golf carts, cars, pickups and trailers. The Robert Lee school band will be unable to attend; they will



The BHS junior class look pretty relaxed in their Hawaiian themed float during the Homecoming Parade in downtown Bronte on Friday afternoon.

be in contest in San Angelo. Help us to take up the slack.

The Downtown Street Affair will be a busy, all-day event. Plan to spend it with us!

Dessert cookoff update

The Street Affair dessert cookoff still needs entries. After judging, the entries will be sold either whole or by the slice. All money collected will be donated to the Coke County Library.

The deadline to enter has passed, but your entries are still needed. Bring your desserts to the Library on Saturday morning by 9 am. GOOD LUCK!!!

Sorosis Club plans rummage sale

The Sorosis Club of Bronte will have a rummage sale on October 5 in the parking lot of the bank in Bronte. The proceeds will benefit Friends of the Pool and the scholarship fund for a graduating senior of Bronte High School. If you have anything to donate for this sale you can call Marilyn Bivins or any member of the club and we will pick it up or you can bring it to the bank parking lot Saturday morning, October 5.

Gospel singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, Oct. 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Hunting & Fishing Guide set for publication

The 2002 Coke County Hunting & Fishing Guide is slated to be published in the October 25th edition of the *Observer/Enterprise*. The deadline for pictures and editorial copy is Friday, October 18.

Every effort will be made to contact advertisers prior to this deadline. However, if we miss you, please do not hesitate to call our office at 453-2433.

The annual *Hunting & Fishing Guide* has been recognized as one of the best publications of its type in the state. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of this annual guide to the hunting and fishing resources of Coke County.

Blackwell Homecoming 2002

The Blackwell Homecoming will kick off at 10:30 on Saturday morning October 12, 2002. Refreshments will be served with registration and visitation. The parade will begin at 1:30 followed by a pep rally at 3:00. At 4:30 there will be a meal provided by the junior class.

The football game will start at 6:45 with introduction of the players. During the half-time, all reunion class members will be honored with special recognition of distinguished alumni.

There will be a dance following the football game sponsored by the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department.

Sterling City Homecoming Supper

The 5th Annual Homecoming Supper will be held at the Sterling City Depot on Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, from 5:00 till kickoff.

For more information on the event and/or ticket prices, call Nell Castro at 378-4400.

Hunter Barbecue tickets available

Tickets are now available for the 14th Annual Hunters Barbecue, set for Saturday, November 2, 2002, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets for their hunters at the following locations in Robert Lee: C&H Auto and Hardware, Key Feed Store, or Wink Insurance. Donations may also be mailed to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

For more information contact Robert Wink, Chairman, at 453-4551 (ofc) and 453-2003 (home). According to Wink, "our deer hunters bring a lot of dollars into the local economy, and we would like to express our appreciation to them for their continued support."

In addition, there is always a place to help with the appreciation barbecue, whether you may want to volunteer as a cook, baker, server, ticket taker, or serve on the set-up or clean-up crews. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Robert Wink at the phone numbers above.

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A group of Bronte Elementary students watch the parade crowd on their feedsack float.

Death Notices

Matthews

David Alan Matthews, 36, of Fort Worth, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002. Service was held at 11 am Friday, Sept. 27, at South Park Baptist Church with burial at 1 pm Saturday, Sept. 28, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Survivors include his wife, Tina Matthews; sons, Bradley and Brandon; mother, Anita Leamon of Carter, OK; brothers, Leroy Matthews of Carter, OK; and Chris Matthews of Dallas; and a sister, Barbara Snow of Carter, OK.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 7

If you are not registered to vote and would like to vote in the November 5, 2002 election, the last day to register to vote is October 7, 2002. Voter registration cards may be picked up in the Coke County Tax Office.

If you are currently registered to vote and have changed your mailing address or your physical location since you received your voter registration card last December, please contact the Voter Registrar's office in the Coke County Tax Office by October 4, 2002. It will be a time-saver to you as well as to the poll workers if all information on your voter registration card is correct when you go to vote. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WITH YOU WHEN YOU VOTE.

The early voting clerk must receive your application for mail ballot no later than October 29, 2002. For information concerning a mail ballot please call (915) 453-2631.

If you wish to early vote you

may do so from October 21, 2002, through November 1, 2002. Early voting for all precincts will be conducted in the Coke County/District Clerk's office located in the Coke County Courthouse. Branch polling will be held at the Annex Building in Bronte on October 23 and 30 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

If you have questions concerning your voter registration card or if you are unsure if you are registered to vote please call the Voter Registrar's Office at 453-2614.

For questions concerning a mail ballot or early voting please contact the Election Administrator's Office at 453-2631.

Please remember that every vote counts and each of us has a right to vote for the leaders of our government.

Hunter Education Course offered

Coke County 4-H will sponsor a Hunter Education Course to be presented by Jim Allen, Game Warden with Texas Parks & Wildlife. This course will be offered October 12-13, 2002 at the county courthouse.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after September 2, 1971 must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. If you were born on or after September 2, 1971, and you are:

*age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course.

*age 12 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a person 17 years of age or older licensed to hunt in Texas.

*under 12 years of age, you must be accompanied by a person 17 years of age or older licensed to hunt in Texas.

Minimum age of certification

is 12 years and the cost of certification is \$10.00. Proof of certification is required to be on your person while hunting.

A minimum of 5 people are required to be able to hold this class. Please contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461 to register.

TAX TIME!

by Gayle Sisemore
County Tax Assessor/Collector

Once again it is time for taxpayers to watch their mailboxes for those pink tax statements. All the jurisdictions have set their rates, and the Appraisal District and the Tax Office have been working together to get the tax rolls balanced. Property owners should look for tax bills to show up in their mailboxes soon, if you haven't already received them. If you do not receive a bill and you owe property taxes in Coke County, please call the Tax Office so your mailing address can be verified.

The Coke County Tax Office would like to remind you to check your statements carefully to verify that all the property you own is on the statement, and to make sure you are not being taxed for property you do not own. Problems are easier to correct if detected early, and before payment deadlines. Property taxes accrue penalty and interest for late payment beginning February 1, 2003.

The Property Tax Code provides for payment options for taxpayers. For questions

concerning a payment option or questions concerning your tax bill, please come by the Coke County Tax Office in the Courthouse in Robert Lee, or call 453-2614, and ask for Gayle or Vallery.

House of Faith to begin Oct. 3

Bronte House of Faith Backyard Bible Club will begin on Thursday, October 3rd. House of Faith will be held every Thursday from 3:45 to 5:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church yard. House of Faith is a ministry designed for children ages pre-k to 6th grade.

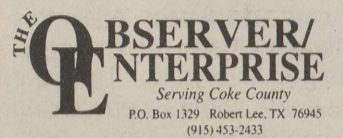
The purpose of House of Faith is to take Jesus to neighborhood children, youth and families, provide a sense of belonging and strengthen their faith, enabling them to honor God with their lives and give themselves in service to Him. House of Faith seeks to accomplish this purpose by striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus - Salt and Light in a dark world.

According to Pastor Paul Evans "we are excited about starting our third year and look forward to sharing the love of Christ with the children of Bronte." If you have any questions regarding House of Faith, please call Pastor Paul Evans at 473-3281.

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What if you called and no one came? East Coke County Ambulance Service is calling you. Qualified volunteers are needed in order to continue providing service.

If interested, talk to any service member or call 915-224-3047. A training class begins in December, but only if you come to help.



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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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(915) 365-2687
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The Bronte second grade class enjoys the balloons and scenery.

Vernon College rodeo win both team championships

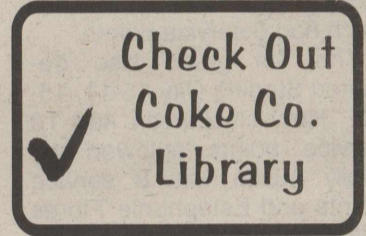
Vernon College men's and women's rodeo teams ran away with both team championships at the Eastern New Mexico University rodeo, Sept. 19-21, in Portales, New Mexico. Along with the two team trophies, they captured five event buckles. The men's team earned 355 points with second place Western Texas College having 190 points. The cowgirls almost matched the cowboys with their 345 points followed by second place Texas Tech with 120 points.

Bareback rider Will Lowe collected a buckle for winning first in both rounds and the average. Calf roper Sterling Smith repeated his winning performance from the week before by winning both rounds and the average with an 8.8 and a 9.8 second runs. Breakaway roper Tessie McMullan won her buckle with a first in the short round with a 2.6 second run, giving her first in the average. McMullan won the all-around buckle by adding a first in the goat tying short round with a 6.7 second run. She split second and third places in the goat tying average. The fifth event buckle went to goat tier Jackie Hobbs, who put together 6.9 and 7.4 runs to win the first round and the average.

Others contributed points to the team championships. Bull rider Cal White scored a first with an 82-point short round ride, giving him second in the average. Calf roper Cade Swor added second place points in the first round. Steer wrestler E.P. Luchsinger posted a 3.9 in the first round for a first place run. Steer wrestler C.T. Fox added points with a short round first and second place split, which was good enough for second in the average. Steer wrestler Colt Looper split fourth place in the first round. Saddle bronc rider Marty Eakin took fourth in the long round and fourth in the average. Goat tier Kelcey Foreman split third and fourth places in the long round and split fourth in the average.

The third rodeo of the season for the VC rodeo teams

will be at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, on Oct. 3-5.



Story Hour at the Coke County Library was a real treat this week. Children made creations from home-made play dough. Trish Rowe created the dough using flour, salt and then added Kool-aide so that the dough was not only colorful, but smelled good, too.

There are many sites on the WEB to use in helping choose books. For children's books try www.carolhurst.com; childrenslit.com; www.worldreading.com; www.bookhive.org. For young adult books try www.genrefluent.com; www.kidsreads.com; www.tln.lib.mi.us (Reading Rants!); www.geocities.com (Book Nook); www.dept.usm.edu (Connections).

Adults can look for reviews and suggestions at www.authorlink.com; www.BookSpot.com; www.curledup.com; www.themysteryreader.com; www.powells.com; www.Theromancereader.com; www.sfworld.com (science fiction and fantasy); and, of course, www.bn.com (Barnes and Noble). For books on tape see www.geocities.com (Lazy Literate); and www.Videolibrarian.com. This is a short listing of what is available in researching a personal reading list.

The library computer is available to search these sites. If the books are not available in the Coke County Library, the Interlibrary loan system is available for searching as is using the TexShare card to check books out in libraries around the state.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main St. Market in Bronte and to the outside book drop in front of the Library. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start library day is Wednesday at 9:30.

Welcome to the Robert Lee Street Affair

Saturday, October 5 - Downtown Robert Lee Saturday Schedule

- 6:00 am - Booth Set Up
- 8:00 am - 5K Run (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)
- 9:00 am - Art Show Begins (Ben Bessent Showroom)
- Antique Car Show - Playground for Kids - Food Booths - Craft Booths - Library book sale - Kid's train running
- 9:30 am - The Big Parade
- Cake Walk (Courthouse flag pole)
- 10:00 am - Tours of the Old Jail begin from gazebo
- 10:30 am - Dessert Judging (Library)
- 10:30 am - "Best of Show" award (Bessent's)
- 12:30 pm - Talent Show begins
- 3:30 pm - Antique Car Show awards - Drawings
- 5:00 pm - Downtown Dinner (Cindy's Barbecue)
- 7:30 pm - Downtown Street Dance (Driftwood)

For more information contact JoNell Blair at 453-2632 or Debbie McCabe at 453-4642

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte High School Volleyball District Schedule

Date	JV White	Varsity	Site	Time
October 5	Miles	Miles	Bronte	12:00
October 8	Water Valley	Water Valley	Water Valley	5:30
October 12	Sterling City	Sterling City	Bronte	12:00
October 15	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	5:30
October 19	Veribest	Veribest	Bronte	12:00
October 22	Miles	Miles	Miles	5:30
October 26	Water Valley	Water Valley	Bronte	12:00
October 29	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City	5:30
November 2	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	Bronte	12:00
November 5	<i>District Certification</i>			
November 8-9	Bi-District		Coach Amy Bohensky	
November 11-12	Area		Coach Pam Hilliard	
November 15-16	Regional Tournament		Coach Brittany Lloyd	
November 22-23	State Tournament			

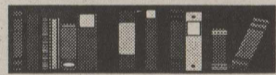
Bronte Junior High Football Schedule

October 3	Hamlin	Here	6:00
October 10	Sterling City	Here	6:00
October 17	Roby	There	5:00
October 24	Miles	Here	6:00
October 31	Roscoe	Here	6:00
November 7	Robert Lee	There	5:00

Longhorns lose hard fought homecoming game

The Longhorns lost a hard fought homecoming game

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 7

Cereal, sliced peaches, biscuit, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Scrambled eggs, apple juice, toast, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Pancake and sausage on a stick, apple sauce, milk

Thursday, Oct. 10

Pop tart, grape juice, teddy grams, milk

Friday, Oct. 11

Breakfast pizza, orange juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 7

Pizza, sweet corn, tossed salad, banana pudding, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Burrito, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, spice cake, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Sliced roast beef with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello, milk

Thursday, Oct. 10

Spaghetti, corn on the cob, mixed fruit, bread sticks, milk

Friday, Oct. 11

Chick-fil-lay sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, bun, ice cream cups, milk

last Friday to the Eden Bulldogs 20-13.

Bronte trailed 6-0 at half-time. The Longhorns marched 70 yards on their first possession of the second half to tie the score 6-6.

Eden answered with 14 points, to take a 20-16 lead into the fourth quarter. Bronte answered with a 75 yard touchdown pass to Tyson Baker from Cody Lee to make the score 20-13. On their last drive of the game, after the Longhorn defense forced a fumble, Bronte drove down to the Bulldogs 18 yard line on a ten play drive, but Eden intercepted a pass with 26 seconds left to ice the victory.

Longhorn leaders on offense were Justin Moore with 11 carries for 72 yards and Cody Lee with 6 pass completions for 116 yards. On defense Tyson Baker had 11 tackles, Blaine Dyess 8 tackles, Cody Moore and Jesse Rodriguez, 7 tackles each.

The Longhorns will travel to Hamlin tonight at 7:30 to take on the number 7 ranked Pied Pipers.

Shorthorn football

The Bronte Shorthorns played the Eden Bullpups in an exciting game last Thursday night losing 26-20. The Shorthorn offense was led by running back Tony Hopper, who had several good runs.

Quarterback Philip Rawlings had a good night completing 3 passes to fullback Bret Wills. Jonathan Marrs and Eric Hendrickson led the Shorthorn defense.

This Thursday, the Shorthorns will play Hamlin at home.

Bronte varsity volleyball results

On Tuesday, Oct. 1st, the Lady Longhorns defeated Veribest by a score of 8-15, 15-4 and 15-11. Their district record is 1-0 with a season record of 15-14.

Bronte JV

tournament results

Water Valley took 1st place in the Bronte JV tournament which was held on Saturday, September 28th. Cooper Blue came in 2nd with Cooper Red right behind in 3rd place. Bronte placed 4th.

Kendra Graves of Bronte was named to the All Tournament Team.

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Bronte junior varsity results

The junior varsity won their game against Veribest by a score of 15-3, 15-11. Their district record is 1-0. Their next game will be against Miles at Bronte on Saturday at 12:00.

Bronte Shorthorn volleyball update

The 8th grade defeated Sterling City by a score of 15-8, 15-3. Patty Galvan, Katy Cooper and Heather Mitchell each had 8 service points.

The 7th grade also defeated Sterling City 15-11, 15-12. Holly Huskerson had 10 service points followed by Emily Austin with 8 service points and Estephanie Flores with 6 service points.

In the Miles Tournament (round robin format) the 7th grade placed 3rd as they were defeated by Miles 15-11, 4-15, 8-15; defeated Colorado City 15-14, 15-11; defeated Water Valley 15-1, 15-8; and defeated Cornerstone 1-15, 1-15.

In the same tournament the 8th grade took 2nd place as they defeated Miles 15-2, 13-15, 15-12; were defeated by Colorado City 5-15, 6-15; defeated Water Valley 1-5, 15-9 and defeated Cornerstone 15-9, 5-15 and 15-5.

The 7th grade defeated Santa Anna 15-4, 15-10. Savannah Martinez had 10 ser-

vice points with Beth Sanchez 8 service points.

The 8th grade defeated Santa Anna 15-0, 15-5. Patty Galvan and Rebekah Beauchamp each had 9 service points with Heather Mitchell having 8 service points.

In the Colorado City Tournament the 7th grade lost in the 3rd place game. They defeated Shallowater 14-16, 15-13 and 15-13. They were defeated by Colorado City Red by 0-15, 15-6 and 11-15. They were also defeated by Colorado City Black 6-15 and 6-15.

The 8th grade placed 2nd in the same tournament by defeating Colorado City 15-6, 15-5; defeated Cornerstone 15-12, 6-15 and 15-11 and defeating Colorado City Black 6-15 and 5-15.

The 7th grade were defeated by Veribest 3-15 and 12-15. Savannah Martinez had 6 service points followed by Beth Sanchez with 5 service points.

The 8th grade were defeated by Veribest 7-15, 10-15. Crystal Waller led with 9 service points followed by Rebekah Beauchamp having 6 service points.

The next matches will be held on Monday, October 7th at 5:00 & 6:00. The games will be held in Bronte against Miles.



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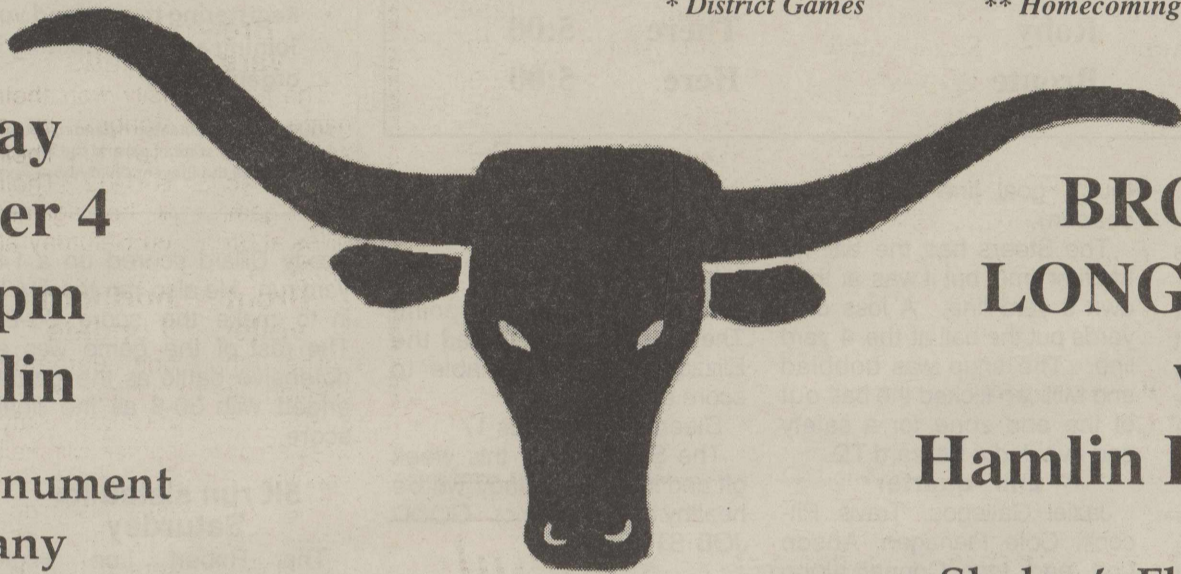
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September 13	Rotan	There	7:30 6 35
September 20	Open		
** September 27	Eden	Here	7:30 13 20
October 4	Hamlin	There	7:30
* October 11	Sterling City	There	7:30
* October 18	Roby	Here	7:30
* October 25	Miles	There	7:30
* November 1	Roscoe	There	7:30
*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

**Friday
October 4
7:30 pm
Hamlin**



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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Robert Lee Junior High Football Schedule

October 3	Open		
October 10	Roscoe	There	5:00
October 17	Miles	There	5:00
October 24	Sterling City	Here	5:00
October 31	Roby	There	5:00
November 7	Bronte	Here	5:00

Steers lose close challenge 9-17

by Bill Burns
The Steers traveled to Winters to play the Blizzards last Friday night. It was a great game for the Steers. Winters is a good 2-A team that is undefeated this year and the Steers challenged them to the end.

The Steers continue to improve each week and with the off week this week they should be ready to make a run at the district championship.

1st quarter

The Steers kicked to the Blizzards to start the game. The Blizzards started the game with a great drive, moving the ball down to the Steer 8 yard line, but great drives are stopped with great defense.

The Steer defense went on the attack with Stewart Millican, Brandon Anderson, Cooper Riley, Phillip Rangel and Sean Edging leading the way. The "attack" caused the Blizzards to fumble and Edging recovered for the Steers. (The Steers have played

tough goal line defense all season).

The Steers had the ball for the first time, but it was at their own 9 yard line. A loss of 5 yards put the ball at the 4 yard line. The snap was bobbled and Millican kicked the ball out of the end zone for a safety and avoided a Blizzard TD.

2nd quarter

Jaziel Gallegos, Travis Pitcock, Cole Flanagan, Anson Lott, and Josh Conner along with the rest of the defense stopped the Blizzards cold in this quarter, allowing 10 yards rushing and 6 yards passing for this whole quarter. Edging recovered another Blizzard fumble.

The Steers had 55 yards rushing and 80 yards passing with four 1st downs. Millican ran for 12 yards, Lott for 34 yards and Flanagan for nine yards. Pitcock caught passes of 7 and 16 yards, Gallegos one for 42 yards and Evan Braswell caught a 10 yard pass. Millican kicked a 34 yard field goal to give the Steers a 3 to 2 halftime lead.

3rd quarter

The Steers only let down of the night came in this quarter as the Steers had an injury to one of the team members and the team lost focus as some players had to switch positions, and the team had to pull back together.

The Blizzards were able to score two TD's in this time period to go ahead by two TD's.

The Steers were able to get it back together before the end of the quarter. Gallegos recovered a fumble for the Steers and another Steer recovered a fumble but I failed to get a name.

Lott had a 42 yard run as the quarter came to an end.

4th quarter

Lott added another 29 yard

run to start this quarter. He then capped the drive with a 3 yard TD run.

The game became a defensive battle at this point. The Steers out performed the Blizzards but were unable to score again.

Steers 9 - Blizzards 17

The Steers have this week off and it looks like they will be healthy to start district. GOOD JOB STEERS!!!

Dogies win 30-8

Winters kicked off to start the game, but the Dogies fumbled on the first play. The defense held on downs and Robert Lee took over at their own 43 yard line. Two plays later the Dogies again turned to ball over on a fumble and Winters turned it into a score to go up 0-8. Jesse Braswell returned the kick-off 68 yards for a touchdown to make the score 6-8. After the kick-off, Winters couldn't get a drive going and the Dogies took over at the Winters 46. On the next play Winters again forced a turnover at their own 44. The Dogies held and took over, after a blocked punt, at the 32.

Brody Dillard scored on a 35 yard run but because of a penalty, it went back to the 10. Josh Gallegos then scored on the next play to make it 12-8. Taylor Percifull scored on the point after to go up 14-8.

Cody McCabe recovered the kick-off at the 50. Winters held on downs at the 35, but Cameron Hodge picked off a pass and returned it 55 yards for a TD. Jonathan Pagan ran the PAT in to go up 22-8, to end the half.

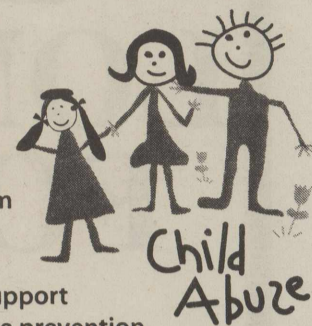
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SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services and the Prevent Child Abuse Texas organization.

Brody Dillard scored on a 14 yard run. He also ran the PAT in to make the score 30-8. The rest of the game was a defensive battle as the game ended with 30-8 as the final score.

5K run slated for Saturday

The Robert Lee High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be hosting a 5K-run/2.5K walk on Saturday, October 5, 2002, at the Coke County Courthouse.

Registration is from 8:00 am - 8:30 am, and cost \$10.00, which includes a T-shirt with paid entry. Divisions will be as follows: male and female ages 12-14, 15-25, 26-40, and 41+up. Awards will be given to the top three in each of the 5K divisions. Walkers will only receive T-shirts.

Runners under 18 years of age will need a parent or guardian to sign a release form in order to run. For early registration please call (915) 453-4555, and ask for Coach Trey Gardner.

Go Nuts Over Texas

October is not only "Go Nuts Over Texas Peanuts Month," it also kicks off harvest time for Texas Peanut farmers. Texas is the second largest peanut producing state (after Georgia), and this

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*Spread peanut butter on warm bagels.

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*Sprinkle peanuts on fruit salad or over frozen yogurt, add to cookie dough, or just munch 'em.

For more information about Texas peanuts, visit the Texas Peanut Producers web site at www.texaspeanutboard.com or send a SASE to Texas Peanut Producers Board, PO Box 398, Gorman, Tx 76454.

School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Oct. 7**
Orange juice/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 8**
Orange juice/apple juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 9**
Orange juice/apple juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Thursday, Oct. 10**
Orange juice/apple juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Friday, Oct. 11**
Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Oct. 7**
Burrito, salad, tator tots, peaches, milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 8**
Chicken O's, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, applesauce, milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 9**
Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, pears, milk
- Thursday, Oct. 10**
Pizza, salad, potato patty, chocolate cake, milk
- Friday, Oct. 11**
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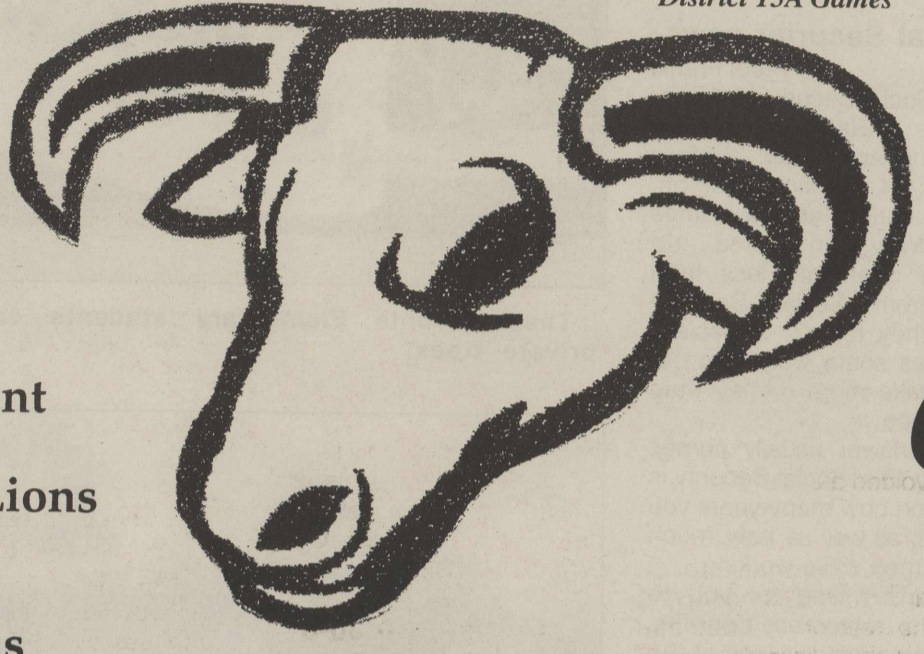
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** September 20	Christoval	Here	8:00	14	42	
September 27	Winters	There	8:00	9	17	
October 4	Open					
* October 11	Roscoe	Here	7:30			
* October 18	Miles	Here	7:30			
* October 25	Sterling City	There	7:30			
* November 1	Roby	Here	7:30			
* November 8	Bronte	There	7:30			

* District 15A Games ** Homecoming



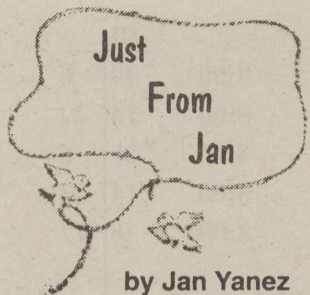
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by Jan Yanez
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Walk Across Texas

Approximately 55 percent of the U.S. population is overweight or obese. Maintaining a normal weight requires a balance between calories taken in and used for energy. Previous generations ate a lot more calories, but they worked a lot harder. They walked many places, whereas today, we drive even short distances. Instead of working in the fields, we sit at our computers. On our way home, we stop for fast food and spend an average of three or more hours watching television in the evening.

Too many calories and too much sitting are strongly linked to weight gain. A recent study found that our children are gaining weight too, for the same reasons. Overweight parents tend to have overweight children. Overweight people are more likely to have high blood pressure, diabetes, some types of cancer, and joint problems related to arthritis.

Can this trend be reversed? The answer is yes, but if you have tried to lose weight and increase your activity level, you know changing is not easy. Eating high-caloric foods and sitting in front of the television is much easier.

Changing eating and activity patterns requires effort and planning. Spend time learning about whether or not you need to lose weight and if you can safely begin an activity program. Learn about your options. Just because you have tried before and not been successful does not mean you cannot be successful this time.

Losing weight and increasing activity does not mean you have to suffer or spend a lot of money for special foods, pills, books, or equipment. People who went from an average weight of 210 to an average of 145 pounds and maintained their loss for an average of 5 1/2 years attributed their success to controlling calorie intake, limiting portion sizes, eating five meals each day, never skipping meals, eating out no more than three times each week with only one of those times at a fast food restaurant, and using up about 2,700 calories a week in physical activity beyond that required for daily activities like gardening or housecleaning. A majority of these 629 successful losers in the National Weight Control Registry said they had been overweight since childhood or had a family history of obesity.

Getting started is hard. Programs claiming quick weight loss with little or no effort end up helping remove little more than your dollars.

If you and your family, friends, co-workers or church group want to get started on

the road to better health, visit your county Extension agent, Jan Yanez, at the information booth at the Street Affair in Robert Lee to learn about Walk Across Texas. Walk Across Texas can help you start walking and/or losing weight. The program is free and can be an important step toward better health for you and your entire family. You may also obtain this information by contacting the Extension office at (915) 453-2461. Join now to - Walk Across Texas.

Social Security news

by Fredi Franki
Social Security Manager
San Angelo Office

Whenever I talk before groups of working women, one question always comes up. Why, I'm asked, do women often get less than men from Social Security when they retire? Especially since, as some women note, they make more money than many men.

The answer usually comes down to this: Social Security is based on how many years you worked, as well as how much you earned while working.

When it's time for you to apply for retirement benefits, Social Security will look at the highest 35 years of earnings to determine your basic benefit payment. For example, if you started working at 18 and worked every year until you were 66, you would have 48 years of earnings. Social Security would adjust those earnings for inflation and take the highest 35.

What if you don't have 35 years of work? Well, you only need 10 years of working and paying Social Security taxes to qualify for retirement benefits. But if you don't have 35 years of work, then we use a zero for each nonworking year when we do our calculations.

Why are women more likely to be affected by this than men? Well, it's not news that women are more likely to take time off from careers to care for children...or for older relatives. Women, in fact, average about 27 years in the workforce before retiring, while men average 39 years. Eight years of zeros can make a big difference.

It's also true that women are much more likely to have part-time jobs than men. And while a woman working part time may earn an hourly wage that is higher than a male employee, her annual wages may be less.

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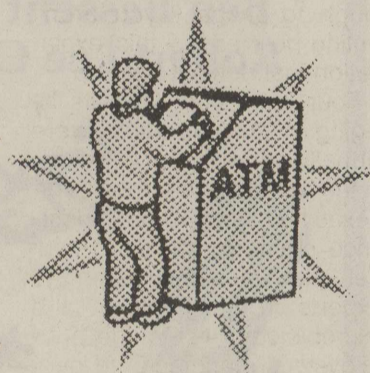
to start early in planning for their retirement and figuring out where the money they will need might come from. The Social Security Statement that is sent to you each year is a great place to begin. It shows how much you and your family can expect to receive from Social Security when you retire or become disabled or die.

But women also need to know how career choices might affect their future Social Security benefits, as well as widowhood or divorce.

When you visit www.ssa.gov/women, you'll find information on all of the issues that you need to think about. We also can help you plan for retirement, show you how to calculate your benefits and how to file for benefits online.

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Crossfire of lawsuits

by Richard Weekley

Whether it's a crack in a city sidewalk or a trace of beef in a fast food French-fry, eventually there will be a lawsuit. Win or lose, we, the people, are the ones who will ultimately pay.

Welcome to the no-man's land where most consumers live. It is a pockmarked battleground squarely between insurance companies on one side and ever more inventive plaintiff lawyers on the other.

Everyone agrees that when a wrong is done, the harmed should be compensated by those found to be responsible. Unfortunately, the system of civil justice that is supposed to make sure that the harmed are made whole has flaws. Compensation too often far exceeds all limits of common sense; theories of damages under the law have become more and more far-fetched; and settlements reached and judgments rendered almost always eventually come out of our own pockets.

Who would disagree that people harmed by their doctors should be compensated? But for every 100 doctors in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, there are 350 medical malpractice claims filed. Most of these lawsuits fail, but every legal defense costs thousands of dollars. Who pays? We do. First the doctors are hit with malpractice premium rate hikes of 100 percent and more. These higher costs then cause consumer health insurance rates to dramatically escalate. Employers then scale back health coverage.

Consumer groups who take funding from trial lawyers, simply blame insurance companies who they say, want to gouge doctors because these companies have lost money in the stock market. But 14 of 17 malpractice underwriters have left Texas in the last two years because they can't raise rates fast enough to keep up with the litigation costs. It's pretty tough to gouge if you aren't writing policies, so this explanation just doesn't hold up.

Four years ago, lawsuits alleging harm from mold were virtually non-existent in Texas. In the last two years, however, Texas has seen 40,000 insurance claims for "toxic" mold. Yet internationally respected experts in immunology and microbiology say that the public hysteria manufactured over mold has absolutely no foundation in medical science. These facts have not stopped lawsuits claiming memory loss and neurological damage. For consumers it is an expensive hoax; insurance rates have doubled for many homeowners.

After a 32 million dollar "toxic" mold judgment, the ruse swung into high gear. Pictures of mold remediators in environmental "moon suits" inspired thousands of others to seek relief from the supposedly dangerous mold in their homes. Meanwhile, Continuing Legal Education courses are offered on how to best sue on behalf of clients with mold in their homes. Some dubbed it, "mold for gold".

Responsible nursing

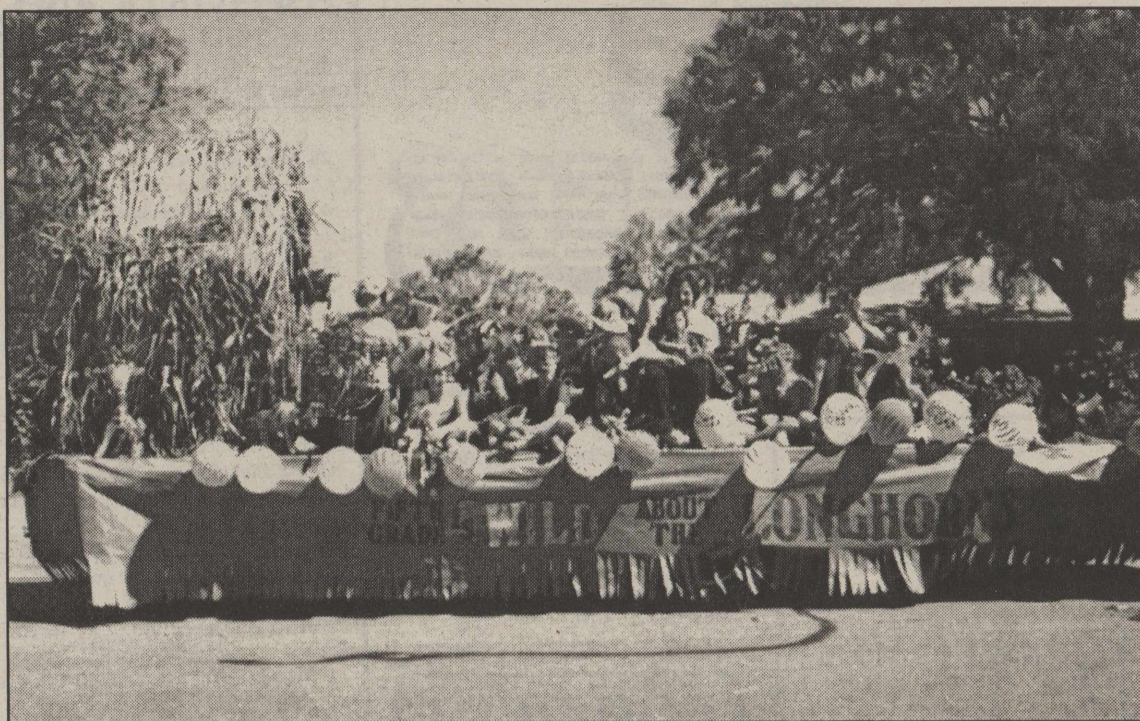
homes have been in the news lately saying that they are one lawsuit away from bankruptcy because they can no longer afford their malpractice insurance. A nursing home reform law with the completely justifiable purpose of punishing those who were responsible for poor conditions and inadequate care was recently enacted. But built into that reform were plaintiff lawyer designed elements that created an open season on all nursing homes.

With insurance companies on one side and plaintiff lawyers on the other side, some Texas physicians have decided that their profession has become impractical and they are taking early retirement. Many long-term care nurses are fleeing a profession they now see as too risky. For consumers in many counties in Texas, having a baby delivered or finding affordable homeowners insurance is becoming increasingly difficult.

As consumers, we can be grimly amused with stories of lawsuits against fast food companies on behalf of clients who didn't know that eating a lot of double cheeseburgers might make them fat. We can watch while billions of dollars of state tax revenues evaporate into higher and higher health insurance costs. Or, we can tackle the flaws in our civil justice system, which are costing us so much money.

As a lawsuit reform group, we believe that compensation for "economic" damages should not be limited but that highly subjective "non-economic" damages in medical malpractice cases should be capped at a reasonable level. California enacted such a solution in 1975 and medical malpractice rates there have remained stable and below the national average ever since. There are other solutions to this death-by-lawsuit spiral in which we find ourselves that can go a long way toward restoring a measure of common sense to our civil justice system.

We are developing, for example, legislation which would act as a disincentive-incentive for those who think of a lawsuit as a lottery ticket by encouraging parties in litigation to reach realistic and reasonable settlements early in the



The jungle scene is a good choice for the Bronte fifth grade float theme "Fifth Grade's Wild About The Longhorns".



The Bronte 3rd grade class cruises along the parade route on their float titled "All Longhorns Go To Heaven".

process. Also important is the recognition by those serving on civil juries that lawsuits should make a harmed party whole, not an overnight millionaire.

Our efforts to win fair changes in our system have not stopped lawsuits, nor should they. But until the public itself takes a stand for a civil justice system driven more by justice than by greed, we can all expect to pay more from the middle of the battlefield.

Richard W. Weekley is President and CEO of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a statewide civil justice reform organization.

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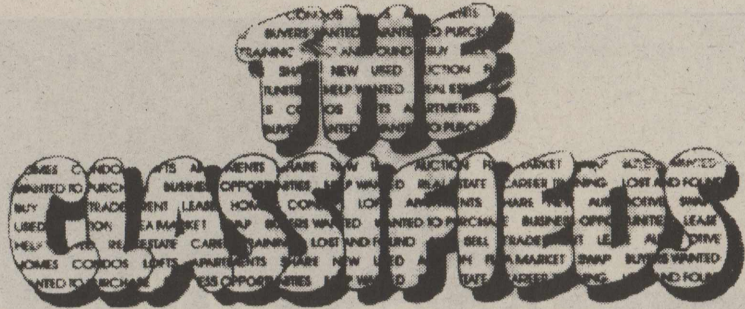
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CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE
to express my appreciation to my friends who responded during my recent illness. Special thanks goes to the West Coke EMS crew for their quick response.
Arthur Runnion
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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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George Snapp

WE WOULD LIKE
to express our sincere appreciation to all the wonderful people that helped me in so many ways when I got sick at the Court House in Robert Lee on Monday, Sept. 16. You are all great people and we thank you so much.
Joyce & Buddy Hoffman
11-1tp

THANKS
to each of you for your visits, flowers and such good food. We appreciate our friends.
Ted & Virginia Haley
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NOTICES

NOTICE
The Texas Department of Human Services in Ballinger has moved. The new address is 2017 Hutchings Avenue. The mailing address is PO Box 347, Ballinger, Texas 76821. The telephone number is (915) 365-2564. Case records for Runnels, Winters and Coke County clients will be at the new TDHS office
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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 6087-65-001 for JOINT AND CRACK SEALING in TOM GREEN County, etc will be opened on November 07, 2002 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$499,808.50. 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: 7623

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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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLAN

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Housing Authority of the City of Bronte to prepare a Five Year Plan and an Annual Plan covering operations of the Public Housing and Section 8 programs. On October 7, 2002 at 5:30 pm the Board of Commissioners for the Bronte Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five-year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place at 116 Northeast Railroad in the office of the Bronte Housing Authority. The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority located at 116 Northeast Railroad, Monday, Wednesday, Friday during the hours of 9:00 am until 11:00 am.

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Texas power plants mothballed

American Electric Power (AEP) will begin steps soon to move seven Texas power plants to inactive, or mothballed, status as the company continues negotiations with the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) on the status of eight other power plants.

AEP announced recently that it would mothball 16 gas-fired power plants if they were not needed by ERCOT for "reliability must run" or "RMR" purposes. An RMR plant is one required to run to ensure reliability of the electricity grid, even if electricity from that plant is not required to meet market needs.

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2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Oct. 5 (Saturday only). 7:00 - ? Kids items, clothes, shoes; women's clothes, shoes, etc.; Home decor; miscellaneous household items; magazines; this and that!. Drennan's - 133 Sanco Rd., Robert Lee.

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with ERCOT, but it was evident that seven of the plants would not be needed for reliability purposes," said Eric van der Walde, executive vice president - wholesale for AEP. "It's prudent for us to immediately begin work to mothball these plants."

Plants that have moved to inactive status include Oak Creek located in Bronte that employs 22 people.

The mothballing process will take up to two months to complete, depending upon the specific plant.

AEP and ERCOT continue negotiations on an interim agreement that will compensate the company for maintaining plants in operating condition and running the plants when needed by ERCOT for RMR purposes. The interim agreement will allow time for completion of a study of ERCOT's longer-term reliability needs and the negotiation of longer-term RMR agreements, if necessary.

"An interim agreement will protect ERCOT's reliability interests while addressing AEP's desire to take immediate action to improve financial performance," van der Walde said. "Our decision on these 16 plants has the potential to improve AEP's 2003 financial performance by \$30 million to \$40 million."

The decision to deactivate the plants is a result of the introduction of electricity deregulation and competition in Texas. Many new, highly efficient power plants have been built in Texas as a response to deregulation. These new plants have lowered wholesale power prices to a point below the costs of generating electricity from the 16 older AEP plants.

Approximately 150 employees work at the seven plants being mothballed. Release dates for employees at mothballed plants will be staggered to accommodate the completion of tasks necessary for the transition of the plants to an inactive status.

Plants still being discussed in negotiations with ERCOT will include the San Angelo plant.

News release and other information about AEP can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.aep.com>.

Community Classes Offered By The Coke County Community Network

As a major part of the Coke County Community Network, there will be free technology classes offered to community members. Most of these classes are designed to be 9 hours (3 hours for 3 nights) and will be offered from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Each class is scheduled twice so that community members will have a greater opportunity to participate. Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these classes. Suggestions for other classes will be accepted. If you would like to attend any of these classes, please pre-register by calling 453-4555 and ask for Mona Mathers. Interpreters can be provided upon request. Other classes will be added to this list later.

The class schedule is as follows:

Class	Dates	Teacher	Location
• Basic Computer Knowledge (Starting with taking it out of the box)	Oct. 14, 15, & 17	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
• Windows Procedures	Oct. 21, 22, & 24	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
	Oct. 21, 22, & 24	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
	Oct. 21, 22 & 24	Kathy McCown	Bus. Lab
	Nov. 4, 5, & 7	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Basic Computer Knowledge (Starting with taking it out of the box)	Nov. 5, 6, & 12	Kathy McCown	Bus. Lab
• Word Processing Basic (Word)	Nov. 11, 12, & 14	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
• Spreadsheet Basic (Excel)	Nov. 18, 19, & 21	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Power Point Basic	Dec. 2, 3, & 5	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Power Point Basic	Dec. 9, 10, & 12	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
• Works (That program that came with my computer)			
• Power Point Intermediate	Jan. 6, 7, & 9	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Word Processing Intermediate (Word)	Jan. 7, 9, & 14	Kathy McCown	Bus. Lab
• Spreadsheet Intermediate (Excel)	Jan. 20, 21, & 23	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
• Power Point Intermediate	Jan. 27, 28, & 30	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Web Design (Front Page)	Feb. 4, 6, & 11	Kathy McCown	Bus. Lab
• Spreadsheet Basic (Excel)	Feb. 10, 11, & 13	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
• Web Design (Word & Netscape)	Feb. 17, 18, & 20	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Trouble Shooting and Upgrading Your Computer	Feb. 24, 25, & 27	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
• Web Design (Word & Netscape)	March 17, 18, & 20	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Works (That program that came with my computer)	March 17, 18, & 20	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
• Windows Procedures	March 18, 20, & 25	Kathy McCown	Bus. Lab
• Internet Browsers (Netscape & Internet Explorer)	April 7, 8, & 10	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Word Processing Basic (Word)	April 8, 10, & 15	Kathy McCown	Bus. Lab
• Spreadsheet Intermediate (Excel)	April 14, 15, & 17	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab
• Internet Browsers (Netscape & Internet Explorer)	April 28, 29 & May 1	Winnie McPeck	HS. Lab
• Word Processing Intermediate (Word)	May 6, 8, & 13	Kathy McCown	Bus. Lab
• Web Design (Front Page)	June 2, 3, & 5	Kathy McCown	Bus. Lab
• Trouble Shooting and Upgrading Your Computer	June 2, 3 & 5	Jerry Horn	Elem. Lab

AON spaghetti supper

The annual AON spaghetti supper is fast approaching. The supper will be held on Friday, October 11th from 5-7 pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are on sale from any AON member. Take out and deliveries are available.

If you have any questions you may contact any AON member or you may contact Cathy Hendry at 453-2036 for information. All proceeds go toward the Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarship. So come and enjoy the delicious Chicken Spaghetti and help with a great cause at the same time.

Alzheimer's support group meeting change

The date and location for the October meeting for the Alzheimer's support group has changed to Thursday, October 10, 2002, 6:30 pm. It will be held at the Robert Lee Care Center located at 307 West 8th Street in Robert Lee.

The Support Group is an opportunity to meet others sharing the same concerns. Members of a support group offer friendship, support, and suggestions on how to handle situations that you may face.

For information about additional support groups or information about Alzheimer's, call Tricia Shelton, Branch Coordinator in San Angelo at 653-1724.

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Mike Barrett of Odessa, son of Mrs. Betty Barrett of Robert Lee, recently won multiple awards in this year's Permian Basin Fair and Exposition. Mike works with metal art and metal furniture design and manufacturing. This year's entry was in the creative arts division. He won ribbons for first place in division, Judges Choice, Best in Division and a trophy for the Presidential Award. This year's fair only presented two Presidential Awards. Mike is pictured with his award winning metal rocking chair.

'TLC' helps

Teens whose parents closely monitored their lives were less likely to engage in underage drinking, according to a study at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"These findings have helped us to better understand conditions related to teen drinking," said Dr. James Bray, an associate professor of family and community medicine at Baylor. "It is important for parents to be aware of their children's whereabouts and who they are with," Bray said.

A study supported by a grant from the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse annually surveyed 7,540 adolescents over a three-year period. Participants were surveyed in five school districts in the Houston, metropolitan area, all ranging from sixth to tenth grade. Fifty-one percent of the subjects were female and represented one of three ethnic groups - white, Mexican Americans and African Americans.

Participants were asked questions about their perception of family stress and conflict within the household. These factors helped to predict which teens were more likely to drink.

"Teens are starting to experiment with alcohol at an earlier age, which can set a pattern leading to long-term alcohol use in both adolescence and adulthood," Bray said. Results showed that adolescents who reported high levels of stress and high levels of family conflict were more likely to use alcohol, while adolescents who reported low stress and low levels of family conflict were less likely to drink. Furthermore, parents who were kept informed of their teen whereabouts were less likely to have children who en-

gaged in underage drinking.

Bray offers the following tips to help minimize household stress and conflict:

- *Make time for family discussions. Daily talks help to reconnect the family and encourage communication.

- *Know where your children are and who they are with. Teens are less likely to get into trouble if parents are aware of what they are doing.

- *Be aware of how your child is performing academically. Ask him/her to share ideas learned in school and check over any homework.

- *Monitor your child's actions without being overbearing. Giving your child some flexibility to make decisions helps to establish trust between parent and child.

- *Make household rules and enforce them. Teens in a controlled environment are less likely to engage in substance use.

- "By monitoring adolescents' behavior, parents can prevent involvement in activities that may lead them down a pathway of behavioral problems and alcohol use," Bray said.

'64 Study Club news

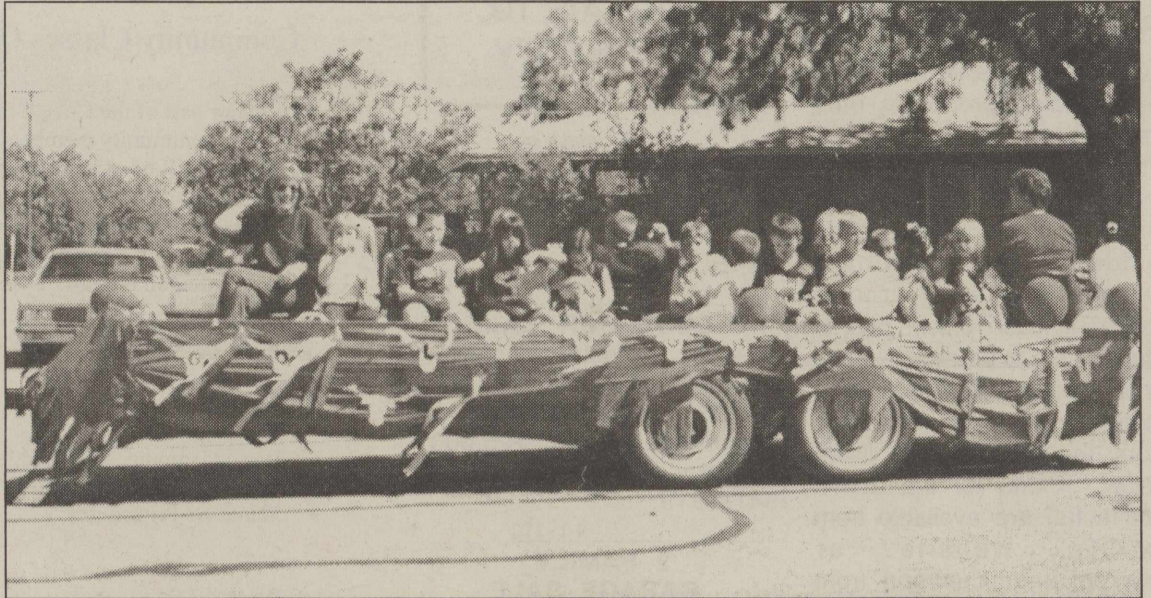
The '64 Study Club of Robert Lee met on September 10, 2002 at the Catholic church fellowship building, with 29 members and 4 visitors present.

The guest speaker was Carolyne Glass, RNC, CDE, from Shannon Hospital. She gave a very informative program on diabetes education.

Hostesses were Virginia Milliff, Pat Carwile, Ava Lou Davis, Winnie Pitcock, and Maxine Post.

The next meeting will be at the Catholic church fellowship building on October 8, 2002 at 6:30 pm.

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