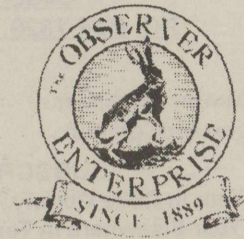


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## General election set for Tuesday, November 5th

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 5, to cast their ballot in the November general election. Although the local races were decided in the March primary, several important state and national contests are still to be determined by Tuesday's election.

Governor Rick Perry is in a tight race with candidate Tony Sanchez. Other candidates vying for governor include Jeff Daiell and Rahul Mahajan.

John Cornyn and Ron Kirk are struggling to win the United States Senate seat currently held by Phil Gramm. Scott Lanier Jameson and Roy H. Williams are also seeking that office.

Longtime United States Representative Charles Stenholm is facing off against Rob Beckham of Abilene. Libertarian Fred Jones is also running for the office.

After the March primary, Scott Campbell and Jeri Slone emerged as the front-runners for the State Representative seat in Texas District 72. The general election will fill the vacancy left by Rob Junell, the well-respected and influential retiring state representative. The Libertarian Party has selected Robert K. Restivo as their candidate in this election.

Only two of the local races in the March primary were contested. In the race for the Coke County Judge's office, Roy Blair defeated the incumbent, Jackie Walker, in the primary and will be the only candidate for that office on the general election ballot. George Snapp defeated a field of candidates which included incumbent, David Rawlings, to have his name on the general election ballot for Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 4. Local unopposed candidates include District and County Clerk Mary Grim, County Tax-Assessor-Collector Gayle Sisemore, County Treasurer Phelan Wrinkle, County Commissioner, Precinct 2,

Bill Wheat, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Joan Davis, and Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Jack Moore.

Voters will also be asked to vote for or against the following Constitutional Amendment. "The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Polls will open Tuesday morning, November 5, 2002, at 7 am and will close at 7 pm. Polling locations include: Precinct 1 - Robert Lee Senior Citizens Building; Precinct 2 - Bronte Senior Citizens Building; Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse; and Precinct 4 - Santa Fe Depot in Bronte. Early voting in the County/District Clerk's office at the courthouse ends today (Friday, November 1) at 5 pm.

### Courthouse to be closed November 5

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed for the General Election Tuesday, November 5, 2002. Offices will reopen Wednesday morning at their normal times.

### Gospel Singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, 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.

### Bronte FCCLA to sponsor chili dinner

There will be a chili dinner held on November 8, 2002, in the Bronte ISD cafeteria. The dinner will begin at 5:30 pm prior to the Bronte Longhorns vs: Robert Lee Steers football game.



Local pre-school children gather at the Coke County Library in Robert Lee before they visit local businesses for their annual "Trick or Treat" outing. It's a toss-up as to who enjoys the outing more - the little spooks or the folks they visit.

## County offers free meals opening day

### Wild Game Barbecue

#### slated for Bronte

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue is once again slated for Bronte. Sponsored by Hall's Super Save Grocery and B&K Processing, Saturday's (opening day) excellent barbecue lunch menu will consist of deer and elk barbecue sandwiches, smoked sausage, beans, soft drinks, and dessert.

Serving will begin at 11:00 am and go until 2:00 pm. The location is B&K Processing (behind Hall's Grocery) in Bronte.

If you haven't eaten the variety of wild game sandwiches and sausages prepared at Bronte, don't miss this opportunity to sample some of these excellent meats. Last year's menu even included some rattlesnake cooked out on the grill. While you're there, don't forget to tour their state of the art processing facility.

### WCCCD Hunter Appreciation BBQ

West Coke County Community Development will sponsor its 14th annual Hunters Appreciation Barbecue on Saturday

evening, November 2. It will again take place in the rec hall in the county park at Robert Lee. The supper will include plenty of barbecued brisket and sausage, beans, potato salad, iced tea, and fixings. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm and will continue until 9:00 pm.

The feed is at no cost to hunters, but tickets are necessary. They are available either from the party from whom they lease, or from participating individuals or businesses who have supported the barbecue by do-nations.

Great volunteers and WCCCD members do the work -- preparations, cooking, serving, clean-up -- whatever it takes to make the event happen. Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets at the following lo-cations in Robert Lee: C&H Auto and Hardware, Key Feed Store, or Wink Insurance. For more in-formation contact Barbecue Chairman Robert Wink at (915) 453-4551 (ofc) and 453-2003 (home).

Hunting has become increasingly important to Coke County as revenue

from livestock and petroleum dwindles. The Hunters Appreciation Barbecue is our way of welcoming hunters back to Coke County each year. The annual barbecue has grown from about 300 the first year to as many as 1,000 hungry hunters the last several years.

### Desserts needed for Bronte Barbecue

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue in Bronte will be held this year on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Coordinator Kerry Hall would like to make an appeal to area cooks to provide a dessert for the benefit barbecue. If you would like to donate a dessert, please contact Kerry Hall at 473-2065.

### Football Games

#### November 1

Robert Lee Steers  
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Bronte Longhorns  
meet  
Roscoe Plowboys  
7:30 pm • There

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**Obituaries**

**Plumlee**

Willa Walker Plumlee was born September 5, 1911 in Robert Lee to Hub and Ada Walker. She had 4 brothers and 2 sisters. She married S.B. Plumlee on September 29, 1928. They had two children, Betty George of Lake Jackson, Texas and Don Plumlee and wife Wanda of West Columbia, Texas. She had several grandchildren, Becky Vernor and husband Gary of Brazoria, Texas; Larry King of Lake Jackson and Phil Plumlee (deceased). Her great-grandchildren included Shelby and Cindy Vernor of Brazoria and Tim King of San Antonio. She had lived in Lake Jackson the past 4 years with her daughter. She really missed friends and family in Coke County. Graveside services were October 23, 2002, at 11 am in the Robert Lee Cemetery, performed by Bro. Ray Aldridge and arranged by Shaffer Funeral Home.

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**Death Notices**

**Jones**

Mary Lee Jones, age 84 and a former Bronte resident, passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2002. Services were at 2 pm Monday, October 21, in San Antonio.

She is survived by her son, Benny P. Jones and wife Ella; one daughter, Loretta Arnold of California; five grandchildren, Donald Jones, Stanley Jones and wife Patti, Meghann Jones, Barry Arnold and Charlie Arnold;

one great-grandchild, Trent Jones; one sister, Jo Nell Scott of Alamogordo, New Mexico; one aunt, Eula Maud McCutchen of Bronte; numerous other relative and friends.

**Missionary visits  
Bronte Methodist**

The First United Methodist Church of Bronte, had Jan Jones, self-appointed medical missionary to Pelican Point, Honduras, speak recently at a Mexican Pile-On. Jan is a retired nurse from Central High School in San Angelo. Jan and her family started going scuba-diving off the coast of Honduras in 1970. In 1973, she and her husband opened a little clinic and started a medical-mission project. Jan keeps a record of all the people she has cared for; this past summer she recorded the 4,000th name.

Mrs. Jones spends nine months of the year collecting medicine from whomever she can. She said medicine has an indefinite shelf life so she gladly accepts any medicine people will give her. Honduras does not have the same laws that we have here, so she gives worm medication, vitamins and birth-control pills to as many people as she can. The children take 3 vitamins a week and the US doctors say that is enough to make a difference.

The island, Pelican Point, is 9 miles off the coast of Honduras. There is no electricity on the island. There is a school there now and it has 53 students. Until last year, the school had only one room and fewer students. This past summer Jan and Alex took 53 backpacks. They put toothbrushes, toothpaste, pencils, paper, combs, a toy, vitamins, coloring books, a

Bible written in Spanish, and a bar of soap in each pack. The children were thrilled when they received this gift because they usually have to share a toothbrush with other members of their families.

Jan and Alex will go again to Pelican Point next summer. If you have any prescription medicine that you cannot use, give it to a member of the Bronte Methodist Church and we will see to it that Jan gets it. You can donate money or lotion or any personal health-care item. Since 9-11 baggage has to be checked at exit ports as well as entry ports. The couple took about 4,000 pounds of supplies in June and the freight was \$3,800. Remember that Jan has to leave enough medicine and supplies to last a year so sample size will not be useful.

Jan and Alex are not missionaries from any church or organization. They do not receive a salary for their work. They would like to have volunteers to go to Pelican Point and work for a week or a month. Several doctors and dentists from San Angelo have been down through the years to assist Jan and Alex in their medical work.

**RLVFD Memorials  
and Donations**

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**Hadley Richards:** Bobby & Joyce Walker, Mike & Fran Lomas, Zera & Don Fields, Troy Wimberly

**J.D. Boykin:** Mr. & Mrs. Wilbern Millican

**Margaret Tucker:** Clayton & Pansy Bloodworth

**John Cash:** Kenneth & Nancy Rasco

**Sara Pitcock:** Garland & Rose Davis, Tom & Gaye Sawyer, Dr. & Mrs. Ronnie Sims, Mary May Wylie, Mike & Fran Lomas, Prescilla Davis.

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Donations collected by city water customers.

**Bronte Water  
Project Update**

By: Mayor Martin Lee  
City of Bronte

The City Council members and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the status of our Texas Community Development Program- STEP grant. We recently received our contract from the Office of Rural Community Affairs. The State is giving our community \$264,700.00 so that we can drill two new water wells and install a transmission line from the water wells to our water system. Because Federal grant funds are being used, we are required to complete several activities prior to actual construction. One of these requirements involved contracting with a registered engineering firm and grant administration firm. The City Council has hired Jacob & Martin Engineering and Municipal Consulting Agency. Both of these firms were instrumental in helping us get the grant have been working for Bronte for a number of years. The next step involved Municipal Consulting Agency completing an "Environmental Assessment" and submitting copies to over ten Federal and State agencies. We have to obtain approval from several of these agencies prior to construction. Additionally we were required to publish a notice in our newspaper for citizen commitments. We have obtained approval from the various Federal and State Affairs. The engineering firm has been busy preparing the plans and specifications. Even though we (the citizens) will be installing the water lines, we are still required to obtain approval from TNRCC. TNRCC regulates the water and sewer systems in Texas. Upon approval from TNRCC we will be advertising for bids for the materials. State laws require that Cities advertise for bids for public facilities projects over \$25,000.00. This process takes about two weeks. After bids are submitted, the City Council will meet and award a bid for the materials. Once the materials arrive, it will be time for us to

begin installing the water lines.

We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you how the grant system works. As I mentioned earlier, because grant funds are being used we must follow Federal and State Laws and requirements. Unfortunately this does take some time; however we are close to bidding for the materials now. Once again the City Council members and I want to thank all of you who helped us get this grant. Without you're input and volunteering to help us install the water lines, we would not have got this grant. Thanks again and we will keep you informed as to when we will start installing the water lines.



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Two Texas Department of Transportation employees from the Robert Lee maintenance Section received awards at the annual San Angelo District Truck Rodeo on October 16.

Ricky Ross and Ed Probst were recognized as winners from their local competition. Ross won the Robert Lee Maintenance Section competition in September with a score of 325 points. Probst placed second, scoring 260 out of a possible 350 points. Their scores advanced them to the annual district competition that included 28 finalists from across San Angelo District.

Waylan Ensor from the District Maintenance Office won the district competition. Second place winter Gary Maricle from Sterling City Maintenance will also advance to the state event.

The annual program promotes safe vehicle operation. Additionally, the competition also challenges and recognizes the skills of all the TxDOT commercial drivers license operators. The drivers are judged while driving through an obstacle course.

First and second place winners from the 25 districts advance to the state competition. The program also allows the State winner to advance to a national contest.

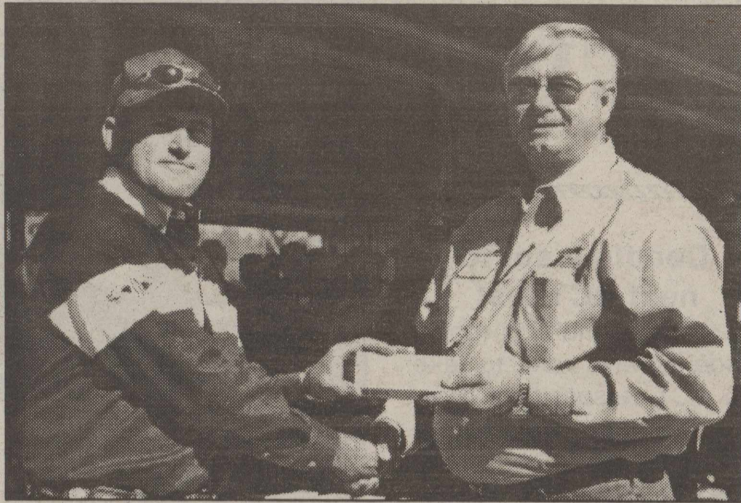
**Deer, turkey seasons open Saturday**  
by Hal Spain

Once again that chill is in the early morning air that reminds us of football games, fall festivals, and maybe best of all, hunting season.

Area hunters are anticipating a better season this year, following our seven year drought. Early reports are that this will be a better horn (excuse me, antler season), this year. Most of us concur with this prediction, as prior to season, we have observed and are getting reports of some heavier-horned deer.

The month long archery season for deer closed Oct. 27, with local processing facilities reporting a few more deer checked in this year than last. The general season for white-tail deer will open on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, and will remain open through Sunday, January 5, 2003. A special late general season will run from Jan. 6-19, 2003, for antlerless and spike bucks only. The bag limit for deer is five, with no more than two bucks, all seasons combined.

Of particular note this year is the change in the license. Hunters will notice that the 2002-03 hunting license has been simplified and includes five generic white-tail deer tags -- three can be used to tag a buck or antlerless deer and two are antlerless only. In addition to filling out a generic carcass tag, the hunter must complete the harvest



Ricky Ross (top left) and Ed Probst (bottom left) are presented with awards they earned during the TxDOT annual San Angelo District Truck Rodeo held October 16.

log on the back of the license. Hunters should also be aware of the documentation requirements for a harvested animal that leaves their possession and goes to a meat processor or taxidermist.

The general turkey season runs concurrently with the general deer season, with a special spring turkey season set for April 5 - May 11, 2003. The turkey bag limit is 4 (all seasons combined), with either sex being legal during the general season and gobblers only during the spring season.

County hunters should have an excellent chance of bagging that gobbler this season, as hatching conditions have been good for the past two years. Record numbers of turkeys have been

observed prior to the season.

The best advice we can give hunters is to pick up a free copy of the TPWD Outdoor Annual and read it from cover to cover. Pay particular attention to the new deer tags and the harvest log on the back of the license. We have been notified that wardens are going to be particularly vigilant concerning deer going to processing facilities and to taxidermists, as to which part of the deer must be tagged, should the carcass be separated from the head and horns, etc. If you still have questions after examining the new tags and consulting the TPWD Outdoor Annual, contact our local game warden, Jim Allen.

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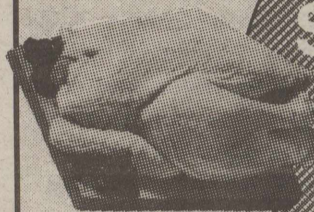
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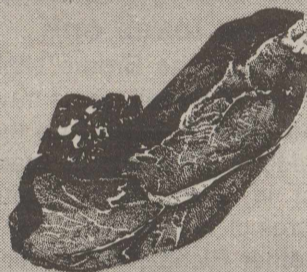


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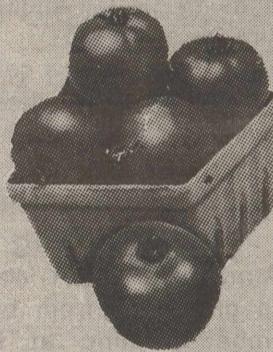
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Longhorns lose hard fought battle

The Longhorns came up on the short end of a hard fought football game Friday with a score of 14 - 0 to the Miles Bulldogs. In a game marred by drizzling rain and fumbles, the Longhorns and Bulldogs went head to head.

Miles scored on their first possession to go up 7 - 0, a score that stayed until their was only five minutes left in the game. The Longhorns got close to scoring twice but could not put the ball in the end zone.

Bronte will next travel to Roscoe to take on the #2 ranked Plowboys.

## BHS Volleyball wins one, loses one

Recently the Bronte High School Volleyball teams traveled to Miles to take on the Bulldogs. The varsity team lost in three games with scores of 11-15, 15-10, 15-9. Heather Richey had 17 kills and 1 block; Britney McCutchen 15 assists, 1 ace, 4 kills; Kanah Coalson 2 aces, 2 kills; Joe'l Sefcik 9

assists; Lindsay Springer 1 block, 1 kill; Kailey Howell 4 kills, 1 block. The varsity has an overall record of 18-17 with a 4-3 district record.

The Bronte JV team defeated Miles with scores of 7-15, 15-2, 15-11. Cheyenne Webb had 5 kills, 1 ace, Jasmine Kresta 4 assists, 3 aces, 2 kills; Calli Johnson 2 kills, Christan Kelly 3 assists; Rebecca Rawlings 1 kill; Kendra Graves 2 aces, 3 kills.

## Bronte Shorthorns top Miles Bulldogs

The Bronte Shorthorns defeated the Miles Bulldogs Thursday night 36-16. The Shorthorn defense held Miles scoreless through three quarters. The Shorthorns were led by Philip Rawlings and Logan Rawls. Rawlings scored four touchdowns on runs of 20 yards and 10 yards. He also caught two touch-down passes, one for 45 yards and one for 55 yards. Rawls threw two touchdown passes and intercepted a pass and returned it 30 yards for a score.

The Shorthorns play Roscoe this Thursday at home at 6:00 pm.

## Lady Horns defeat Water Valley

The Lady Horns volleyball team defeated Water Valley in two games, 15-13; 15-10. Individual scoring was as follows: Richey - 3 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace; McCutchen - 8 assists, 3 kills; Sefcik - 2 assists; Martinez - 1 assist; Howell - 2 kills, 1 block; Springer - 2 kills, 1 block; Coalson - 2 kills, 1 block.

Bronte's overall record now stands at 19-17, and their district record is 5-3.

The JV Lady Horns defeated Water Valley also, posting scores of 15-13; 7-15; and 15-13.

## Walker graduates basic training

Army Pvt. Callie R. Walker has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Callie studied the Army mission and received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, and Army history, tradition and core values, and special training in human relations.

Callie is the daughter of Lloyd Walker of Bronte, Texas.

She is a 2001 graduate of Central High School, San Angelo, Texas.

## Deadline set for next ACT test

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the December 14 test date. The postmark registration deadline is Friday, November 8. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on November 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get information from their high school counselor or register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. A student's ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in high school, extra-curricular activities, personal background and other information.

To learn more about the ACT Assessment, including registration forms and test location and test fees, contact your high school counselor or go to the ACT website ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)), which also offers useful tips, sample tests and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials.



Bronte Elementary "A Honor Roll" students decorated "Scarecrow Cupcakes" at their Halloween party this year. In order to enter the Home Economics building, students had to crawl through the cat door. Once inside the lights were dim and everything had a Halloween feel. The students were served Mummy Dogs with worms, Spider Tator Tots, and punch from a punch bowl with hands floating in it. They also had tombstones with their names on them! After eating, students heard a spooky story of a witch's cat with nine lives.

## Project benefits community

The GAs of First Baptist Church in Bronte are collecting canned food for the Coke County Food Closet through November 12.

The young ladies are working toward completion of a mission project.

According to GA advisor Lanette Fletcher, this project benefits the entire community and Bronte residents are urged to be generous when the girls knock on your door.

## Red Hat Society to meet

The Coke County Red Hat Society will meet Monday, November 4 at 11 am at Hidalgo's 277 Restaurant in Bronte. The society has no rules, no minutes, just lots of fun and laughter. The membership is for ladies (over 50) who like to laugh at the idea of growing "old" and are willing to wear purple clothing and a RED HAT. Hope to see you there!!

## School Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, Nov. 4

Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Toast, Milk

#### Tuesday, Nov. 5

Sausage Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk

#### Wednesday, Nov. 6

French Toast Sticks, Grape Juice, Milk

#### Thursday, Nov. 7

Breakfast Burrito, Orange Juice, Milk

#### Friday, Nov. 8

Donut, Apple Juice, Teddy Grams, Milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Nov. 4

Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Milk, Pink Panther Cake

#### Tuesday, Nov. 5

Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Stir Fried Vegetables, Bread Sticks, Milk, Banana Pudding

#### Wednesday, Nov. 6

Soft Taco's with Cheese, Lettuce and Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Jello

#### Thursday, Nov. 7

Steak Fingers with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Spice Cake

#### Friday, Nov. 8

Sub Sandwiches, Ham and Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Orange Half, Bun, Milk, Sugar Cookies

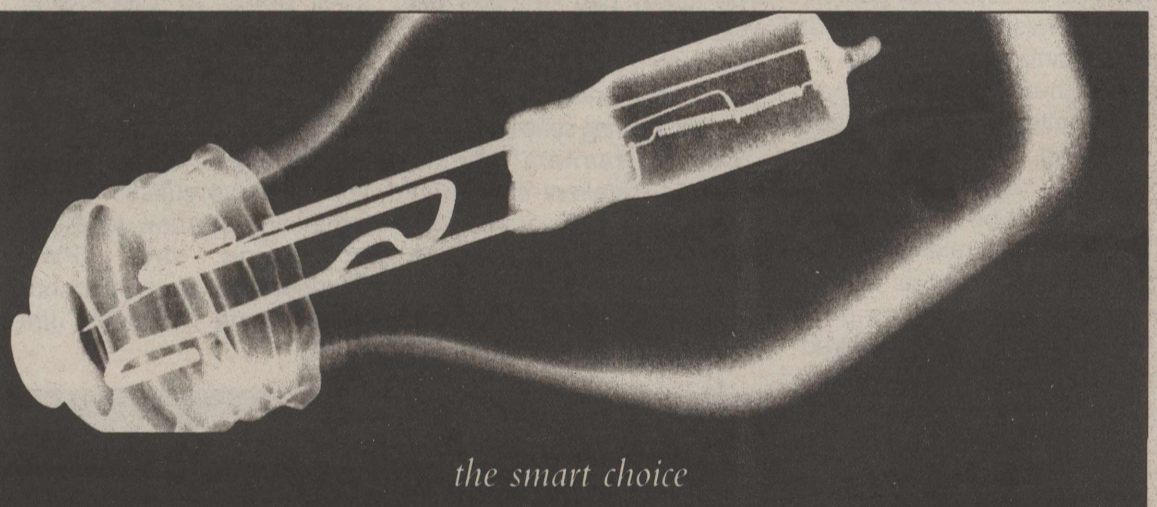
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So rural families got together and formed electric cooperatives, and with the help of government loans, did it themselves. Just ordinary people, many of them our grandparents and great-grandparents, but they spread the light in the dark land between the cities. All because they believed in the power of people working together: cooperation.

Electric deregulation is based on the belief that competition is better than cooperation. Put electricity on the market and it'll be cheaper. Maybe, maybe not. For now, Concho Valley Electric Co-op has decided not to opt in to deregulation, at least till we're sure it's right for our members. We think the smart choice is to "wait and see." After sixty years, we've learned a little patience and that what's good for city folk doesn't necessarily apply out here. For more information, visit our web site or call your local Smart Choice Cooperative.

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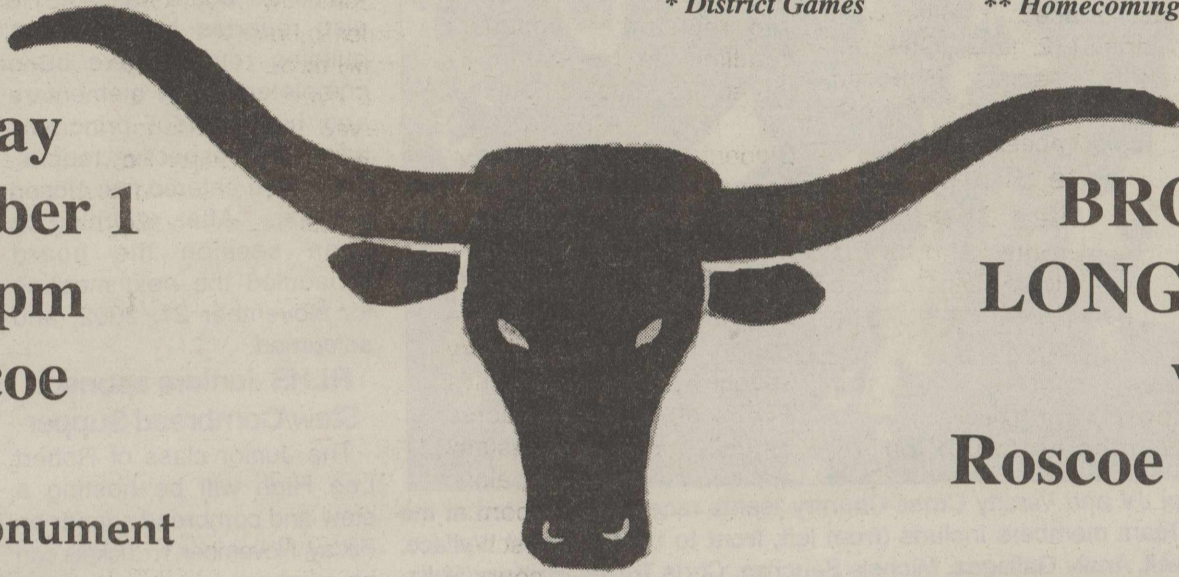
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee High School JV and Varsity Cross-Country teams recently competed at the district meet in Big Spring. Team members include (from left, front to back) Rachel Wallace, Ashley Womack, Andra Braswell, Analy Gallegos, Michele Sanchez, Chris Torres, Brittany Soliz, Monica Rodriguez, Nicole Sanchez, Krystal Soliz and Coach Bobby Bolding.

## Steers come out with a victory

The Steers traveled to Sterling City last Friday night to take on the Eagles in a district contest. It wasn't a game of beauty but the Steers got their victory to hold on to a slim chance at the playoffs. The Steers will have to win the last two games and have some luck to do that.

### 1st Quarter

The Eagles received the kick-off to start the game. The Steer defense went to work and stopped the Eagles without a 1st

down. The Eagles punted to the Steers but a fumble gave the ball back to the Eagles with a 22 yard gain. The Steers defense went right to work and stopped the Eagles again. The Steers took over on offense at their own 38 yard line. Millican ran for 7 yards. Cole Flanagan carried for 24 yards and Anson Lott ran 31 yards for a Steer touchdown. The Steers kicked off to the Eagles and on the second play Jaziel Gallegos intercepted a pass for the Steers. Millican ran for 37 yards to give the Steers a 1st down. Lott carried 2 times for 8 and 5 yards. Flanagan capped the drive with a 3 yard touchdown run. Flanagan caught the pass from Millican for the 2 point play. The quarter ended 14-0 Steers favor.

### 2nd Quarter

Things turned sour for the Steers in this quarter as they produced only one first down, lost a fumble and an interception. The Eagles scored and at the half it was 14-8 Steers favor.

### 3rd Quarter

The Steers started much the same as the second quarter. They lost the ball with a fumble on the kick-off. The Eagles got a field goal to close the gap in the score. The Steers could not

get a 1st down and had to punt to the Eagles. The Eagles started another drive but the Steers turned things around when Gallegos came up with another interception. The score was 14-11 Steers favor at the end of the quarter.

### 4th Quarter

The Steers had the ball at the Eagle 15 yard line when the quarter started. With two completed passes the Steers had a touchdown. The first was to Gallegos for 9 yards. The second was to Travis Pitcock for the touchdown. The Eagles came back to get another touchdown. The Steers had the ball at their own 44 yard line after the kick-off. Lott took the ball 48 yards on the first play, then took the ball on the next play 13 yards for the Steer touchdown. The final score was Steers 27 - Eagles 18. Good Job Steers!!

The next showdown will be Friday, November 1 in Robert Lee against the Roby Lions.

### RLISD Board meets

The Robert Lee Independent School District board of trustees held a regular meeting on October 22, 2002, in the high school library of the public school building. A quorum of members was present. Pam

West, CPA, from Region XV Education Service Center gave a presentation on the financial situation of Robert Lee ISD.

The board unanimously approved the following items: new Superintendent Appraisal form, 2002 tax roll, new bus driver pay schedule, IPM policy and chemical list, school finance resolutions and Update 68 (local). The board took no action on the CIELO Windpower Application or roof bids. Supt. Wallace reported on the campus/district improvement plan and upcoming school board training. He also reported that the ADA building repairs have been completed. The elementary and high school principals gave their respective reports. The board entered into closed session. After returning to open session the board scheduled the next meeting for November 21, 2002, and adjourned.

### RLHS Juniors sponsor Stew/Cornbread Supper

The Junior class of Robert Lee High will be hosting a stew and cornbread supper on Friday, November 1. Tickets can be purchased from any Junior class member or at the door. Come and eat with the Juniors and then go support our Steers as they take on the Roby Lions.

### RL Dogies' results

The Robert Lee Junior High Dogies defeated Miles on October 17 and lost to Sterling City on October 24.

In the Miles game, the Dogies consumed the first quarter on a 16 yard drive where Josh Gallegos scored from the 1 yard line. The two-point attempt was no good. In

the second quarter, the Dogies defense continued to dominate. The defense did not allow a single first down. In the third quarter the Dogies still could not find the end zone, but they moved the ball well. Miles, however, could not get anything going against the defense of the Dogies.

In the fourth quarter Josh Gallegos scored again, this time on a 63 yard run. The two-point attempt was no good, and the final score was 12-0.

The Dogies had a rough start in the Sterling City game, as they fumbled the opening drive. Sterling City capitalized by scoring. Following an unsuccessful two-point attempt, the score stood at 0-6.

After some punt exchanges, the Dogies got a boost from a fumble recovery by Clay Antilley. The Dogies drove it down to the 2 inch line, where officials say Gallegos was knocked out of bounds. SC held the Dogies on a tough goalline stand.

The beginning of the second half saw the Dogies re-cover an opening inside kick. After a few punt exchanges, SC scored again to make the score 0-12. The Dogies came right back and scored on a quarterback sneak by Kevin Honse to cap off a 70 yard drive.

The fourth quarter saw the Dogies recover another on-side kick, as Honse dove on the loose football. Taylor Percifull also caused a fumble that Jonathan Pagan covered up. The Dogies could not score again, and the final was 6-12 in favor of the Eagles.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

#### Monday, Nov. 4

OJ/Apple Juice, Donut, Cereal Milk

#### Tuesday, Nov. 5

OJ/Apple, Muffin, Cereal, Milk

#### Wednesday, Nov. 6

OJ/Apple Juice, Pancake on a Stick, Cereal, Milk

#### Thursday, Nov. 7

OJ/Apple, Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Milk

#### Friday, Nov. 8

OJ/Apple Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Nov. 4

Burrito, Salad, Tator Tots, Peaches, Cookie, Milk

#### Tuesday, Nov. 5

Steak Fingers/Gravy, Cr. Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Peaches, Milk

#### Wednesday, Nov. 6

Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pickles, Hamburger Stew, Pears, Milk

#### Thursday, Nov. 7

Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit, Sliced Bread, Milk

#### Friday, Nov. 8

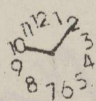
Hot Dog, Chili/Cheese, Potato Patty, Fruit Cocktail, Ice Cream, Milk

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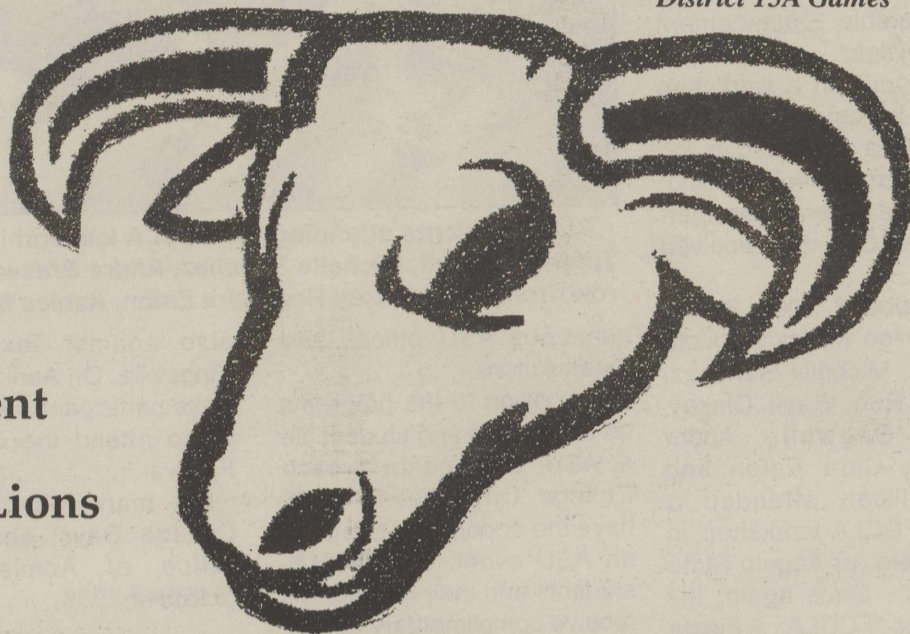
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# ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

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October 4	Open				
* October 11	Roscoe	Here	7:30	22	32
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**Local Organizations  
Help in the Fight  
Against Hunger**

For over a decade, Texas hunters have used their skills to help combat hunger through the Hungry (HFTH) program. Last year, Texas hunters and meat processors partnered to donate a record breaking 92,000 pounds of meat, which was distribute to food assistance providers statewide. While the results of collaborative efforts to promote and expand HFTH have led to a 30% increase in donations since the 2000-2001 hunting, there is still an enormous need to fill the "protein gap" and ease some of the burden placed on Texas food assistance providers facing shortage.

HFTH is administered on a statewide level by the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA) with the support of local organizations. The program, funded largely by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, provides needy, low-income Texan families with a nutritious, low-fat and food-assistance providers; hunters take their legally harvested deer, hog, or other wild game to the participating meat processors, who process and package the donated meat for a nominal fee to cover basic costs. Meat processors then notify local food banks, pantries, emergency feeding sites, community and faith-based organizations, which distribute the meat to families in need.

One in ten children under 12 in Texas are hungry. Donations of venison and other wild game help provide a nutritious source of protein for food assistance recipients, nearly half of which are growing children. A single HFTH donation, averaging 40 pounds can provide 160 quarter pound servings, which greatly aid food assistance providers in serving nutritious meals to recipients. Coke County Deer Processing in Robert Lee has been involved with HFTH as a participating processor for over 5 years. Through their selfless efforts and support of the program, Coke County Deer Processing is contributing vital protein to combat hunger in the community.

Individuals working in the forefront and delivering donations can attest to Texas; need for programs such as HFTH. For them, seeing the true faces of hunger proves that the need to combat hunger is heartbreakingly real.

Hunters who are trying to make room for this year's game, can also donate their frozen venison to their local community through the Share Our Surplus program, a surplus food donation program administrated by TACAA. Any volunteer organizations, processors, or hunters interested

donating or in working with HFTH can contact Pam Lawrie of TACAA at 800/992/9767 ext 202.

**Students attend  
FCCLA workshops**

**By Andra Braswell**

On September 30, 2002, Shelby Roe, Krystal Soliz, Nicole Sanchez, Lindsey Roe, Michelle Sanchez, Tiffany Bagwell, Andra Braswell, Cara Eaton, and Kyla Millican attended a FCCLA leadership workshop in Abilene at Abilene Christian University. The them was "FCCLA: A Fiesta of Leadership Enhancement Opportunities."

Shelby put on a workshop on "How to Run for an Office." Lindsey Roe competed in Job Interview and received gold, and Andra Braswell competed in Step One and received a bronze.

On October 7, 2002, Shelby Roe, Ashlee Millican, Nicole Sanchez, Michelle Sanchez, Lindsey Roe, Kayli Dickey, Tiffany Bagwell, Andra Braswell, Cara Eaton and Kyla Millican attended a second FCCLA workshop in San Angelo at Angelo State University. Once again, the theme was "FCCLA: A Fiesta of Leadership Enhancement Opportunities," and the speaker was Mr. William Hood. Lindsey Roe competed in Job Interview, Tiffany Bagwell competed in Community Service Project, and Andra Braswell competed in Step One. All three received the gold. Shelby, who is State Vice President of Public Relations, put on another worship on "How to Run for an Office." Mrs. Sheri Millican also attended both workshops.

**Genealogical Society  
meeting slated**

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday Nov. 5, at the Church of Christ at 901 Main Street, San Angelo, in the Fellowship Hall.

Guest speaker will be western author, Elmer Kelton.

**ASU College Days  
Programs Scheduled**

Three "College Days" programs have been set by Angelo State University to offer prospective students a chance to sample the ASU experience during dates once in the fall and twice in the spring.

College Days programs are scheduled Nov. 16, Feb. 15, and April 5 on the ASU campus. Programs will begin each of those Saturdays with check-in at 9:30 a.m. in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont.

Each session will include a welcome by ASU president James Hindman, a tour of campus, a free lunch, and an ASU Expo to allow prospective students and their parents to visit with faculty from academic fields of interest as well as representatives of



RLHS students attending the FCCLA leadership workshops were (back row, from left) Tiffany Bagwell, Michelle Sanchez, Andra Braswell, Kayli Dickey, Nicole Sanchez, (front row, from left) Lindsey Roe, Cara Eaton, Ashlee Millican, Shelby Roe, and Kyla Millican.

numerous ASU offices and organizations.

In addition to the programs on academics and student life at ASU, participants at each College Days session will have the opportunity to attend an ASU event. on Nov. 16, students and their families will receive complimentary admission to the 2 pm ASU football game against Texas A&M-Kingsville in San Angelo Stadium. On Feb. 15 College Days participants will be provided free tickets to Rambelle and Ram basketball games,

also against Texas A&M-Kingsville. On April 5 College Days participants will be invited to attend the ASU Jazz Festival.

For more information on College Days, contact the Office of Admissions at (915)942-2058.

**Plans complete  
for Fall Festival**

Plans are now complete for an exciting Fall Festival, to be held at the park in Robert Lee. The festival is being sponsored by the Robert Lee

PTO, and is set for November 9 from 2-5 pm.

Scheduled activities include a cake walk, pie walk, coke ring toss, bobbing for apples, go fishin', basketball throw, softball pitch, tortilla toss, dart throw, face painting, and most importantly, a couple of food booths.

Everyone is invited to come and have a great time and support the Robert Lee PTO. If you still want to organize a game for our kids and have not yet done so, please call Karla Hamrick at 453-4780.



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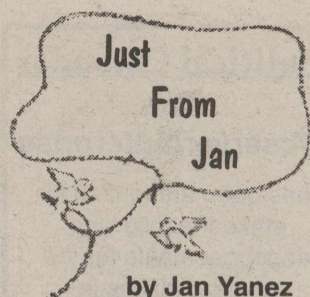


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by Jan Yanez  
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### 4H Has a Birthday!

This month 4-H Clubs across the county will be celebrating 4H in conjunction with the organization's 100th anniversary. 4-H programs began in response to young people and their need for a better agricultural education. In 1902 a large percent of Americans lived on farms. The community club model engaged youth through "learning by doing".

Organized outside of school, parents served as volunteer leaders who partnered with educators to provide appropriate curriculum and materials. No one individual is credited with originating the 4-H program, rather it was founded through collective efforts through the course of a few years. However, in 1902, A. B. Graham, superintendent of schools in Clark County, Ohio, organized a boy's and girl's agriculture club. In 1907 the first boy's and girl's demonstration clubs under USDA sponsorship were started in Homes County, Mississippi.

In 1907 or 1908, the first emblem was used nationally, designed by O.H. Benson. It was the three leaf clover representing head, heart, and hands. In 1911, Benson suggested a fourth leaf and "H" be added. Originally, the fourth "H" was to stand for hustle, but it was later changed to health.

By 1912, 96,000 youth were enrolled in 4-H Club work, and in 1914, the passage of the Smith-Lever Act established the Cooperative Extension Service of which 4-H is part. In 1918, the first use of the term "4-H Club" appeared in a federal document.

The first County Extension Agent in Texas was appointed in 1906, eight years before the first organization of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. Two years later, T.M. (Tom) Marks, County Agricultural Agent, organized the first boy's "corn club" in Jack County. Marks founded that he was more successful teaching new production technology to the youth than to the adults. Within a matter of years, "pig clubs", "beef calf clubs" (Coleman County, 1910) and girl's "tomato clubs" (Miliam County, 1912) also were initiated.

The state was set for the rapid expansion of educational programs directed to rural youth. Within a span of 91 years, 4H enrollment in Texas has grown from an original 25 Corn Club members in Jack

County in 1908 to more than 750,000 in the late 1990's.

The Texas 4H Museum is locate in Jacksboro (Jack County), the birthplace of 4H in Texas.

Today 6.8 million youth, ages 5 to 19 are involved in 4-H. There are an estimated 60 million 4-H alumni. 4-H programs exist in all 3,150 counties, U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia. Nearly 35 percent of 4-H participants live in urban communities. And about 30 percent represent minority, racial, cultural and ethnic populations.

As was true in 1902, Hers today are involved in experiential learning in projects that are important and of interest to them. Today's project areas range from aerospace to zoology. 4-H is open to any youth regardless of sex, religion, race, social-economic level, color, disability, or national origin, who meet the age requirement. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in these meetings are encouraged to contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461.

Wherever you live, there is a 4-H youth development program. For more information about 4H, call the Coke County Extension office or visit the National 4H Council Web Site at [www.nh4.org](http://www.nh4.org) or the Texas 4H website at [texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu). Coke County also has a 4H link at [coke-tx.tamu.edu](http://coke-tx.tamu.edu).

### Coke County Children to benefit from affiliation

Shannon Medical Center recently formed a partnership to help children in the Concho Valley. The hospital has been designated a

Children's Miracle Network Hospital, joining the ranks of 170 other premier children's hospitals around the United States and Canada, announced Dan Stultz, M.D., CEO, Shannon Health.

Children's Miracle Network is an international non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 171 children's hospitals throughout North America. Each year these non-profit hospitals treat more than 17 million children afflicted with diseases, injuries, and birth defects of every kind.

"During the next year, we will be telling the story of children's health care at Shannon Medical Center in new and different ways," Dr. Stultz said. "In addition, we will begin a fundraising effort involving national corporate sponsors, local sponsors, hospital employees and many more. The most important thing about becoming a member of the Children's Miracle Network is that 100 percent of all money we raise in our service area will stay at Shannon Medical Center to provide direct care for kids."

Last year, Shannon Medical Center's pediatric unit cared for more than 12,000 children from San Angelo and the surrounding area. Just in the past year, children from Coke County were admitted to Shannon more than 170 times.

"Previously money raised in San Angelo for CMN was sent to the designated hospital in San Antonio," said Jo Vaughan, Shannon CMN director. "We are excited that all of it will remain in San Angelo to benefit children in 11 counties including those children in Robert Lee, Bronte, and the rest of Coke

county."

The Children's Miracle Network has grown dramatically since its founding in 1983, when its first televised fundraiser aired from a small private studio and raised \$4.7 million for hospitals. In just 20 years Children's Miracle Network has evolved into the dominant organization actively providing better health care for millions of children through its affiliated hospitals. In addition to producing the largest television fund raiser in the world, Children's Miracle Network organizes and executes thousands of special events and promotions each year through its dedicated corporate sponsors and media partners.

"A Children's Miracle Network Hospital like Shannon Medical Center treats children on their health care needs, not on their ability to pay," said Vaughan. "These hospitals annually provide \$4 billion in uncompensated care and are committed to treating every child who needs medical care. Shannon Medical Center is very proud to be included in this elite group."

### Shannon Clinic physicians named "Best Doctors" by national group

J. M. Cornell, MD, and John S. Cargile, MD, have recently been honored by election to The Best Doctors in America. This prestigious election comes from a nationwide group of peers who practice surgery in America's cities and medical schools.

Best Doctors is a consumer group that surveys tens of thousands of leading specialists worldwide to ask what doctors they would go to for treatment in their specialty.

The mission of the organization is to provide individuals with the quality information they need to find access to the best possible care.

Dr. Cargile is a San Angelo native who trained in surgery at Parkland Hospital in Dallas and has practiced in San Angelo since 1986. He is board certified in General Surgery.

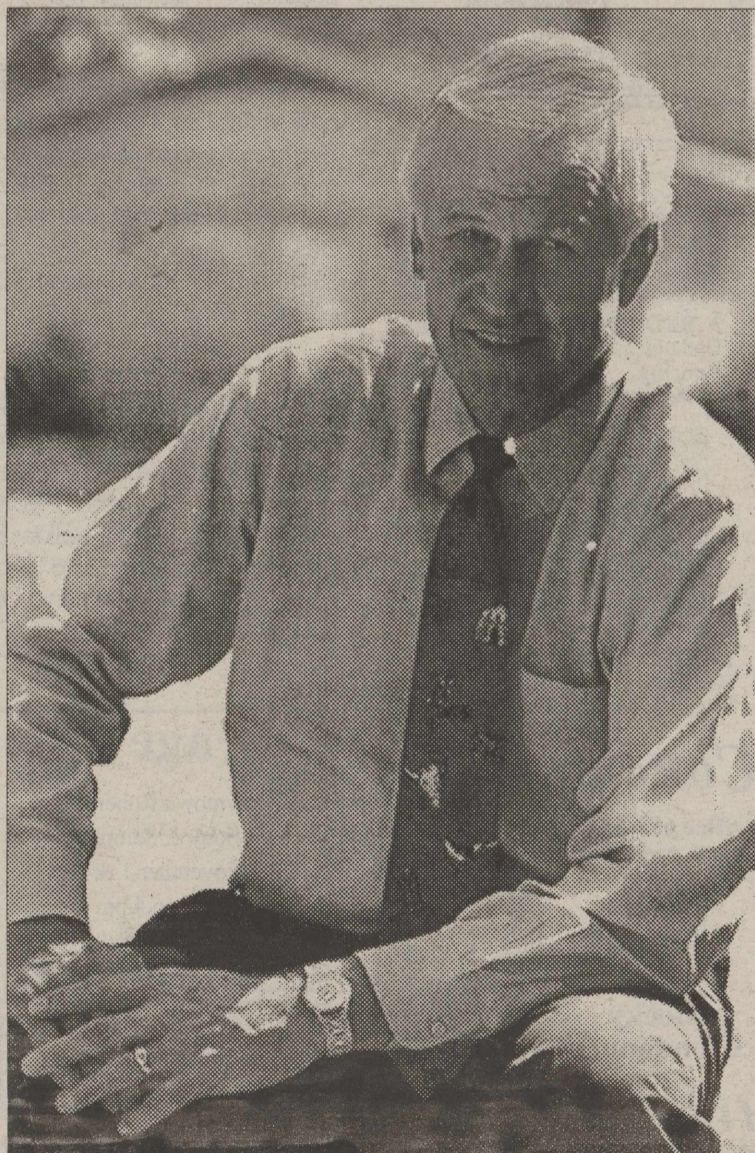
The election to The Best Doctors in America is Dr. Cornell's second such honor. Dr. Cornell has practiced here since 1974 and is board certified in both General Surgery and General Vascular Surgery. He also trained at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

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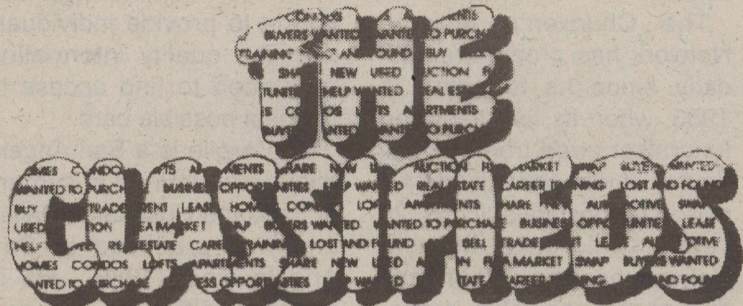
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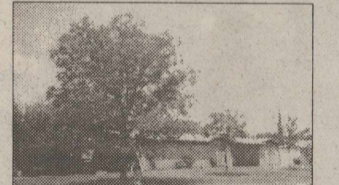
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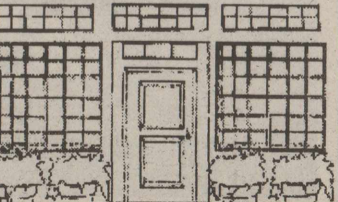
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**Garage Sale**  
 Downtown Robert Lee  
 Friday & Saturday  
 November 1 & 2  
 9 am to 4 pm  
 Sidewalk Sale  


**Political Calendar**  
**The Observer/Enterprise**  
 has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.  
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 Bill Wheat  
**COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4**  
 George Snapp

**GARAGE SALES**

**2 FAMILY YARD SALE**  
 Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2. 8 am - ? 608 W. 17th, Robert Lee. All kinds of stuff. **15-1tc**

**ESTATE SALE**  
 November 2, 8 am, Bronte. Across from Town and Country. Rain or Shine. **15-1tp**

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Storage building on Hwy 277. Saturday, November 2, 9 am - 5 pm. Sunday, November 3, 1 pm - 5 pm. **15-1tp**

**ALREADY MOVED SALE**  
 Saturday, November 2, 8 am - ?. 101 E. 1st, Robert Lee. Adult, teen, children and baby clothing, bedding, curtains, kitchen items, etc. **15-1tp**

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Saturday morning, November 2, Bank parking lot, Bronte. Benefiting First Baptist Church Youth. **15-1tc**

**HUGE GARAGE SALE**  
 606 W 9th, Robert Lee. Friday & Saturday, November 1 and 2. Furniture, baby & children's clothes, large women's clothing, shoes, linens, portable sewing machine, home decor and lots, lots more. **15-1tp**

**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.

## CARD OF THANKS

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Congratulations and thank you to the Bronte High School Multimedia Tech Prep group for their project and fundraiser at the historic Texas Theater. Special thanks to advisor Lisa Gibbs and students - Khanni, Heather, Lindsey and Jenna. I also wish to thank everyone who made donations and attended the movie.

Luis Charles  
15-1tc

### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our gratitude to each of you for all your expressions of sympathy in the recent loss of our mother, Willa Plumlee. The many cards, flowers, food, places to stay, hugs and words of comfort and every act of kindness will always be remembered and appreciated.

Betty D. (Plumlee) George & Don Plumlee & families  
15-1tc

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone who made our special day a wondrous event. We are also especially grateful for everyone's prayers for J. B. We feel so blessed to live in such a loving, caring place. May God richly bless all of you.

J. B. & Samantha Robertson  
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15-1tc

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

### FOR RENT

2 BR, 1BA Mobile Home.  
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### GARAGE SALE

8 - ?, Saturday & Sunday,  
November 2 & 3, 405 W. 17th  
Street, Robert Lee.

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## NOTICES

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE COUNTY OF COKE PROPOSED ON-SITE SEWERAGE FACILITY ORDER

The County Commissioners of Coke County, will conduct a public hearing under the authority of Chapter 366, Texas Health & Safety Code to consider the ten acre rule for regulation of on-site sewerage facilities (including septic tanks) in Coke County, Texas, to prevent possible pollution or injury to public health. A copy of the proposed order is available for review at the Coke County Judge's Office between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The hearing will be Tuesday, November 12, 2002, at 9 am in the Coke County Commissioners Courtroom at 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. All interested persons are encouraged to participate in the public hearing.

15-1tc

### Remember When

by Pat Jones Watson

At Paint Creek, Wild Cat, Edith, Green Mountain;

\*School was held at Paint Creek, Wild Cat and Green Mountain.

\*Students walked, to "big" mountain on left going up on the Divide, for picnic last day of school.

\*Neighbors took turns having "42" parties and young 'uns sat and played games - Flying Dutchman, Red Rover or musical chairs, "Winkum", Knocking for Love.

\*Gospel singings at Wild Cat, Pecan Church old Edith Tabernacle. Yvonne (Kerley) Jones played for most of these from Stamps Quartet Books.

\*Edith Homecoming, included all out-lying areas; huge tables of food that each family brought; tea was in a barrel, meat was cooked by

men in the area.

\*Some people had dances at their homes. Music was provide by "the Wojtek Boys", Otto, Victor & Gene and "the Jones Boys", William, Bud and a cousin Avon.

\*Mr. Neal had the Edith Store; gas pump had to be hand pumped to fill before fueling.

\*Mr. Neal's daughter painted all the beautiful sign boards at Wild Cat Lane, Dripping Springs, Edith Store and Green Mountain.

\*People walked to parties, sometimes several miles in the dark and cold.

\*Pie suppers and Box suppers, where your favorite someone bid on them.

\*Rabbit drives were a wild time and a sight to behold.

\*The man who came around from time to time and cleaned cisterns. He had a live alligator on the fender of his car and told the kids he used the alligators tail to clean.

\*Birthday parties for kids were attended by everyone, infant to 18. Neighbors were extended family then.

\*The scream from a wildcat, down on a creek, just before dark. It sounded like a woman screaming.

\*The telephone came and everyone in that area was on one line and you cranked the number of rings to your neighbor.

\*Trips once a month to Angelo were from early 'til late.

\*"Cokes" as all drinks were called, were 5 cents and tasted so much better than now.

\*Dr. Griffith's office in the back of City Drug, the trips he made to our homes regardless of weather or time. How many of us did he bring into this world?

\*The mail route carrier would bring those big boxes (in Spring) full of baby chicks. Most came from a big hatchery between Dallas and Irving and is now the heart of Dallas.

\*You could hear your

neighbors calling the cows for milking - a shot rang out and you figured a rattler or hawk was the culprit.

\*Little boys played marbles and wore out the knees of their pants; little girls played Jacks or jumped rope.

\*Jumping rope or sliding up and down in front of the bank in town usually caused moms to fuss about wearing out shoe soles.

\*How crowded downtown Robert Lee was on Saturdays. A parking place was hard to find unless you came early. Men stood in small groups all along west sidewalk, women usually visited in cars, youngsters, up through teenagers, walked or ran up and down sidewalk. Cars also parked in center of street and when you could drive a car, young people drove round and round the center line of cars.

\*The "Show" cost 13 cents over six and 35 cents for adults. Popcorn and later candy bars were 5 cents. One of the Wojtek ladies sold tickets, sold the popcorn and Mr. Wiggington took your ticket.

\*The Wojteks opened the skating rink. The music was a new sound only heard at the rink.

\*Summer Saturdays found a tow-sack or old worn blanket in your vehicle to wrap a block of ice for the ice box.

\*That smell when the big door opened at the ice house.

\*A hamburger from Mr. Ratliff's Cafe was 15 cents and smelled so good.

\*Singing school at Wild Cat and Pecan Church.

\*A beauty shop came to town and it took forever to perm hair with that strange contraption with all the wires attached and plugged into electric outlet. Boy did it curl.

\*The Edith Rt. school bus. It was always full with the "big boys" in the back; Millican boys, Sheppard boys, Smith boys. The drivers, Mr. Shelton, Bob Fields, and Finis Harmon had to be one of a kind or they would have let some walk.

\*How deep the mud was on main street (when we used to have rain) until it was paved and moved Robert Lee "up town".

\*The water drinking faucets in that concrete building on west side of Wild Cat school.

\*Everyone took pictures at Dripping Springs and water ran ankle deep across the road.

\*People came from all around to Sunday evening Singings at Mr. and Mrs. Kerley's just east of Paint Creek school.

\*Mr. Harmon ran his syrup mill, one of a kind in our rural area.

\*Johnny Williams had a "wind charger" that gave them inside lighting.

\*Mr. and Mrs. Burns had a different light system called carbide. For some of us country kids these were awesome things.

\*Folks took turns helping each other "kill hogs" when it got cold enough.

\*Neighbors sat up with sick folks, especially if they were critically ill. Leara McCabe and Bud Jones sat with an awful lot.

\*Usually men folk sat up all night with someone who had passed away. Friends and neighbors would dig the grave.

\*The old Wild Cat Bridge, down by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Patterson, washed away Sept. 17, 1936.

\*The noise the bridge made crossing over especially the school bus.

\*You could have most anything welded at Mr. Vestal's Blacksmith shop.

\*Sheep shearers would come set up and usually spent the night to finish next day. How many worn washers do you suppose they had to keep count of head sheared.

\*A P-38 fighter plane flew over our house and shortly after a wing broke off and the plane crashed just north of Mr. Roe's place. Would be in the lake now. The pilot landed full length on a very wet ground and was face up when the doctor from Goodfellow air base arrived. Bud Jones had a pickup with chains and took the doctor in the pasture. The pilot's chute was in tact.

\*The first night some of the folks out our way saw the new beacon light. Some of the men drove nearly to Ballinger to find it.

\*A ball game on the radio was as clear in your mind as today's TV.

\*You went home from "town" Saturday nights and listened to the Grand Old Opry and later the Louisiana Hayride. During World War II, you were careful with the radio because those big batteries were impossible to buy.

\*You could wake up at 6:00 am to the Stamps Quartet singing on KRLD (Dallas, Tx), "Give the World a Smile" and always the news.

\*All the new shows we could hear and see in our minds. "Fibber McGee and Molly", "Amos & Andy", "Mr. District Attorney", "The Squeaking Door".

\*Women (and men) listening in the afternoon to the woes of Stella Dallas, Young Widow Brown, The Guiding Light (the stories were Bible stories at first).

\*Joe Louis boxing matches.

\*The Pop songs in the 40's

\*Kids listened to "Lone Ranger, Green Hornet and Baby Snooks". Such mild entertainment to what we see today. Maybe we need to see with our minds again and dream instead of so much stark reality.

Were those really "The Good Old Days", even with times so hard, people enjoyed visiting, helping neighbors, playing games and dreaming. Maybe dreams were the best of all.

For those of you who "Remember When" there is no year to year form, just things I grew up hearing and living and Remembering. Many, many more friends and neighbors are in my book of memories. My family always told me "A stranger is just a friend you haven't met."

## Large Antique Estates Auction

Saturday • November 2 • 10 am Sharp

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Nolan County Coliseum Annex - Newman Park

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This will be a fantastic auction of fine Antique furniture, collectibles and high quality reproductions from various estates and consignments. Every quality item will be moved to the Coliseum Annex Building for your comfort and convenience where there will be plenty of seating and parking. Building is heated. Everything must be moved day of Sale.

A Partial List! The best antique 1870's Victorian marble top bedroom suite with 9 ft tall mirrored door wardrobe, matching high back carved bed and matching marble top nightstand - must see! A very rare wind-up large "Victor" Victrola with record books - plays loud! A beautiful antique oak bow front china cabinet with leaded glass sides and curved glass! A very rare antique child's highchair. A great 1930's American "Waterfall" complete bedroom suite with large etched mirrors and all matching pieces - Beautiful! A beautiful Victorian settee with carved back. Guns: A very rare authentic antique "Winchester" 1873 lever action rifle. A very rare authentic antique "Colt" Peacemaker single action pistol. A rare "Northwood" Carnival butter dish. A beautiful heavy carved Chippendale table and 8 matching chairs. A large oak stacking lawyers bookcase. A very rare antique copper lined smoke stand. A beautiful antique Grandfather clock with chimes. A beautiful antique 9 piece dining room suite - complete with all matching pieces. A beautiful antique oak rocker. A carved 2 door crystal cabinet. A beautiful antique cedar chest. A Victorian bronze lady water fountain. A heavy carved chest with mirror. A collection of Western bronze statues by Frederic Remington such as "Outlaw". Beautiful leaded glass window. A beautiful cut crystal chandelier (signed by artist). A complete cut crystal punch bowl set. Cookie jars, Mirrors, pictures, Nippon, Limoges. A fabulous cut crystal lamp. A large collection of authentic Indian made artifacts and sterling silver and Turquoise jewelry such as a ladies large "Squash Blossom" necklace and matching earrings. Antique "St. Gaudens" twenty dollar gold coin. Antique silver dollars. A very rare 1914 round oak brand pot belly stove with lots of nickel - must see! A beautiful collection of fine cut crystal and much more! Plan now to attend!

Auctioneers Note! This will be an outstanding auction of over 300 fantastic items, therefore we sincerely hope you take time to see for yourself. Remember this is just a partial list - there is much more! Bring cash or check with proper ID.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

**Horticulture on the internet**

The article below was obtained from the Texas Cooperative Extension Horticultural Update web-site. Information on gardening, landscape, diseases, insects and nearly anything you want to know about horticulture can be found on this web-site. The address is <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu>. Once on this site go to Extension information, then to Newsletter and enjoy Texas horticulture information for each month of the year. Fall ideas for planting trees and shrubs

Finally, fall is here. The weather is becoming slightly cooler, and gardeners are slowly migrating back outdoors after record-breaking heat this summer. Now is a perfect time to add a new tree or a grouping of shrubs to the landscape. Or perhaps you have an area in the landscape that needs "remodeling" or rejuvenating. The fall may be the best season to plant, surpassing even the spring.

Many people prefer January through March for planting, but the fall months of September through December have distinct advantages. Fall planting follows the heat of summer, and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted use this to good advantage. Plant roots grow anytime the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher, which may occur all winter in Texas. During the winter months, the root systems of the fall-planted specimens develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can support and take advantage of the full surge of spring growth.

Fall planting is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Balled and burlapped plants have ample time to recover from transplanting and proliferate roots before spring growth begins. Remember however, all bare root plants, including roses and pecan and fruit trees should be planted in late winter when they are completely dormant.

When buying plants for your landscape, be sure to get healthy, well-grown plants. Always buy from a reputable dealer. Those in the plant selling business year-round depend on repeat customers, and only by selling customers quality plants can there be assurance of future business. Beware of plant bargains. They can easily turn out to be real headaches. A bargain is no good if it dies. The price

tag, especially the cheapest one, is not the best guide to quality.

All plants have growing requirements. Think about the plant's needs before you invest. Is it adapted to your area's soil? Will it grow in sun or shade? Does it need a wet or dry location? Is it cold hardy? Some nurseries have this type of information on tags beside the plant. If not, ask a nursery professional or your Texas Cooperative Extension agent.

"Plan before you plant" is always a good rule of thumb. Whether you are planting a single plant or an entire landscape, plan first, then plant. Good planning is a worthwhile investment of time that will pay off in greater enjoyment of attractive and useful home grounds, and in increasing the value of your home. It's much easier to

move plants on paper than to dig them after planting them in the wrong place. A plan saves many planting mistakes.

Every plant in the landscape should serve a purpose. Ask yourself if you want a plant for screening, for privacy, or for shade. How large will it be five years from now? Plants, like people, grow up. Remember, that a small one-gallon size plant will look entirely different after a few years of growth in your landscape.

Plant properly for success. Here are a few guidelines on getting the job done right.

1. Dig a hole large enough in diameter so that the root system has at least six inches of clearance on all sides. The root ball should rest on a solid soil foundation, so don't dig the hole much deeper than the ball.

2. Plant the tree or shrub slightly above the level of the surrounding soil, to allow for settling and increased soil drainage.

3. Carefully place the tree or shrub in the hole. Handle the plant by the root ball, not

by the trunk. A broken ball of earth can mean a dead plant. Always remove any container before you plant.

4. Backfill the hole, using only the native soil removed from the hole; do not use soil amendments when planting large shrubs and trees. Fill the hole, and firm the soil around the plant. Water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots and to eliminate any air pockets.

5. Do not fertilize your tree or shrub after planting. Wait until early in the spring to do this, and even then, go lightly. Heavy applications of fertilizer may burn and injure the root system, and could possibly kill the plant.

6. Watering has been and remains paramount in transplanting. At the time of transplanting, soak the root ball and surrounding soil. A thorough watering every 7 to 10 days dramatically increases the success ratio. More frequent watering may encourage root rot. Remember, more trees and shrubs fail from over watering than from under watering.

7. Before calling it a day, add 4 to 6 inches of mulch

around the base of newly planted trees and shrubs. This helps to keep down weeds and conserve soil moisture. Use pine bark, compost, grass clippings, or leaves.

Fall is for planting. Visit your nursery today, and beautify and add value to your home.

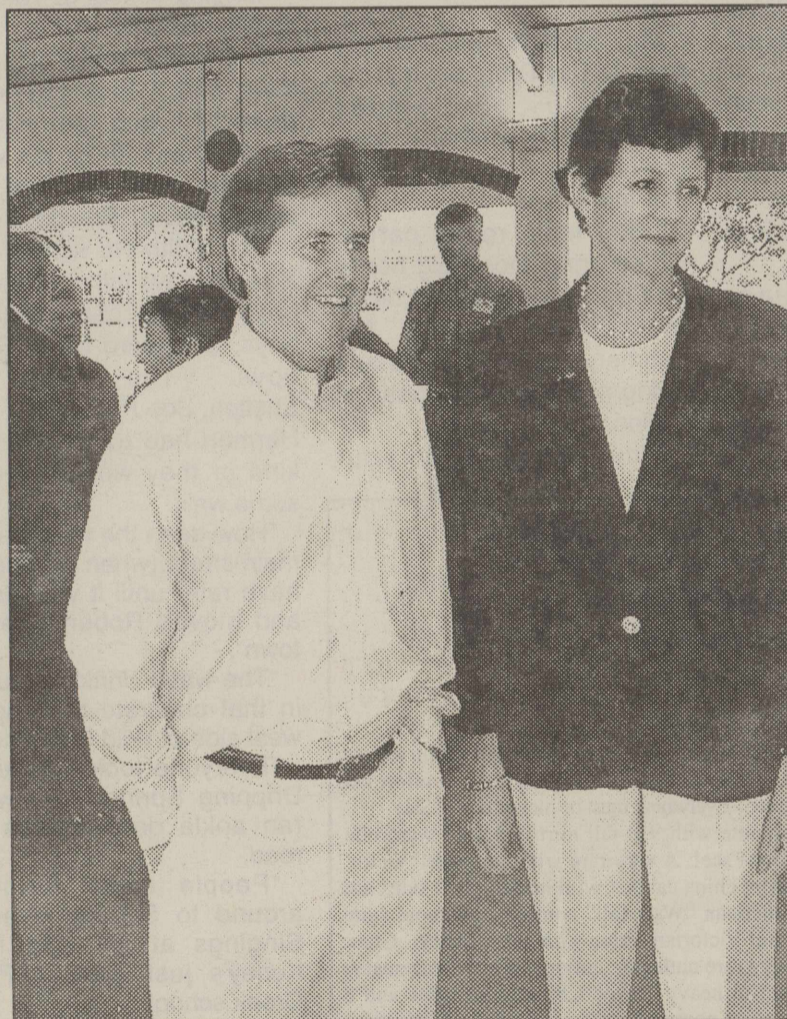
Texas Cooperative Extension talks health

Consumers have a great resource for information on healthy diets through Texas Cooperative Extension's family and consumer sciences agents. These county agents work with groups like the Texas Beef Council to get updated nutrition information on foods that are important to healthy diets. The county agents distribute this information at hundreds of consumer events throughout Texas each year.

American Heart Association  
Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke

**A stroke can be a mind-blowing thing**

## Texas Ag Commissioner Combs Endorses Scott Campbell for District 72 State Representative



Scott Campbell and Ag Commissioner Susan Combs at a recent Campbell Rally in San Angelo.

"Redistricting has resulted in the loss of many of our good rural representatives. I have known Scott Campbell and his family for many years and I know his background. He is very well qualified to represent the folks of West Texas. Through the years, Scott has worked with the Texas Department of Agriculture and legislators on many issues. Please join me in supporting Republican Scott Campbell for State Representative in District 72."

Susan Combs  
Texas Commissioner of Agriculture

**Scott Campbell**  
for State Representative  
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