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Filing for May 3 local elections continues

Monday, February 17, was the first day interested candidates could file to have their name on the ballot for the May 3 elections. March 19, 2003, is the last day to file for inclusion on the ballot.

West Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Judy Williams and Doug Wilkes are expiring.

East Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Jesse Sims and Keith Fletcher are expiring.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill three council seats currently held by Johnny Carver, Nita Duncan, and Kenneth Green.

The city of Bronte will have to fill two 2 year council seats currently held by Marty Boyd and Gerald Sandusky and one 1 year unexpired term, currently held by Martha Ratliff.

Three 3 year terms will be on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. These offices are currently held by Wayne Coalson, Bob Frazee, and Jeff Schoenfield.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on three 3 year terms. These offices are currently held by Freda McCabe, Ron Hill, and Wes Washam.

Final sign-up dates for FSA

The FSA Office reminds area farmers and ranchers to make an appointment to sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The deadline to apply for DCP is April 1, 2003. This date is outlined in legislation and no extensions or exceptions will be made.

Time has about run out. We have too many producers who have not signed

up, for the time we have left. It is going to be a train wreck. If you want to sign-up for DCP, please, make an appointment and come in today.

The final date to purchase a NAP policy for any hay crop in our county is March 15, 2003. Don't let this date slip by, come in NOW, pay the \$100 dollar fee, and get signed up.

For more information about DCP or NAP you may contact our office at (915) 453-2751, or visit the national website at <http://www.fsa/usda/gov>. USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Skywarn class attended by area spotters

by Marian Thompson
RLVFD secretary

Advanced Spotter Classes were held on Feb. 11th at the Coke County Courthouse. Hector Guerro of the National Weather Service gave the class. Members of RLVFD and BVFD were present along with 25 citizens from Bronte, Robert Lee and San Angelo.

Mr. Guerro showed films as well as slides. He explained the Science and Technology of storms, reporting criteria, and safety tips regarding tornadoes. He spoke of atmospheric conditions for thunderstorm development, the life cycle and convective variables.

He showed the pictures that Keith Eubanks took of the tornado in Runnels County, which he tracked through Coke County last March. The winds were circling over Robert Lee and at least 4 different tornadoes came down out of the clouds over the city of Robert Lee. None of them touched ground, but it was an experience never to be forgotten.

Robert Lee is at a disadvantage regarding the radar at San Angelo. The



Approximately twenty-five people from Robert Lee, Bronte, and San Angelo attended the Skywarn Class held in the Commissioners Courtroom in Robert Lee February 11, 2003. The class was instructed by Hector Guerrero of the National Weather Service.

radar shows up to the Divide, but not what is happening on the ground in Robert Lee. That is why it is so important for everyone to recognize the dangerous formations of the clouds.

All firemen are Skywarn Trained. When there is threatening weather, the firemen are on alert. Four of the firemen are Ham Operators and have direct contact with the National Weather Service.

Quail season closes

by Joan Davis

Statewide quail season will close on Sunday, February 23. Although the hunting hasn't been anything to write home about in Coke County, area shooting has been fair where feed was available. Surrounding counties have provided enough shooting to keep dogs sharp and active.

It remains to be seen if the area receives enough rain to aid the spring hatch for turkeys and quail. The next real hunting opportunity will be April 5-May 11, when county spring turkey season will be in full swing for gobblers only.

Javelina season will also close on Sunday, February 23.

Free Tax Help available

The AARP Tax Aide will be at the Bronte Senior Center Friday, February 21, at 1 pm to assist with tax return preparation and answer questions.

This service is available to tax payers with middle incomes and lower incomes. Special consideration will be given to those 60 years and older.

To reserve an appointment time, please call the Bronte Senior Center at 473-6471.

Coke County Community Network news

These classes will be offered in February:

*Feb. 24th, 25th, & 27th - Troubleshooting and Upgrading your PC

Teacher: Jerry Horn, Location Elementary Lab
If you are not enrolled, please call 453-4555 to enroll in a class.

Soul Purpose II concert slated

The Soul Purpose II will be in concert at the Blackwell First United

Methodist Church Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 pm. They are sponsored by the Blackwell Euterpean Club. The Soul Purpose II are professional Gospel Singers who have appeared in concerts in five states. A love offering will be taken and everyone is invited to attend.

Olfen fish fry set for March 7

There will be a fish fry held Friday, March 7th in the Olfen Cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Fresh fried catfish will be served with all the trimmings.

America's Small Business Resource

A Loan Officer with the U.S. Small Business Administration from the Lubbock District Office will be in Abilene on Wednesday, February 26th and Thursday, February 27th, 2003 at the Texas Tech University/Abilene Small Business Development Center (SBDC) 500 Chestnut, Suite 601, Abilene from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. Appointments are recommended. Please call Betty Anderson at 1-915-670-0300 for more information or appointment times.

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Obituaries



Slaton

Gladys Slaton, 90, of Robert Lee, died on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, at Robert Lee Care Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Saturday, February 15, 2003, at Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Gladys was born March 18, 1912, to Andrew J. and Georgia Roe in Winters, Texas, and married Joe Slaton on September 6, 1938, in Yuma, Arizona. She worked at Young's Grocery in Winters before moving to Robert Lee, where she worked as a cook at West Coke County Hospital until retirement. Gladys & Joe didn't have children; but had enough nieces & nephews that thought of them as their "second parents" and she was lovingly known as "Auntie".

Gladys had a special love for the church and her family. Her love for life showed in the bounce she always had in her walk. Her favorite past times were fishing, camping, playing dominoes, and spoiling her nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, A.J. &

Georgia Roe; her spouse, Joe Slaton on January 18, 1991; four brothers, Ollie Roe & wife, Alphonse, A.J. Roe, II, Jirld Lin Roe, and Harm Roe.

Gladys is survived by two sisters, Bobbie Lee of San Angelo and Juanita Dean and husband, Arthur of Big Spring; two brothers, Bill Roe and wife, Inez of Robert Lee and Don Lee Roe and wife, Sharon of Abilene; two sisters-in-law, Fay Roe of Robert Lee and Lena Voss of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She will always be remembered by her family.

The family would like to express their thanks for the extra care that was given to "Auntie" during her stay at Robert Lee Care Center.

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Sims

Funeral service for Mary Frances Sims, 55, of Nacogdoches was held at 4:00 pm Wednesday, February 19, 2003, in Cason Monk-Metcalf Sunset Chapel with the Rev. Winston Goens, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church, and Rev. Paul Sevar, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside service will be held Friday, February 21, 2003, at 1 pm in the Bronte Cemetery in Bronte, Texas with the Rev.

R.W. Blackmon, retired Baptist Minister, officiating.

Mrs. Sims died February 17, 2003, in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Born April 6, 1947, in San Angelo, Texas, she was the daughter of Hiram Brock and Nedra Bell Brock. Mrs. Sims attended both Methodist and Baptist Churches. Mrs. Sims, an RN, was a head nurse at Baylor Hospital and Parkland Hospital in Dallas. She was a Pediatric Burn Specialist. She was named Who's Who in American Nursing, and voted Baylor's Most Popular Nurse. Mrs. Sims is preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Jerry Brock.

Survivors include husband, Richard "Dick" Sims of Nacogdoches; daughters, Melissa Wysong of Dallas, Lori Smith of Allen, and Teri Bentley of Houston; brothers, Bobby Brock of Eunice, NM, Victor Brock of Grand Prairie; sisters, Pat Wrinkle of Rankin, Ellen Carole Martin of St. Augustine, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Sims is also survived by her three loving grandchildren, Emily Suzanne, Blake and Troy. Mary will always be remembered as a deeply devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and wife. After suffering much pain, she now rests in the arms of our savior. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Pallbearers will be Kirby Lammers, Mike Davis, Larry Davis, Collin Henderson, Scott Broughton, and Will May. Honorary pallbearers will be Rob Atherton, Don Burdette, Stephen Yates, and John D. Bradford.

Visitation was held Thursday, February 20, 2003, from 6 until 8 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas.

The family would like to

express their gratitude and appreciation to the doctors, nurses, and all the staff members at Nacogdoches Medical Center. The family would also like to thank the staff at Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors for their outstanding service.

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Foley

Willie Ansel Sisco Foley was called home to be with her Lord on February 13, 2003, from Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

Funeral services were held February 14, 2003, at Bronte Church of Christ with John Driggers officiating and services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Burial was held in Graham, Texas, at the Pioneer Cemetery with Raymond Brooks officiating. Willie was laid to rest next to her beloved mother and her husband.

Willie Foley was born January 22, 1920, in South Bent, Texas, to James Ervin Sisco and Ellie Ann Atwood Sisco. She was married to John Edgar Foley of Graham in June 1943.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother, Riley A. Sisco and one sister, Betty Atwood.

She is survived by two brothers, Jim Sisco and wife, Terri of Midland, Lee Sisco and wife, Carol of Bronte, two sisters, Dorothy Cox of Abilene and Elvena Lewis of Baytown, and 22 nieces and nephews.

Willie was a very loving Christian woman who loved the Lord, her family and country. She always had a ready smile and kind word for all she met. She retired from Sears in Dallas after 35 years of service.

Pallbearers were Joe West, Gary West of Abilene, Will Smith of ACU in Abilene, Wade McDonald

of Blackwell, Jack Corley and Jimmy Hoyt of Bronte.

Memorials may be made to the Bronte Church of Christ.

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Caston

Beatrice "Bea" Caston, 63, of Odessa, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, in a local hospital. Services were at 2 pm Sunday in Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Survivors include husband, J.C. Caston, former Coke County resident, now of Odessa; sons, Steven Mers of Chandler, Justin Caston of Artesia, NM, Jay Derek Caston of Trussville, AL, and Gregg Caston of Odessa; brothers, Ervil Gregory, Granville Gregory and Tony Gregory, and her mother, all of Blount County, TN; and sister, Imogene Watts of Dayton, OH, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Local survivors include J.D. Harmon and Mrs. Leta Caston.

Churches of Robert Lee

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

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

Wed. 7 pm Choir

Northside Church of Christ

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

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

Pecan Baptist

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

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

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

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Dr. Kenneth G. Patrick, Int. Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Catholic Church
601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

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

Victory Assembly of God

PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
(915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church

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 01/23 - 04:30 - medical transport
 01/24 - 24:09 - medical transport
 01/28 - 23:00 - trauma transport
 01/28 - 20:55 - trauma transport
 01/31 - 12:30 - medical transport

DONATIONS

Maria Strickland
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SA Parade gets new route

Marching bands, decorative floats, and horses decorated in silver - mounted saddles will take to the streets of downtown San Angelo on Friday, February 21 at 10 am. The 71st Annual San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Parade will have a new route and a western, rodeo, or pioneer theme. Over 130 entries are expected.

The new parade route includes historic Block One on Concho Street. Beginning at Irving and Concho, the parade proceeds east to Oakes, turning left on Oakes to Twohig, left on Twohig to Chadbourne, right on Chadbourne to College Street, left on College to Irving, left on Irving to Beauregard, right on Beauregard to Randolph, and then turning left on Randolph to River Drive.

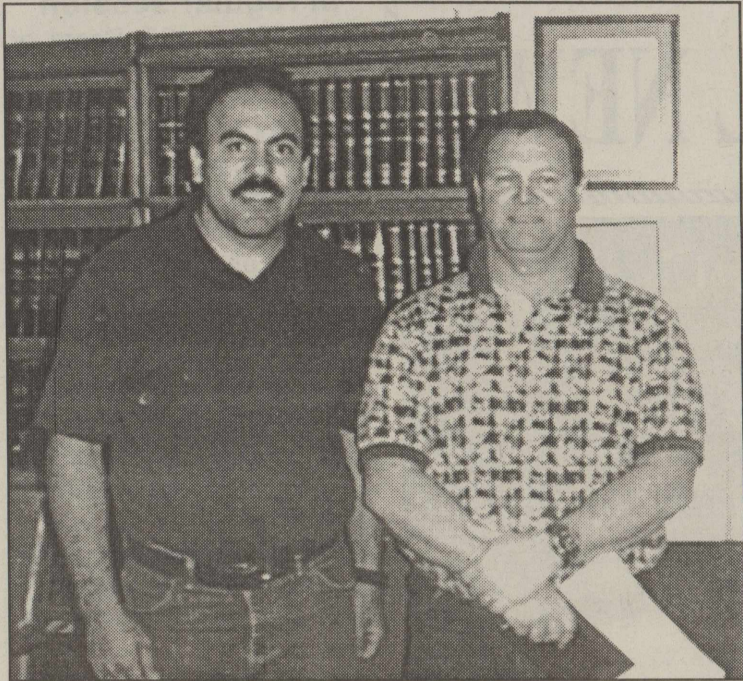
Parade divisions include marching bands, riding groups, wagons, decorated floats and antique vehicles. Floats must be decorated with a western, rodeo, or pioneer theme. 1942 or earlier models of antique cars and trucks are eligible for entry. Antique tractors should be 1948 models or earlier. All parade entries will be judged and plaques awarded to the winning entries.

For more information contact the stock show office at (915) 653-7785 or at www.sanangelorodeo.com.

Stribling Art Extravaganza

Charlotte Northcutt of Robert Lee will be among more than 130 artists participating in the fourth annual Stribling Art Extravaganza February 21-23 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo. The even benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Beverly and Ben Stribling are underwriting the show and sale which features the artistic talent of current



Pictures of the March tornado taken by Keith Eubanks (right), Coke County's Emergency Management Coordinator, were viewed during the Skywarn advanced spotter class. The class was presented by Hector Guerrero, National Weather Service, and held in Robert Lee February 11.

and former residents of San Angelo and the Concho Valley.

Displayed works will range from oils, acrylics and watercolors to bronzes, ceramics and wood - all of which will be for sale.

The event will be held at Fort Concho's Commissary and Quartermaster buildings. Hours are 10 am to 7 pm, Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22 and 1-4 pm, Sunday, February 23. Admission is free.

"Not only are we pleased with the tremendous response from area and local artists," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland, "we're equally proud to provide an opportunity for the public to see the amount of artistic talent in the region and, at the same time, provide a source of financial support for West Texas Rehab Center facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona."

More information about the event is available by calling the Center at 915-223-6300.

Texas Workforce Center news

The Texas Workforce Center is now equipped with a new state-of-the-art Assessment Center designed to provide pre-employment assessments. The assessment service is available to employers and job seekers and is currently provided at no cost.

The Assessment Center

is equipped with 10 computer workstations and utilizes the Jobs5 software developed by PESCO International. The software has the capability to assess the interests, work aptitudes, temperaments and learning styles possessed by an individual. The system can identify occupations in the local area that match to an individual's assessment results; giving employers a better picture of what jobs an individual may be suited for.

The assessment can be tailored to the individual needs of an employer in order to provide the specific skill information necessary to perform on a specific job. Employers interested in determining pre-employment skills of new hires can contact the Texas Workforce Center to tour the facility or to obtain information on how this assessment could benefit their company.

The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board and the Texas Workforce Center provide services in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green counties. For more information regarding the Texas Workforce Center contact the Employer Services Division at 915-486-0275.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Twelve new members were inducted into the Bronte High School Chapter of the National Honor Society during a ceremony held January 9, 2003. Bill Hood, retired Robert Lee ISD superintendent, was the guest speaker. Bronte NHS members include (front row, from left) Diane Womack, Logan Acker, Ariel Marrs, Corin Garcia, Ashley Denton, Kayla Hilliard, Brittany McCutchen, guest speaker Bill Hood, (back row, from left) Lindsay Springer, Jenna Herold, Khanni Beauchamp, Natalee Reed, Joel Webb, Sheena Head, Heather Richey, Joe'l Sefcik, Kailey Howell, Casey McKee, Jayci Malone, and Jonathan Tomes.

Bronte ISD to participate in Green School Project

Did you know that the plastic in each printer cartridge takes more than 1,000 years to decompose,

or that 1.5 million cartridges go to landfills each month?

Bronte ISD is now participating in Green School Project, a program that reduces this incredible waste and earns money for the school. Bronte ISD will collect empty printer, fax, and copier cartridges. Please feel free to send students to school with used cartridges to be deposited in the Green School Project collection bins. One collection bin will be located near the Elementary School Office, and another one will be located near the High School Office.

Also, any work place can help the school by recycling their used cartridges. Green School Project will provide you with collection bins, prepaid Fed Ex labels, and shipping materials free of charge. If you think your place of business might be interested, visit www.greenschoolproject.com and click on "sign up now" and then "companies". Bronte ISD will receive the cash for every cartridge you

recycle!

We can also recycle old cell phones so feel free to bring those in as well.

2 local students inducted into National Honor Roll

Corin Garcia and Kyla McInnis of Bronte qualified for induction into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high school students who have achieved exceptional academic success. The 2002-2003 Commemorative Edition, which was released in December, honors students who excelled during the 2001-2002 school year.

"The future is in the hands of our children," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "These young people have worked hard to attain academic success. Honoring their achievement provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

BISD trustees meet in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, February 14, 2003 at 8:45 pm in the board room. All trustees were in attendance.

Michael Bohensky reported on the enrollment at the CCJJC campus. They are starting an art program. Alan Richey, Superintendent, reported on the track schedules and upcoming local meets. The National Fitness Foundation is to have a seminar at the school on March 18. Representatives from other schools interested in setting up a fitness center will attend.

Board approval was given for a TEA Class Size Waiver for second grade, Engagement letter from Burl Lowery, CPA, the 2003-2006 Technology Plan, and the contract with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen.

The School Calendar for 2003-2004 was considered and approved. Early Release Dates - March 28, April 17, May 23, and May 29 were approved. School will be dismissed at 12:35 on these dates.

The Board Training Credits were reviewed and listed. A School Board Election was called for and Ordered on May 3, 2003, for the purpose of the election of three School Board members for full three-year terms. Provisions were set and a Judge and Clerks appointed.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a financial and facilities update. Transportation needs were

also presented and discussed. A school auction in April was considered. The possibility of a local student FM Radio Station was presented.

Personnel items included extending the contracts for Terry Marrs and Rick Howell. Michael Bohensky was offered a two-year contract. Certified personnel was discussed.

January 2003 bills were approved for payment.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 20th at 7:00 pm.

Bronte Lady Horns named to All District Basketball Team

Several Lady Longhorns were named as All District Basketball selections.

Heather Richey was named to the First Team and to the Defensive Team.

Britney McCutchen was named to the Second Team.

All District Academic selections included Heather Richey, Lindsay Springer, Britney McCutchen, Kanah Coalson, Ashley Denton, Kailey Howell, Lilly McMullan, Natalee Reed, Rebecca Rawlings and Jasmine Kresta.

"64 Study Club news

The "64 Study Club met on February 6, 2003, with 27 members and 9 guests present.

The group went to San Angelo and ate at Enrique's Restaurant, then went to the Angelo Civic Theatre to see "Moon Over Buffalo."

Celebrating birthdays in February are Joan Cantrell, Betty Hurley and Charlotte McKnight.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 24

Cereal, orange half, toast, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Sausage rolls, apple juice, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Pancake and sausage on a stick, grape juice, milk

Thursday, Feb. 27

Breakfast pizza, orange juice, milk

Friday, Feb. 28

Sausage, apple sauce, biscuit, milk

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 24

Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet peas, rolls, chocolate pudding, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Burrito, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, strawberry short cake, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Spaghetti, tossed salad, sweet corn, sliced peaches, bread sticks, milk

Thursday, Feb. 27

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, rice krispie treats, milk

Friday, Feb. 28

Hot dogs, chili & cheese, tator tots, baked beans, bun, chocolate chip cookies, milk

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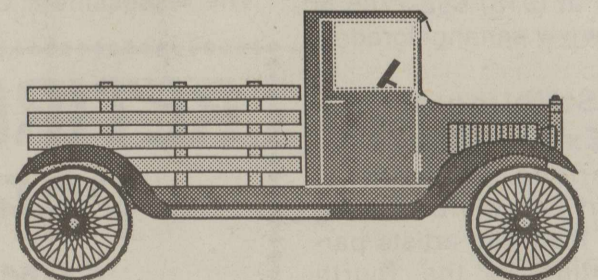
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Fourth and Fifth grade Science Fair winners included (top photo, from left) Emilee Yanez, 1st place, 5th grade; Emily Arellano, 2nd place, 5th grade; Devin Batten, 3rd place, 5th grade; (bottom photo, front row, from left) Kasie Roberts, 1st place, 4th grade; Luke Sheldon, 3rd place, 4th grade; (bottom photo, back row, from left) Ginny Caston, 2nd place, 4th grade; Robbie Gonzales, 2nd place, 4th grade; and Haden Dillard, 3rd place, 4th grade.



Robert Lee Elementary School held their science fair for fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes on February 11. Judging of projects took place in the cafeteria that afternoon. Other grades could view the exhibits throughout the afternoon. There was a good turnout of the community for the open house at 6:30 pm. The students enjoyed explaining and demonstrating the various projects. Sixth grade winners included (front row, from left) Josh Gallegos, 3rd place; Cory Fields, 1st place; (back row, from left) Dustin Moreno, 3rd place; Cody Williamson, 1st place; Kimberly Cardenas, 2nd place; and Arrin Minjarez, 2nd place.

Rural health summer academy slated

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Office of Rural and Community Health has set

application deadlines for the Rural Pre-Health Professional and the Summer Academy Rural Health Education Stipend Program for March 15.

The Rural Pre-Health Professional Summer Academy is a preparatory program designed for students interested in a career in allied health, nursing or pharmacy. The academy is open to a select number of college students who come from a rural setting and are interested in establishing a rural practice following their professional education.

It is a three-week program, including Saturdays, that offers review in basic science courses, instruction in written and verbal communication skills, computer skills and medical Spanish. Following two weeks in the classroom, students shadow health professionals in the clinical setting. Students are responsible only for transportation costs to and from Lubbock and any spending money they may want to bring. Housing and meals are provided for each participant in the Texas Tech residence halls where all students are required to live.

The Rural Health Education Stipend Program is geared to address the shortage of health professionals in rural West Texas by easing the expense of college for rural students. The program is available to entering freshmen and junior college transfers who are Texas residents and who show a substantial interest in health careers in

rural Texas.

The stipend amount for undergraduate students is generally \$2,500 per year for a maximum of four years and is renewable providing the student maintains a 3.2 grade point average and participates in rural health-focused activities. The number and amount of awards offered are based on funding availability.

For more information and to submit applications online, visit www.ttuhsu.edu/rch/studentprograms or contact Shannon Kirkland in the Office of Rural and Community Health at (806) 743-1338.

for 10 cents.

The book sale supports library needs such as equipment, furniture and supplies.

Any books which do not sell in the Coke County Library sale are taken to Tom Green County Library for their yearly sale.

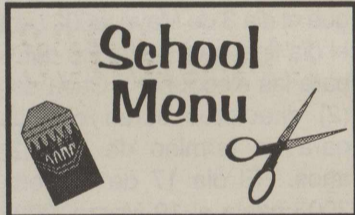
One of the new non-fiction books added to the collection is "I Watched a Wild Hog Eat My Baby!" The book is subtitled: "A Colorful History of Tabloids and Their Cultural Impact." The book is by Bill Sloan and includes chapters titled "Spicing up the News: The Evolution of Sensationalism;" "The Jackie O Miracle and the Dawn of

Celebrityitis;" and "The War at the Checkout."

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday at 9:30 am. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the Library and to the Library check out desk.

Questions, Anyone?

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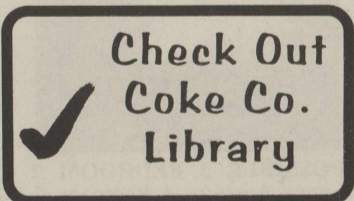


Breakfast

- Monday, Feb. 24**
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 25**
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 26**
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 27**
Juice, sausage, biscuit, cereal, milk
- Friday, Feb. 28**
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Feb. 24**
Rib-B-Ques, corn, broccoli & cheese, rolls, peaches, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 25**
Burrito, salad, tator tots, pears, cookie, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 26**
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, fruit, salad, sliced bread, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 27**
Pizza, hash browns, salad, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Friday, Feb. 28**
Hot dog w/chili & cheese, pork & beans, fritos, fruit cocktail, milk



The Coke County Library will have a spring book sale on Friday, February 28th and Saturday, March 1. Friday's sale will open at 8:00 am and close at 2:00 pm. The Saturday sale will open at 9:00 am and close at 2:00 pm.

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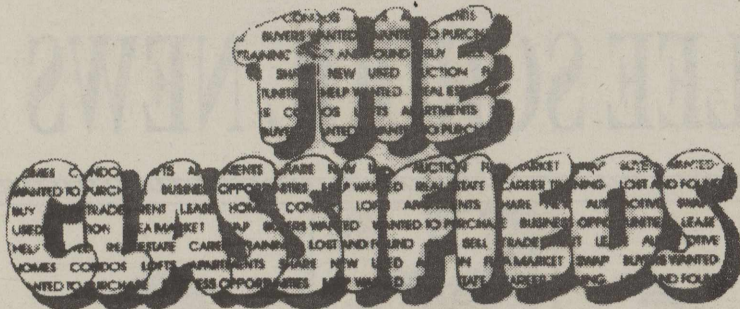
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 El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Oeste De Coke hacen saber que el dia 3 de Mayo, 2003 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada dos (2) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 17 de Febrero, 2003 hasta el 19 Marzo, 2003 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 9 AM - 5 PM en el Robert Lee Care Center. Si tienen preguntals llamen al Administrador Roger Alexander.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas, posts this notice in compliance with 28 C.F.R. 51.28 (g) as follows:

On February 13, 2003, at a duly called Council Meeting, the City Council ordered a Special Election to be held on May 3, 2003. The Special Election will be held to elect a Councilmember to fill an unexpired one-year term. As required, the Election was submitted on February 18, 2003, to the United States Attorney General for preclearance consideration. Copies of the Order of Election and preclearance submission are available for the public review during business hours at the City Hall located at 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas. Any persons wishing to make comments for the consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:

Chief, Voting Section
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NOTIFICACION PUBLICO

El consejo municipalidad de la Ciudad de Bronte, Texas pone esta notificacion para conforme con 28 C.F.R. 51.28 (g) como sigue;

En el 13 de febrero del ano 2003, por un junto consejo apropiado previsto, el consejo municipalidad mando una eleccion especial para el 3 de mayo del ano 2003. La eleccion va a ser para elejir un miembro del consejo para cumplir un periodo del un ano que no esta terminado. Como estaba obligado, la eleccion fue presentado el 18 de febrero del ano 2003 al United States Attorney General para aprobacion. Copias del Orden de Eleccion y la sumision de aprobacion estan disponibles para examinacion publico a City Hall que esta a 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas. Cualquier persona que desea comentar para consideracion del United States Attorney General puede presentar comentarios a:

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For information call 915-658-6464.

**Comptroller urges
qualifying families to
file on EITC**

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently said the Texas economy would get a \$3 billion boost if nearly two million Texas families who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) claim the credit on their federal income tax returns.

"In 2002, the average EITC refund to Texas families was almost \$1,900," Strayhorn said. "Families used this money to pay bills and buy household goods and school clothes for their children. The EITC is one of the quickest ways I know to bring more federal tax dollars home to Texas, and to put those dollars in the pockets of hard-working families."

EITC refunds vary, depending on family income and the number of qualifying children in the family. To claim the credit, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires families to meet specific eligibility requirements and have a valid social security number for every qualifying family member.

Taxpayers who expect to qualify for the EITC in 2003 and have at least one qualifying child may sign up at work to receive part of the credit in each paycheck, instead of waiting for a tax refund.

"For minimum wage families, that's like getting up to a \$2 per hour pay raise," Strayhorn said. "It's money they can use immediately to help make ends meet."

For more details about qualifying for the EITC, along with helpful links to IRS tax forms and pub-



Approximately twenty-five people from Robert Lee, Bronte, and San Angelo attended the Skywarn Class held in the Commissioners Courtroom in Robert Lee February 11, 2003. The class was instructed by Hector Guerrero of the National Weather Service.

lications, and a list of locations where taxpayers can receive free income tax assistance, visit the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us, call the IRS toll free at 1-800-829-1040 or call the Comptroller's toll-free EITC information line at 1-800-277-8383.

Social Security news

Almost eight and one-half million questions were asked and answered at the Social Security Administration's award-winning website, www.ssa.gov, during the last 12 months. And the Internet industry experts who track such information point out that only a software company that produces popular video games had more so-called "hits" on the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of its website.

"We are extremely proud of our popular Internet service," said Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security. "President Bush is committed to providing faster and better access to government services and information through the internet. And at the Social Security Administration, we're doing it!"

Just two years ago, Social Security had fewer than two million people clicking the "Frequently Asked Questions" button on its website homepage. Those numbers have skyrocketed by more than 400 percent because the agency has been aggressively promoting its online services.

The agency reports that some of the most commonly asked questions have to do with changing names on a Social Security card, figuring Social Security benefit rates and applying for benefits online. There are almost 600 questions and answers listed on the site. But the site also

allows a visitor to ask a question if the answer isn't already there. In those cases, the response will be E-mailed to the requestor.

The Social Security Administration suggests that to find the answer to any Social Security question, visit the homepage at www.ssa.gov. Look for the "Questions" logo near the top of the page, select the category of information you want and click "go."

**Emergency farm
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Applications for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses caused by drought and excessive temperatures that occurred on various dates from January 1, 2002, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Sweetwater.

Coke and Sterling Counties, as primary disaster counties, were recently declared eligible for FSA EM loss loans.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000.00, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders the interest is 3.75 percent.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 23, 2003 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing.

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Phony Canadian Lottery steals from elderly

by Greg Abbott

Attorney General of Texas

Last month an elderly central Texas man was nearly taken for his entire life savings. He wanted the "prize money" he thought he had won in the Canadian Lottery to ensure that his wife, who is suffering from an advanced stage of Alzheimer's, would be taken care of for the duration of her life. He had already taken out a second mortgage and was preparing to fly to Montreal to personally deliver \$50,000 in "tax money" when we intervened.

Unfortunately, this case is not unusual. In that same month, we were made aware of three other senior Texans who lost anywhere from \$500 to \$3000 to the Canadian Lottery scam. Here is how the Canadian Lottery scam works.

It usually begins with a call from an enthusiastic and convincing telemarketer who informs you that you have won the Canadian Lottery. In some cases, the caller will tell you that to claim your prize, you must wire him money for taxes. Instead, you never see your money again, and the prize never arrives.

In a similar version of the scam, the caller asks for your bank account number so that the prize can be deposited directly. Instead, the con artists clean out your bank account. In yet another version, the caller asks for a credit card or bank account number "for verification purposes." Again, you lose.

You can protect yourself from falling prey to unscrupulous telemarketers. If someone calls and tells you that you have won the Canadian Lottery or ANY lottery, HANG UP! It is ILLEGAL for a US resident to participate in a foreign lottery. These callers will act like they are very happy and excited that you've

won the lottery. They will try to befriend you to gain your confidence and use high-pressure tactics to get your money. Don't be fooled! These are professional con artists who know how to swindle you out of your savings! Never give out your credit card or bank account information to someone who calls you.

Callers to our office have occasionally reported receiving a telephone call from one of our own investigators or from the IRS, seeking up-front money to pay taxes or help recover lottery winnings or money lost through lottery or sweepstakes scams. Sometimes these "agents" or "investigators" ask for banking or credit card information under various pretexts.

Neither our office nor the IRS would ever contact you in this manner. We would never request your banking or credit card information, and we would certainly never ask you for money for any purpose. Report a call of this nature to law enforcement and to our office.

Sometimes, consumers who lose money through lottery scams are re-victimized by so-called "recovery center" scams. Victims desperate to recover their lost money are contacted by an organization that claims it can recover the lost money - for a fee.

Needless to say, the fee is due in advance, and the organization does not recover your money. These recovery centers are usually run by the very people who stole the money in the first place, which is probably how they knew you were vulnerable to the "recovery" scam.

Through an organization called Project PhoneBusters, Canadian law enforcement officials are working to combat these scams. You can report a contact from the so-called Canadian Lottery to PhoneBusters by calling 888-495-8501 or by send-



Emilee Yanez and Molly Hinderliter enjoyed their free time during the San Antonio Stock Show earlier this month. The Robert Lee ISD 5th graders exhibited their Boer goats in the Livestock Show in San Antonio on February 9.

ing an e-mail to info@phonebusters.com. You can find more information at www.phonebusters.com.

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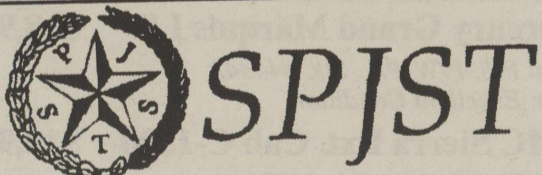
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