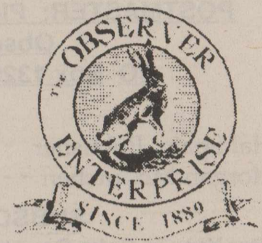


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## Bronte FFA members do well at major stock shows

Members of the Bronte FFA Chapter have exhibited their livestock recently at the Ft. Worth, San Antonio, and San Angelo Stock Show, with the following results.

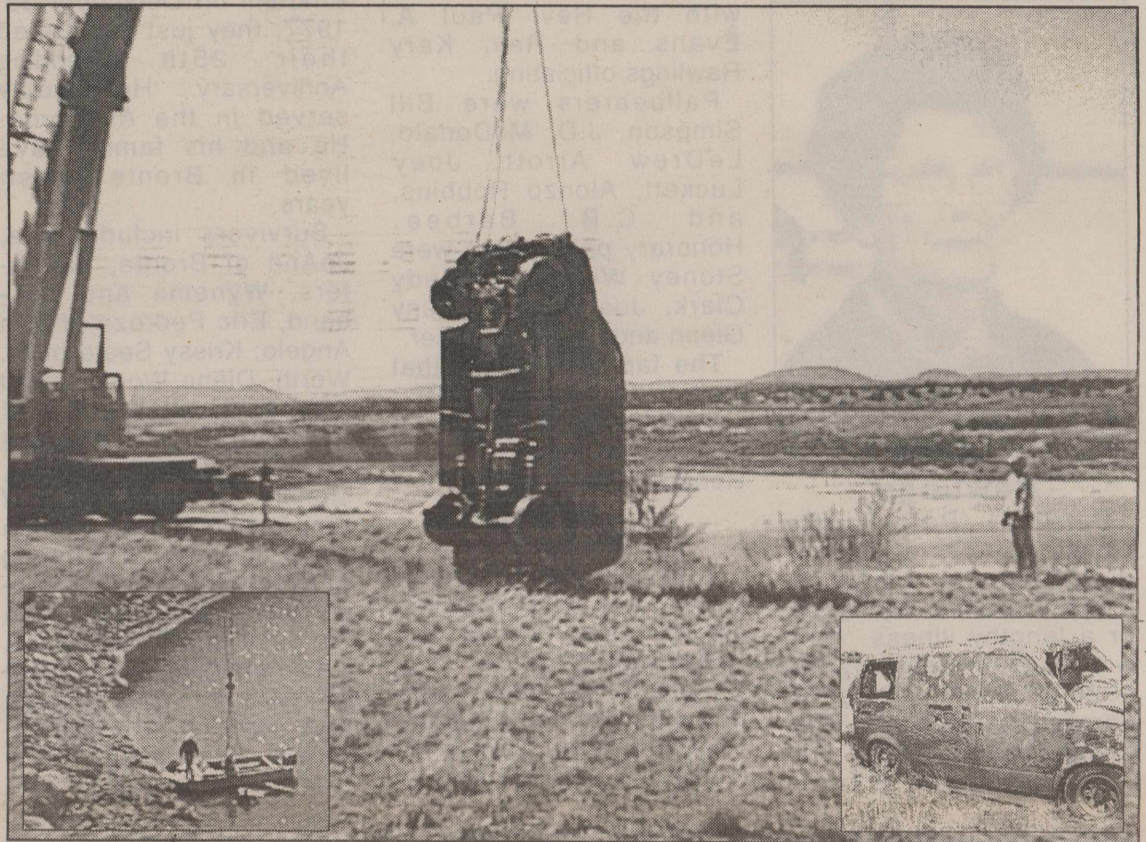
At the Ft. Worth show, Creed Coalson exhibited the sixth place lt. wt. polled Hereford steer and Chelsea Cook exhibited the seventh place lt. wt. exotic steer. Reese Braswell and Riley Coalson exhibited hvy. wt. exotic steers.

At the San Antonio show, Kailey Howell exhibited the champion Yorkshire gilt, as well as being named the Supreme Champion of all breeds of the gilt show. For these accomplishments, she received a ten thousand dollar scholarship, a CM trailer, and a belt buckle. Also in the Yorkshire gilt show, Beau and Chloe Grigg exhibited the sixth place, and Kailey had a fourth place duroc gilt.

Exhibiting barrows were

Ariel Coalson, Beau and Chloe Grigg, Kailey Howell, and Jonathan Marrs. In the steer show, Chelsea Cook exhibited the first place lt. wt. Chianina steer. Riley Coalson exhibited the seventh place lt. wt. Simmental steer, and Reese Braswell exhibited the tenth place med. wt. Maine Anjou steer.

At the San Angelo show, Joel Webb exhibited the Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow. Also exhibiting barrows were Beau and Chloe Grigg and Kailey Howell. In the gilt show, Kailey Howell exhibited the sixth place Duroc, as well as Beau and Chloe Grigg exhibiting Duroc gilts. Exhibiting goats in the goat show were Jaylon Saunders, James Graves, Nicole Reed, Justin Frazee, Garrett and Mason Jackson. Exhibiting steers were Creed and Riley Coalson, Reese Braswell and Chelsea Cook.



CRMWD employees discovered this minivan recently after water levels lowered at Lake Spence. The minivan was stolen in 1992 from Lamesa, Texas, and removed from the lake Friday, February 28, 2003. Coke County Deputy Sheriff Adam Richter, a certified diver, secures the lines (left inset photo) in order for the crane to lift it out of the water. After ten years in the water (right inset photo), the minivan was covered in rust and silt.

### Relay For Life meeting slated

A planning/organizational meeting for the American Cancer's Society Relay for Life will be held on

Thursday, March 6, 2003 at 5:15 pm at the home of Cindy Bessent. Relay for Life is a combination cancer survivor celebration, luminaria ceremony to memorialize or honor those with cancer and fundraiser. This year's event will be held June 6-7 at San Angelo Stadium.

This will be the fifth year at least for one team from Robert Lee has participated. If there is enough interest this year, there will again be two teams. If you are someone you know is interested, please try and attend the meeting or call Dee Anna Harmon, 453-2804, Cindy Bessent, 453-2393 or Pam Millican, 453-4755.

### FSA sign up for NAP on hay nearly over

The final date to purchase a NAP policy for any hay crop in our county is March 15, 2003. Producers who have not paid their \$100.00 by this date will not be covered under the NAP program. Please, don't wait until the last minute, get it done today.

Also, producers who had

a NAP policy on HAY in 2002 must furnish their production records by March 15th or you will be given a 0, zero, for 2002 production. This will bring your NAP yield down for 2003. This is very important in maintaining a good history of production on your hay production for any future programs we may have.

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>.

### 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.

### SA Writers' Club

The San Angelo Writers' Club will meet at 7 pm Tuesday, March 11, in the conference room at VistaCare Family Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Drive, San Angelo. An informal social period will precede the meeting, beginning at 6:30 pm.



Bronte High School student Kailey Howell exhibited the Champion Yorkshire Gilt, later named the Supreme Champion Gilt, at the San Antonio Stock Show. For this accomplishment, she received a \$10,000 scholarship, a new CM trailer, and a belt buckle. Enjoying Kailey's success are (from left) her brother Wes, her mother Kathy, Kailey, Judge Steve Nichols, and her father Rick Howell. Kailey is a junior at BHS and a member of the Bronte FFA Chapter.



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



**Rawlings**

Patricia (Pat) Lucile Rawlings, 77, of Bronte died Saturday, March 1, 2003, in Dallas, Texas after a lengthy illness. She was born on February 20, 1926 in Denton, Texas to James Lee Pope and Ethel Lucile (McDill) Pope. Pat attended Denton Schools and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Woman's University in Denton. She taught History and Government in schools in Ballinger and San Angelo.

On February 4, 1950, Pat married Joe D. Rawlings, in San Angelo. She and Joe lived on the ranch where Joe farmed and ranched southwest of Bronte. Pat was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and The Federated Sorosis Study Club of Bronte. Following her marriage, she taught in the Bronte public schools until her retirement in 1978.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Joe D. Rawlings in 1994 and by her parents, James L. and Lucile Pope.

Survivors include one son, Jim Rawlings of Bronte; two daughters, Patty Rawlings of Dallas and Nancy Poe and husband, James of Kaufman; two grandsons, Brian and David Poe, both students at Texas A&M University; sister-in-law, Katherine Meador of Abilene; two nieces, Cynthia Clark of Killeen and Linda Williams of Georgetown. Pat is also survived by her special caregiver, Jodi Glass of Bronte and numerous cousins.

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Tuesday, March 4 at the First United Methodist Church, in Bronte under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home

with the Rev. Paul A. Evans and Rev. Kary Rawlings officiating.

Pallbearers were Bill Simpson, J.D. McDonald, LeDrew Arrott, Joey Lockett, Alonzo Robbins, and C.B. Barbee. Honorary pallbearers were Stoney Williams, Randy Clark, Joe Draper, Tyny Glenn and Royce Fancher.

The family requests that memorials be sent to First United Methodist Church in Bronte or West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

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**DuBas**

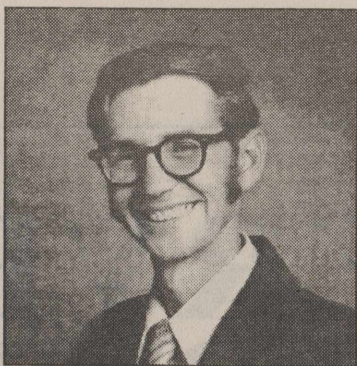
Prudence Ann (Crech) DuBas, age 80 of Houston, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2003. The daughter of Elias and Prudie Ann (Dozier) Creech, she was born March 11, 1922 in Robert Lee, Texas. Prudence retired after 20 years as an English teacher with Houston ISD. After retiring from teaching, she was a realtor in the Bellaire/Meyerland communities for over 20 years. Prudence was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Alexander DuBas, who was buried in 1995 in the Paint Creek Cemetery west of Robert Lee.

Survivors include her sons, John DuBas and his wife Theresa, Peter DuBas, and Michael DuBas; daughters, Elizabeth DuBas Darrough and her husband Ross, Suzanne Carver, and Margaret DuBas; grandchildren, Lana and Charles DuBas; and sisters Jessie Harmon of Robert Lee and Madelle Griffith of Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 am, Saturday, March 1, 2003, at Earthman Bellaire Chapel, with the Rev. Eric Conaway officiating. Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm, Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Paint Creek Cemetery west of Robert Lee with Bro. Steve Rowe, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Robert Lee officiating.

Pallbearers were her son, John DuBas, nephews and great-nephews, Jerry Harmon, Duane Griffith, Craig Huelster, Marshall Millican, Troy Millican, Rick Mashburn, and Douglas Roberts. Sheila (Roberts) Farrar attended the funeral services in Houston.

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**Womack**

Melvin Wayne Womack, 49, of Bronte, died Sunday, March 2, 2003 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, after a lengthy illness. He was born on January 13, 1954 in Spokane, WA to Marvin Wayne and Lou Flanary Womack.

Melvin married JoAnn Kirkham on December 30, 1977; they just celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. He proudly served in the Air Force. He and his family have lived in Bronte seven years.

Survivors include wife, JoAnn of Bronte; daughters, Wynema and husband, Eric Pedroza of San Angelo; Krissy Seale of Ft. Worth, Diane Womack and Kimberly Womack of Bronte; son, Eric Williams of San Angelo; his parents, Marvin and Lou Womack of San Angelo; sister, Brenda and husband, Phil Young of Wentachee, WA; brother, David and wife, Julia Womack of Chula Vista, CA; mother-in-law, Jackie Kirkham of San Angelo; and four grandchildren. There are also many extended family members and friends that will miss Melvin, yet give thanks that he is free of earthly pain and suffering.

Graveside services were held at 10 am on Wednesday, March 5, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home with Dr. David Womack officiating.

The family wishes to express their deepest heartfelt thanks to Dr. Neil Chinn, Dr. Rick Hiller, Dr. Mohamad Ayass, Dr. Robert Hinshaw, all of the wonderful ICU and fourth floor nursing staff for their expert and loving care for Melvin and his family.

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**Wallace**

Sidney Gilbert "Gib" Wallace passed from this earthly life to be with his Lord and beloved wife on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at Community Medical Center in San Angelo at the age of 96.

Born August 30, 1906, in Robert Lee, Texas to H.B. and Mildred Wallace, Gib lived his childhood in Coke County and graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1925. He then attended Draughon's Business College in Abilene, Texas on one of the first scholarships that Draughon's ever awarded.

Gib later moved to Pecos, Texas where he worked in Civil Service before becoming a carpenter by trade. A master at carpentry, he excelled in cabinet making and created other beautiful pieces of woodwork.

He married Odessa Elrod of Clovis, NM on July 17, 1938. After his retirement in 1981, Gib and Odessa moved to Robert Lee. After 52 years of love and happiness, Odessa passed away on January 31, 1989.

Preceding Gib in death were his beloved wife, parents, two brothers, and two sisters.

Surviving Gib is his daughter, Gayla Cox and her husband, Jim of San Angelo; his very special and precious grandchildren, Melissa Renfro and her husband, Will of Mason, Texas; and Justin Bradford of Denton, Texas. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Royce Wallace and wife, Alice; J.C. Wallace and wife, Jewel of Robert Lee; Marie Allen and husband, Travis of Englewood, CO; Aline Minner of Amarillo; Lura Harris and husband, Bob, and Freeda Pickett, all of Burkburnett; Bill Wallace and wife, Dee of Nacogdoches; and Sidney Meyers of Amarillo, as well as a number of great nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service was held February 27, 2003, at the Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery. Tommy Williams and Kenneth Green officiated at the service.

Pallbearers were Robert Reece, Bill Wallace, Jacky Wallace, Buddy Wallace, Morris Wallace and Jackie Smith.

Gib was a very devoted and dedicated Christian, Daddy and "Gan-Daddy", and will be greatly missed by his "Mimbo, Justano and Galo." He was a precious part of our lives and has left a void that can never be filled.

A very special Thank You to Royce, Alice, J.C., and Jewel for helping watch over "Uncle Gib," and for all of your love and support during the years, but especially the past few weeks.

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**Reed**

Margie Reed, 67, of Bronte died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003. ServiceS were held at 10 am Thursday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mule Creek Cemetery near Bronte.

Survivors include sons, Billy Reed of San Angelo and Brad Reed of Tennyson; daughter, Peggy Angel of Euless; and sister, Jean Assunto of Coldchester, Conn.

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11 am Worship

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11 am & 6 pm, Worship

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

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting  
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**War & investing**  
 by Alan F. Skrainka, CFA  
 As submitted by Jim  
 Woodruff, Edward Jones,  
 Ballinger, Texas

**Looking back**

A look back at the Gulf War offers important lessons for investors. The events leading up to war almost always create uncertainties and fears that push stock prices down. The Gulf War helps illustrate this. After Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in August 1990, the stock market lost 15% over the next three months.

The mood of the country was anxious. Oil prices were rising, the economy had entered recession, and predictions of a bloody war with large casualties on both sides created tension and concern. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) reached a new low of 2365 on Oct. 1, 1990. The following month, the U.N. set a deadline of Jan. 15, 1991, for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. The following day, after Saddam rejected all U.N. resolutions, Operation Desert Storm air attacks began.

The Stock market responded by exploding to the upside. Buoyed by the euphoria of certain victory and the prospect of oil prices returning to pre-war levels, the Dow rocketed 17% over the course of the next 30 days.

**The here and now**

The mood of the country is somewhat similar today. While we don't know how this situation will ultimately turn out, we do see some parallels in how the market has behaved so far.

We do not believe any military action ever follows a predictable script. History does not always repeat itself. But a close examination of historical events can offer important lessons to investors faced with difficult financial decisions.

First, recognize that military events are unpredictable and should not be the basis for investment decisions. In addition to the outcome of any military action, other factors - including economic growth, the growth rate of corporate profits, the level and direction of interest rates and investor psychology - will likely determine the course of stock prices in the years ahead.

Second, don't assume that everything will go smoothly, but don't assume the worst-case scenario will unfold either. Investing is about developing a plan and sticking to it. Investors who make long-term investment decisions



Robert Lee Mayor Garland Davis presents retiring Robert Lee Water Superintendent James Royall with a plaque commemorating his 20+ years of service.

based on guesswork or short-term fears often fall short of their financial goals.

Third, realize that while you are reading about the prospects for war and its consequences, so is everyone else. So, to some extent, the risk of war is already reflected in current stock prices. Once the risk of war is removed, we believe stock prices might move significantly higher in a very short period of time (absent any other bad news, of course). This presents the risk of being left out of the next major market rally, which might catch investors by surprise.

And, finally, realize uncertainty can present opportunities. More than a decade ago, many investors lamented having missed the great bull market of the 1960s. Many of those same investors remained on the sidelines when stock prices were depressed in 1990-91 because of the uncertainties created by the Gulf War. Little did they know one of the greatest bull markets of all time lay just around the corner. This bull market helped quadruple the DJIA over the next 10 years.

**Buying low in today's market**

Investing is not as simple as buying when you feel good and selling when you feel bad. Let's face it. Buying low is hard. It doesn't always "feel right." It's easy to look back and say you wish you would have invested in the early 1970s. Investing then probably felt much like investing now. Good news

is often reflected in higher stock prices, which can produce lower future returns. Bad news is often reflected in lower stock prices, which offer the potential for higher future returns.

Investors who stick to their long-term plan, take advantage of short-term setbacks by adding to their portfolios, or simply ignore the pendulum of investor psychology - which swings from irrational exuberance to irrational fear - should successfully reach their long-term goals.

Talk to your investment representative about a free portfolio review, which can help identify opportunities for investing in this market.

**War, Terrorism and Your Investments**

Edward Jones is pleased to welcome highly-decorated, four-star Army General Barry McCaffrey (retired) for an in-depth conversation on war and terrorism.

Please join us as General McCaffrey and our panel of financial experts explore:

- What's next for America's military forces?
- Our nation's progress toward homeland security
- Should war impact your investment decisions?

This free one-hour program is part of the Edward Jones "Face to Face" Investor-education series. To reserve your seat or for more information, please call or stop by today.

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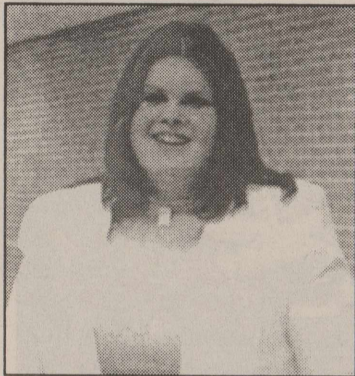
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Ashley Denton (from left), Kailey Howell, and Natalee Reed participated in the Entrepreneurship Project recently at the Region II FCCLA Convention. They gave a presentation over a clothing and accessories company they proposed to begin named Erin Noel.



Ashleigh Kelly, a Bronte High School sophomore, was recently chosen as Region II FCCLA State Officer Candidate. Ashleigh will run for a state office May 7-8 at the State FCCLA convention in Ft. Worth.



Corin Garcia (left) and Ashley Torres will be presenting their Illustrated Talk at the State FCCLA Convention in Ft. Worth May 7-8. They gave a presentation over "America's Changing Families" at the Region II Convention at Fossil Ridge High School in Keller, Texas, February 28 and March 1.

### Bronte UIL results

A group of academic UIL students traveled to Cooper High School on Saturday, March 1 for a practice meet. Ariel Marrs placed second in Spelling and Lindsey Williams placed fourth in Spelling, also. All of the students gained valuable experience for the District UIL meet coming up on March 18 and 21 at Brownwood High School.

The following students attended the practice meet: Bailey Saunders, Logan Acker, Jasmine Kresta, Ryan Martinez, Melissa Walker, Ariel Marrs, Ashley McCutchen, Garrett Acker, Lindsey Williams, Sherman Griffin, Jonathan Tomes and Cody Moore.

### Bronte Fitness Center schedule

Bronte school is closed for spring break on March 10-14. The fitness center will be open only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am till 11:00 am. The fitness center will also close early on Monday, March 18th at 5:00 pm and Tuesday morning to get ready for a seminar, which is sponsored by the L.I.F.T. America Fitness Program.

### Bronte athletes named to all-district basketball team

First Team All District  
Charlie Bettis  
Second Team All District -  
Joel Webb, BJ Hall  
All Defensive Team - Cody Lee  
Academic All District - Joel Webb

### Bronte track team posts recent results

Water Valley, Feb. 22,  
Varsity, 4th overall  
800 Relay - 4th, Josh Eubanks, Lyndon Butler, Tyson Baker, Jaylon Saunders - 1:40:78  
Distance Medley - 2nd, Cory

Cooper, Jaylon Saunders, Chase Williams, Jonathan Tomes, 10:17:01

Mile Medley - 3rd, Justin Moore, Cory Cooper, Jaylon Saunders, Joseph Israel, 4:19:90

Mile Relay - 1st, Josh Eubanks, Tyson Baker, Cory Cooper, Cody Lee, 3:47:08  
Sprint Medley - 5th, Lyndon Butler, Scott Snyder, Jonathan Tomes, Cody Lee, 1:49:65

High Jump - (tie) 3rd, Cody Lee, Jaylon Saunders, 5'4"  
Long Jump - 3rd, Cody Lee, 18'10"

3200 Relay - 1st, Joseph Israel, Jonathan Tomes, Chase Williams, Tyson Baker, 10:03:20

### Junior Varsity 4th overall

Distance Medley, 1st, Cody Moore, Garrett Jackson, Riley Coalson, Reese Braswell, 10:56:18

Mile Relay - 4th, Garrett Jackson, Riley Coalson, Reese Braswell, Cody Moore, 4:23:13

Sprint Medley - 2nd, Garrett Jackson, Riley Coalson, Cody Moore, Reese Braswell, 1:57:11

Triple Jump - 1st, Cody Moore, 33' 5 1/4"

Long Jump - 1st, Garrett Jackson, 17' 1 3/4"

### Junior High, 5th overall

Discus - 4th, Hazen Coffey, 85' 11", 6th, Eric Hendrickson, 75' 10 1/4"

Shot Put - 4th, Erick Hendrickson, 6th, Hazen Coffey

Long Jump - 1st, Logan Rawls, 15' 4 1/2"

High Jump - 6th, Brett Wills, 4' 8"

400 Relay - 4th, Mason Jackson, Juston Taylor, Tony Hopper, Brett Wills, 54.8

800 - 1st, Logan Rawls, 2:32, 3rd, Josh Scott, 2:35, 5th, Phillip Rawlings, 2:41

400 - 5th, Jonathan Ehl, 1:11

800 Relay - 3rd, Brett Wills, Phillip Rawlings, Tony Hopper, Logan Rawls, 1:54

200 - 5th, Juston Taylor, 31.1  
1600 - 5th, Rick Wheless, 6:43

1600 Relay - 2nd, Brett Wills, Phillip Rawlings, Josh Scott, Logan Rawls, 4:18

### Menard, March 1 Varsity, 4th overall

Triple Jump - 5th, Lyndon Butler, 36' 9 1/4"

Shot Put - 3rd, Justin Moore, 40' 1/2"

400 Relay - 2nd, Lyndon Butler, Jaylon Saunders, Tyson Baker, Cody Lee, 47:01

800 Relay - 4th, Lyndon Butler, Jaylon Saunders, Cory Cooper, Tyson Baker, 1:40:40

400 - 1st, Cody Lee, 55:97

300 Hurdles - 4th, Cory Cooper, 45:47

1600 Relay - 3rd, Cory Cooper, Tyson Baker, Jaylon Saunders, Cody Lee, 3:46:80

### Junior Varsity 5th overall

Long Jump - 4th, Garrett Jackson, 16' 11 1/4"

Triple Jump - 4th, Chase Williams, 34' 10 3/4"

800 - 1st, Joseph Israel, 2:24:50, 4th, Chase Williams, 2:26:90

800 Relay - 4th, Garrett Jackson, Joseph Israel, Chase Williams, Riley Coalson, 1:49:90

200 - 3rd, Garrett Jackson, 26:02

1600 - 5th, Reese Braswell, 5:48

3200 - 5th, Reese Braswell, 13:46

### Varsity Girls

Long Jump - 5th, Christian Kelly

Discus - 4th, Melissa Palmer, 5th, CJ Macon

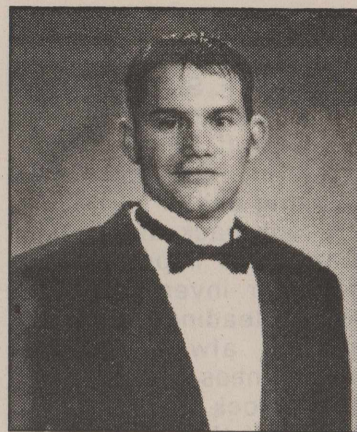
Shot Put - 4th, Lindsay Springer

100 - 6th, Kanah Coalson

800 Relay - 4th, Chris Kelly, Lindsay Springer, Lindsey Butler, Kanah Coalson

### Bronte Little League, Softball Registration

A Little League Baseball and Girls Softball registration will be held on March 6, 2003, from 6:00 til 7:30 pm, at the Bronte Community Center.



Scott Graves, son of Jerry and Susan Graves, was recently elected to Texas Tech's Student Government Association. Scott, currently an agriculture major, campaigned to become a senator for his college. There are only two representatives out of over 1,200 undergraduate students that serve on the SGA for the College of Agriculture. As a senator, Scott will serve as a liaison between students, the TTU administration, and the community of Lubbock. The SGA is the official representative of the students at TTU. Scott is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and a 1998 graduate of Bronte High School.

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Ingram Enterprises, LP has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 21884 which would authorize continued operation of the Sanco Robert Lee Sand and Gravel Plant located southeast of the town of Robert Lee in Coke County, Texas, 4 miles south of the intersection of SR 158 and SR 208 on SR 208, then 3 miles east on a private road. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.



**RLJH girls track results**

The Robert Lee Jr. High girls track team placed 4th with 102 points in the Water Valley Track meet held on February 27th.

**Field events:**

Triple jump - 6th - Sarah Phillely - 25' 10 1/2"

High jump - 1st - Kelsy Duncan - 4' 8"

Shot put - 3rd - Tasha Aguirre - 24' 8", 4th - Becca Skinner - 22' 8"

Discus - 1st - Tasha Aguirre - 73' 10", 6th - Becca Skinner - 58' 1"

**Running events:**

2400 m. run - 6th - Ashley Hopson - 11:07

400 relay - 3rd - Megan Percifull, Kathrine Fryar, Kelsy Duncan, Andrea Pineda - 58.62

100 m. hurdles - 3rd - Kelsy Duncan - 19.77

100 m. dash - 6th - Anna Rojas - 16.48

400 m dash - 5th - Casey Nesbit - 79.45

800 m. relay - 2nd - Megan Percifull, Kathrine Fryar, Jaden Alexander, Brettne Reed - 2:08.63

300 m. hurdles - 3rd - Kelsy Duncan - 59.88

200 m. dash - 3rd - Brettne Reed - 30.73

1600 m. run - 2nd - Ashley Hopson - 7:13

1600 m. relay - 3rd - Jaden Alexander, Kathrine Fryar, Andrea Pineda, Brettne Reed - 5:14.82

**Steers track results**

The Robert Lee Steers Track team won the team championship at the Silver Mine Relays at Menard last Saturday with 142 points. Those placing were:

Travis Pitcock - 1st - pole vault, 2nd - high jump, 3rd - triple jump, 5th - 1600 meter relay

Cooper Riley - 1st - shot put, 1st - discus, 5th - 1600 m. relay

Anson Lott - 1st - 110 m. hurdles, 1st - 300 m. hurdles, 1st - 400 m. relay

Brian Abalos - 1st - triple jump, 1st - 400 m. relay, 2nd - 110 m. hurdles, 2nd - 300 m. hurdles

Cole Flanagan - 1st - 400 m. relay, 2nd - 200 m. run, 4th, 100 m. run, 5th - long jump

Andy Mulkey - 3rd - 3200 m. run, 3rd - 1600 m. run

Mark Colon - 1st - 400 m. relay, 5th - 1600 m. relay

Brandon Soliz - 5th - 1600 m. relay

Chris Torres - 5th - 3200 m. run

Vincent McClellan - 5th - 400 m. run (JV division), 6th - 800 m. run (JV division)

**RLISD trustees met in regular session**

The Robert Lee ISD school trustees met in regular session on February 27, 2003 in the high school library of the public school building.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as was the paying of invoices for February. Budget moves were also approved.

May 28, 2003 has been designated as Take Our Daughters to Work Day. The following items were approved: Local Policy Update EIE, State Waiver for textbooks for dual credit college courses, the 2003-2004 school calendar, engaging the accounting firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Feathersong and Barr for the year ending

August 31, 2003, textbooks adoptions. Also approved was a contract with the Coke County Tax Assessor/Collector for the collection of taxes. The board ordered an election to be held on May 3, 2003 for the purpose of electing three board members.

Janet Wallace gave high school and elementary campus reports and Supt. Wallace discussed the district goals framework, the RIF situation and numerous other items with the board.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 20, 2003. The public is invited to attend.

**Lady Steers track results**

In the Menard Track meet held on March 1st, the Robert Lee Lady Steers place 7th out of 14 teams.

Pole vault - 2nd - Jessica Fluhmann

High jump - 4th - Rachel Wallace

3200 m. run - 5th - Monica Rodriguez

Sprint relay - 4th - Brittany Soliz, Christina Middleton, Tyler Lott, Rachel Wallace

100 hurdles - 2nd - Tyler Lott

1600 m. run - 5th - Monica Rodriguez

**A Honor Roll**

**Seventh Grade**

Molly Burns, Ashley Hopson, Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

**Eighth Grade**

Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Brettne Reed, Sarah Phillely

**Ninth Grade**

Andra Braswell, Cassidy Wink

**Tenth Grade**

Wade Arledge, Kayli Dickey, Jake McCabe, Lindsey Roe, Brittany Soliz

**Twelfth Grade**

Alice Beach, Amber Brosh, Sean Edging, Amie Kendall, Kindra Matthews, Ashlee Millican, Jennifer Nesbit, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Alan Roe, Shelby Roe, Nicole Sanchez, Krystal Soliz

**A/B Honor Roll**

**Seventh Grade**

Jesse Braswell, Brody Dillard, Kami Fryar, Andrea Pineda, Ronald Shaw

**Eighth Grade**

Nicole Barnett, Nicole Fields, Rebecca Skinner

**Ninth Grade**

Tiffany Bagwell, Bridgette Barnett, Crystal Colon, Cara Eaton, Shannon Martin, Olivia Martinez, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Amanda Thurman, Stephanie Trejo, Carolina Vera

**Tenth Grade**

Cody Bridges, Robert Raney, Julie Riley, Shelby Sailer, Michele Sanchez, Ashley Womack

**Eleventh Grade**

Josh Alexander, Felipe Arellano, Sean Barnett, Monica Barrera, Evan Braswell, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Tyler Lott, Monica Rodriguez, Tammy Townsend, Rachel Wallace

**Twelfth Grade**

Brandon Anderson, Adam Caston, Jaziel Gallegos, Kindra Johnson, Anson Lott, Christina Middleton, Stewart Millican, Robert Sailer, Rebecca Welch,

**Billy Williams 4th Six Weeks Awards Perfect Attendance**

Kindergarten-Krystal Castaneda  
 First Grade - Sydney Sheldon, Shelby Davis, Bianca Huapilla, Jacob Torres, Taylor Sheldon  
 Second Grade - Nathan Taft, Justin Gartman, Dawson Brisbin, Zachary Sanchez, Dusty Howard, Jonah Saucedo  
 Third Grade - Samantha Fernandez, Linsey Arellano, Chad Martin

Fourth Grade - Luke Sheldon, Connie Saucedo, Robbie Gonzales, Garrett Rogers, Kacee Roberts, Paul Pineda, Logan Phillely, Joe Estrada, Meagan Ross, Sarah Walker  
 Fifth Grade - Sarah Jones, Tanner Hanigan, Justina Gloria, Colton Reed, Miguel Perez, Stetson Nesbit, Emilee Yanez, Nancy Landeros, Briana Brisbin, Devin Batten, Emily Arellano, Steven Stanch

Sixth Grade - Jasmine Gloria, Jodi Sheldon, Michael Rodriguez, Josh Gallegos, Kimberly Cardenas, Taylor Foster, Olga Perez, Arrin Minjarez, Kaden Duncan, Cody Williamson, Cori Torres, Garrett Blair

**Accelerated Reader Honor Roll**

(Students who reached their Reading Goal for the Six Weeks)

Second Grade - Josh Barnes, Randy Barnett, Faylin Bell, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Cooper Hinderliter, Jonah Saucedo, Zach Skinner, Grady Barnett, Vincent Batten, Dawson Brisbin, Dusty Howard, Makenna Netting, Zachary Sanchez, Kevin Saucedo, Nathan Taft, Ashlie Wheat, Laredo Williamson

Third Grade - Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrera, Matthew Corona, Samantha Fernandez, Chad Martin, Kimberly Roach, Rachel Rojas, Dylan VanDeventer, Diana Vera

Fourth Grade - Tanner Brickey, Anthony Coffey, J.P. Conner, Haden Dillard, Gregory Gonzales, Amanda Mendoza, Daniel Nowlin, Kacee Roberts, Meagan Ross, Sarah Walker, Heidi Austin, Joe Estrada, Robbie Gonzales, Jared Long, Logan Phillely, Skyler Rainwater, Josh Rowoldt, Connie Saucedo, Diego Saucedo, Luke Sheldon, Megan Sturgeon

Fifth Grade - Cody Brosh, Justina Gloria, Sarah Jones, Ivan Landeros, Terry McDonald, Blake Millican, Steven Stanch, Olivia Trejo, Emilee Yanez, Emily Arellano, Devin Batten, Briana Brisbin, Cayetano Carrera, Tanner Hannigan, Stetson Nesbit

Sixth Grade - Holly Austin, Amy Barnett, Kaden Duncan, Taylor Foster, Josh Gallegos, Olga Perez, Megan Robinson, Norma Rojas, Jodi Sheldon, Cody Williamson, Catty McGary, Cory Fields, Jennifer Barrett, Garrett

**ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS**



Coke County 4-H members Michele Sanchez (beginning second from left), Stacey Denton, Coke County Extension Agent Tommy Antilley, Nicole Sanchez and Cody Denton enjoy a day at the San Angelo Stock Show after showing their goats. The fun included Gator the Clown (left).

Blair, Kimberly Cardenas, Tiffany Coffey, Jasmine Gloria, Caleb Millican, Arrin Minjarez, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Cori Torres, Jimmy Womack, Dustin Moreno

**Honor Roll**

Third Grade - Linsey Arellano, Kimberly Roach, Chad Martin, Raquel Rojas  
 Fourth Grade - Heidi Austin, Logan Phillely, Meagan Ross, Robbie Gonzales, Kacee Roberts, Diego Saucedo  
 Fifth Grade - Emily Arellano,

Sarah Jones, Stetson Nesbit, Cayetano Carrera  
 Sixth Grade - Holly Austin, Kimberly Cardenas, Kaden Duncan, Norma Rojas, Cori Torres, Garrett Blair, Jasmine Gloria, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross

**Questions, Anyone?**  
 Learn more about federal government programs, benefits, and services. Just call toll-free **1-800-FED-INFO** or visit [www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call).  
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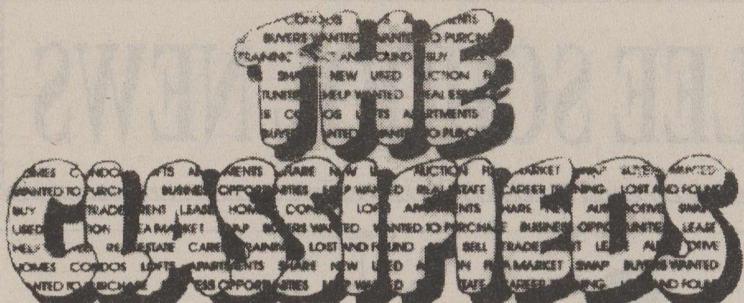


**IRA**

You may still qualify for this tax-sheltered retirement plan.  
 You may still make 2002 contributions through April 15.  
 Come in and talk to us to get complete information about IRAs.


**Robert Lee State Bank**  
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 Rates when paid in advance.  
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**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:**  
 All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.  
 This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.  


**FOR SALE**  
**OWNER FINANCE**  
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**FOR SALE**  
 1994 3/4 ton Dodge pickup. 118,000 miles on Cummins diesel engine. Grill guard and flat bed. Goose neck hitch & bumper hitch. New transmission in last 15,000 miles! Good tires. Runs great! Really clean. 473-3201 or 453-2433.  
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 Becky Clendennen  
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**FOUND**  
 Male Border collie on Hwy. 158, midway between Bronte and Robert Lee. Call 453-2968.  
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**GARY'S BACKHOE, INC.**  
 For your backhoe, motorgrader, dozer and dump truck needs. Septic tanks - Sand - Gravel. 450-2418 Gary Hubbard.  
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**THE "BARBER" SHOP**  
 Debora England, 223 N Lombard, Bronte. 473-4026. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm.  
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**PARKER PLUMBING**  
 Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.  
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**HELP WANTED**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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 31-2tc

**GARAGE SALES**  
**MOVING SALE**  
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*Other Listings Available*

**CARD OF THANKS**

**THE FAMILY OF**  
 Mary Frances "Brock" Sims would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers and all the love and support we received recently during our time of sorrow. We would like to thank the kind of people of First Baptist Church in Bronte for the wonderful food, as well as Bro. R.W. Blackmon. We appreciate and would like to especially thank Mr. & Mrs. Gary Shaffer and the staff of Shaffer Funeral Home for their outstanding service.  
 Sincerely,  
 Richard D. Sims  
 32-1tc

**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**  
 The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 3, 2003 Election. Two (2) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 17, 2003 and March 19, 2003. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South Street, Bronte, Texas 76933 during normal business hours, 8 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Mary Ann Choat, Administrator.  
 30-3tc

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 El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Este 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) direcores seran elejidos para un termion de dos (2) amos. El dia 17 de Febrero, 2003 hasta el 19 de 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 8 AM - 5 PM en el Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 Al Sur Estudio Calle, Bronte, Texas 76933. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador Mary Ann Choat.  
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 32-2tc

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 32-2tc

**EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND BRONTE NURSING HOME OPEN ADMISSIONS POLICY**  
 It is the policy of the East Coke County Hospital District and Bronte Health & Rehab Center to admit and to treat all patients without regard to race, color, or national origin. The same requirements for all admissions are applied to all, and patients are assigned within the Bronte Health & Rehab Center without regard to race, color, or national origin. There is no distinction in eligibility for, or in this manner of providing patient services provided by or through the Bronte Health & Rehab Center. All the facilities of the Bronte Health & Rehab Center are available without distinction to all patients and visitors regardless of race, color, or national origin. All persons and organizations that have either occasion to refer patients for admission or recommend the East Coke County Hospital District and Bronte Health & Rehab Center are advised to do so without regard to the patient's race, color, or national origin.  
 East Coke County Hospital District dba Bronte Health & Rehab Center observes Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.  
 No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity or employment.  
 This policy applies to all resident/recipients, personnel, or any other individual having contracts or doing business with the facilities of East Coke County Hospital District.  
 32-1tc



**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL**  
**AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 21884**

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION**  
 Ingram Enterprises, LP, P.O. Box 1166, Brownwood, Texas, 76804, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 21884 which would authorize continued operation of the Sanco Robert Lee Sand and Gravel Plant located southeast of the town of Robert Lee in Coke County, Texas, 4 miles south of the intersection of SR 158 and SR 208, then 3 miles east on a private road. The following air contaminants will be evaluated for authorization: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 18, 2002. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ San Angelo regional office, and the Coke County Courthouse, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the San Angelo regional office of the TCEQ. The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. **PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, may issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision may be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. **After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone**

who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application. **OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **A person who may be affected by emissions from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.** If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding. **MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. **INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about his permit application or the permitting process, please, call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General

information regarding the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Further information may also be obtained from Ingram Enterprises, LP at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Rick Matthews at 830/249-8284. 32-1tc

**Look Who's New**  
**Mia Alexandra Merritt**

Congratulations to proud new parents, Kim and Stetson Merritt on the arrival of Mia Alexandra Merritt. She is 3 months old and weighs 12 pounds. Grandparents welcoming Mia are Phillip and Martha Ratliff of Bronte and Sherman and Lupe Merritt of Colorado City. Great-grandparents include Dixie Ratliff of Bronte and Zeke and Angelita Palma of San Angelo.

**Coke County Community Network Opens access sites**

The Coke County Community Network is proud to announce the completion of the infrastructure for the access points throughout Robert Lee where the public can have use of a computer and high speed access to the internet. The partners for the community network are Coke County Court House, Coke County Library, Robert Lee City Hall, Robert Lee Care Center and Robert Lee ISD. This resource is made possible by a grant from the TIF Board of the State of Texas, an entity that is presently being considered for elimination by the Governor and Legislature. If anyone feels this type of program is important please write to Scott Campbell, Robert Duncan and Rick Perry and let them know how you feel. These public access sites are at each of the partners locations except for Robert Lee ISD where the community classes are being taught. The hours for use are set by each individual partner. Check with them for access times. Because this is a public service for member of our community, there is an acceptable use policy that must be agreed to when anyone uses any of the computers. These rules are:

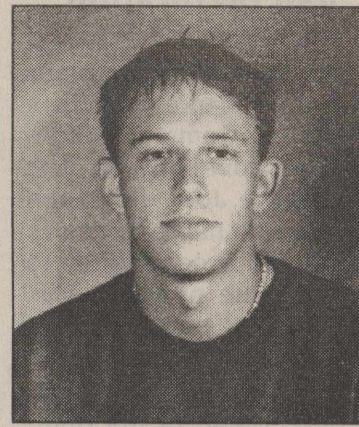
- \*Do not use the computer for more than one hour at a time.
  - \*Do not view anything over the internet that contains something that would be inappropriate for public viewing.
  - \*Do not install or download illegal files, programs, music, or videos.
  - \*If you print anything, contribute to the cost of toner and paper by depositing 10 cents per page in the donation canister. If you provide your own paper deposit 5 cents.
- Each partner has control of the computers at their site. They have control over the use of them and have the right to ask anyone to leave if problems occur.
- We will offer these classes:
- March 17th, 18th, & 20th - Works (that program that comes with my computer) - Teacher - Jerry Horn, location elementary lab.
  - March 17th, 18th, & 20th - Web Design (Word & Netscape) - Teacher - Winnie McPeek, location high school lab.
  - March 18th, 20th, & 25th - Windows Procedures - Teacher - Kathy McCown, location business lab.
- If your not enrolled please call 453-4555 to enroll in a class.

**Bettis invited to Zebra games**

Charlie Bettis, a senior at Bronte High School, has been selected as one of the top basketball players in Texas and invited to participate in the Zebra Roundup All Star Basketball Games to be held March 22 in Grandview, Texas. The Zebra Roundup, considered one of the state's most prestigious events, selects the state's top 24 boys and girls from Class 1A, 2A, and 3A schools. Players selected are chosen from hundreds of nominations statewide. Recruiters across the state participate as advisors in the Zebra Roundup selection process.

The girls game is scheduled for 4:00 pm followed by the boy's game at 6:00 pm. Admission to the games is \$5.00. Grandview is located on I-35 West approximately 35 miles south of Ft. Worth and 15 miles north of Hillsboro.

Charlie's basketball accomplishments include an area qualifier as a freshman, semi-state finalist as a sophomore, and all-district first team as a junior as well as being named to 2 all-tournament teams.



**Charlie Bettis**

He was also a regional qualifier in golf his freshman and sophomore years, and was a regional qualifier as medalist his junior year.

Charlie's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bettis of Eunice, NM, and Shirley Bilbrey of Bronte. He plans on enrolling at Texas Tech University next fall.

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**To obtain more juice from oranges, let the fruit soak in cold water before squeezing.**

**NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

TXU Gas Distribution (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all residential, commercial and industrial customers in the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of the West Region Distribution System ("Environs Customers"). The West Region Distribution System includes the following cities: Abilene, Albany, Alvarado, Anson, Avoca, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Benjamin, Blackwell, Blanket, Blum, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Carbon, Carlsbad, Cisco, Cleburne, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Covington, DeLeon, Desdemona, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Godley, Gordon, Goree, Gorman, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Hillsboro, Impact, Itasca, Joshua, Keene, Knox City, Lawn, Lipan, Loraine, Lueders, May, McCaulley, Meridian, Merkel, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Munday, Novice, O'Brien, Olden, Osceola, Ovalo, Putnam, Ranger, Red Springs, Rhineland, Rio Vista, Robert Lee, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Rowena, Rule, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Santo, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Strawn, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Talpa, Throckmorton, Trent, Truscott, Tuscola, Tye, Valera, Vera, Weinert, Whitney, Wingate, and Winters.

The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.

The proposed rates are expected to produce a \$357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial environs customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of \$6.93 to an increase of approximately \$7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas Distribution.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in environs rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.



### Jail restoration plans move forward

Old Jail restoration plans of the Coke County Historical Committee continue to move forward. Les Copeland, Joe White and Donna Ash have agreed to serve as a committee to oversee the project. This committee has secured bids for extermination of the termite and bee infestation. Some of the damaged flooring has been removed and plans have been discussed to take care of the problems caused by the broken windows on the second floor.

Kara Dotter, a graduate student in Historic Preservation at the University of Texas, has chosen the Coke County Jail as a project to complete her master's degree. She has researched the background of the Old Jail and has found that the Southern Steel Company in San Antonio is still in business and has records of the jail dating back to its completion in 1907. The same company built the jails in Sterling City and Brady. It is almost unheard of to find blueprints of a building as old as the jail, according to Devlin Shelton who is with the Austin firm of Architexas. With this information, the jail can be historically preserved which will improve the possibility of being included in the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Dotter has plans to pursue this project as well.

The book being compiled by Bonita Copeland on the Old Jail and its sheriffs is well underway. Many have contributed stories and facts to this book. Much research has been done at the Western Collection at Angelo State University. The Observer/Enterprise has facilitated valuable research for the book. Area newspapers have also been searched for news items about the sheriffs of Coke County. Mrs. Copeland's father was the last sheriff to live in the jail. Mrs. Copeland says that her admiration for her father which was the reason to start the book has spread to the other men who served in this capacity, as well as her admiration for their families. Each sheriff's story is to be treated with respect for the families of these men.

Jane Austin Bruckner who compiled the book Grandmother Tales from the Heart of Texas continues to generously support the jail restoration with the proceeds of the sale of her book. Her books are available at the Main Street Market in Bronte, The Observer/Enterprise, the

Coke County Library, and the 'This 'N' That Shop in Robert Lee.

The Historical Committee hopes to increase its membership this year to continue to raise funds to support the project.

### Coke County Library news

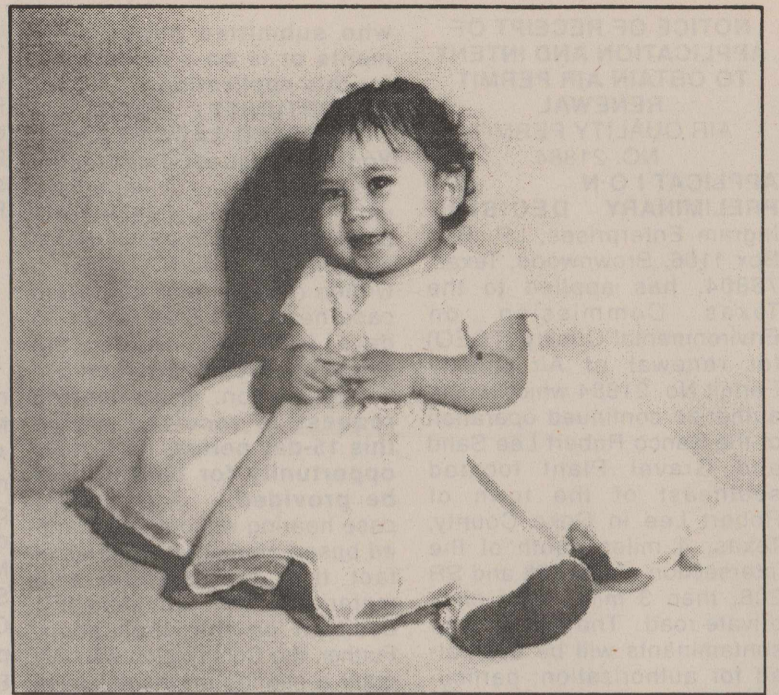
The Coke County Library appreciates all who shopped the book sale last weekend. Many folks dropped by, and the regular, faithful patrons once again bought books and made donations during the sale. Some shoppers come to the book sales and buy the books only to donate them to the next sale.

The library was fortunate to receive a good collection of Jane Ann Krentz and Susan Elizabeth Phillips books. Fans of these authors have a good selection to choose from thanks to the donor. Several other authors who

are among the favorites in the romance and historical/romance were also included in this donation.

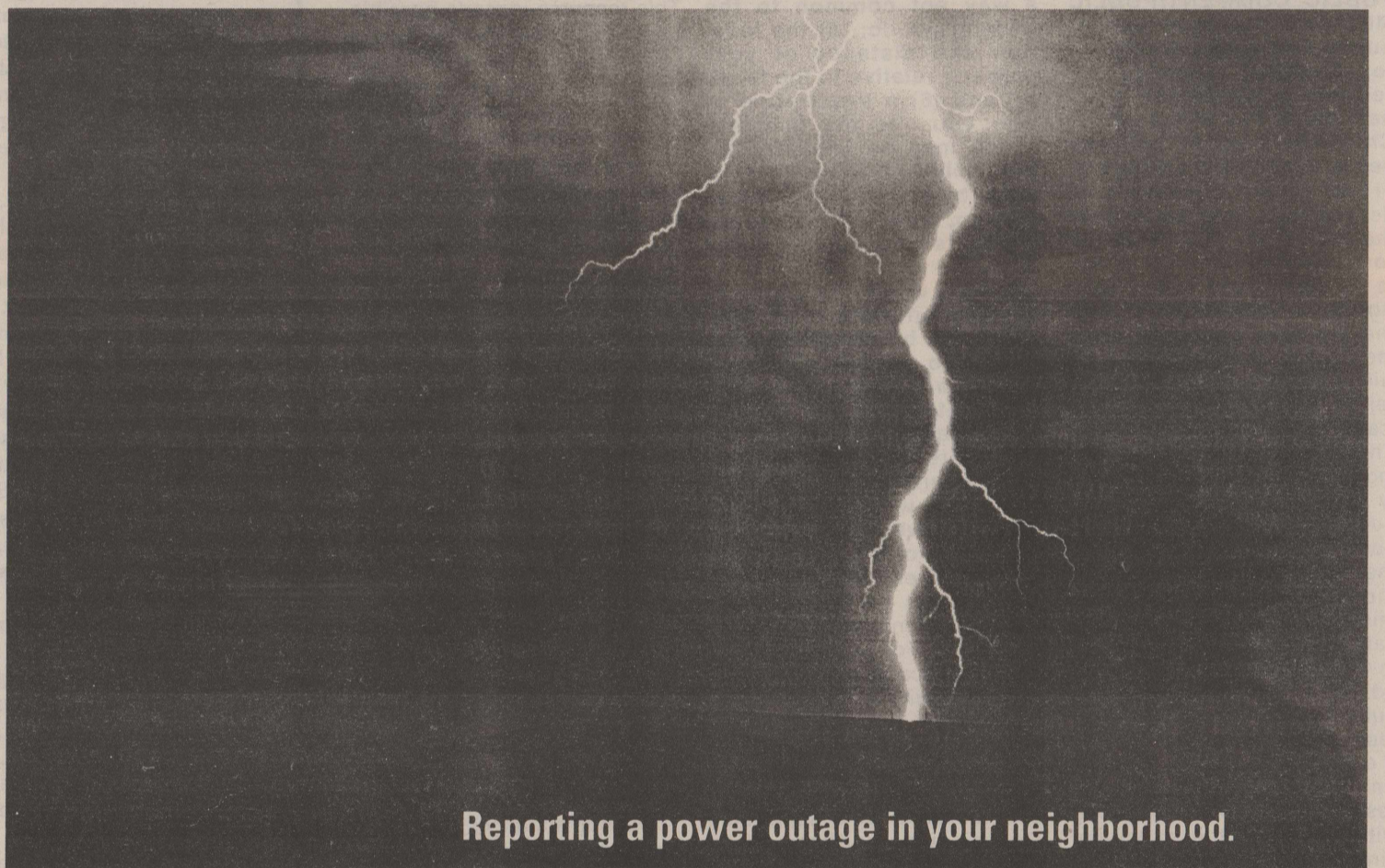
Non-fiction books added to the shelves recently are as follows: Best Tales of Texas Ghosts by Docia Schultz Williams; The Complete Patent Book: Everything You Need to Know to Obtain Your Patent by James Rogers, Attorney at Law; Plants for Texas by Howard Garrett; and the Historical Atlas of Religions compiled by Karen Farrington.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday at 9:30. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market. The library has a 24/7 book drop on the front porch. The book drop was designed by Commissioner Bill Wheat and is serving its purpose daily.



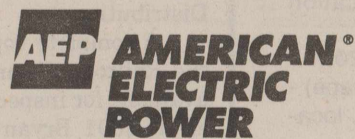
Sariah Torres participated in the Sunburst Beauty Pageant Thursday, February 20, 2003. She placed first in Most Photogenic, Most Beautiful Eyes, and Most Beautiful Hair. She tied for first place in Best Attire and Best Smile. Sariah was crowned Beauty Queen under the age of one. She will advance to the state finals in Houston March 23 and 24. Her parents are Debra and Raymond Torres and her grandparents are Estolia and Raul Barron.

2:45 a.m. Monday



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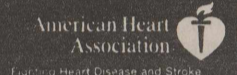


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