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Stiff penalty promised for theft of road signs

by Bill Wheat
Coke County
Commissioner Precinct 2

Whoever is taking the road/street signs to decorate their homes; you are committing a Federal Offense, punishable by a fine, imprisonment or both. The county can lose Federal assistance if these 9-1-1 signs are not main-

tained. The county cannot afford this. If you have in your possession or know of anyone having them in their possession, please return them to a County Barn or the courthouse. No questions will be asked at this time; however, after April 30, it will become a felony with harsh results if found in your possession.

Millican, Lott selected for All-Star f'ball game

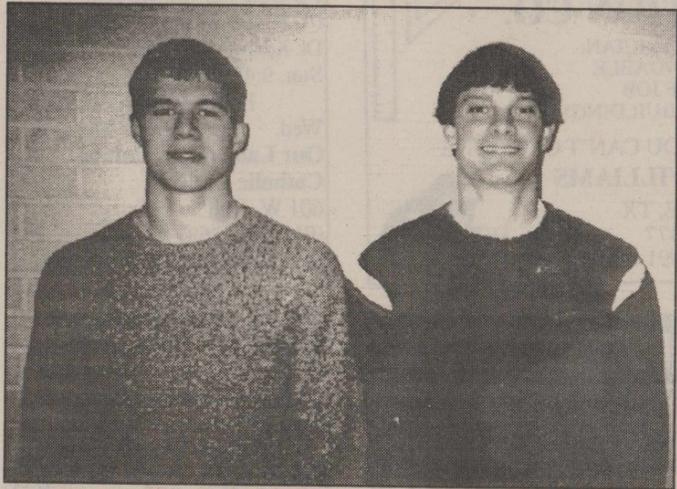
Stewart Millican of Robert Lee High School has been chosen to play in the annual, newly re-named, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic, to be held Saturday, June 7, 2003 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Son of Marshall & Sheri Millican, Stewart was one of 87 area athletes selected for the fourth annual game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 51 area schools, the roster for the North and South squads was announced Sunday, March 2nd.

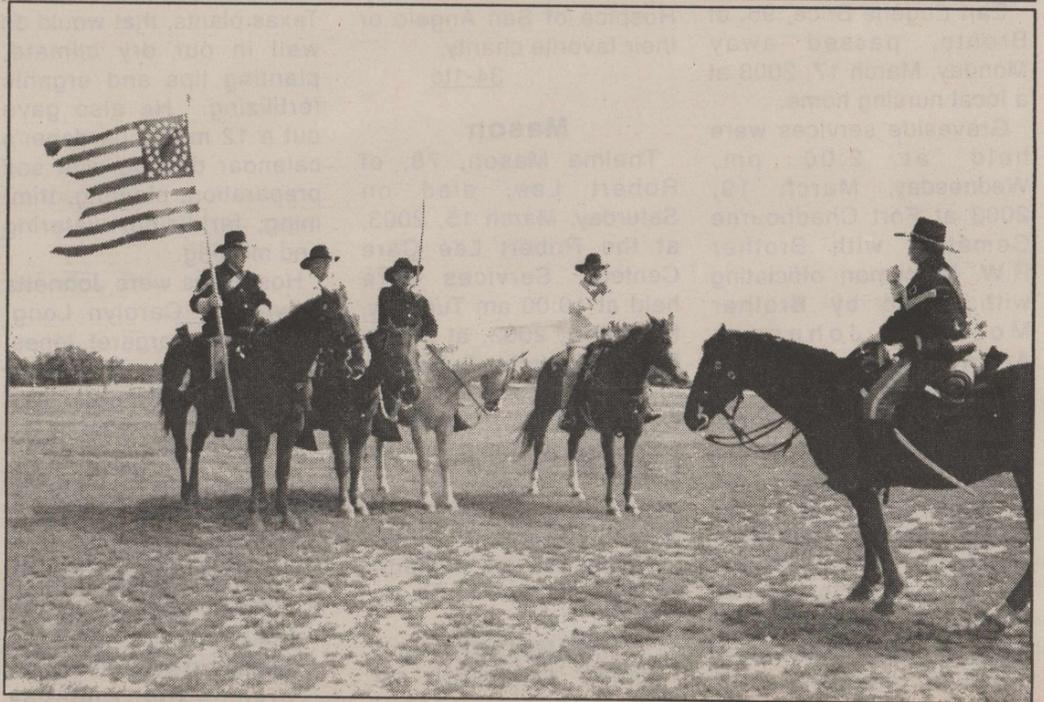
Anson Lot, son of Sharon and C.V. Eaton, was also chosen as alternate for the South team.

About 150 players were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 33 counties. A selection committee made up of the 20 All-star Coaches chose the teams.

Head Coach for the North team will be David Flowers/Merkel H.S. and his assistants, Keith Mullins also from Merkel H.S., Chad Rogers and Roger White/Snyder H.S., Darryl Cash/Anson H.S., Steve Gunter/Hawley H.S., Brent West and Keith



Stewart Millican (right) has been chosen to play in the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Class Saturday, June 7, 2003, Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Anson Lott was chosen as alternate for the South team. Both young men are students at Robert Lee High School.



The 4th US Cavalry Training at Fort Chadbourne consists of volunteers who will attend other fort's living history events and events held at Fort Chadbourne. Currently the group is preparing for Fort McKavett's Living History Event this weekend. They will be part of Fort Chadbourne Days on May 16 and 17. Friday, May 16, has been reserved for area students with May 17 open to the general public. Members of the 4th US Cavalry include (from left) Henri Adams, Harold McCutchen, Ron Cooper, Chuck Sheppard and Richard Chambliss.

Mullins/Cisco H.S., Dave Oldham/Rotan H.S. and Danny Davis/Throckmorton H.S.

The South team will be led by Head Coach Bo Robinson/Bangs H.S. and his assistants, Wendell Robinson, Bobby Anderson and Gary Garvin, all from Bangs H.S., Dave DuBose/Grandview H.S., Joel Hood/Rising Star H.S., Joey McQueen and Billy Hill/San Angelo Lakeview, Todd Bandy/Brady H.S. and Malcom Moerbe/Comanche H.S.

Players from Class 5A through Class A- in addition to one player from Abilene Christian High School, a private six-man program-make up the team. By classification, the two 40+-man squads break down like this: 7 from 5A, 14 from 4A, 18 from 3A, 30 from 2A, 17 from 1A and one 6-man player. Eighteen additional players were selected as alternates and will participate if a roster spot becomes available due to injury or other circumstances.

The game will be televised and shown by KTAB-TV of Abilene. A live radio broadcast will be produced

in Abilene by Cumulus Broadcast and KWKC 1340 AM and will be heard throughout the area.

Roping Club meeting set

The Coke County Roping Club will have their first meeting of 2003 at the arena in Bronte Sunday, March 23, at 3 pm.

A roping practice will follow the meeting.

Rabies Clinic set

Coke County 4-H clubs will be sponsoring a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 29, 2003 from 2 to 4 pm at the south end of the show barn located in the Robert Lee park. Pets 4 months of age or older should be vaccinated for rabies annually. A veterinarian will be in charge.

For more details, call the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

Evangelism Rally set for March 26

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at First Baptist Church, Ballinger for an Evangelism Rally.

The executive board and W.M.U. will not meet. No evening meal will be

served.

The Evangelism Rally will begin at 7:00 pm. Morris Johnson, Mission/Evangelism director is in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

1st phase of DCP sign-up ends April 1, 2003

April 1st is the last date for producers who want to sign up in the DCP program and select crop bases under option 4. After April 1st, the crop bases under option 4 will be deleted by the computer. The only crop bases left will be those under the old AMTA program, the 7 year program that just ended.

If you were not in the 7 year PFC program or you have increased your crop bases the last 4 years, April 1st is your last shot at saving those bases and using them in the DCP program.

For those only wishing to use option 1, which are the crop bases you had in AMTA, the final date for sign up is June 1st.

For more information call (915) 453-2751.

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----- Obituaries -----

Brice

Earl Eugene Brice, 95, of Bronte, passed away Monday, March 17, 2003 at a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at Fort Chadbourne Cemetery with Brother R.W. Blackmon officiating with music by Brother Morris Johnson. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Earl was born in Wingate, Texas to Julius Allen and Nancy Ann Brice on December 24, 1907. He married Carrie Vivian Snow on March 29, 1929. He was a longtime resident of Deming, New Mexico. He was a Past Grand of Deming Lodge No. 7 of Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was also Past District Deputy Grand Master for District 12 of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in New Mexico. When he retired, they moved to Blackwell, Texas near his roots. He and Carrie were fond of hunting arrowheads with friends both in New Mexico and Texas. He was baptized at the age of 15 into the Baptist Church in Valley Creek, Wingate, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carrie Vivian; two sons, Billy Ray Brice and Allen Guy Brice; and two grandchildren, Linda Brice and Dale Moore.

Earl is survived by three children, Carol Gene Brice, Earline Brice Moore and husband Jack, Garry Dwane Brice and wife, Marilynn. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, Anita McDuffie and husband William, Bruce Brice, Wendy Mayhill and husband Joel, D'Lois Schumann, Deena Burk and husband Greg, David Moore, Dane Moore and wife Leslie, Lisa Pastran and husband Moses, Chris Brice, Brandi Brice, Billy Brice and wife, Margaret, Jack Brice, twenty-six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family ask that memorials be made to

Hospice of San Angelo or their favorite charity.

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Mason

Thelma Mason, 78, of Robert Lee, died on Saturday, March 15, 2003, at the Robert Lee Care Center. Services were held at 10:00 am Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at Pecan Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Dwight Mason of Mount Pleasant, PA and a daughter, Dwala Casey of Silver.

Caperton

Wanda Caperton, 63, died Wednesday, March 12, 2003, in a Nashville, TN, hospital. Service was held at 2 pm Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Chapel, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include children, Karen Barnes of Phoenix, Gayle Golladay-Schonhorst of Dallas and Kevin Caperton of Nashville; mother, Helen Kirkland of Bronte; and sisters, Gwen Brice of Tulia and Jettie McKnight of San Angelo.

Bronte ladies' Bible study to begin

A new ladies' Bible study will begin Wednesday, April 2, from 5:30-7:00 in the First Baptist Church of Bronte library. It will begin the 12-week Beth Moore study, Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John. Beloved Disciple is an in-depth study of the life of John the apostle and his relationship with Jesus. The goal of this study is to get to know John's heart as Christ's beloved disciple and to let him lead the study deeper into the depths of Christ's inexhaustible love.

Please contact class facilitator Susan Graves at 473-7521 or the church office at 473-2331 for more information or to pre-reg-

ister. Pre-registration is important so there will be enough workbooks for the first session. Childcare will be provided if requested 24 hours in advance of a session. All ladies of the community are invited to study and grow together during this study.

'64 Study Club meeting detailed

The '64 Study Club met on March 11, 2003, at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. There were 28 members and 1 visitor present. The club voted in one new member.

Don Cassaro, Rustic Wheelbarrow owner, presented a program on Spring Gardening. He discussed several native Texas plants, that would do well in our dry climate, planting tips and organic fertilizing. He also gave out a 12 month gardener's calendar dealing with soil preparation, planting, trimming, fertilizing, watering and mowing.

Hostesses were Johnetta Lawrence, Carolyn Long, Patty Ivey, Margaret Jones, Maybelle Stewart, and Charlotte McKnight. The table was decorated in the St. Patrick's theme.

Celebrating a March birthday was Beverly Sinclair.

The next meeting will be on April 8.

Ground Water Awareness Week

Groundwater supplies about 41 percent of Texas' municipal water systems and about 75 percent of the water used in irrigation. Ground Water Awareness Week, sponsored by the National Ground Water Association, was scheduled for March 16-22. Ground Water Awareness Week encourages homeowners to schedule their annual water well "checkups".

Groundwater is the water that soaks into the soil from rain or other precipitation and moves downward to fill cracks and other openings in beds of rocks and sand. It is, there-

efore, a renewable resource, although renewal rates vary greatly according to environmental conditions.

It also is an abundant natural resource. Of all the fresh water in the world (excluding polar ice caps), 90 percent is groundwater. Surface water, such as lakes and rivers, only make up three percent of our fresh water. Scientists estimate U.S. groundwater reserves to be at least 33 trillion gallons. That is roughly equal to the amount of water discharged into the Gulf of Mexico by the Mississippi River over the past 200 years.

Groundwater is naturally filtered by the earth that holds it. It can, however, be contaminated by pollutants that come into contact with the earth's surface. Therefore, it is extremely important for Texans to pay close attention to what they release into the earth, whether it be directly into lakes and streams, or even more importantly, into storm drains and wells.

More than 15 million households in the U.S. have their own water well. The owners of these wells have control of, and responsibility for, their water supply. Scheduling an annual well checkup conducted by a licensed and/or certified ground water contractor is one important step they can take to ensure the proper operation of the well and to prolong its years of service, as well as monitor the water quality. Ground Water Awareness Week reminds Texans of the importance of groundwater in our everyday lives, as well as the importance of scheduling well checks for any wells on your property.

The Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board, consisting of 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), is actively involved as a member of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee. For questions

regarding well checkups, call your local SWCD, local Groundwater Conservation District, or the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board headquarters at (254) 773-2250.

Look Who's New Mason Cole Williams

Mason Cole Williams was born March 11, 2003 at 7:22 am. He weighed 7 lbs and 8 oz. and was 20" long.

His parents are Randy & Melissa Williams of San Angelo.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Gayla Sanders of Robert Lee. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Pam Williams of Bryan/College Station. Maternal great grandparents are the late Dorthy Nance and Charles and Linda Nance, Ira Belle and the late Ray Sanders. Paternal great grandparents are De Alva and the late James Windham, Claudia and the late Robert Williams.

Churches of Robert Lee

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

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

Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

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

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

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

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 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
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March 21 is National Agriculture Day

Texans may have moved away from the farm, but agriculture is still a key part of the life of every Texan.

March 21, 2003 is the annual observance of National Agriculture Day, and the president of Texas' largest organization of farm and ranch families reminds Texans of the continued importance of the state's second largest industry.

"Only two generations ago, most Texans had vivid memories of farm and ranch life or perhaps still lived in a rural area," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Today, agriculture is as important as ever, but it's in the hands of a smaller group of skilled workers."

That number, Dierschke said, includes not only farmers and ranchers, but also an agribusiness community of researchers, marketers and government employees that all participate in the modern miracle of American agriculture.

Today, Texas is one of America's most urban states, with the majority of the population centered in a handful of major cities. Still, 20 percent of Texas' jobs are dependent on agriculture, and the ability of America to produce its own food is a key component of national security.

"Agriculture has struggled in recent years, but our productivity remains the envy of the world," Dierschke said. Dierschke said that agriculture's challenge for the future will be to deploy new and proven technology to provide safe and affordable food while protecting the resources of soil and water for future generations. "Farm Bureau, and the farmers and ranchers of Texas are committed to this goal," he said.

CC 4-H members place at Houston

During the recently completed Houston Stock Show, Coke County 4-H members placed their animals in several species. Ashley Sawyer placed her breeding rabbits 2nd, 4th, and 5th in the rabbit show. In the Market Swine show, Katie Bessent placed her lightweight crossbred barrow 22nd and in the Market Lamb show, Ashlee Millican placed her medium weight Finewool Cross lamb 11th and Lance Millican placed his lightweight Finewool Cross lamb 17th. Others participating in the Houston Stock Show were Cara Eaton in swine, Cody Bridges, Briana Brisbin and Allison Millican in lambs and Clay Antilley in steers.

For the 9th straight year,



The Robert Lee High School Beta Club recently volunteered their services at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo's Sonrisas Special Rodeo. At the event, there were thirty-one young riders and over one hundred helpers from surrounding communities. Beta Club members participating include (front row, from left) Phillip Arellano, Monica Barrera, Amber Brosh, Nicole Sanchez, (back row, from left) Jake McCabe, Amie Kendall, Stacey Denton (not pictured) Michele Sanchez and Ashlee Millican.

Coke County 4-H members have placed their animals at every major stock show in Texas. These 4-H families should be congratulated for their hard work and dedication.

Gallegos graduates basic training

Air Force Airman Juan J. Gallegos has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and

special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Juan is the son of Joel and Juanita Gallegos of Robert Lee and a 2001 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

AEP names manager

American Electric Power (AEP) recently named Fred Hernandez manager of community affairs for San Angelo and its southern service area. In his new position he will be responsible for relationships with city leaders that include Bronte and Robert Lee.

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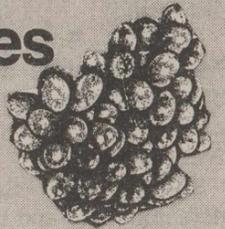
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte tennis results

The Bronte tennis team entered the Santa Anna Tournament that was held on March 7-8.

Boys singles

1st round

Sherman Griffin of Bronte defeated Jose Hernandez of Winters 8-0.

2nd round

Griffin defeated Bernal of Santa Anna 8-1.

3rd round

Griffin defeated Hernandez of Anson 8-1.

4th round

Griffin defeated Green of Baird 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.

Finals

Griffin defeated Campbell of Cisco 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Girls doubles

1st round

Lindsay Springer and Bailey Saunders of Bronte defeated Wells and Kasberg of Miles 8-6.

2nd round

Springer and Saunders defeated Myer and Lujano of Winters 8-3.

3rd round

Springer and Saunders defeated Hogue and Shimp of Moran 8-4.

4th round

Gesch and Heinze of Miles defeated Springer and

Saunders 6-0, 6-1.

Bronte School Awards

4th Six weeks

"A" Honor Roll

7th grade

Estephania Flores, Casey Harris, Holly Huskerson, Gus Saunders

8th grade

Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls

9th grade

Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Cheyenne Webb

10th grade

Romana Hoover, Calli Johnson, Ashleigh Kelly

11th grade

Corin Garcia, Ariel Marrs, Britney McCutchen, Paige Smith, Diane Womack, Logan Acker, Kailey Howell

12th grade

Khanni Beauchamp, Jenna Herold, Heather Richey, Jonathan Tomes, Joel Webb, Kayla Hilliard, Joe'l Sefcik, Lindsay Springer, Lindsey Williams

"AB" Honor Roll

7th grade

Emily Austin, Kyle Lee, Terrah Macon, Lora Martinez, Savannah Martinez, Kyle Nealey, Cody Wallace

8th grade

Sarah Adams, Rebekah Beauchamp, Patty Galvan, Jonathan Marrs, John Paul Martinez, Juston Taylor, Lahuren White, Eric Hendrickson

9th grade

Garrett Acker, Sarah Basquez, B.J. Bilbrey, Reese Braswell, Christian Kelly, Jaylon Saunders, Riley Coalson, Megan Gibbs

10th grade

Monica DeLaGarza, Garrett Jackson, Jasmine Kresta, Vanessa Lange, Ashley McCutchen, Cody Moore, Terence Scott, Salena Soto, Stephen Tomes

11th grade

D.J. Brittain, Ashley Denton, Josh Eubanks,

Garrett Fiveash, Brandon Hall, C.J. Macon, Jayci Malone, Casey McKee, Andrea Sanchez, Chase Williams

12th grade

Charlie Bettis, James Graves

Coke County Library news

The Story Hour and Head Start Story Hour children will participate in the annual Coke County Courthouse Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday, April 15th. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00 am and refreshments will be served.

Prizes will be given for special eggs found on the lawn. All children in the county through the first grade are included in this event. The courthouse employees have put this event together for many years. It has become a tradition. This is a spectator event not to be missed.

The library has received a video entitled Apply for Financial Aid: The FASA Process. It is a conference to inform Texas students and families about how to "successfully complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASA) form." This video is part of the Know Before You Go campaign. Additional resources are available at www.Adventuresineducation.org.

The library was disappointed to learn that it had not been included in the Highsmith Award grant. The grant was applied for to buy large print books. They have become popular at the Senior Citizens Center thanks to Rev. Steve Rowe who takes a box of books to the lunch gatherings on a regular basis. The Tom Green County Library has agreed to work out a check-out program for this group after a discussion with Larry Justiss in San Angelo.



Bronte Elementary students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades who earned a place on the A Honor Roll for the 4th Six Weeks were treated to their choice of cheeseburgers or barbecue sandwiches at a local restaurant on Thursday, March 6. Students included in the outing were (front row, from left) Chase Harris, Malinda Sachse, Arlis McMullan, Tori Acevedo, Jessi England, Shelbi Waller, (back row, from left) Samuel Rawlings, Ty Mackey, Bill Miller, Heath Richey, and Ariel Coalson.

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 ("Enviros 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 enviros 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 enviros 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.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, March 24

Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, milk

Tuesday, March 25

Pancake and sausage on a stick, orange juice, milk

Wednesday, March 26

Sausage, apple juice, biscuit, milk

Thursday, March 27

Scrambled eggs, apple-sauce, toast, milk

Friday, March 28

Pop tart, grape juice, teddy grams, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 24

Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rice krispie treats, milk

Tuesday, March 25

Burrito, pinto beans, tossed salad, Spanish rice, peach cobbler, milk

Wednesday, March 26

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, jello, milk

Thursday, March 27

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

Friday, March 28

Chopped bar-b-que sandwich, pinto beans, pickle spears, French fries, bun, cinnamon rolls, milk

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Robert Lee High School Freshmen Tiffany Bagwell, Andra Braswell and Cara Eaton placed 3rd in Interpersonal Communications, Junior Division, at the FCCLA Region II Leadership Meeting.

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Chapter recently attended the Region II Leadership Meeting in Keller, Texas. Attending the meeting were Shelby Roe, Lindsey Roe, Cara Eaton, Tiffany Bagwell, Andra Braswell, Michele Sanchez, Nicole Sanchez, Krystal Soliz and Sheri Millican. Tammy Roe and Elena Sanchez accompanied the group.



RLHS Senior Nicole Sanchez placed 2nd in Illustrated Talk, Senior Division, at the FCCLA Region II Leadership Meeting.



RLHS Sophomore Michele Sanchez placed 3rd in Job Interview, Senior Division, at the FCCLA Region II Leadership Meeting.

Shelby Roe, State Vice-President of Public Relations, helped host the meeting with other Region II officers. Members had a very successful weekend.

Lindsay Roe ran for an office and was elected as Region II Vice-President of Projects and Community Service. Cara Eaton, Tiffany Bagwell, and Andra Braswell, all freshmen, entered the Jr. division of Interpersonal Communication and placed third. Michele Sanchez, a sophomore, placed third in the Sr. division Job Interview. Nicole Sanchez, a senior, placed second in Illustrated Talk, Sr. division. All girls will compete at the state meeting in Ft. Worth in May. Krystal Soliz, a senior, represented the chapter as voting delegate. Accompanying the girls was their sponsor, Sheri Millican, Tammy Roe, and Elena Sanchez, who served as a Judge in the chapter project division.

Mr. William Hood, retired superintendent of Robert Lee Schools, received Honorary Member of Family, Career

and Community Leaders of America.

Steers golf results

Out of 11 teams, the Robert Lee boys golf team finished 2nd at the Jim Ned Invitational Tournament held at Fairway Oaks Country Club last Monday (3-17). The boys shot a 342 team score, behind Comanche's 333.

Stewart Millican captured the Medalist trophy with an outstanding 77 to lead the Steers to their second place finish. Other scores for the Steers were: Cody Bridges 85, Omar Saucedo 89, Josh Alexander 91, Evan Braswell 94, Vincent McClelland shot a 108 and Trey Sawyer a 109 in medalist play.

Students invited to submit designs

Students attending rural Texas high schools, community colleges and universities are invited to submit logo designs for the newly formed Office of Rural Community Affairs! Students are invited to submit as many logo designs as they wish to

the new agency, which was created to address rural issues across the state.

The student who submits the winning logo will receive a \$500 scholarship from the agency!

Angelo State University is one of the universities included and Cisco Junior College, Clarendon College, Howard County College

District, Howard College, South Plains College, Vernon Regional Junior College and Western Texas College are some of the junior and technical colleges.

For more information contact the San Angelo District Office of State Representative Scott Campbell at 657-0197 or E-mail: staterep72@aol.com.

Local students attend Region II Leadership Meeting

The Robert Lee Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Chapter recently attended the Region II Leadership Meeting at Fossil Ridge High School in Keller.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 24

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Tuesday, March 25

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Wednesday, March 26

Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Thursday, March 27

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Friday, March 28

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 24

Burrito, salad, tator tots, pineapple upside down cake, milk

Tuesday, March 25

Grilled cheese sandwich, veg. soup, pickles, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, March 26

Chicken spaghetti, carrots, salad, bread, peaches, milk

Thursday, March 27

Pizza, hash browns, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Friday, March 28

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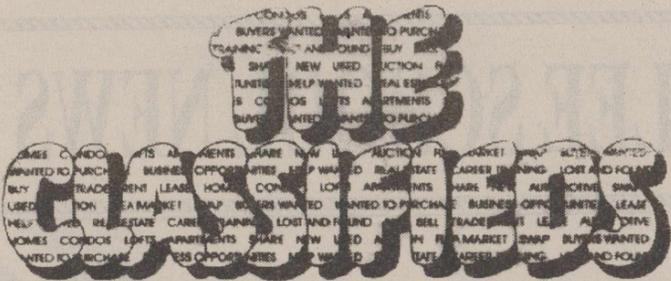


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THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE
 will hold a public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2003, and ending March 31, 2004. This hearing is for input into the budget process. The hearing will be held at the Robert Lee City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 5:30 pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Bronte Baseball Boosters will be accepting sealed bids for the erection and completion of a concession stand. This stand is located across from Bronte Pavilion. The building is approximately 12' x 12' x 9' with two windows and one door. All materials will be provided by Bronte Baseball Boosters. Building must be completed by date set by Bronte Baseball board. Bids must be submitted by qualified contractor. Please include qualifications with bid. Please submit bids to Kenny White, 708 Meadow Lane, Bronte, Texas 76933. Final time bids will be accepted is postmarked by March 26, 2003. Bids will be opened March 27, 2003 at 5:00 pm. Winning bidder will be notified ASAP by phone. Call 473-5307 if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest. Bronte Baseball Boosters retains all rights to refuse any and all bids.
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Accent on health

A culprit lurks in the dust created when some imported vinyl miniblinds "break down" in the sun. It can show up in tamarind candies or leach into food from some types of pottery. It can hide in the flaking paint on a windowsill, waiting for a small child to explore and taste from dirty hands, a toy or a pacifier. And it can steal a child's future by causing learning disabilities, lower IQ scores or other physical or behavioral problems.

This culprit is lead, and young children are particularly vulnerable to damage from lead because their bodies and brains are still developing.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) estimates that if all Texas children ages 1 through 5 were tested for lead poisoning, we would find 59,300 of them with a blood-lead level of concern (10-19 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood). "Damage from lead in the blood cannot be reversed, but treatment is available to stop further damage," said Lisa Collins, health educator with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at TDH. "That's why screening and prevention are so important."

The screening for lead is a simple blood test that can be done during a routine visit to a health care provider. "Since lead is a problem in both urban and rural parts of the state, we encourage parents of all children age 6 or under to ask their doctors to screen for lead," said Collins. In addition, other children should be tested if any child in the family tests positive for lead exposure or if a member of the household works with lead.

Some of the most common symptoms of lead poisoning are irritability, abdominal and muscle pain, anemia, diarrhea or constipation. Severe cases can result in seizures, nerve damage or coma. Unfortunately, the culprit often is silent. "It is important to realize that children can be lead poisoned without showing any symptoms," says Collins. "The only way to know for sure is to have a blood-lead test."

Some vinyl miniblinds imported from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mexico or Indonesia are common sources of lead in the home. The only way to determine lead content of vinyl miniblinds is by conducting expensive tests. Parents of small children may want to remove or replace them with miniblinds made in the United States.

Another source is old paint. Prior to 1978 lead was a component of paint, so houses built before that time may have some lead-based paint. Lead-based paint on woodwork, furniture or toys also is a concern. Lead may be found in folk medicines such as greta, azarcon and pay-loo-ah or in food that is cooked, stored or served in pottery with lead-based glaze or in lead crystal. Some Mexican candies may contain lead leached from wrappers. Lead also may be found in car batteries and radiators, bullets, sinkers used in fishing tackle and even the soil.

Collins offers some simple steps parents can take to protect themselves and their children from lead exposure:

*Wash children's hands and faces before they eat or sleep.

*Wash toys, pacifiers and eating utensils if they come in contact with the ground.

*Wash hands and countertops in warm soapy water before preparing food.

*Wash fruits and vegetables before serving them.

*Foods high in iron and calcium provide some protection from lead. Include lean meat, raisins, milk, greens, eggs and cheese in your family's diet.

*Clean older homes by wet mopping and vacuuming floors and wiping down windowsills and miniblinds with soap and water weekly.

Particular care should be exercised when renovating older homes. Make sure children are out of the house until renovation is complete. When sanding painted surfaces or removing old wallpaper, cover or clean any surfaces that may come in contact with food or that a small child may touch.

Those who work with car batteries or radiators, lead smelting, or in the removal of old paint should change their clothes before going home, leave work boots or shoes outside the home, and wash their work clothes separately from the rest of the family's laundry.

Real estate news for consumers

Less than two months into the 78th Texas Legislature, lawmakers have already filed nearly 80 bills on homeowners insurance.

Gov. Rick Perry put insurance on the fast track because homeowners insurance rates in Texas already are at least 83 percent higher than the national average - that \$879-per-year figure was from 2001, before rates escalated higher still for many Texas homeowners.

In July 2002, the Texas Association of Realtors surveyed members about their clients' experiences regarding homeowners insurance availability and affordability. Here's what 2,491 participating Texas Realtors reported:

*70 percent said they've seen one or more real estate transactions delayed because clients had problems securing coverage.

*51 percent said one or more of their clients were unable to secure homeowners insurance coverage at all.

*35 percent said a client's homeowners policy was canceled within 90 days of being issued.

*35 percent had at least one client who was denied homeowners coverage based on their credit rating.

The Texas Association of Realtors Insurance Task Force, composed of Realtors from around the state, studied this issue for nearly nine months and issued a public report last September. Texas Realtors' legislative recommendations include:

Prohibit or severely limit

the use of credit scores affecting homeowners policies. It's wrong that the simple act of opening a credit card account could increase your insurance premiums.

Stop stigmatizing properties. Texas homeowners should not be penalized when they do the right thing and have a water leak properly repaired before mold can fester. The insurance industry's widespread use of CLUE, the Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange, a database that tracks homeowners insurance claims, should be changed so legitimate claims don't count against you.

Provide meaningful rate regulation. In Texas, more than 95 percent of all homeowners policies go through the unregulated Lloyd's loophole, which means - unlike in other states - there are no rate caps.

No more canceling policies in the first 90 days without cause. Most homeowners insurance policies include a right-of-recession clause that allows companies to cancel coverage within the first 90 days for no reason. This puts new homeowners in a Catch-22 because mortgage lenders require that homeowners insurance be in place at all time during the life of the loan.

"Every day, we see the problems Texas families face in finding - and keeping - fair, affordable homeowners coverage," said George Stephens, chairman of the 60,000 member Texas Association of Realtors. "Join us in urging our lawmakers to pass meaningful homeowners insurance reform during this 78th session."

For more information, visit the Texas Association of Realtors Web site, www.TexasRealEstate.com.

Free dogwood trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 2003.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

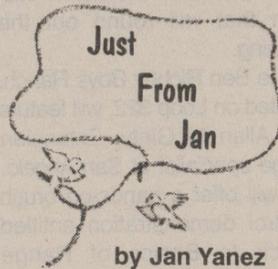
The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's monthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, sent a \$10 contribu-

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tion to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2003.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

A weight loss choice

What's making Americans overweight - the fat or the carbohydrates? People all across the country are debating this issue. Do you lose weight by eliminating most of the fat in your diet? Or do you shed pounds by eliminating the carbs and filling up on protein along with the saturated fat that comes with it?

The answer is that you do neither. If you want to lose weight and stay healthy, you have to eat fewer calories and exercise more, not simply cut whole categories of foods from your diet.

The stakes in this debate are high because certain kinds of fat are linked to higher long-term risk for cancer and other chronic diseases. On the other hand, certain types of carbohydrates - particularly vegetables and fruit - are linked to lowering that risk.

Originally, health experts recommended reducing over-all fat intake for heart health and lower weight. However, recent research shows that some fats, used in moderation, may have health benefits. Highly monounsaturated fats like olive and canola oil are considered to be "heart healthy." Similarly, laboratory test suggest that omega -3 fatty acids (found in fatty fish, flaxseed, walnuts, and canola and soybean oils) may help protect against cancer.

The questionable fats that some cancer research studies

show to be hazardous are saturated fats from animals proteins, such as red meat, whole milk and butter. Health experts also advise avoiding products using "partially hydrogenated vegetable oil," which contain harmful trans-fatty acids. Most margarine also contains trans-fats, but after public pressure, some companies created versions that do not; just check the labels.

At the same time, some scientists argue that refined carbohydrates like white sugar, white rice and processed cereals raise insulin levels. In turn, this leads to over-eating and storage of excess fat at the waist and hips.

On the other hand, unrefined carbohydrates such as whole wheat, brown rice and bran cereals are digested more slowly and contain dietary fiber that solid research evidence shows is linked to lower colon cancer risk.

The cancer-fighting vitamins and phytochemicals in fiber-rich vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans are another important health benefit. Dismissing these foods simply because they are carbohydrates is short-sighted.

Abandoning fruits and vegetables because they also contain carbohydrates could prove disastrous to your health. A much wiser course is to eat moderate portions of the types of carbohydrates and fats that are good for long-term health.

AICR's rule of thumb makes it easy to choose the right foods in the right proportions. Look at your plate: 2/3 (or more) should be filled with vegetables, fruit, whole grains and beans; and 1/3 (or less) should hold lean animals protein. This proportion of plant foods to meat and dairy will provide more health promoting fats and carbohydrates and fewer potentially harmful ones.

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School board candidate workshop set for San Angelo

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Tuesday, March 25, 7-9 pm, at the Region 15 Education Service Center (612 S. Irene St., San Angelo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

"Ranchers' Resources" short course offered

Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a three-night "Ranchers Resources" short course series April 7, 14, and 21. The course sites are Abilene Auction (April 7), Ben Richey Boys Ranch (April 14), and the Sears Ranch (April 21).

A total of four Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for persons completing the series.

Gary Bomar, Taylor County Extension agent and a program coordinator, said the short course is designed to provide producers with the latest technical knowledge available. "We'll have everyone from feedlot operators to wildlife folks here to address just about any scenario a West Texas rancher could imagine," said Bomar. "We've tried hard to put together a quality program to really meet the needs of our region's cattlemen. It'll be tough to find a program anywhere with as much practical information as this one offers. We're sure proud of the finished product"

The Abilene Auction located on Interstate 20 North will concentrate on marketing. Speakers and topics include a beef cattle outlook by Stan Bevers, Vernon-based Extension economist, and

Randy Carson, Abilene Auction owner. Rex Bland, owner of Cal-Texas Feedyard at Trent, will join Carson for a quality and price live cattle evaluation session that will round out the evening.

The Ben Richey Boys Ranch, located on Loop 322, will feature Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist at San Angelo. He will offer a hands-on brush control demonstration entitled "Back to Basics of Range Herbicide Management."

Speakers for the final session on the Sears Ranch, located on Highway 277 southwest of Abilene, are Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, and Billy Henderson, local TDA inspector. Rollins will share his thoughts on livestock and wildlife interactions and Henderson will offer CEUs in herbicide laws and regulations.

The program is being sponsored by the Extension offices in Taylor, Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan and Fisher Counties.

Pre-registration prior to April 1 is \$25 per person for the three-session short course and \$35 for late registrants and at the door.

For further information contact Gary Bomar at (915) 672-6048.

Signup for DCP deadline April 1

Did you know we are issuing advance payments for DCP? Did you also know that April 1st is the final date to update your crop bases and yields? Producers who did not participate in the 7-year Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) must make their base and yield selection by April 1st in order to participate in this new program. Former PFC participants are eligible for DCP because their farm already has a base and yield established. By April 1st, those farmers must decide if they want to update their bases and yields or use their PFC base and yield.

There are no set-asides and no acreage restrictions. So, make your decisions about your bases and yields, sign your DCP contract and receive your advance payment. Call for an appointment As Soon As Possible.

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>.

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Walk to Cure Diabetes slated for March 29

San Angelo's "Walk to Cure Diabetes" benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is set for Saturday, March 29, 2003, at the El Paseo in San Angelo. Registration is at 9:00 am, and the Walk will start at 10:00 am. If your life, or the life of

someone you love, has been affected by this devastating disease -- come join the walk and make a difference!

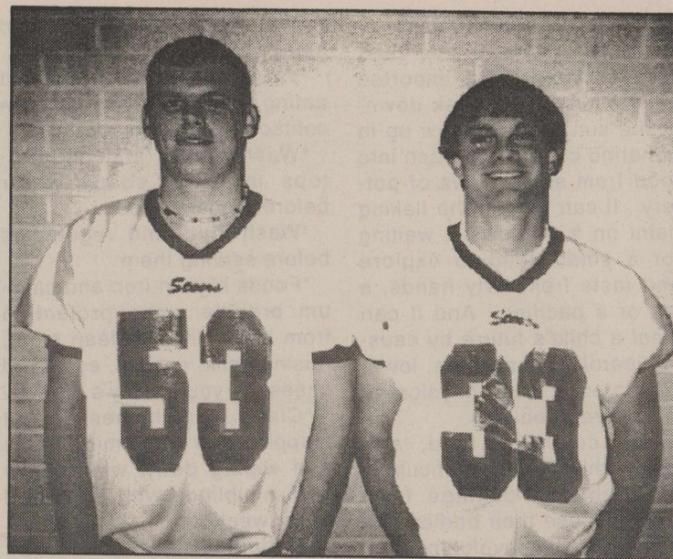
There will be a children's area and activities for kids, prizes, music, and entertainment. If you are interested in joining the walk, or raising money to help find a cure for diabetes, please call for more information: Linda Horwood at 378-8401, or Joy Brandon at 651-7727.

C. City plans Home & Garden Show

Keep Colorado City Beautiful announces its second annual Home and Garden Show on April 12 and 13, 2003. The event takes place in the historic Railhead Building on the corner of Elm and First streets in downtown Colorado City. Local and area merchants will display products and services for home improvement, maintenance, landscaping, and beautification.

The "Bridal Event" offers an additional area of interest for this year's Home and Garden Show. All types of items associated with weddings will stimulate the imagination of those planning marriage ceremonies.

Seminars are planned on several topics related to home maintenance, interior decorating, yard care,



Cooper Riley (left) and Stewart Millican were chosen to be on the All-Big Country Football Team. Cooper was chosen as offensive lineman and Stewart as utility back. Cooper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Riley. Stewart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Millican.

landscaping, and gardening. For more information, contact Cindy Fisher at (915) 728-8646.

Poetry contest announced

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Robert Lee area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is June 30, 2003. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Baylon, Contest Director.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19916, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be post-marked or sent via the Internet by June 30, 2003. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

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Bank Repossessed, Lease & Rental Return Cars To Be Sold Directly To The Public

San Angelo Dealership Disposing of 90 Bank Repos and Other Used Vehicles for Only \$59 Then Start Making Payments*

SAN ANGELO, TX - Bank Repossessed cars and trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automotive industry. Unfortunately for the general public, they're also the hardest to come by.

Banks often unload repossessed vehicles to car dealers at rock-bottom prices - allowing dealers to re-sell them for retail value. But bargain-seekers can take heart: This week, Mitchell Toyota Kia is going to change that.

This Wednesday, March 19th through Saturday, March 22th, Mitchell Toyota Kia will offer 90 bank repossessed, lease returns, fleet returns, auction vehicles and other clean used vehicles for thousands below normal values, and pass the savings on to their customers.

"These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), auctions, and other sources." Mike Griffin of Mitchell Toyota Kia said. "We have been asked to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss or profit. And if that means selling these vehicles some for thou-

sands below normal values, then that's what we'll do."

Every bank repossessed and other pre-owned vehicles will be available for just a \$59 possession fee* then start making payments. Payments starting at \$79 per month.* "It's that simple," said Mike Griffin. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. Just

staff will be on hand to assure customers prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Griffin said, "We'll have over \$4 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

Trade-ins will be accepted, and customers should bring their title or payment book to expedite delivery.

"The opportunity San Angelo area bargain-hunters have been waiting for happens this

Wednesday through Saturday at Mitchell Toyota Kia. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$59 then start making payments.* Customers may never see savings like this again." said Mr. Griffin.

After the \$59 Super Sale ends at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to (915) 653-2302. Mitchell Toyota Kia is located at 1500 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo.

**"This is a Huge Sales Event!
For 4 days the San Angelo
area used car shopper
will save like never before"
MIKE GRIFFIN, MITCHELL TOYOTA KIA**

pick your payment and then pick your vehicle. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under factory warranty. "With our pre-owned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Mr. Griffin added.

Extra sales and finance

*With approved credit. \$59 plus, tax, title & fees. Limit 2 vehicles per household ** For example only: 1996 Kia Sephia Stk#S321A, Selling Price \$2,995. \$99/mo for 36 mos. @ 12.9% APR with Wells Fargo. \$59 possession fee, plus tax, title and license. Amount of down payment may vary with credit worthiness. Negative trade equity will be added to amount financed. See dealer for details Mitchell Toyota Kia 2003.