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Post office displays Bronte men and women in service

The Bronte Post Office is doing their part in honoring our young men and women in service to our country. Postal employee Vicky Hensley has compiled a list of service men and women with a connection to Bronte. She has included all the names that have been turned in and their local family members on a display case in the front lobby of the Bronte Post Office.

In the middle of the display are the words, "Please pray for our military, especially those service members with local ties." The names of those on the display are included below. Also included below are names of those service men and women honored at the Bronte Chamber Banquet on Monday, April 7, which are not already included on the display at the post office.

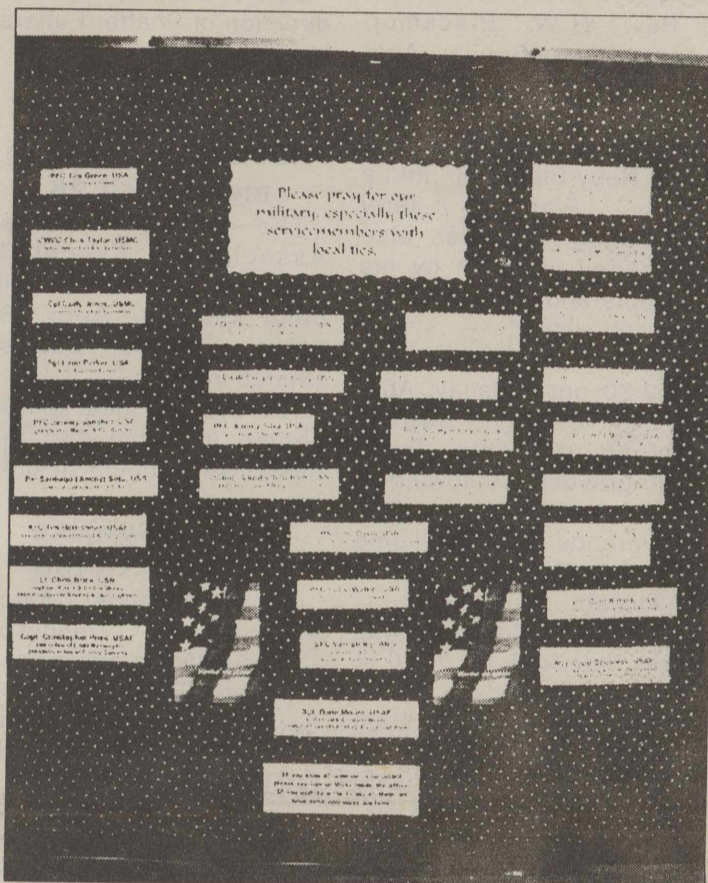
Those serving in the military with ties to Bronte, as listed on the display, are: PFC Tim Green, son of Joyce Green; CW03 Chris Taylor, USMC, son-in-law of Troy and Vicky Hensley; Cpl Cody Jones, USMC, cousin of Troy and Vicky Hensley; Sgt. Lane Parker, son of Gerald Parker; PFC Jeremy Sanchez, grandson of Manuel and Paz Sanchez; Pvt. Santiago (Jimmy) Soto, son of Lydia and Jimmy Soto; AIC Tim Hernandez, USAF, grandson-in-law of Harold and Patsy Dunn; AA Joe G. Bailey, USN, son of Dana and Donna Brown, brother of Terry Brown and Tammy Littlefield; Lt. Chris Brice, USN, nephew of Jack and Earline Moore, cousin of Juanita Bradley and Joan Lightfoot; Capt. Christopher Price, USAF, son-in-law of Linda Massingill, grandson-in-law

of Cloreta Spoons; PO3 Shannon Van Vleck, USN, daughter of Phil and Martha Ratliff; Cmdr. Gregory Dulaney, USN, cousin of Eddie Dulaney; PFC Jeremy Silva, grandson of Nell Moore; Lt. Cmdr. Elizabeth Sublett, USN, daughter-in-law of Mary Lou Sublett; PO3 Cara Sefcik, USN, daughter of Joe and Karen Sefcik; TSgt. Jim West, USAF, brother-in-law of Eddie Dulaney; PFC Scotty Kitchen, nephew of Ray and Brenda Barnett; Pvt. Jared Wheelless, son of Rosemary Towery; HN John Davis, USN, grandson-in-law of Rose and Lee Ridgeway; PFC Callie Walker, daughter of Lloyd Walker; SFC Verl Stilley, ANG, son of Lula Stilley, husband of Debbie Stilley; Sgt. Dane Moore, USAF, son of Jack and Earline Moore, cousin of Juanita Bradley and Joan Lightfoot; Cpl. Kevin Johnson, USMC, husband of Katy Johnson, son of Morris and Judy Johnson, son-in-law of Patti and Bob Frazee; PFC Jesse McClure, son of Cody McClure and Carla Clark; FN James Dulaney, USN, son of Eddie Dulaney; PFC Wesley Irwin, nephew of Ray and Brenda Barnett; Cpl Jerrod McClure, son of Carla Clark and Cody McClure; WO Tracy Hoak, daughter of Suzanne and Paul Gomez; PFC Brandon Lee, son of Billy Lee, grandson of Barbara Brock, nephew of Turner and Yvonne Lee; SPC Cardiff Babb, nephew of Johnnie and Monty Andrewson; Maj. Chad Countess, USAF, son-in-law of Billy and Charlotte Tounget, husband of Jann Countess.

Additional service men and women honored by Chamber of Commerce officials include: Billy Arthur, Angie Harrell, Chris Kinney, and Dustin White.



Bronte Chamber of Commerce representative Julie Springer (left) presents Fran Crumpler with the award for Bronte Citizen of the Year. The presentation was made at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet held Monday, April 7. Mrs. Crumpler was recognized for her efforts as Friends of the Pool chairman. She was instrumental in forming the organization whose goal is to make improvements to the swimming pool at the Bronte park.



Attention: All Robert Lee Rabies Clinic participants

The Arden Road Animal Clinic inadvertently gave out 1999 dated tags at the rabies clinic.

New 2003 tags are being sent to the county agents office in Robert Lee, the records are being updated. You may contact the county agents office to receive your 2003 tag at 453-2461.

Coke County Easter Egg Hunt slated for April 15

Plans are well underway for the annual Coke County Easter Egg Hunt. The bunny event will be held on the courthouse grounds at Robert Lee on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:00 am. All children through the 3rd grade level are invited to join in. The Easter Bunny will again make a special appearance. Very small egg hunters will be separated during the hunt from the older children so they can find eggs, too, as they take their own sweet time.

Parents and children are reminded to bring a basket, sack, or any container for your eggs. Refreshments will be served.

The Egg Hunt is made possible each year by

county businesses who generously donate for the purchase of about 3000 eggs, prizes and refreshments. If you have not donated to this joyful event for about 200 small egg hunters, you may do so at the Coke County Judge's office to Lorrie Martin or call her at 453-2641.

Holiday Closings

The Coke County Courthouse and the Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will be closed April 18 in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

Robert Lee City Hall has an answering machine for water emergencies, after hours and on holidays with a recorded message and a pager number. The landfill will be open Saturday.

RL City early voting to begin

Early voting begins April 23 in the Robert Lee City Council election. Early voting is held at the Coke County Clerk's office.

Voters will be electing three members to the City Council. Five candidates have filed for these offices. They include John Carver, Nita Stovall-Duncan, Kenneth Green, Jayson Treadaway, and Janie Munoz.

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----- Obituaries -----

Blackmon

Rev. R.W. Blackmon passed away Sunday, April 6, 2003 at his home in Bronte, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruby Blackmon, and a son, Ronald Terry Blackmon. He was also preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral service was held at 3:30 pm Tuesday, April 8, at Central Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas with graveside following at Fairview Cemetery. The Reverends Burtis Williams and T.C. Melton of Abilene officiated.

Reverend Blackmon was born February 12, 1920 in Houston County, Texas. While working in the East Texas lumber industry, he was called to the ministry and was ordained in 1946. His service to the Lord would continue for the next 57 years. His final stop would be for retirement in Bronte, Texas. Since that time, he has served as interim pastor at Central Baptist, bus driver and grounds keeper for Bronte ISD, and as pastor at Silver Baptist Church. In addition to his service at the church and the school, he was also very active in the community as a member of Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, and the East Coke County Nursing Home Board.

Papaw Blackmon, as he was known by his family, is survived by his two daughters and their husbands, Betty and Jerry McCutchen and Sue and Eddy Spiller all of Bronte, along with four grandsons, Terry & Carol McCutchen, Johnathan & Lana McCutchen of Abilene, Keven & Sherri Spiller of Jayton, Kelly & Jennifer Spiller of Del Rio. Eight great grandchildren who were the delight of his life also survive him. He is also survived by one sister, Erna, of Trinity as well as several nephews and nieces.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Hospice of San Angelo or charity of your choice.

Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte.

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Runnels Baptist Assn. and WMU to meet April 28

The Runnels Baptist Association Executive Board and W. M. U. will meet Monday, April 28, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Miles.

The evening meal will be served at 6 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:45 pm.

Easter Sunrise Service slated

Tennyson Baptist Church and the Tennyson Community are again hosting the Easter Sunrise Service at the top of Mount Margaret on Easter Sunday, April 20.

The service will begin at 6:45 am (allow approximately 45 minutes for the climb). The regular church service will start at 11 am at the Tennyson Baptist Church on Highway 277.

Brad Reed will be conducting the Sunrise Service and Pastor Rick Green will be speaking at the later service.

Breakfast, furnished by church and community

members, will be served in the Church fellowship hall following the early service. There is no charge for the meal.

Everyone is welcome to attend on Easter Sunday.

Support group forming

VistaCare and the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a bereavement support group for family and friends who have experienced the death of a loved one. These small support groups will be led by VistaCare staff, Sharon McGinnis, Bereavement Coordinator and Roger Roenfeldt, Chaplain. The first of six sessions will begin Monday, April 7th at 5:30 pm in the VistaCare office located at 940-B Arroyo Drive in San Angelo. The sessions will end at approximately 7:00 pm.

The support groups are offered free of charge to anyone in the community who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

Please call the VistaCare office (947-0123) or the American Cancer Society (944-2509) with any questions or to make reservations.

Support our troops

If you would like to help Western Communications participate in the American Red Cross collection of items for the United States Military "Quality of Life" program to bring comfort to those in harsh conditions.

The items may be dropped off at the Robert Lee City Hall until 4 pm on Wednesday, April 16th.

Money to pay for shipping will be accepted along with the other goods listed below but we would ask that no homemade items or chocolate be brought.

Please donate one or more of items from this list: Microwave popcorn, pretzels, sweetened kool-aid,

sweetened drink-mixes, sugar, tea bags, hot cider, peanuts, snack foods, Gatorade, coffee, creamer, hot chocolate

Toiletry items:

Shaving cream, toothbrushes, shower soap/gel, hand lotion, sunscreen, non aerosol items, wrap around sunglasses, blank greeting cards (all occasions), DVD's, cassettes, razors, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, lip balm, non alcohol cleansers, non-lithium batteries, videos, music CD's, small board games (chess, checkers, dominoes, Parcheesi, Yahtze, Uno, cribbage, jigsaw puzzles, playing cards), recent paperback books, comic books.

Individually wrapped pieces of hard candy:

Twizzlers, Tootsie rolls, Tootsie pops, bubble gum, Skittles, lollipops, life savers, candy sticks, Sweet tarts, Bit "O" Honey, Etc.

FCCLA Operation Care Package

The Robert Lee FCCLA would like any addresses and pictures of local servicemen and women from Robert Lee. FCCLA would like to send letter and packages to these brave heroes. If you have an address please come up to the school and write the address on the address list or call Sheri Millican at the school and leave a message at 453-4555, or call Nicole Sanchez at 453-2131. FCCLA will appreciate these addresses, and the servicemen and women will surely appreciate the letters and packages from home. Help us make this project a big success.



Pv 2 Santiago Jose "Jimmy" Soto has been in the US Army for approximately eight months, he is in the 3rd Infantry, 3rd Brigade and is now in Baghdad.

His wife, Sharla, lives in Robert Lee. Pvt Soto has one daughter, Haleigh. His parents are Jimmy and Lydia Soto of Bronte. His sisters are Salena Soto of Bronte and Debbie Sanchez of San Angelo. His brother is Tim Sanchez.

You may write Jimmy at: Pv 2 Soto Santiago J., C Btry 1-10 FA, Operation Enduring Freedom, Unit #93317, APO AE 09374-3317

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(915) 453-2417
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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
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Wed. 7 pm
- Pecan Baptist**
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(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
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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
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601 W. 10th
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Antelope Creek bridge to close

Beginning this week, Antelope Creek Bridge in Coke County is expected to close for approximately seven months, according to officials from the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Contractors will replace the existing bridge and perform minor repairs approaching the bridge. Construction is expected to be completed in early November.

Antelope Creek Bridge is located approximately five miles west of Blackwell on CR 133.

For more information, contact Patsy Rainwater-Maddux at 325-947-9205.

Sorosis Club plans garage sale

The Sorosis Club of Bronte is sponsoring the annual Bronte City-Wide garage sale on Saturday, May 3. If you want to sign up to have your garage sale listed on the map, call Marilyn Bivins at 473-6791 or Lori Eubanks at 473-3501. The recommended time for your sale to begin is 8 am.

the club would like to receive donations of sale items or money. Part of the proceeds of this sale will be used to help renovate the swimming pool. The rest of the proceeds will be used for scholarships for seniors from Bronte High School.

If you need to have items picked up before the date of the sale, please call Marilyn Bivins at 473-6791. Otherwise, please bring them to the bank parking lot by 8:00 am.

The maps of the garage sales will be available at the bank parking lot on Saturday, May 3, at 8:00.

RL City-wide Spring Clean-up wraps up

The City-wide Spring Clean-up event will wrap up this Saturday, April 12th. Trucks will begin to service the Friday route pick-up service at 7:00 am. This "clean-up" allows city residents a chance to get rid of clutter from around their homes and businesses. Residents are encouraged to haul brush, tree limbs, shingles, bricks, and lumber materials to the City Landfill on Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Absolutely, NO household trash, tires, batteries, chemicals or wet paint, or trailer loads.

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson
The members of the fire department met on April 7th for the regular monthly business meeting. President Robert Wink presided. 14 members and 1 visitor were present.

The minutes and treasures reports were accepted as read.



Bud and Marian Thompson were surprised on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary April 3rd. Their son, Douglas and wife Debbie, arrived bearing gifts from all the family. Son Philip is in Iraq, and his wife Deanna and daughter Megan are at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Son Richard and his family live in Hawaii, and brother, Philip and wife Ninette, were unable to attend. The group went to San Angelo for dinner and stopped to see the Thompson's daughter Cathy and her family.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson gave the monthly report. 1 business meeting, 5 training classes, 3 special meetings, 68 hours of activities <incomplete>, 1 assist WCEMS with a landing zone, 1 MVA with extraction, 1 assist to get child out of locked car, 0 fires.

Chief Rick Drennan advised the group that the Saws-all was in the Pumper truck. It was on order for several months, and just arrived last week. He also advised of progress made in the last week on the Superduty.

Asst. Chief Keith Eubanks told of progress in preparing papers for a grant for the proposed fire station. Motion was tabled regarding getting a new battery charger. Other options are to be considered. Motion made and approved to purchase a used generator.

They adjourned the meeting and went to inspect progress of the

Superduty. When it is finished, it will be our First Responder. It will carry 250 gallons of water, as well as the necessary equipment needed at fire and rescue calls.

Food Pantry Memorials

- Colette Cleveland Paul & Joan Burns
 - Lee Starling Bob & Polly Large
 - Melba Long Nell Hines
 - Richard Driver Cecil & Mary Cherry
 - Thelma Mason Joan & Paul Burns
 - Ben & Mary Bessent
 - Jack & Nina Brewer
 - Earl Brice George & Jimmie Snapp
- Memorials or gifts may be mailed to Coke County Food Pantry, Box 1299, Robert Lee, Tx. 76945 or may be given to Joan Burns or Mary Bessent. Cards acknowledging your gift or memorial will be sent to the person(s) designated by the donor.

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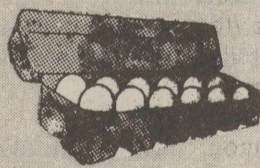


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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLHS Sports Banquet slated

The Robert Lee High School Sports Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 15th, at 6:30 in the school cafeteria.

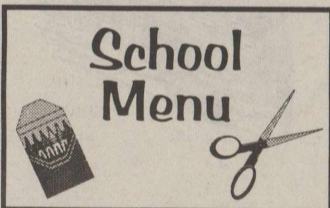
There will be a steak dinner served. Tickets may be purchased through the high school office. Please contact Cynthia Dillard at 453-4555, Camille Flanagan 453-9663, or Sharon Eaton 453-5021.

RLHS District golf results

Both the boys and girls golf teams qualified for the Regional Tournament which will be held April 21 & 22. The boys tournament will be held at Sundown and the girls will play at Levelland Country Club.

In the District Golf Tournament held at Big Spring Country Club last Monday and Tuesday, the #1 boys team shot a 329, 330 = 659 to finish second to Iraan's 314, 326 = 640. Stewart Millican was the district medalist with a 74, 78 = 152 total. Other Robert Lee scores were Omar Saucedo 85, 84 = 169; Josh Alexander 88, 95 = 183; Evan Braswell 89, 83 = 172; Cody Bridges 82, 85 = 167.

The second team finished 6th with a 382, 368 = 750 total. Scoring for the second team were Vincent McClelland 88, 87 = 175;



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, April 14

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Tuesday, April 15

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Wednesday, April 16

Juice, pancake w/sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Thursday, April 17

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Friday, April 18

HOLIDAY

Lunch

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, English peas, bread, fruit, milk

Wednesday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17

Barbecue on bun, pickles, tator tots, applesauce, milk

Friday, April 18

HOLIDAY

Trey Sawyer 97, 92 = 189; Brandon Soliz 93, 98 = 191; Brandon Phillips 104, 91 = 195.

Fourteen teams participated in the tournament.

The girls team also finished second, with a 405, 440 = 845 total, behind Iraan's 410, 424 = 834 total. Julie Riley led the Lady Steers in medalist play as she shot a 100, 104 = 204 to finish 4th in the medalist competition. RL girls scores included; Lindsey Roe 92, 115 = 207; Cara Eaton 105, 111 = 216; Krystal Soliz 113, 124 = 237; Kyla Millican 108, 110 = 218; and Kindra Matthews 121, 118 = 239.

Six team participated in the tournament.

RLHS District track results

The Robert Lee High School track team competed in the District 8-A track meet at ASU last Friday. The team placed 4th with 89.0 points.

Varsity boys results:

High jump - 4th - Pitcock - 5' 10"; 5th - Flanagan - 5' 8"

Triple jump - 4th - B. Abalos - 38' 10"; 6th - T. Pitcock - 38' 8 1/4"

Shot put - 2nd - C. Riley - 48' 3 3/4"; 4th - S. Edging - 45' 2 1/2"

Discus - 3rd - C. Riley - 136' 1/2"; 5th - S. Edging - 129' 4"

Pole vault - 1st - S. Millican - 13'; 2nd - T. Pitcock - 12' 6"

400 m relay - 4th - Saucedo, Flanagan, Abalos, Lott - 45.02

110 m HH - 2nd - Lott - 16.05; 4th - Abalos - 16.55

800 m relay - 5th - Saucedo, Millican, Conner, Flanagan - 1:37.10

The top four in each event will participate in the area track meet at Wink on Saturday, April 12th.

Junior Varsity boys results:

Shot put - 6th - Barnett - 35' 6 3/4"

Discus - 1st - Barnett - 115' 7 1/2"

3200 m run - 4th - C. Torres - 12:55.29

800 m run - 5th - Soliz - 2:22.66

Lady Steers results:
High jump - 3rd - Cara

Eaton - 4' 10" - area qualifier

Pole vault - 4th - Jessica Fluhmann - 7' 6" - area qualifier

3200 m. run - 4th - Monica Rodriguez - 13:41.75 - area qualifier

400 m relay - 5th - Brittany Soliz, Krystal Soliz, Christina Middleton, Cara Eaton - 54.28

800 m relay - 6th - Brittany Soliz, Krystal Soliz, Tyler Lott, Cara Eaton - 1:56.92

RL Jr. High District track results

The Robert Lee Jr. High girls "A" team placed 3rd with 104 points.

Field events:

Triple jump - 5th - Jaden Alexander - 27' 3"

High jump - 1st - Kelsy Duncan - 4' 6"; 6th - Brettne Reed - 4'

Shot put - 2nd - Tasha Aguirre - 32' 10"; 3rd - Becca Skinner - 30'; 6th - Katie Bessent - 27' 10 3/4"

Long jump - 2nd - Megan Percifull - 14'

Discus - 2nd - Molly Burns - 70' 4"; 4th - Becca Skinner - 59' 7"; 5th - Tasha Aguirre - 56'

Running events:

400 m relay - 3rd - Percifull, Fryar, Duncan, Pineda - 56.53

100 m hurdles - 1st - Kelsy Duncan - 18.75

100 m dash - 2nd - Megan Percifull - 14.07

800 m relay - 3rd - Percifull, Fryar, Millican, Reed - 2:02.19

300 m hurdles - 4th - Kelsy Duncan - 58.10

1600 m relay - 4th - Nesbit, Fryar, Philley, Pineda - 5:06.64

The Robert Lee Jr. High "B" girls placed 3rd with 44 points.

Field events:

Triple jump - 3rd - Nicole Fields - 21' 6 1/2"

Shot put - 2nd - Dixie Johnson - 27' 1 3/4"; 3rd - Melissa Martinez - 23' 10 1/2"; 5th - Chelsea Conners - 21' 10 1/2"

Discus - 1st - Melissa Martinez - 52' 1"; 2nd - Dixie Johnson - 48'; 5th - Briana Longoria - 41' 4 1/4"

Running events:

100 m dash - 5th - Kamie Fryar - 15.75

RL Band enjoys success

The Robert Lee High School Band continued their string of success by competing at two separate concert and sightreading contests. On March 26th, the Steer band competed at the Cisco Music Festival, earning both Excellent and Superior ratings. The band received a Division 2 Excellent rating in Concert and a Division 1 Superior rating in Sightreading. Several of our Robert Lee students also participated in Solo & Ensemble activities. The results were as follows:

Clarinet solo - Monica Barrera - Division 1 - Superior

Bari Sax solo - Shannon Martin - Division 1 - Superior

Clarinet Duet - Monica Barrera & Alana Parker - Division 2 - Excellent

Woodwind Ensemble - Molly Burns, Briana Longoria, Ashley Hopson, Melissa Martinez, Andrea Pineda - Division 1 - Superior

Flute Duet - Molly Burns & Briana Longoria - Division 2 - Excellent

Trumpet Trio - Kelsy Duncan, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed - Division 1 - Superior

Flute Duet - Dixie Johnson & Nicole Fields - Division 1 - Superior

Trombone Duet - Brandon Soliz & Cody Denton - Division 2 - Excellent

On April 2nd, the Steer band traveled to Anson and competed in the UIL Region 2 Concert and

Sightreading Contest. Once again, the band received a Division 2 Excellent rating in Concert and a Division 1 Superior rating in Sightreading. It was Robert Lee's first Division 1 in UIL Sightreading since 1994. Band Director, Brad Roberts, is very proud of the Steer band and what they have accomplished. Keep up the good work.

RL Cub Scout Rally set for April 14

The Cub Scouts of Robert Lee Pack 461 would like to introduce all first through fifth grade boys to a Cub Scout Rally on Monday, the 14th of April. It will be held at the elementary school cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

Boys will be signed up into an exciting program and energetic parents can also help the Pack grow. If you would like to go camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, canoeing, archery, the outdoors, or if you just like having fun, then this is for you.

The Scout program has been making boys into men for 94 years. These leaders continue to set the example of what can be accomplished if you have high enough goals and know to never give up.

Come and be a part of the future of our boys and our communities.

If you have any questions, please contact District Executive Matt Vercher at (915) 277-5712 cell or at the Scout Service Center 1-800-321-7107.

Tuesday, April 15, 2003,
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Come in and talk to us to get complete information about IRAs.



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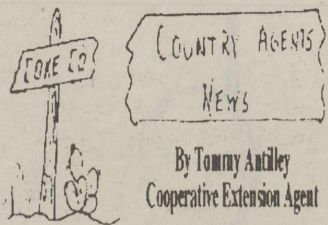
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The Cruz's, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, JP
Skipworth Family, Angela, Gabriel,
The Munoz's & Charles.



Fact or fiction about bees

We are beginning to get several calls concerning bees swarming around houses, shed, etc. Most of these will be the domestic (European) honey bee. Honey bees are extremely valuable to us as they assist in pollination of flowers and other plants such as most of our vegetables and shrubs. Over 1/3 of the food we eat each day was pollinated by bees.

Unless the bees are extremely aggressive, they are probably going to be honey bees. Right now, we know of no one that will get rid of bees for you. Also, there is no way to tell the difference between Africanized bees or honey bees without sending samples to a trained Entomologist.

Listed below are several myths and facts about Africanized bees.

Myth: Africanized bees are called "killer bees" because a single sting can kill you.

Fact: "Killer bee" is a misnomer popularized by Hollywood and the media. A single sting from an Africanized bee actually has slightly less venom than that of a domestic (European) honey bee. For most people, a single bee sting is painful, but not life-threatening. However, if you are allergic to honey bee stings (less than one person in 100 is), a single sting from either bee--Africanized or domestic--could cause a severe allergic reaction. If you are allergic, you should carry a bee sting kit.

Myth: Africanized bees hunt people down and kill them.

Fact: Africanized bees do not seek out victims. If you go near their hive, however, the bees will defend it vigorously.

Myth: Africanized bees are expected to kill thousands of people in the United States.

Fact: The Africanized bee has lived for decades in parts of South and Central America, and nowhere has it caused deaths on a major scale. Scientists have suggested that a handful of people in the United States could be killed by the bees each year - fewer than the 40 who are annually killed by lightning.

Myth: Africanized bees are more dangerous when they are swarming, that is, when they appear as a large cluster of insects searching for a new home.

Fact: Africanized bees do swarm more often than domestic bees, but they are actually less dangerous at that time because they do not have a nest to protect. However, if you encounter a swarm, move away slowly and don't bother the bees.

Myth: Africanized bees do not produce honey.

Fact: Africanized bees are honey bees and do produce

honey. However, they are less easily managed by beekeepers for honey production because of their defensiveness.

Myth: Africanized bees are larger than domestic bees and therefore easy to identify.

Fact: Africanized honey bees look like any other honey bee to the naked eye. Though they are slightly smaller than domestic bees, only scientists in specially equipped labs can identify the bees.

Country of origin labeling
COOL is hot. That is, it's a topic of much interest these days in the cattle business. Country of Origin Labeling is a provision included in last year's Federal farm bill, The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. The law is voluntary up to September 30, 2004, when it becomes mandatory for retailers selling fresh or frozen muscle cuts of beef (including veal), lamb, and pork; ground beef, lamb, or pork; farm-raised fish and shellfish; wild fish and shellfish, perishable agricultural commodities (fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables); and peanuts.

Retailers affected are those who buy and re-sell more than \$230,000 of perishable agricultural products a year. Not affected are butcher shops, fish markets, small groceries, and foodservice establishments such as restaurants, cafeterias, lunchrooms, food stands, saloons, bars, taverns, lodges, lounges, or other facilities that sell food to the public. It is estimated that about 50 percent of total U.S. beef sales will come under the labeling provisions.

Why COOL? Some livestock producers feel that products identified as American will have extra appeal and value to consumers, leading to more sales at higher prices. There has been a voluntary country-of-origin labeling program available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture for some time, but no company has ever chosen to participate.

Right now, if some product is imported in a consumer-ready package (such as a vacuum packed leg of lamb or a can of corned beef) that package must be identified by country of origin. However, even if it is identified by country of origin when it enters this country, if the product undergoes "substantial transformation" (such as cutting or processing) it can be labeled for sale as U.S. product.

Some of proponents of COOL more or less assumed that, since imports are identified when they enter this country, everything else could be assumed to be domestic. But it may be easier to document that something is imported than to prove it's not. In order to be labeled "United States Country of Origin", the retailer must, according to the law, "maintain a verifiable recordkeeping audit trail" proving that the product is from an animal that

was exclusively born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States. ("Processed" can be used in place of "Slaughtered".)

Country of origin will be designated for the three stages, birth, production, and slaughter. So, we could see a product labeled "Born in Mexico, Raised in the United States, and Slaughtered in Canada". Ground products may be particularly troublesome, since meat from various sources is often combined. In such instances, in order not to confuse or mislead the consumer, multiple sources must be listed on the label according to their relative proportion by weight. So, there might be a label, "Beef from Cattle With the Following Countries of Origin: Born in Mexico, Raised and Slaughtered in the United States; Born, Raised, and Slaughtered in the United States; Born and Raised in Canada and Slaughtered in the United States". And that label could change the next day, or even with the next batch of product.

What about just labeling "Origin unknown", or something of that sort? Can't be done, according to the USDA - Agricultural Marketing Service. The law "requires retailers to inform consumers of the country of origin for covered commodities". Saying you don't know where it comes from doesn't meet that requirement. Retailers will have to know the origin,

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and have verifiable proof of that knowledge, or they can't sell it. That leaves only food-service to market commodities of unknown origin.

Since only retailers must label, consumers might form some confusing perceptions. Consider a bargain-store, price-leader, low-quality round steak that somebody decides to grill. Contrast that with a tasty, high-quality strip eaten at a white tablecloth steak house. The first might be identified as "Born, Raised and Slaughtered in the United States". The second would not.

The law specifically states that "the Secretary of Agriculture may not use a mandatory identification to verify country of origin". But a retailer could very well require such identification, or any other procedures they deem necessary, in order to "maintain the verifiable recordkeeping audit trail", which they will be required to do.

Recordkeeping in this program could become rather cumbersome, and possibly costly. The Federal Government is required to estimate reporting and recordkeeping costs of Federal regulations. The USDA has estimated the reporting and recordkeeping cost for all commodities under COOL at \$1.97 billion a year. Cattle Buyer's Weekly (an industry publication) estimates annual costs of \$1.4 billion for the beef industry alone. About half of that is estimated to be for identification and

tracking in the production and packing segment and half in retail establishments for reconfiguring meat departments, recordkeeping, and labeling.

However, some proponents of COOL maintain that such estimates are inflated. A group of 12 U. S. Senators has recently voiced concern to the Secretary of Agriculture that USDA officials appear to have consulted only with opponents of COOL in preparing these estimates. The USDA says they have met with parties on all sides of the issue and that they plan to have listening and educational sessions in 12 states in the near future to gain public input and provide information.

What should a producer do? The program is scheduled to become mandatory in less than 18 months. That means a lot of calves being born this spring will be coming off feed by then or later. One state Extension service is recommending that cow/calf producers ear tag calves, maintain calving books and herd inventories, and keep purchase receipts and bills of sale of all animals.

At this point, nobody knows for sure what retailers may require that would have effects back down the line. But it does look like this is not going to be as simple and easy as was first thought. Let's hope it accomplished the intended purpose of selling more beef at higher prices.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

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 Buick Pontiac GMC is going to change that.

This Wednesday, April 9th through Saturday, April 12th, Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC 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," Alvin Beaty of Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC said. "We have been asked to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss or profit. And if that means

selling these vehicles some for thousands 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 \$99 per month.* "It's that simple," said Alvin Beaty. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the pay-

Extra sales and finance staff will be on hand to assure customers prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Beaty 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 Buick Pontiac GMC. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$59 then start making payments.* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Beaty.

After the \$59 Super Sale ends at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to (915) 949-1811. Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is located at 4105 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

"This is a Huge Sales Event! For 4 days the San Angelo area used car shopper will save like never before" ALVIN BEATY, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Girls JH District track results

In the Junior High District track meet held April 1, 2003, the Bronte Jr. High girls division "A" team results were:

200 m dash - 4th - Nicole Stewart - 31.40; 6th - Katie Cooper - 32.24

400 m relay - 4th - Marcy McMorris, Brittany Sarratt, Kirsten Gordon, Holly Huskerson - 1:00.72

800 m relay - 3rd - Nicole Stewart, Marcy McMorris, Emilie McMullan, Katie Cooper - 2:06.49

1600 m relay - 5th - Nicole Stewart, Brittany Sarratt, Marcy McMorris, Emilie McMullan 5:14.19

100 m hurdles - 2nd - Katie Cooper - 20.07

300 m hurdles - 1st - Holly Huskerson - 58.71

Long jump - 5th - Marcy McMorris - 12' 7"

Triple jump - 2nd - Holly Huskerson - 27' 2"; 6th - Emilie McMullan - 24' 8"

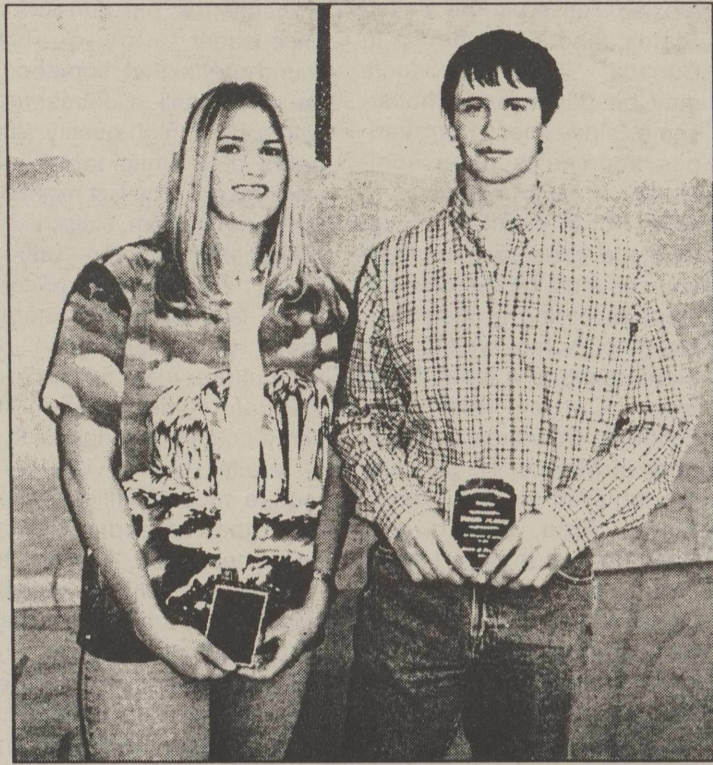
High jump - 2nd - Katie Cooper - 4' 4"

Pole vault - 1st - Katie Cooper - 7' 6"

Girls division "B" team results:

400 m dash - 5th - Lora Martinez - 1:23.61

800 m relay - 3rd - Savannah Martinez, Estephanie Flores,



Heather Richey (left) and Joel Webb were named Bronte Students of the Year. The award presentations were made at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet held Monday, April 7.

Miranda Parks, Beth Sanchez - 2:20.00	Discus - 1st - Miranda Parks - 57' 7 1/2"; 6th - Casey Harris - 42' 7"
100 m hurdles - 4th - Savannah Martinez - 22.68; 5th - Miranda Parks - 23.35	Triple jump - 3rd - Savannah Martinez - 24' 4 1/2"
Shot put - 4th - Casey Harris - 19' 6 1/2"	High jump - 3rd - Savannah Martinez - 4' 0"



Brian Arrott (left) and Terry Mairs were named Bronte Educators of the Year. The award presentations were made at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet held Monday, April 7.

NASA program to visit BISD

The Concho Valley School-To-Work/Tech Prep Partnership is sponsoring the NASA URCEP (Urban and Rural Community Enrichment Project) Team in visiting Concho Valley Schools from March 31, 2003, to April 11, 2003. While in the community, the URCEP team will provide teachers, students and other members of the community with unique, enriching opportunities that address the national and state educational standards and local

curricula frameworks and objectives. URCEP has designed a multi-week customized program that models current research-based best practices in education.

The Concho Valley Partnership partnered with the NASA URCEP Team in 2002 to provide assemblies for students to learn about careers in space exploration. In 2003, the Team offered to visit the Concho Valley for an extended period of time to visit area schools and provide student assemblies, classroom

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, April 14
Cereal, hash browns, toast, milk

Tuesday, April 15
Pancake and sausage on a stick, apple juice, milk

Wednesday, April 16
Breakfast pizza, grape juice, milk

Thursday, April 17
Sausage, orange juice, biscuit, milk

Friday, April 18
HOLIDAY

Lunch

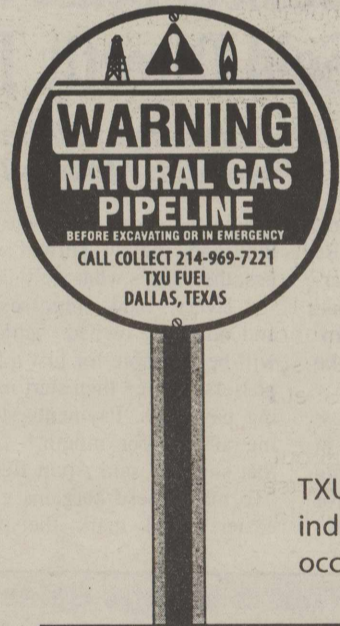
Monday, April 14
Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet corn, rolls, rice krispie bars, milk

Tuesday, April 15
Burrito, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, peach cobbler, milk

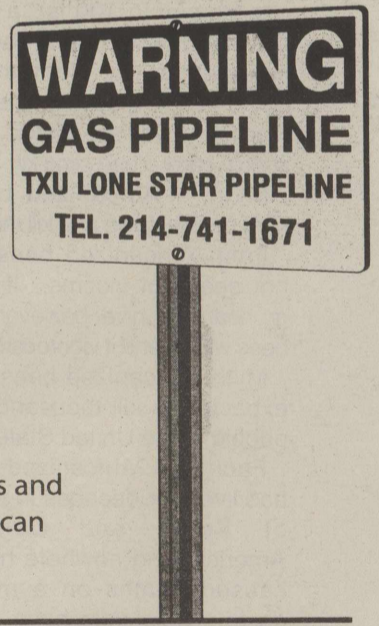
Wednesday, April 16
Chicken and noodles, green beans, mixed fruit, rolls, banana pudding, milk

Thursday, April 17
Sub sandwiches, sliced turkey and cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle, orange half, bun, ice cream cups, milk

Friday, April 18
HOLIDAY



When you see these signs think **Safety!**



TXU transports natural gas in large volume to distribution points and industrial customers. Although gas leaks are not common, they can occur. Be familiar with the warning signs posted in your area.

Natural gas leaks can be dangerous. Signs of a leak can include:

- A distinctive odor (like rotten eggs).
- Dead vegetation surrounded by a green, growing area.
- A hissing or roaring sound.

If you suspect a natural gas leak, your first concern should be your safety and the safety of the people around you.

- Immediately walk away from the area.
- Call 911 or the local fire and police department.
- Obtain the phone number of the affected pipeline operator from the nearest posted sign and immediately call the corresponding operator. For TXU Lone Star Pipeline, call collect (214) 741-1671. For TXU Fuel, call collect (214) 969-7221.

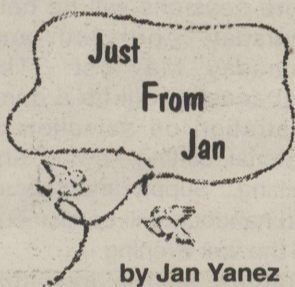


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visits, and teacher training. The Team will also provide a workshop for students at Angelo State University who are in the teacher education program. Teacher workshops were April 2, April 5, and April 9.

Schools participating in the NASA URCEP visit were selected based on their participation in Concho Valley Partnership Activities. The Concho Valley Partnership offers a wide range of activities for schools. Some of the activities are Tech Prep, the Tech Prep Fair, Tech Prep Grants, Math/Science Grants, Math/Science Workshops, COW (Careers on Wheels Day), and Summer Jobs for Youth. The Partnership is managed by a 20 member advisor board with fiscal services provided by Howard College.

The URCEP Team is visiting Bronte ISD April 11. There will be an assembly from 9 am to 10 am for elementary and 10 am to 11 am for high school. For more information, please contact Jerita Taylor at 473-2511 (work) or 473-5551 (home).



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

When Spring stains sprout

When balmy spring weather arrives, everyone gravitates to the outdoors. A leisurely stroll for an ice cream cone, an afternoon spent gardening, or a jump-the-season picnic is often followed by mysterious stains.

The Soap and Detergent Association offers some tips for keeping that wardrobe as fresh and clean as a spring breeze. Act quickly. The longer a stain set, the harder it will be to remove. But, before attempting to remove it, check for colorfastness. Using a white cloth, blot a small amount of the stain removal product on an inconspicuous place in the garment. If any trace of dye appears on the cloth, don't use that product.

There are some special things to note about common spring stains.

*Stains from condiments that don't contain oil are easily removed with a quick application of a pre-wash stain remover or liquid laundry detergent.

*Oil-based condiments - hamburgers and other greasy foods - should be pre-treated with a pre-wash stain remover and then laundered in the hottest water that's safe for the fabric.

*For chocolate stains, treat

with a pre-wash stain remover. Launder as recommended for the fabric. If the stain remains, rewash using a bleach that's safe for the fabric.

Ice cream stains and egg stains should be pre-treated or soaked using a product containing enzymes. Soak for at least 30 minutes. Soak several hours if the stain is old. Launder as recommended for the fabric.

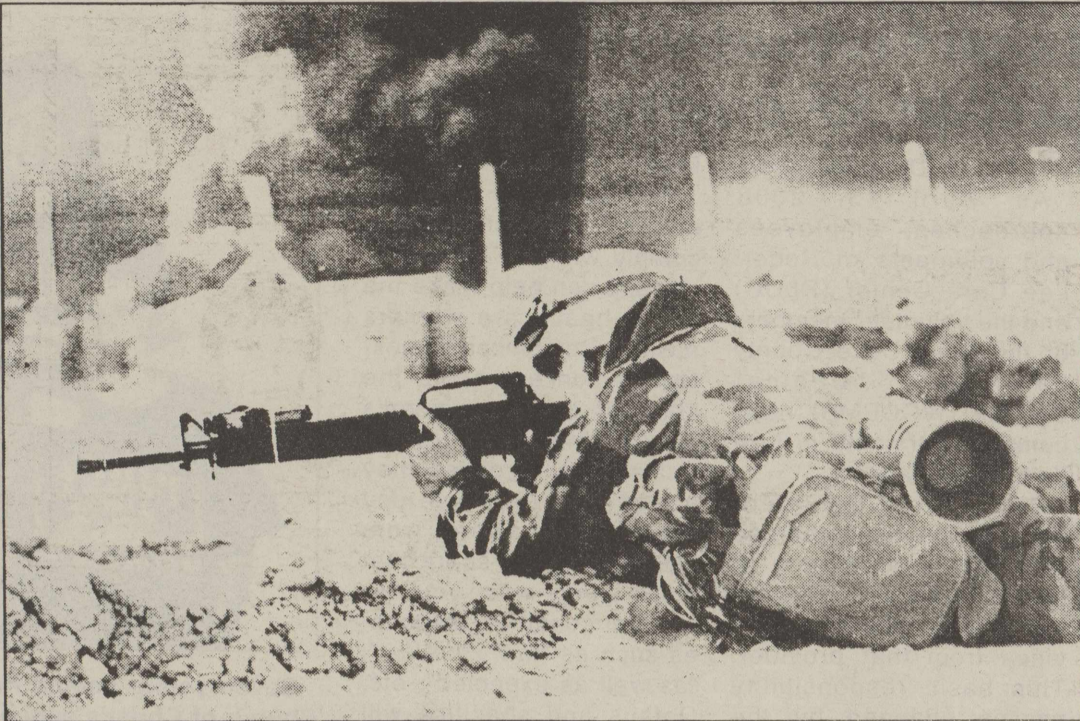
*To remove fruit and juice stains, wash with bleach that's safe for the fabric.

*Grass and mud stains are as inevitable as springtime daffodils. To remove grass stains, use a pre-wash stain remover or soak in a product containing enzymes. If the stain persists, launder using bleach that's safe for the fabric. Before tackling mud stains, be sure the mud is dry, then brush off as much as possible. For light stains, pre-treat with a paste of granular detergent and water, liquid laundry detergent or a liquid detergent booster. For heavy mud stains, pre-treat or pre-soak with a laundry detergent.

Eat less and exercise more

For those concerned about weight loss, reducing portion size and increasing physical activity level is the best course. Experts believe that promotional practices such as "supersizing" and "value marketing" have confused people about reasonable portion sizes. As a result they are consuming approximately 148 more calories per day than they were two decades ago. These added calories could amount to a weight gain of 15 pounds per year.

As you compose your meals to be 2/3 plant-based foods and 1/3 animal protein, gradually reduce the size of portions. The chart below shows standard serving sizes, according to USDA. Ask yourself how many of those standard serving sizes go into the portions you usually eat, and use them as a guide to adjust your diet to be more healthful. Reduce your portion sizes gradually. Standard serving sizes. Use these amounts as a guide to keep your portion sizes moderate. Chopped vegetables - 1/2 cup; raw leafy vegetables - 1 cup; fresh fruit - 1 medium piece or 1/2 cup (chopped); dried fruit - 1/4 cup; dried beans - 1/2 cup (cooked); cooked pasta, rice, or cereal - 1/2 cup; ready-to-eat cereal - 1 oz. (1/2 cup to 1 1/4 cups,



Marine Corporal Kevin Johnson takes aim on the battlefield at Az Zubayr, Iraq, on March 23, 2003. Kevin is a 1999 graduate of Bronte High School and left for Marine Boot Camp on June 6, 1999. He has been gone since January 6, 2003, when he deployed from San Diego, California, on the USS Rushmore. Kevin and his wife, Katy, make their home in Bronte. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Morris Johnson of Bronte and the son-in-law of Bob and Patti Frazee of Bronte. His grandparents are Doyle and Wanda Lenz of Eula and Juanita Johnson of Clyde. Kevin's address is: CPL Johnson, Kevin A. USMC, Blt 2/1 Echo Co. 1st Platoon, UIC 39730, FPO-AP 96609-9730.

check label); meat, poultry, or seafood- 3 oz. (boneless, cooked); nuts - 1/3 cup; cheese - 1 1/2 oz. (2 oz. if processed).

Almost anyone can walk for exercise, almost anywhere. It is easy to fit a walk (or two or three) into your day. You don't need special clothes (except good walking shoes) or a gym membership. And walking has a low injury risk.

Walking can also help you lower your risk for cancer, heart disease, stroke, Type II diabetes and osteoporosis. Along with eating healthy foods in appropriate portions, walking can help you control your weight. Other benefits from regular walks include boosting energy, reducing stress, sleeping better and improving your mood.

Step 1. Get Ready

Before starting or changing your exercise program, talk to your doctor about a safe level of physical activity for you. Next, make sure you have walking shoes with a low, round heel and flexible sole. They should support your arches, cushion your feet and be lightweight and ventilated.

Walking shoes don't have to cost much: shop at a discount shoe store or look for markdowns at large chain stores. To help your shoes last longer, wear them only for walks.

Now find a place to walk. When walking outside, keep safety in mind. Choose streets with level sidewalks, a park with a well-worn path or even an outdoor track at your

town's high school or college campus. If walking at night, walk with a companion. Make sure the area is well lit so you can see clearly where you place your feet. Wearing light-colored, reflective clothing or shoes can make you more visible to drivers. Skip wearing headphones and turn off the cell phone so you will hear traffic and stay aware of your surroundings.

Indoor walks are fun in malls or museums. Take the stairs at work and in public buildings, and park several blocks away from your destinations so you'll have to walk farther to get there.

Step 2. Start Walking

Make it your goal to walk every day. If you are inactive now, start with a 10 minute walk every day for a week. Add 5 minutes, stop and stretch your hamstrings, thigh muscles and any other muscles that feel tight. Stretch slowly, as far as feels comfortable, and hold for about 3 seconds. Steady yourself against a wall when doing leg stretches. End your walk at a slower pace and stretch again.

Walk at a pace where your heart rate and breathing are faster than normal, but you still can carry on a conversation without any trouble. Pick up the pace as walking gets easier.

Step 3. Keep Walking

To make your walking program easy to stick to, find a friend to walk with or form a walking group so you are less likely to skip your walk. Use a pedometer which clips to your belt or clothing and counts the steps you take. The government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends walking 10,000 steps per day. With about 2,000 steps in a mile, that's about 5 miles a day. Have fun trying to increase the number of steps you take, no matter what your total is.

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Local healthcare providers prepare for privacy deadline

by Della Alexander

As April 13, 2003 approaches, employees and volunteers of Robert Lee Care Center (RLCC) and the volunteer members of the West Coke County Emergency Medical Service (WCCEMS) have completed training in new privacy regulations.

Healthcare providers have always been charged with the responsibility of protecting the privacy of individuals receiving services from that provider. This basic responsibility has not changed; but the rules and regulations, which govern "the HOW" of privacy protection, have changed. In 1996

Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The intent of this act is to create a universal method of electronic record keeping for individual health information. As a result of HIPAA, in the year 2000, Congress added more stringent requirements for the healthcare provider in guarding patient confidentiality and protecting private health information.

What does this mean to you, the healthcare consumer?

The law requires a healthcare provider to

*maintain the privacy of your protected health information,

*provide to you a detailed Notice of their legal duties and privacy practices relating to your personal health information; and *abide by the terms of the Notice that are currently in effect.

In March, RLCC residents and/or their families received the new Notice of Privacy Practices and made changes to records authorizing to whom health care related information can be released. Employees and volunteers were trained in how to respond to "public" inquiries about the health status of residents, how to protect individual health information (PHI) in daily work routines, and how to properly store and destroy PHI.

WCC EMS volunteers received similar training for the emergency service environment. Persons requiring the services of the WCC EMS will now be given a Notification of Privacy Policy and Practice at the time such services are rendered.

One of the requirements of HIPAA is that each provider must appoint a HIPAA Compliance Officer. Della Alexander will be handling this function for both RLCC and the WCC

EMS.

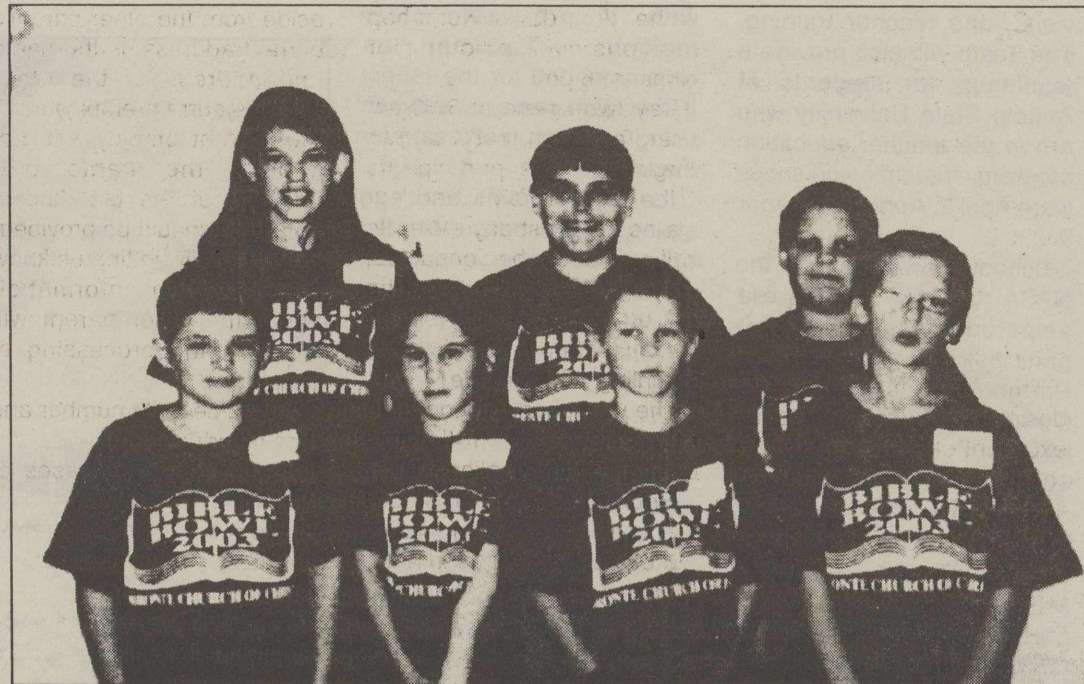
As healthcare providers across the nation strive to comply with HIPAA, public citizens can help make the job of healthcare workers easier. One citizen's question of concern about the state of another citizen's health may no longer receive the response they hoped for. Inquiries may result in answers from "Sorry, I cannot share that information with you" to general condition responses such as "fair", "critical", "as well as expected", etc. Details and specifics will no longer be available from healthcare workers; only from family members or authorized caregivers.

Just remember that if you find some of the new rules and practices aggravating, these same rules and practices apply to YOUR health information when it needs to be protected and kept confidential.

Business renditions due

Business and property owners are reminded of the April 15th deadline to file their annual property tax renditions to ensure that the value of their property is fairly assessed for their local property tax bills. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of January 1, 2003.

Business owners and operators are required by law to file an annual property tax rendition, but any property owner may render their property with county appraisal districts. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers. They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct address so they receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills. If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect or old address, the property owner is not only responsi-



Seven young people from the Bronte Church of Christ competed in the Southgate Church of Christ's annual Bible Bowl competition Saturday, April 5. This year, fifteen teams from across this area were represented.

Bronte fielded two teams - one in the Inexperienced Division and the other in the Experienced Division. Participating on the Inexperienced team were Creed Coalson, Kaitlyn Braswell and Conner Clark. The Experienced team consisted of Garrett Blair, Ariel Coalson, Austin Brackeen and Nicholas Schults. Awards were given to the top five teams with Bronte placing fourth. The team had to answer 180 questions on the book of Acts. Coaching the teams were Brenda Chambliss and Terri Blair.

The teams included (front row, from left) Austin Brackeen, Kaitlyn Braswell, Creed Coalson, Conner Clark, (back row, from left) Ariel Coalson, Garrett Blair, and Nicholas Schults.

ble for paying the taxes, but also for any late payment penalties that may be due.

A property owner may request additional time to file a rendition or report from the chief appraiser who may grant an extension through April 30th. The owner must demonstrate good cause for an extension to be granted.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the owner should render in each appraisal district office. One appraisal district may appraise a property for county tax purposes, while a neighboring appraisal district may appraise the property for school taxes if the school district is in both counties.

Taxpayers may contact the Coke County Appraisal District office for the rendition forms, in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, in Robert Lee, or call 453-4528. The forms are also available from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division by calling 1-800-252-9121.

Info requested on military

The Observer/Enterprise will begin a special section in the next few weeks that contains information on local residents and those related to local residents who are currently serving in the military.

Please turn in the names, addresses, and email addresses for these military personnel to the Observer/Enterprise office in Robert Lee or to the O/E drop box at Hometown Hardware in Bronte.

Quilt display at County library

A rag, patchwork quilt and an antique Singer Sewing Machine are on display at the Coke County Library. Both the quilt and the sewing machine belong to Joan Burns. The quilt was made entirely on a sewing machine, and according to Burns, is very easy to make.

Beginning Thursday, April

17th at 6:30 pm, Joan Burns will offer lessons on making the quilts. Two more sessions will be held Thursday, April 24th and Thursday, May 1st. The first session will be a demonstration on selection of material, cutting, sewing, and quilting. Supply and instruction handouts will be distributed the first evening.

Tables will be available for setting up sewing machines during the following sessions so that a finished product can be accomplished during the course.

See the quilt at the library during regular hours and plan to sign up for a spring learning experience.

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CC Library News

National Library Week is April 7th to 12th. Every week is library week to the patrons who checked out some 6,379 books last year making the Coke County Library third highest in books checked out (based on book circulation per hours open) in the Big Country Library System's twenty-four libraries.

The library has been designated the recipient of an excellent collection of books relating to the west and Mexico. The collection cover Texas authors, western writers, Spanish subject and language books, and poetry. The Coke County Library is fortunate to have received such an outstanding collection.

Some dates to remember are the Easter Egg Hunt on the Courthouse lawn on Tuesday, April 15th at 10:00 am. Story Hour and Head Start Story Hour children can meet at the Library a little before 10:00 am. Also, the quilting classes will begin Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 pm. No equipment is necessary the first night. There will be discussion, demonstration and handouts at the first meeting.

Quail Workshop targets population

by Steve Byrns

Quail enthusiasts interested in learning more about quail population dynamics should not miss Texas Cooperative Extension's "Texas Quail Index Workshop" April 14-15 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center. Registration starts at 1 pm April 14. The center is located about five miles north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist, is the Texas Quail Index coordinator. He said the project is a long-term, large-scale demonstration effort that teaches landowners how to assess quail abundance and trends while evaluating factors that affect quail numbers.

"We started the effort last May and we plan to train new cooperators at this workshop," said Rollins. "The training is open to landowners, agency personnel, hunters, and others interested in quail happenings."

The first day's formal program starts at 1:30 pm. The early afternoon session will be devoted to explaining the index and presenting an actual ranch survey example. The session will conclude with descriptions of various indices used to monitor quail such as spring call counts, dummy nest transects, scent station transects, habitat photo points, fall covey counts, and harvest data.

Following a 3:30 pm break, the workshop resumes with logistical concerns associated with setting up transects and photo documentation. Other afternoon topics include reporting procedures, timelines, necessary supplies, and a review and critique of the first year's efforts.

The first day's workshop sessions will adjourn for dinner at 6 pm.

Day two opens at 6:30 am near Tennyson, north of San Angelo, where participants will actually apply what they learned the first day. Whistle call counts will be conducted, dummy nest transects will be set up, photo points will be identified, and a forb diversity sampling will be made.

The workshop will conclude at 11:30 am following distribution of supplies.

Registration is \$15 per person which includes materials and refreshments. Dinner the evening of April 14 will be \$10.

RSVP to (915) 653-4576 by April 11 to facilitate planning.

For more information, contact Dr. Dale Rollins at (915) 653-4576 or e-mail d-rollins@tamu.edu. For descriptions of the Texas Quail Index and the various protocols involved, see <http://teamquail.edu>.

Helping collect child support

by Greg Abbott

Attorney General of Texas

I recently received a letter from a mother who thanked me for making sure her children receive the child support she relies on to meet her children's basic needs. I was touched by her letter, and I want to make sure all parents know the Office of the Attorney General can help them obtain financial and medical support for their children.

Texas law requires that non-custodial parents contribute to their children's financial and medical well being according to the parents' means. The Child Support Division determines, on a case-by-case basis, which of the child support services listed below are appropriate:

- *Locating a non-custodial parent;
- *Establishing paternity;
- *Establishing and enforcing child support orders;
- *Establishing and enforcing medical support orders;
- *Reviewing and adjusting child support payments; or
- *Collecting and distributing child support payments.

To help parents collect child support, my office accepts applications from mothers, fathers and other individuals who request our services. Applications can be obtained by visiting Child Support Interactive on the main Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us or by calling our 24-hour voice response system at (800) 252-8014. Parents who receive financial assistance through the Texas Department of Human Services automatically receive child support services.

I encourage those who apply for child support services to supply as much information as possible to speed up the process of establishing or enforcing their child support order. The most important information an applicant can provide,

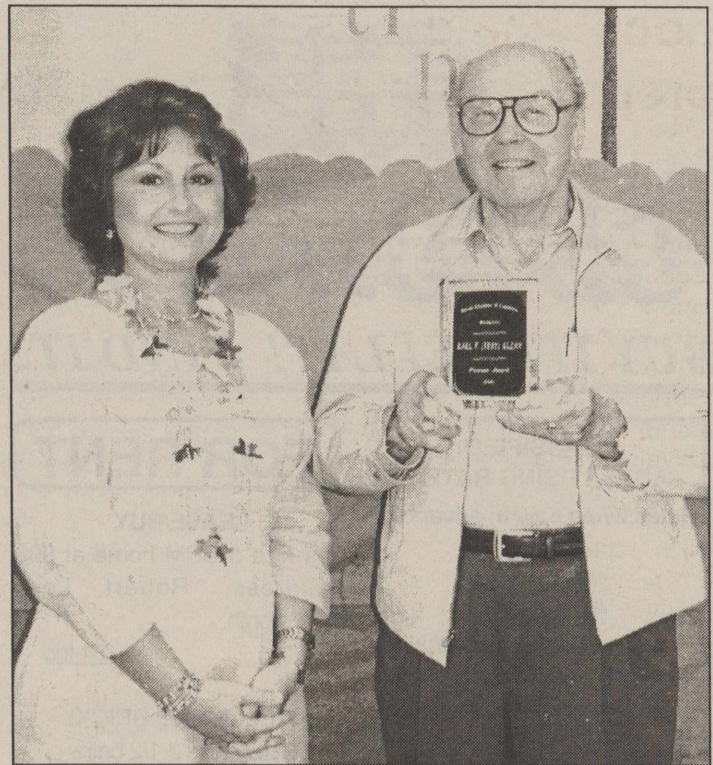
aside from the other parent's current address, is the name and address of the other parent's current employer. If the current employer is not known, the name and address of the last known employer should be provided.

Additionally, letting us know the following information about the other parent will expedite the processing of your case:

- *social security number and date of birth;
- *names and addresses of relatives and friends;
- *names of banks or creditors such as utility companies;
- *names of organizations, unions or clubs to which the other parent belongs; and
- *places where the other parent spends free time.

If possible, also be prepared to submit copies of official documents like your divorce decree, the children's birth certificates, or a signed acknowledgment of paternity.

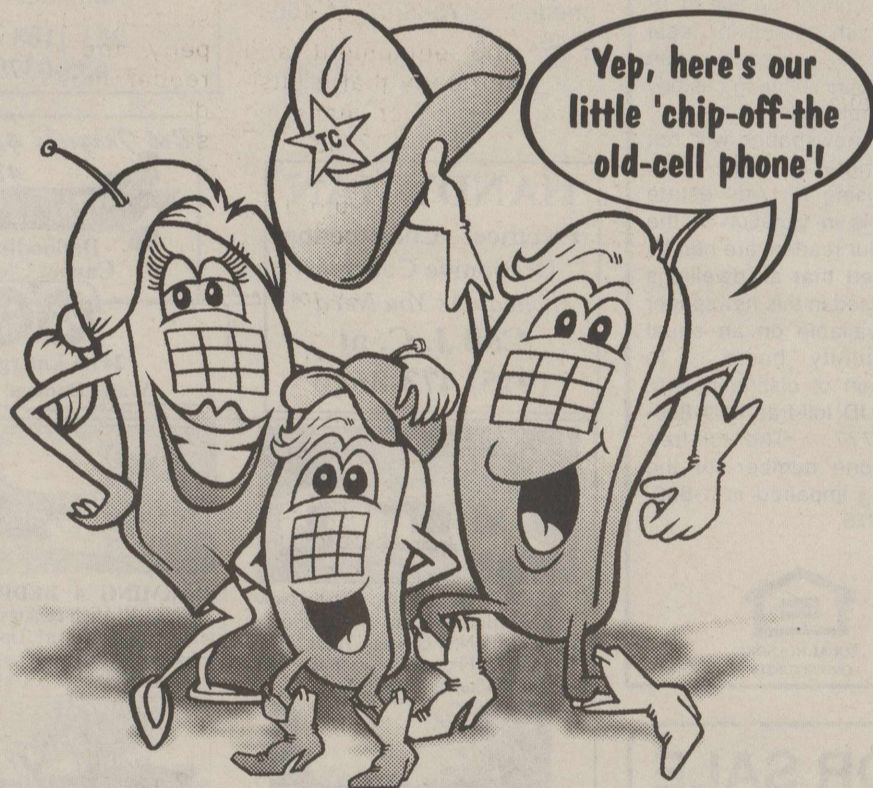
For the state fiscal year that ended 8-31-02, the AG's Child Support Division collected \$1.4 billion in child support.



Bronte Chamber of Commerce representative Julie Springer (left) presents Earl F. "Tuny" Glenn with the Bronte Pioneer Award. The presentation was made at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet held Monday, April 7. Mr. Glenn started his career with First National Bank in Bronte in 1946. He was FNB President from 1971 to 1986. Since that time, he has served as Chairman of the Board.

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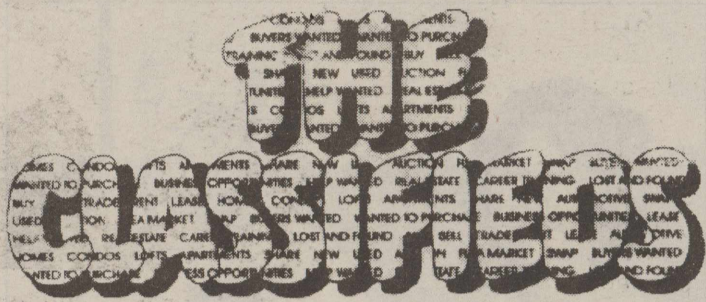
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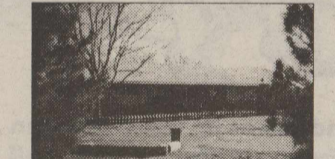
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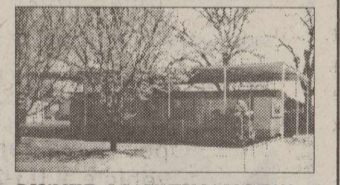
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Lone Star State moves up
by Carole Keeton Strayhorn
Texas Comptroller
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
To the registered voters of Robert Lee, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on May 3, 2003, for voting in a general election to elect three council members to regular terms.
Location of polling places: Coke County Courthouse at 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Coke County Courthouse, Clerk's Office, 13 E. 7th Street between the hours of 8-12 am and 1-5 pm beginning on April 16, 2003, and ending on April 29, 2003.
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Mary Grim, Box 150, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.
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Know the ropes

Roping and rodeo, they're true Texas sports. But like all competitions, there are rules, particularly if you plan to use Mexican-origin steers.

"Before being used for roping or rodeos, Mexican-origin steers must have a negative cattle tuberculosis (TB) test in the U.S. by an accredited private veterinary practitioner. The test must be conducted within 12 months prior to being used for sport," explained veterinarian Dan Baca of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "The animals then must be retested annually thereafter." TB test documents must accompany the animals to events, where TAHC animal health inspectors may check shipments for compliance with testing requirements.

Dr. Baca, the TAHC's TB epidemiologist, explained identification for the tested animal can include a Mexican blue eartag or silver USDA ear tag. Also acceptable are hide or born brands or an ear tattoo that will provide unique identification of the animal.

"A few weeks ago, the TAHC commissioners put additional regulations 'on hold' for Mexican imported steers, due to budget and staffing shortfalls. Since then, we have fielded a number of questions, and we wanted to clarify the regulations that are in effect," he said.

Dr. Baca said he has been asked why Mexican-origin roping steers must have a TB test in the U.S. while imported Mexican feeder steers are exempt. "Mexican-origin steers are tested prior to being transported to Texas. However, we know Mexico has a greater incidence of TB infection, and it is possible for animals to be exposed to infection prior to movement. Imported feeder steers aren't being targeted, because, once in the U.S., theirs is a fairly 'straight path' from pasture,

feedlot and then to slaughter. Conversely, imported rodeo or roping steers may be used for several years for practice and events. During this time, these rodeo or roping animals may be pastured with or near Texas cattle. If the imported animals are infected with TB, they could spread infection to domestic cattle."

Dr. Baca said 54 TB-infected Mexican-origin steers were detected at Texas slaughter plants during an 18-month period from 2001-2002. "Six of the 54 infected animals were Mexican steers that had been used for roping and rodeo, and we must control the risk posed by these animals," he said.

Dr. Baca pointed out that, in 2004, the TAHC commissioners will review the testing requirements for imported rodeo and roping steers. "If testing provides proof that these animals do not pose a threat of disease, the commissioners will consider rescinding the regulation," he said. To aid the TAHC and the industry in gathering accurate statistics, he said the words "Mexican roping cattle" should be written on TB test charts by the private veterinary practitioner conducting the test.

Texas lost its TB-free status in June 2002, after two infected herds were detected in 2001. "If we are to regain and maintain our free status, hopefully by 2004, we must keep our domestic cattle herds free of disease and reduce risk wherever possible," said Dr. Baca. "By having imported rodeo and roping steers tested in the U.S. prior to use, and requiring an annual retest, we may prevent infection from spreading to a domestic cattle herd," he said. "One infected Texas cattle herd could prevent the entire state from regaining TB-free status."

Benefits of higher education

While completing tax forms this month, families and students may find that the investment they're making in higher education will help in an unexpected way - by reducing their tax burden.

Current tax laws include three higher education-related tax benefits that may help students and parents:

*The student loan interest deduction benefit can reduce the taxable income of many student and parent loan borrowers based on the amount of interest the borrower paid over the tax year.

*The tuition and fees deduction, new for the 2002 tax year, can reduce the taxable income of taxpayers based on college tuition and fees paid during the tax

year. *The Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits allow many taxpayers to claim a credit against their federal income taxes for college tuition and fees paid during the tax year.

Detailed information about each of these benefits is available from TG at www.tgslc.org in the "For Borrowers" section of the Web site. In addition, the Texas Financial Aid Information Center, staffed by TG, can also help families, students and borrowers understand higher education tax benefits. To contact the toll-free Information Center, call (888) 311-8881, or visit www.CollegeForTexans.com.

Monthly arrests/charges filed March 2003

Dennie Blane Braswell - Possession of a controlled substance - Evading arrest/detention - 03-03-03
 Laura Lea Lewis - Driving while license suspended - 03-04-03
 Nancy Bagwell Eaker - Driving while intoxicated (1st) - 03-04-03
 Jeffrey Garlin Trotter - Possession of dangerous drug - 03-07-03
 Michael Wayne Rodriguez - Open container of alcohol in vehicle - 03-07-03
 Zachariah Michae Jolie - Minor in consumption of alcohol - 03-07-03
 Samuel A. Minjarez - Possession of marijuana >2 oz. < 4 oz. - 03-09-03
 Ramiro Herrera - Possession of marijuana <2 oz. - Driving while license suspended - 03-09-03
 Laura Diaz - Possession of marijuana <2 oz. - 03-09-03
 Myrya Danille Bagley - Possession of marijuana <2 oz. - 03-10-03
 Nelda Kay Hart - Driving while intoxicated - Possession of marijuana <2 oz. - 03-10-03
 Dawn Elizabeth Rhodes - Possession of drug paraphernalia - 03-14-03
 Charles Gregorio Charles - Driving while intoxicated - 03-15-03
 Teresa Kreager Ischar - Driving while intoxicated - 03-16-03
 Bobby B. Maynard Jr. - Possession of marijuana <2 oz. - 03-16-03
 Ricky Dean Byrne - Driving while intoxicated (1st) - 03-21-03
 Oma Mae Byrne - Open container of alcohol in vehicle - 03-21-03
 Stephen Elijah Boxell - Open container of alcohol in vehicle - 03-22-03
 Colby Lyn Eubanks - Minor in possession of alcohol - Open container of alcohol in vehicle - 03-22-03
 Dustin J. Pitts - Minor in possession of alcohol 3rd or more - 03-22-03
 Randall Lynn Flanagan -

Open container of alcohol in vehicle - 03-23-03

Juveniles Handled through Sheriff's Office

2 male juveniles
 Inhalant abuse
 03-24-03

Out of County Warrants Served

Ramior Herrera
 Driving while license suspended - Capias Pro Fine - Tom Green Co.

Driving while license suspended - Violation of Probation - Tom Green Co.

Driving while license suspended - Taylor County - 03-09-03

Dawn Elizabeth Rhodes
 Theft by check (Order to revoke PR Bond)

Tom Green County Warrant - 03-14-03

Lindsay Michele Weeks
 Endangering a child - Violation of Probation - Midland County Warrant - 03-21-03

Nicholas Sanchez Casarez

Theft by check
 Runnels County Warrant - 03-22-03

Tammy J. Ehl
 Theft by check (2 counts)
 Coryell County Warrants - 03-24-03

Coke County Court Dispositions

State of Texas vs: Richard Chad Beck
 Charge: Driving while intoxicated
 Plea: Pre-trial Intervention, 12 mo. probation, 80 hours community service in 9 months

Coke County Court Dispositions 03-19-03

The State of Texas vs: Patrick Drake Miller
 Charge: Possession of marijuana <2 oz.
 Plea: 30 days jail, probated for 6 months, \$350.00 fine, \$236.00 court cost, 40 hours community service
 The State of Texas vs: Jon Clinton Brasher
 Charge: Possession of marijuana <2 oz..
 Plea: 30 days jail, probated 12 months, \$400 fine, \$236 court cost, 40 hrs. com-



Matt Millegan graduated from the first phase of Advanced Electronics in January and will get his degree after completing the school in July. He's at Great Lakes Naval Station. Following graduation, Matt will be assigned to the fleet. His proud parents are Lewis and Susan Millegan of Robert Lee.

community service
 The State of Texas vs: Daniel Lopez
 Charge: Driving while intoxicated 1st
 Plea: 90 days jail, probated 12 months, \$1,000 fine, \$236.00 court cost, 60 hours community service in 120 days

The State of Texas vs: Scott Chester Graves
 Charge: Driving while license suspended/SR
 Plea: 6 months Deferred Adjudication, \$300 fine, \$176.00 court cost, 40 hours community service in 90 days



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Local Judge attends seminar

Judge Jack G. Moore was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held March 25-28, 2003 in Austin, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of four held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Juvenile Law, Small Claims, Traffic Laws, Parks and Wildlife Laws, Legal Research, Magistrate Duties, Probable Cause and Search Warrants, Landlord Tenant Issues, Contract for Deed, Miscellaneous Hearings, Financial Management, Torts, and Deed Restrictions.

Community Network news

There has been a request for another Power Point Basic class and it will be scheduled for May 12, 13, and 15.

The Web Design class scheduled for June 2-5 has been canceled.

The classes set for April are:

*Spreadsheet Intermediate (Excel), April 15, 16, and 17.

*Internet Browsers (Netscape & Internet Explorer), April 28, 29, and May 1.

If you are not enrolled please call 453-4555 to enroll in a class.

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.

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

Wine, Food Festival set for San Angelo

The 19th annual Texas Wine and Food Festival has been set for April 11 & 12, 2003, in San Angelo. This year's event will feature Chef Alan Lazarus of Vespaio Restaurant, Austin, Texas.

The event begins with a gourmet dinner and auction at Bentwood Country Club on Friday, April 11, at 7:00 pm. A Cooking Class has been scheduled on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 am until noon at Bentwood. The Wine, Brew, & Food Tasting Finale will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 6:30 until 9:30 pm at the Pavilions at El Paseo de Santa Angela.

For more information contact (915) 653-6793.

Johnson returns from France

Erma Johnson recently returned from two weeks in France. Two of her three daughters, Rebekah Johnson of Houston and Mary Johnson of St. Louis, MO. went. A few of their friends joined them at different points of the trip. The trip was to celebrate Rebekah's fortieth birthday.

The first week was spent at a villa in Cogolin, which is in the south of France. Side trips were made to St. Tropez, St. Raphael, Grimaud, le Lavandou, & Luc. From there they motor to Beaune near Dijon, after spending two nights, they made their way to Paris by train. The remainder of the time was spent seeing all the sites of Paris. All had a good time.

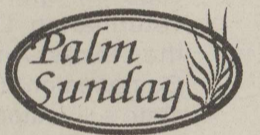
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in Bronte.



Greetings to everyone. I am SFC Philip M. Thompson, the platoon sergeant for the Armament platoon in C Co 8-101. SGT Martinez and SPC Ferry are not in the picture because when the picture was taken today they were on another installation working on helicopters. Included in the picture are some A Co Armament guys that are attached to C Co for this operation. They have been a great help and have done good things for the unit. You should all be proud of your loved ones. They have done a great job while stationed away from home, have good attitudes, and morale is high. They all are wanting for this to be over as soon as possible so they can return home. SFC Thompson is the son of Bud and Marian Thompson of Robert Lee.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Ballinger, Texas and the Catholic Churches of Coke County invite you to join us for Holy Week services.



Palm Sunday			
Saturday	4:00pm	Mass at St. Mary, Ballinger	
	6:00PM	Mass at Robert Lee	
Sunday	8:45AM	Mass at St. Mary, Ballinger	
	11:15AM	Mass at St. Mary, Ballinger	
	5:00PM	Mass at St. James, Bronte	
Monday of Holy Week, April 14th	7:00PM	Solemn Vespers and Mass, at St. Mary, Ballinger	
Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15th	7:00PM	Solemn Vespers and Mass, at St. Mary, Ballinger	
Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16th	6:30PM	Seder Meal, at St. Mary, Ballinger Reservations required	
Holy Thursday, April 17th	7:00PM	Mass and Liturgy of Holy Thursday, at St. Mary, Ballinger	
Good Friday, April 18th	12:00PM	From the Cross to the Church, St. Mary	
	7:00PM	Good Friday Veneration of the Cross, at St. Mary, Ballinger	
Holy Saturday, April 19th	8:00PM	Easter Vigil, St. Mary	
Easter Sunday, April 20th	8:45AM	Easter Mass, St. Mary	
	10:00AM	Easter Egg Hunt, St. Mary	
	11:15AM	Easter Mass, St. Mary	
	5:00PM	Easter Mass, St. James, Bronte	

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