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Friends of the Pool fund close to \$10K

There was a close call last week when Clint Porter, at the swimming pool in Bronte, struggled to get the aging pump system working. The circulating pumps had little pressure and the water in the pool was a murky green. After hours of tinkering, prodding and pushing, the swimming pool was saved for the children of East Coke County for one more summer.

County officials have been aware of problems with the 48 year old pool for several years. A \$50,000 grant was obtained from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. Unfortunately, the grant requires \$50,000 in matching funds from the county. The \$100,000 will be enough to sandblast, plaster and paint the pool and replace the old pump and filter system.

Several groups from the east side of the county have taken up the challenge of raising the cash. First, the elementary school teachers and children organized a talent show and sang and danced their way to \$933. Then, the school children robbed their piggy banks - and those of their parents and grandparents. By the time they scraped together all those pennies, they had raised \$1000.25.

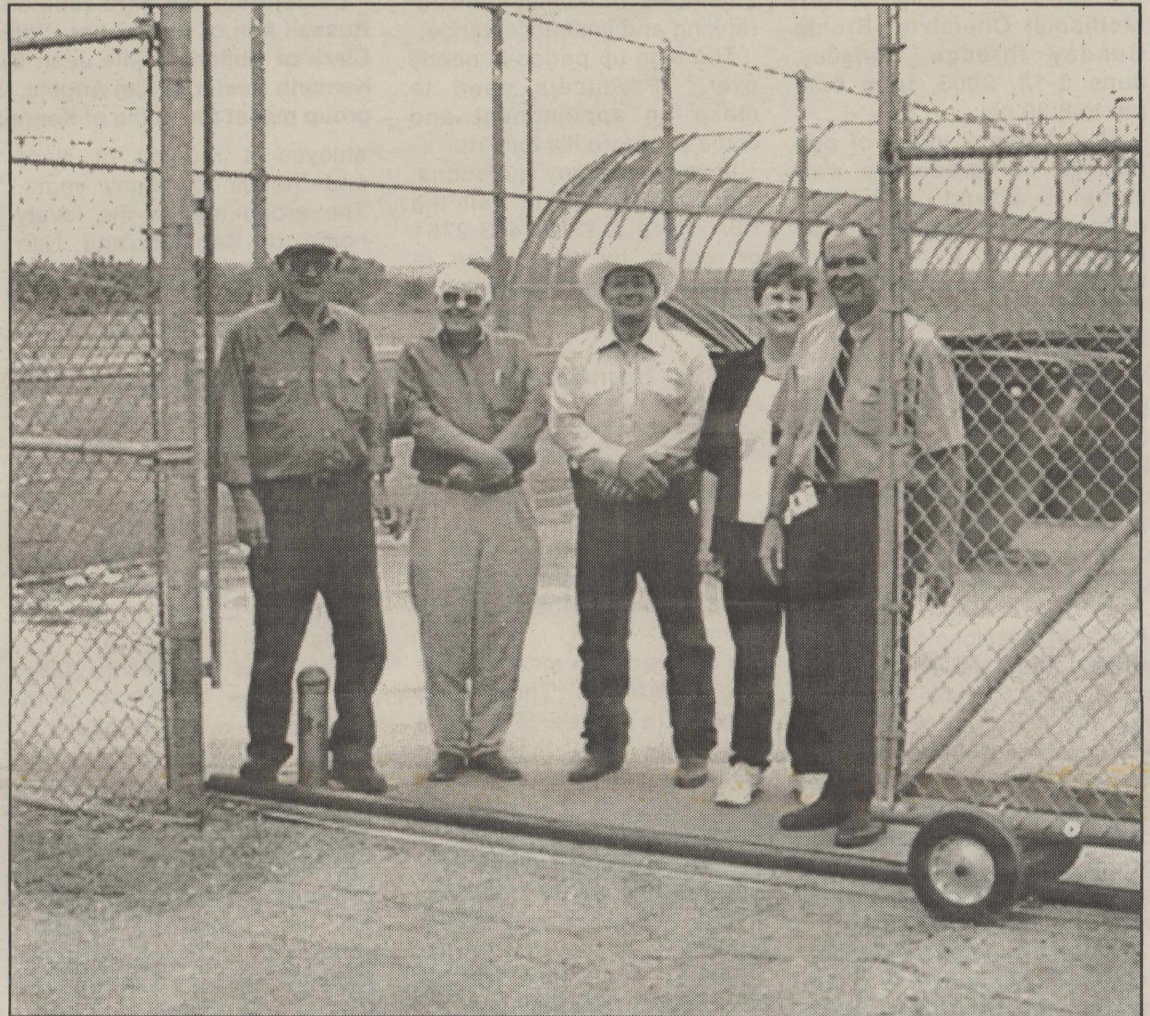
The Order of the Eastern Star decided to sink \$100 into the blue (sometimes green) waters of the pool and several of their members followed suit. Several ex-students and residents began to drop money into the pool fund.

The Lions decided they, too, could pitch in money to help the children. They sponsored a concession stand at last year's ranch rodeo. After many hours of cooking hamburgers, they gave \$600.

Brett Bement, the administrator at Wackenhut, decided to assist the children. He and his co-workers talked the wise heads at the Table of Knowledge into volunteering jail time for several of the city and county notables. Desperate to escape from prison, these jailbirds raised \$3,619.

Not to be outdone, the Sorosis Club donated proceeds from their fall garage sale and from the Annual City Garage Sale in May to keep the children's swimming hopes afloat. These ladies (and all their drafted husbands), managed to come up with \$971. Now the ladies are contacting many businesses that profit from the people of Coke County and asking them for donations. Soon, you will see items for sale on E-Bay on behalf of the Friends of the Pool. (PS: they said they'll accept anything you think will sell in an auction).

Several local people and former residents have been so impressed that they have sent checks to the Friends of the Pool. The bank in Bronte donated \$1000. One man who has never been to the pool sent \$60 just because he heard how much the pool means to the kids. Everyone who has spent hours splashing in the water or roasting on the side of the pool while the



These "jailbirds" have raised their "bail" and are about to be released from the Friends of the Pool "prison". The release was celebrated with a luncheon Thursday, May 15, at Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. The local participants raised \$3,619. Shown are (from left) Gerald Sandusky, Martin Lee, Coke County Sheriff Rick Styles, Fran Crumpler - Friends of the Pool coordinator, and BISD Superintendent Alan Richey.

children swam, will want to be sure this tradition lasts for many years.

As of now, the Friends of the Pool have raised \$9,837.07. Come on, folks. Be a part. Let's keep those children splashing.

Robert Lee implements water restrictions

The City of Robert Lee, in an effort to conserve water through the summer months, will begin enforcing outdoor watering restrictions.

Beginning June 1, 2003, there shall be NO outside watering between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm.

Questions may be directed to City Hall.

Bronte Spring Clean-Up slated

The annual Spring Clean-Up has been set for the City of Bronte. Clean-up days have been set for Monday, June 9th and Thursday, June 12th. There will be no trash collection done on Saturday.

Residents can place their items curbside on their regular trash day. Items must be out by 7:00 am. Trucks will run as needed to insure that all the items are picked up.

Residents with normal Monday trash collection will be serviced on June 9th. Residents with normal Thursday trash collection will be serviced on June 12th.

The following items will not be picked up: batteries, tires, chemicals, wet paint cans, appliances containing freon or puron.

Tree limbs can be picked up if they are bundled in 4-5 ft. lengths.

Residents can call the City Hall (473-3501) if they have any questions regarding the Clean-Up.

Gospel singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, June 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

CC Red Hat

Society meeting set

The Coke County Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am Monday, June 2, for a salad luncheon at the home of Mrs. Bonnie Reed, 2201 FM 3115, Bronte, Texas.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. If you plan on attending the June 2nd meeting, please R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Reed at 786-2370 by May 31st and bring your favorite salad. Hope to see you there.

Teen Night at Bronte Pool

Teen Night will be held at the Bronte swimming pool on Friday, May 30, from 9:15 pm - 11:15 pm. Grades 7 and up are invited to attend.

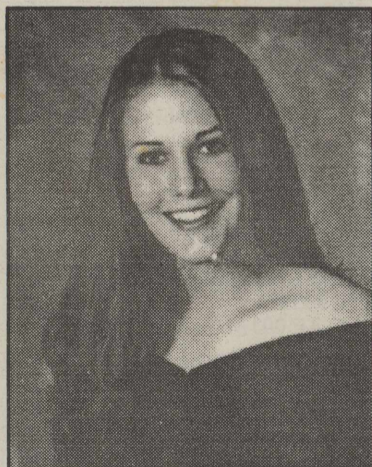
Robert Lee basketball camp to be held June 2-6

Robert Lee will hold a basketball camp at the Robert Lee High School for boys and girls (1st through 6th grades), June 2-6.

First through third grades will meet from 9-12 am. Fourth through sixth grades will meet from 1-4 pm.

For more information and cost of camp, call Kerry Gartman (453-4629) or Wayne Alexander (453-9313).

Each camper will receive a free T-shirt. Walk ups are welcome.



The Coke County Roping Club has announced their 2003 scholarship recipients. Kayla Hilliard (left) is the 2003 Bronte High School winner and Ashlee Millican is the choice for Robert Lee. Both young ladies will be attending Texas A&M in the fall and each will receive \$250 to be applied to their tuition. Kayla is the daughter of Gail Hilliard and Barry Hilliard. Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Millican are Ashlee's parents.

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**Bronte Methodist
Vacation Bible
School slated**

Vacation Bible School will be held at First United Methodist Church in Bronte Sunday through Thursday, June 8-12, 2003, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

All children 3 years of age through 6th grade are welcome to attend. Children under 3 years are asked to be accompanied by a parent throughout the evening.

**RL Baptist Vacation
Bible School set**

Vacation Bible School will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church, June 2-5, at 6:00 to 8:30 pm and Super Sunday night, June 8, at 6:00 pm. Students who have completed grades pre-k through 6th grade are invited.

The Monday through Thursday sessions will include studies about growing the fruit of the spirit. Adults and children are invited to come enjoy the concluding, Super Sunday night: "County Fair Farmhand Fun" booths. Booths include: bread making, seed planting, butter making, quilting, sheep shearing, film room and a wool, cotton, dye display.

Please mail your registration form to RLBC or take the form by the church office before VBS begins. For more information call 453-2724.

**CRP Sign-Up
ends May 30**

A general CRP signup will begin May 5, 2003, and end May 30, 2003. This program is designed to remove environmentally sensitive land from agriculture production for a period of 10 to 15 years in return for an annual rental payment.

The land must be placed in a permanent grass cover with FSA sharing up to 50% of the eligible cost. The land must have been planted in 4 of the 6 years 1996-2001. The land must also be physically and legally capable of being planted with an agriculture commodity. In the case of land that is currently enrolled in CRP and is expiring this fall and contains mesquite or other type trees or brush, the trees and brush MUST be removed prior to bidding the land into this CRP program.

Producers must keep the mesquite and other trees removed and maintain the species of grass for the lifetime of the contract on any acreage enrolled in CRP. Land being submitted must meet the Erodibility Index for predominant soils of an average of 8.0 or greater to be eligible. A person must have owned the land for at least 12 months before the close of

signup in order to be eligible to bid. Producers will be required to bid as to what rental rate they are willing to receive. The bids are then submitted to Washington for ranking and final acceptance.

The sign-up period is nearly over. Producers need to make an appointment and come in before it's too late.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the FSA office at (325) 453-2751 or come by the office in Robert Lee and visit with us about any questions you may have.

Sanco Homecoming set

The 49th annual Homecoming will be held Sunday, June 8, 2003, at Sanco. The program will begin at the tabernacle at 10 am and will feature singing and other special music, a devotional and other topics of interest.

A covered dish meal will follow at noon. Those who attend are invited to bring a main dish with their usual contributions of salads, desserts, etc. Iced tea will be served as usual.

Cleanup for the homecoming in Sanco will be held May 31 and June 7. Meet at the tabernacle at 9:30 am for the cleanup. Your help will be welcome and appreciated.

**Bronte class of
1950 Reunion held**

Invitations were hand designed and mailed out by Kenneth Hester for the 1950 class reunion.

53 years after graduation from Bronte High School, the 1950 graduating class



Celebrating the 53rd reunion for the Bronte High School Class of 1950 were (from left) Joe Russell Ash of Robert Lee, William Thomas of Bronte, Jeff Randall McCutchen of Mertzon, Bobby Clark of Abilene, Billie Jean Clark of Abilene, Earl Rusk of Waco, Charles Timmons of Bronte, Kenneth Hester of San Angelo, Dorthey Pruitt of Bronte, and Marlene Arrott Vaughn of Bronte. The group met at the home of Kenneth and Nita Hester in San Angelo May 10.

enjoyed a reunion of class and friends for many years. The group met in the lovely home of Kenneth and Nita Hester, 3402 Sequoia in San Angelo.

On May 10, the class started gathering at 11 am with hugs, greetings and handshakes. A luncheon was served on the patio consisting of sandwich trays, condiments, chips, dips, veggies, cookies, cakes and tea.

A lot of "long talk, tales" and "do you remember when" along with picture taking took place.

The class decided to have the reunion for 2004, April 24th and most likely will accept the Hesters invitation to meet in their beautiful backyard. Mark your calendars.

Class members who started the first grade together and present were Billy Jean Millikin Clark - Abilene; Dorthey Scott Pruett - Bronte; Kenneth Hester - San Angelo; Charles Timmons - Bronte and Randall McCutchen - Mertzon. Other class members present were Bobby Clark - Abilene; Earl Rush - Waco; Joe Russell Ash - Robert Lee; William Thomas - Bronte; Marlene Arrott Vaughn - Bronte.

Spouses present were

Donna Ash - Robert Lee; Martha Thomas - Bronte; Laverne Rusk - Waco; Eva McCutchen - Mertzon; Noah Pruitt, Jr. - Bronte; Margarite Timmons - Bronte; Nita Hester - co-host - San Angelo; Also, Shellie and Jay Carman, the Hesters' daughter and son-in-

law. Kenneth had very informative and nice displays of class members through the years and a complete roster of the class at time of graduation. We all had a wonderful time and hoping more class members will join us in 2004.



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LCU Dean's List announced

Mary Gray of Robert Lee has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2003.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

ASU's Dean's List released

The Dean's List for the 2003 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from Bronte:

Katrina Lynn Buckner, marketing; Christy L. Griffin, nursing; Miranda Le Harrison, mathematics/secondary certification; Katy M. Johnson, business; Morgan Lee McCutchen, animal science; Amy Christine Henry Morgan, music; Kathleen Henry Morgan, nursing; Barbara Segale Porter, psychology and government; Ashley Dawn Ragland, psychology; and Candace Lacy Schoenfeld, undeclared.

Honorees from Robert Lee:

Cody Joe Blair, computer science; Stacy Lynn Hendry, interdisciplinary studies; Eric Lee Hill, kinesiology/secondary certification; Dana Michelle Holladay, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Brandy Rae Martin, psychology; Jennifer Holladay Murray, accounting; Michael J. Pentecost, animal science; Brittanie Allison Perez, psychology; and Matthew Bryan Pitcock, management.

EQIP available in Coke County

Farmers and ranchers in Coke County have until June 13, 2003, to make application for participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funded through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). These funds are part of the conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill.

Eligible program participants may apply for cost-share assistance for eligible conservation practices that address the natural resource concerns identified by the Local Work Group. In Coke County, the resource concerns include Invasive, Noxious



Speaker Tom Craddick (left), R-Midland, presents freshman Representative Scott Campbell, R-San Angelo, with a commemorative gavel upon the final passage of his first bill, HB 651, relating to the creating of a savings incentive program for state agencies.

Brush - Prickly Pear.

Conservation practices applicable for cost share to address these resource concerns include Chemical Treatment - Aerial Application. Cost-share rates for financial assistance have been set at the local level.

Additionally, funding is available to address statewide natural resource concerns including animal feeding operations, wildlife habitat, water quality, and invasive species. Statewide concern areas within Coke County include all areas involved in the State Brush Control Project (North Concho Watershed, Oak Creek Reservoir Watershed, and eastern fork of Mountain Creek Reservoir Watershed). The Colorado River and its tributaries are eligible for EQIP to control Salt Cedar.

For additional information or to make an application, contact NRCS at the local USDA Service Center in Robert Lee, located at 214 East 7th or call 325-453-2623 ext. 3.

Forman graduates TWU

Amanda Leigh Forman graduated from Texas Woman's University's Denton Campus on May 10, 2003. Amanda graduated with a degree in Master of Arts in

School Psychology.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James L. Forman and granddaughter of Mrs. Robert "Meme" Forman of Bronte.

Bronte Fitness center summer hours

These are the set summer hours to begin June 2nd.
6:30-8:30 am - Mon.-Thurs.;
5-7 pm - Mon. & Wed.; and
3:30-5:30 pm - Tues. & Thurs.

Other times may be available. Changes will be posted at front door of the Bronte School.

Look Who's New

Scout CaRinn Sonnenberg
Lee and Paula Sonnenberg proudly announce the birth of their daughter Scout CaRinn Sonnenberg. Scott was born Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at 12:17 pm at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces, and was twenty inches long.

She was welcomed home by her brother Silas (three years old), and sister Sadie (twenty months old). Grandparents include Hilda and Dusty Thomas of Lubbock, Bill Williams of San Antonio, and Bruce and Fran Sonnenberg of Bronte. Area great-grandmothers are Mary Lou Fuller and Marguerite Sonnenberg, both of San Angelo.

BRONTE SPRING CLEAN-UP

MONDAY, JUNE 9th & THURSDAY, JUNE 12th
NO TRASH COLLECTION SATURDAY

Items must be placed curbside by 7 am on regular trash day.

Tree limbs must be bundled and in lengths of not more than 4 - 5 feet.

NO TIRES, BATTERIES, WET PAINT CANS, APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON OR PURON, OR CHEMICALS TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP.

Contact the City Hall at 473-3501 for more information.

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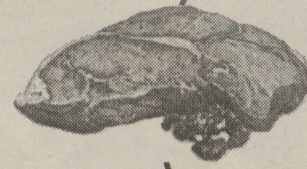


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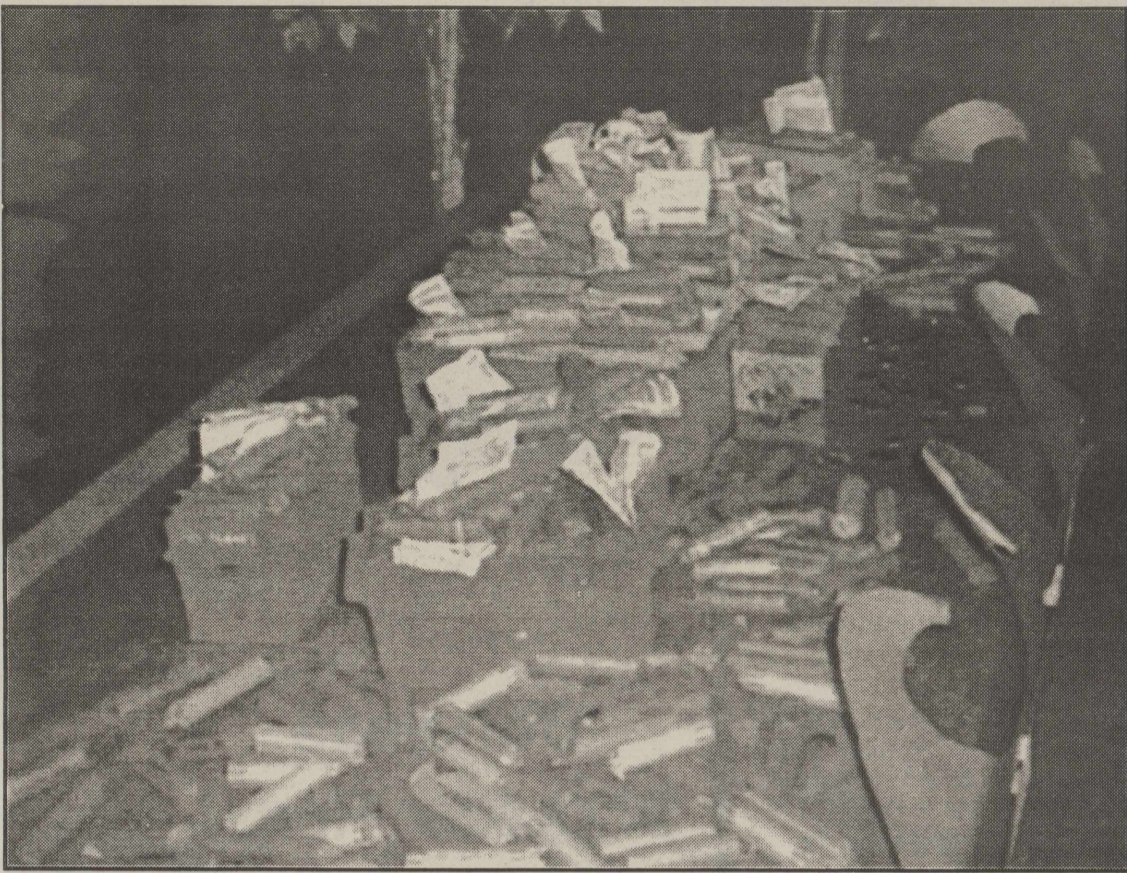
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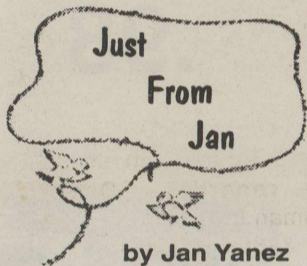
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte Elementary students came together May 5-9 to help save the pool. Students brought pocket change (and dollars too!) for a penny war. Each grade level had a bucket set up in the library. Every penny in the bucket was a positive point, but other classes could put nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars in their buckets for negative points. The students had a great time seeing who was the leader at the end of each day.

In all \$1000.56 was raised and students surprised Friends of the Pool organizer, Fran Crumpler, with the money in a short assembly Friday afternoon, May 9. The third grade had the most points at the end and were treated to a Coke Float.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Texas Melon Mania

Melon Mania always comes to the summertime menu with the arrival of sweet, succulent Texas cantaloupe, Honeydew melons and watermelon. So savory are Texas melons, they will add a unique new flavor to any of the usual summer fare. And just as a colorful rainbow after a summer rain is awesome, consumers will be amazed at all the wonderful nutrients found in these colorful fruits of summer. The Produce for Better Health Foundation encourages consumers to choose fruits and vegetables with the colors of the rainbow as researchers say they can possibly prevent certain cancers and heart disease.

Growers have perfected Texas Melons over the years so that consumers have now come to expect an exceptional quality cantaloupe, Honeydew melon and watermelon with a high natural sugar content and smaller seed cavity. The smaller the seed cavity, the more edible fruit there is to enjoy.

Each type of Texas Melon brings its own bright "color of goodness", sweet aroma, and distinctive taste to the palate.

*Texas Cantaloupes, have a firm bright orange aromatic interior. Sweet tasting, each serving of a Texas Cantaloupe is loaded with Vitamin A and Vitamin C, 100% and 110% respectively of the recommended daily allowance.

*Texas Honeydew Melons, have a green interior color and smooth outer peel. An excellent source of Vitamin C, Texas Honeydew

Melons have 50% of the recommended daily allowance.

Texas Cantaloupe, Honeydew and Watermelons are wonderful to eat anytime. They have No Fat and No Cholesterol, and are low in sodium, so enjoy these delectable tastes without any of the guilt!

So whether sliced up and eaten "au natural", scooped out and filled with chicken salad, cut up and tossed into salads, or chopped up and added to salsas, it is a sure bet that Melon Mania will be on a hit on the summertime menu with Texas Melons!

Watermelon are available via Texas year-round, however, the peak for Texas Watermelon is June to August. Texas grows Watermelon with and without seeds.

Selection

Whole watermelon should:
*Be firm and symmetrical in shape.
*Be heavy for its size.
*Have a healthy sheen on the rind.

*Have a yellowish underside from sitting on the ground while ripening.

Cut watermelon should:
*Have a fresh, firm texture.
*Have a bright color with a minimum of white streaks.
Have fully mature and hard seeds.

Storage

*Watermelon will keep at room temperature, but it's best if they are refrigerated to preserve the sweetness.

*Watermelon chunks and slices can be stored in an air-tight container in the refrigerator for about a week.

*Cover cut surface loosely with plastic wrap to prevent flesh from becoming mush.

Texas Honeydew Melons are available from April to July

Selection

Whole Texas Honeydew Melons should:
*Have a creamy yellow or white outer color
*Should be smooth with a slightly waxy surface.
*Give off a delicate aromatic

fragrance from the blossom end.

Cut Texas Honeydew Melons should:

*Have a fresh, firm sparkling green flesh.

A slightly soft blossom end and good color are indicators of a ripe Texas Honeydew Melon. A sweet aroma emitting from the stem end is not always a good indicator of ripeness due to variety differences. If you shake a honeydew melon and the seeds and juice slosh around inside, its probably overripe.

Storage

Unripe honeydew melons should be kept at room temperature until ripe and then refrigerated.

*Whole Texas Honeydew Melons should be kept in the refrigerator.

*Cut Texas Honeydew Melons should be kept in refrigerator tightly covered.

Texas Cantaloupe are available from April to July

Selection

Whole Texas Cantaloupe should:
*Have a golden "netting" covering and a creamy yellow background.

*Be heavy for its size-an indication of a smaller seed cavity and more edible fruit.

*Yield slightly to touch on blossom end (opposite of stem end).

*Have a sweet aroma emitting from blossom end.

Cut Texas Cantaloupe should:
*Have a fresh, firm texture.

Storage

*Whole cantaloupe will keep for 5 days in the refrigerator.

*Cut cantaloupe will keep for 3 days in the refrigerator covered with plastic wrap.

Protection of drinking water

We, as individual citizens, have an important role to play in the protection of our drinking water. Protecting our drinking water begins at home. How do your personal habits affect City of Bronte drinking water?

You may be surprised to learn that the way we dispose of products we use in our home or farm can contribute to the contamination of our community's drinking water. You may be even more surprised to learn that a number of the products we use at home contain hazardous or toxic substances. The truth is, products like motor oil, pesticides, left-over paints or paint cans,

mothballs, flea collars, weed killers, household cleaners, and even a number of medicines contain materials that can be harmful to our drinking water.

The average American disposes of approximately one pound of this type of waste each year. So, although the amount of any of these substances that you pour down your drain, put in your trash, or dump on the ground or into a lake may seem insignificant to you, try multiplying it by the number of people in the surrounding City of Bronte area.

Don't pour it down the drain! Anything you pour down your drain or flush down your toilet will enter your septic system or your community's sewer system. Using this method to dispose of products that contain harmful substances can affect your septic system's ability to treat human wastes. Once out of sight, these harmful substances can eventually contaminate both ground and surface water. In addition, most community wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat many of these substances. Thus, they can eventually be discharged into surface water and cause contamination.

Don't put it in the trash! In general, community landfills are also not equipped to handle hazardous materials. As rain passes through the landfill, the water can become contaminated by these products and eventually carry them into the groundwater and surface water.

Don't dump it on the ground! Hazardous wastes that are dumped on or buried in the ground can contaminate the soil and either leach down into the groundwater or be carried into a nearby body of surface water by runoff during rainstorms.

What can I do? Get informed and get involved! Around the state, citizens are getting involved in their communities, volunteering their time and energy, and making a difference. If you think one person can't change the system, help form a group. You, alone or as a part of a group, can help educate your family, friends, and neighbors about the importance of safe drinking water in your community.

Our Sincere Apology

We, the staff of the *Observer/Enterprise*, sincerely apologize for omitting Miss Sefcik's accomplishments in last week's issue.

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Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12, Bi-District Champs 11, Academic All-Dist/All State 12; Basketball 9, 10, Manager 10, 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; UIL 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11; Honor Society 11, 12; NHS, Secretary/Treasurer 12; FCA President 9, 10, 11; 4-H 9, 10, 11, Sec. 9; FHA 10; JV Volleyball, Captain 10, 11

**COKE COUNTY SHERIFF
RICK STYLES**

Vacation Bible School

First United
Methodist Church
of Bronte

June 8-12, 2003
(Sunday - Thursday)

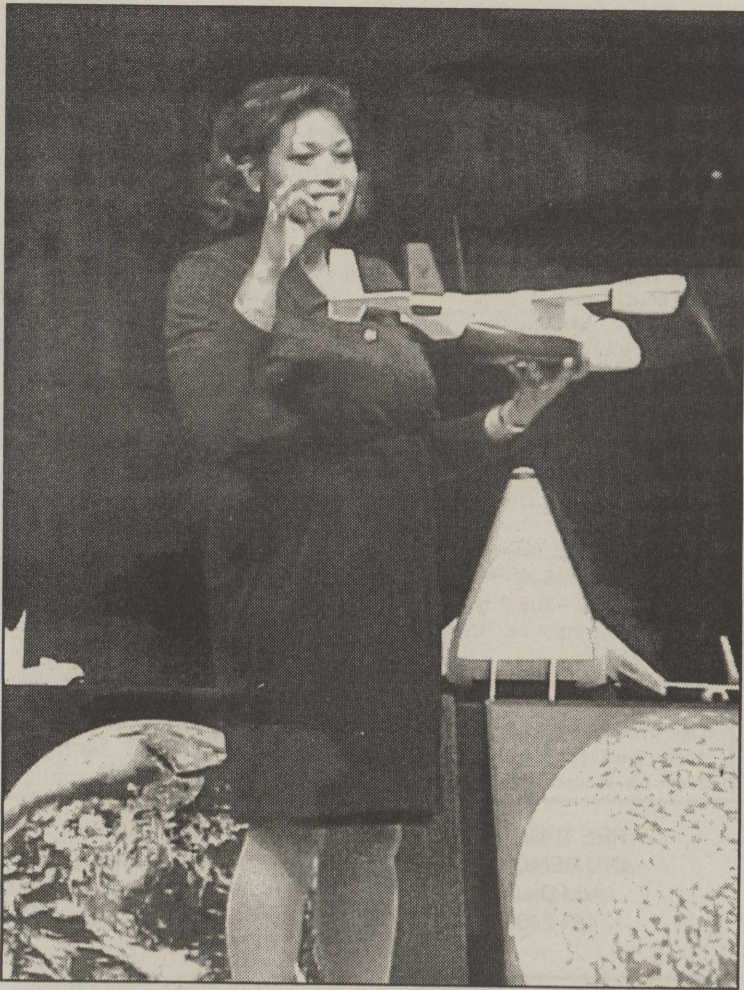
6:30 - 8:30 pm



**Lighthouse
Kids**
Shining God's Light

3 years old through 6th grade
Children under 3 years are asked to be
accompanied by a parent throughout the evening.

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Trena Ferrell, NASA specialist, explains to Robert Lee students about the organization and its mission during assemblies held April 8th.

RLISD enjoyed visit from NASA

Robert Lee Independent School enjoyed a visit April 8th from NASA's education representative, Trena Maria Ferrell. This was made possible by NASA's Urban and Rural Community Enrichment Program and the efforts of two of Robert Lee ISD's teachers. NASA's goal is "to inspire the next generation of explorers..." and they accomplished this during their visit.

Teachers Diana McCabe and Celeste Service first made a commitment last year to attend workshops provided by this program. By doing this, it insured that RLISD would be one of the selected schools to receive a visit from NASA. Information from in the workshops provided enrichment for science subjects in the classroom that meets both national and state standards. Along with this wealth of information on classroom activities, on opportunities for employment, on site workshops, as well as online resources for the teachers and students.

Trena Ferrell is a NASA specialist employed by the Oklahoma State University and stationed in Washington D.C. Originally from Lansdale, Pennsylvania, her education includes St. Jean Private College of Tonneins, France, Albright College of Reading, PA, and American University of Washington D.C. She has earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Premedical Sciences, her Masters of Science in developmental Biology and is currently working on her PhD in Environmental Sciences at Oklahoma State University. Her experiences include teaching in public schools, conducting pharmaceutical research, becoming a registered medical assistant, and participating in a working partnership with the Smithsonian Institute.

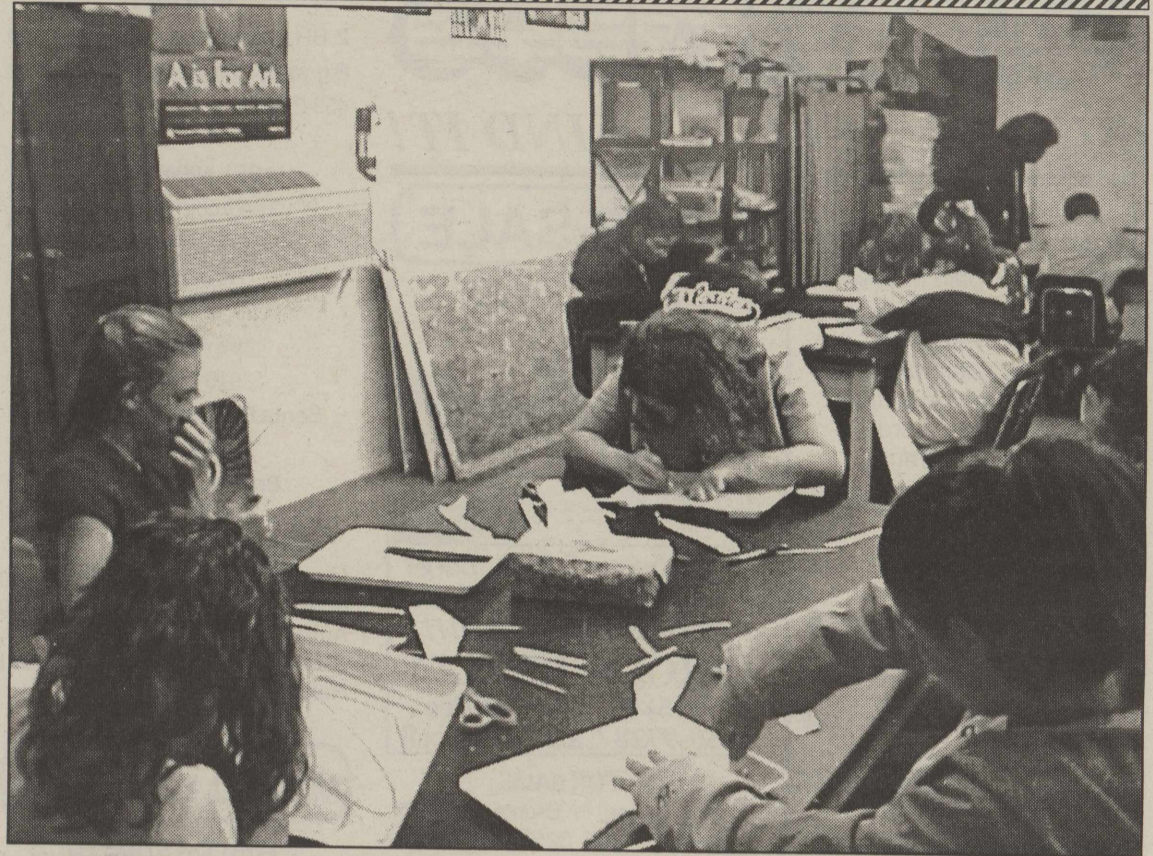
April the 8th began with an assembly for the elementary followed by one for the secondary students. Specialist Ferrell started off by explaining what NASA was

and what its mission is. She went to explain both present and future space vehicles, shuttle equipment, experiments carried out on the shuttle trips, aspects of space flight, opportunities for students at Houston Space Center, space camps, and what it takes to become an astronaut for NASA. Students were allowed to test out different items used by U.S. shuttle specialists such as the EVA suit, sleeping equipment, and eating utensils. She finished each assembly with a question and answer session.

After eating lunch with elementary students, Miss Ferrell presented workshops to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders on the concept of force and motion. This was incorporated into a lesson on the history of flight. After learning the parts of a plane and how a plane flew, each grade level made a plane either out of styrofoam or paper. Once completed, the students went outside to test their creations. In all, it was an interesting, informative and fun day.

RL Elementary Awards assembly

The Robert Lee Elementary Awards assembly was held on Thursday, May 22, 2003. Mrs. Wallace welcomed the students and guests. Kaden Duncan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Beth Prather told the students about the summer library program and showed prizes that will be available during weekly



Robert Lee 7th graders stay busy making planes on April 8th during NASA's visit to Robert Lee.

name drawings. The following awards and certificates were presented to the students. After the honor roll awards, Mrs. Wallace gave out the President's Awards. Individual awards were presented as follows:

Jump Rope for Heart

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students participated in collecting donations for the American Heart Association. A total of \$1,453.20 was given to the Association. The students that jumped rope for the cause were Zachary Skinner, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Josh Barnes, Nathan Taft, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat, Jonah Saucedo, Vincent Batten, Kevin Saucedo, Makenna Netting, Faylin Bell, Chad Martin, Rachel Rojas, Beeanca Bower, Dylan Vandeventer, Kimberly Roach, Luisa Carrera, Sarah Walker, Meagan Ross, Amanda Mendoza, Josh Rowoldt, Jared Long, Connie Saucedo, Tanner Brickey, Ginny Caston, Kacey Roberts, Daniel Nowlin, Troy Young, Skyler Rainwater, and Heidi Austin. Jonah Saucedo collected the most money with \$127.50 and Beeanca Bower was next with \$109.00.

2003 PE Awards

Basketball Champions

"AND 1" - Josh Gallegos (captain), Oliver Rivera, Steven Stanch, Tanner Hannigan, Devin Batten and

Jacob Moreno.

Volleyball Champs

"Ballers" - Cattie McGary & Jodi Sheldon (co-capt.), Josh Gallegos, Kaden Duncan, Cory Fields, Norma Rojas, Holly Austin and Amy Barnett.

Track Champs

"Red Team" - Lacie Sheridan & Cori Torres (co-capt.), Josh Gallegos, Cody Brosh, Miguel Perez, Mollie Hinderliter, Devin Batten, Chris Knox, Terry McDonald and Cattie McGary

Walk Across Texas

The 4th grade participated in the Walk Across Texas. This is coordinated through our county agent, Jan Yanez. The

students walked a total of 273 miles.

New track records in 2003

Kin. girls 60 yd. run - Old record - Amanda Mendoza 11.50; New record - Reagan Overton 11.44

Kin. girls 80 yd. run - Old record - Taylor Sheldon 14.6; New record - Reagan Overton 14.25

4th boys 60 yd. run - Old record - Kaden Duncan 9.22; New record - Devorja Goodman 8.01

5th & 6th 100 m run - Old record - Tied the old record

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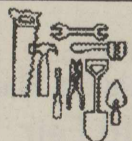
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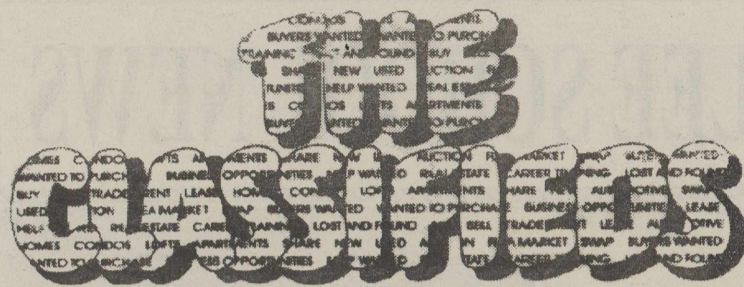
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FOR SALE
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FOR SALE IN BRONTE
6 business lots, 2 residential, 1 mobile home 12 x 50. \$5,350. 473-5531. 43-2tc

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Mobile home, 2 BR, 1 1/2 baths. Price reduced. 817 Vicki St., Robert Lee, Tx. Tele. # 453-2019. 41-6tp

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Baby items, toys, household items. A little bit of everything. Come by and see. Sat. 1121 Eucl, Robert Lee. 44-1tp

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Friday & Saturday, May 30 & 31, 8-6. 602 E. 5th, Robert Lee. 44-1tc

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Shirley Coppedge & family
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: San Angelo
Contract 6096-68-001 for GUARDRAIL UPGRADE in RUNNELS County, etc will be received on June 10, 2003 until 1:00 pm and opened on June 10, 2003 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$247,170.00.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 9922
State Office
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Phone: 512-416-2540
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Contract 6098-34-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in STERLING County, etc will be received on June 12, 2003 until 1:00 pm and opened on June 12, 2003 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$9,849.15.

Contract 6099-31-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in COKE County, etc will be received on June 12, 2003 until 1:00 pm and opened on June 12, 2003 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$5,749.55.

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Dan McCown in 1993 - Josh Gallegos 13.3

5th & 6th 200 m run - Old record - Chase Rainwater 29.44 in 1995; New record Josh Gallegos 28.44

5th & 6th high jump - Old record Matthew Millican 4'9" in 1992; New record Josh Gallegos 5'2"

5th & 6th 400 m relay - Old record Jerrid Vincent, Dean Burns, John Williams, Elaine Gibbs, 62.1 in 1988; New record Josh Gallegos, Kaden Duncan, Lacie Sheridan, Jimmy Womack 62.03

5th & 6th 800 m relay - Old record Kizre Matthews, Bret Ballew, Cooper Riley, Travis Pitcock 2:16.5 in 1996; New record Josh Gallegos, Kaden Duncan, Lacie Sheridan, Jimmy Womack 2:12.17

Mrs. Bagwell's Fine Arts

Fine Arts Award - Shelby Davis & Grady Barnett
Fine Arts Most Promising Writer - Justin Gartman

3rd grade music

Outstanding Music students - Linsey Arellano, Matthew Corona, Dylan Van Deventer

4th grade music

Outstanding Music students -

Heidi Austin, Robbie Gonzales, Kacee Roberts, Meagan Ross, Luke Sheldon

5th grade band

Most outstanding brass musician - Cayetano Carrera, Cody Brosh

Most outstanding woodwind - Erika Sheldon

Most outstanding percussionist - Blake Millican
Most improved musician - Terry McDonald, Sarah Jones

6th grade band

Most outstanding brass musician - Mason Ross, Garrett Blair

Most outstanding woodwind - Jasmine Gloria, Taylor Foster

Most outstanding percussionist - Jodi Sheldon, Kaden Duncan

Most improved musician - Amy Barnett

Kindergarten

Jaden Aldridge, Krystal Castaneda, Charissa Caston, Valerie Gonzales, Jesus Landeros, Kyle Lockhart, Bridger Netting, Reagan Overton, James Roberts, Mychael Tijerina, Daria Tinkler, Brandon Torres, Kaleb Torres, Jerry Wofford

Citizenship - Valerie Gonzales & James Roberts

1st grade

A/R Independent reader - Shaylee Bell, Dereck Lockhart, Alexis Mendoza, Efrain Olguin, Sydney Sheldon, Taylor Sheldon, Jacob Torres, Jayton Torres, Eric Wells

A/R Super reader - Shelby Davis, Cheyenne Ellis, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard, Bianca Huapilla, Ciera Millican

A/R Most Points (Duncan's) - Cheyenne Ellis

A/R Most Points (Payne's) - Hanna Hamrick

Perfect attendance - Sydney Sheldon, Taylor Sheldon

2nd grade

Super reader - Josh Barnes, Randy Barnett, Vincent Batten, Dawson Brisbin, Jimmie Hageman, Cooper Hinderliter, Dusty Howard, Makenna Netting, Jonah Saucedo, Kevin Saucedo, Nathan Taft, Laredo Williamson

Jr. Star reader - Grady Barnett, Ashlie Wheat

Great reader - Faylin Bell, Justin Gartman, Zach Skinner

Honors reader - Jordan Gartman

Independent reader - Myranda Kenny

Wow reader - Zachary Sanchez

Most Improved student - Vincent Batten, Cooper Hinderliter

Citizenship - Jordan Gartman, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

Perfect attendance - Zachary Sanchez

3rd grade

Met A/R goal each 6 weeks - Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrera, Matthew Corona, Chad Martin, Kimberly Roach, Rachel Rojas, Dylan Vanderverter

Most Improved student - Diana Vera

Citizenship - Linsey Arellano

4th grade

Reached A/R goal for the year - Heidi Austin, Joe Estrada, Robbie Gonzales, Jared Long, Logan Philley, Skyler Rainwater, Connie Saucedo, Diego Saucedo, Tanner Brickey, J.P. Conner, Haden Dillard, Gregory Gonzales, Daniel Nowlin, Kacee Roberts, Meagan Ross

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Academic excellence - English/Writing - Heidi Austin, Travis Sailer

Academic excellence - Reading - Robbie Gonzales, Daniel Nowlin

Academic excellence - Mathematics - Logan Philley, Haden Dillard

Academic excellence - Science - Luke Sheldon, Kacee Roberts

Academic excellence - Social studies - Robbie Gonzales, Kacee Roberts

Academic excellence - Spelling - Skyler Rainwater, Meagan Ross

Most improved student - Anthony Coffey

Citizenship - Heidi Austin

Perfect attendance - Kacee Roberts, Connie Saucedo

5th grade

Most accelerated reading points - Emily Arellano

Academic achievement in Social Studies - Emilee Yanez

Academic achievement in Science - Devin Batten

Academic achievement in Mathematics - Stetson Nesbit

Academic achievement in Language Arts - Emily Arellano

Most improved student - Molli Hinderliter, Miguel Perez

Citizenship - Blake Millican, Molli Hinderliter

Perfect attendance - Nancy Landeros, Colton Reed

Academic achievement in Reading - Garrett Blair, Norma Rojas

Academic achievement in Mathematics - Kaden Duncan

Academic achievement in Spelling - Holly Austin, Olga Perez, Megan Robinson, Jimmy Womack

Academic achievement in Writing - Jasmine Gloria, Cory Fields

Academic achievement in Science - Michael Rodriquez

Academic achievement in Social Studies - Dustin Moreno, Amy Barnett

Most improved student - Cattie McGary

Citizenship - Kaden Duncan, Cori Torres, Kimberly Cardenas

NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Company (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all of the customers served by the Company in the incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas in the Company's statewide gas utility system (the "System"). The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact all classes of service and all fees and charges presently being assessed by the Company on its transmission and distribution systems. As of the filing date of the Company's Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are expected to approximately produce a \$69,524,311 or a 7.24 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from customers in the System. The proposed change will affect approximately 1,344,030 residential, 125,603 commercial, and 1,441 industrial sales and transportation customers in the System. The proposed change constitutes 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 customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. The proposed changes in rates will not become effective for environs customers until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated city or town. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$41.69, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$3.59 per month or a 9.4% increase. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$173.04, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$13.91 per month or a 8.7% increase. The effect of the proposed changes to rates and services for industrial sales and transportation customers, which may be significant for individual customers, will vary depending on type of service and consumption. The proposed change would constitute an increase of \$0.00 or a 0% increase in annual revenues to the Company for industrial sales and transportation customers. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and all of the System cities and towns on May 23, 2003, is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with specific area questions or who want information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Company at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons located inside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with their respective municipality. Any affected persons located outside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. The Company is proposing to have these proposed rates become effective on June 27, 2003.

Este es un aviso para informar a los clientes de TXU Gas Company (la "Compañía") que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa de gas. Este aumento afectara a todos los consumidores de gas de la Compañía en el estado de Texas. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a TXU Gas Company al 1-800-460-3030.

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If you've got an IRA or an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or 403(b), you've already taken a big step toward achieving the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. But if you're not fully funding these tax-advantaged accounts, you're missing out on a chance to accelerate the progress toward your goals.

Just how much money can you put into these plans? For 2003, you can contribute \$3,000 to a Traditional or Roth IRA; if you're 50 or over, you can put in an extra \$500. You can also put in up to \$12,000 to your 401(k) or, if you work for a non-profit organization, to your 403(b). And if you're 50 or over, you can contribute an extra \$2,000 to these plans.

Of course, for most of us, these are good-sized sums of money - and it may seem hard to come up with the full amounts. After paying your monthly bills, you might not think you can afford to put away more into your retirement accounts. But there may be steps you can take to uncover, or at least redirect, financial resources you can apply to your retirement savings. Here are a few ideas to consider:

***Set up a bank authorization** - If you have a 401(k) or 403(b), you are probably automatically deferring part of your paycheck into your retirement plan. And you can follow the same basic mechanism to fund your IRA. By setting up a "bank authorization," you can have money moved directly from your checking account to your IRA each month. When you "pay yourself first" through this type of arrangement, you won't have a chance to spend the money on other things.

***Put your raises to work** - If you receive an annual salary increase, consider raising the percentage of your 401(k) or 403(b) contribution. At the very least, increase your contribution enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. By not putting in enough to gain the match, you are literally walking away from "free" money.

***Consider methods of "freeing up" funds** - If you can consolidate your high-rate credit cards into one lower-rate one, you may be able to free up money each month that can then go to your IRA. Also, if you're refinancing your mortgage, you may also come up with funds that can then go to your retirement accounts.

***Get help from your Uncle Sam** - Depending on your income level, you may be able to receive a tax credit for contributing to your IRA, 401(k) or 403(b). If you're married and file jointly, and your adjusted gross income is \$50,000 or less, you may be able to claim a tax credit ranging from 10 percent to 50 percent of your IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) contribution. (The maximum contribution available as a basis for the credit

is \$2,000). If you qualify, you can claim this credit in addition to any tax deduction you receive from your employer-sponsored retirement plan or Traditional IRA. To determine your eligibility for this tax credit, consult with your tax adviser.

By taking these steps, or others you may discover, you can put more money to work for you in your tax-advantaged retirement accounts. Take action soon - because the more time you have to build your savings, the better off you can be.

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6th grade

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Coke County Library news

The Coke County Library Summer Reading program is underway. The first prize will be awarded on Friday, May 30th at noon. To be eligible for the drawing, the reader's name must be in the box by Friday at 11:00 am. For every book returned, the reader can put his or her name on a piece of paper for the drawing. For instance, if a reader turns in four books, he or she can fill out four slips to be put in the box for the drawing.

A list of prizes and the dates they will be awarded follows: Friday, May 30th - beach ball; Friday, June 6th - Dr. Seuss Back Pack; Friday, June 13th - Pontiac Muscle Cars book; Friday, June 20 - M&M Juke Box dispenser; Friday, June 27 - Draw Cartoons book; Thursday, July 3rd - a shark dive and glide water toy; Friday, July 11th - Draw 50 Horses book; Friday, July 18th - Firebird and Trans Am book; Friday, July 25th - READ t-shirt; Thursday, July 31st - The Grand Prize - Storm 690E, Water Gun with a red photon light beam.

All readers who have entered their names in the drawing will have an opportunity to win the Grand Prize water gun as all the names will be saved for the final week of the reading program.

Meagan Ross will have a lemonade stand in front of the library on Tuesdays, from 9:00 am to 12:00. The lemonade will be twenty-five cents a cup. Meagan wanted a summer project and also wanted to operate a business.

Predator Awareness Workshop

The Texas Cooperative Extension Office has slated a "Predator Awareness Workshop" June 10 at the Concho County Show Barn in Paint Rock. Registration is at 8:30 am and program begins at 9.

Six Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) continuing education units will be offered toward pesticide applicator license re-certification.

The program is sponsored by Extension, with assistance from the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service (TWDMS), TDA, and the Texas Department of Health.

"Predation on livestock is a real problem throughout our

area," said Michael Palmer, Concho County Extension agent. "Predators are increasing and sheep producers who once were able to keep them in check are dwindling. Some semblance of control is probably the best we can hope for at this point. We need to know the various methods available to achieve an acceptable predator level that we can coexist with."

Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife associate at San Angelo, will open the program with "Appreciating Predators?", a talk on understanding predators that will set the tone for the day. He will then conduct a lab practical on interpreting physical evidence of predation.

Following a 10 am break, the program resumes with the biology of coyotes, feral hogs, foxes, and bobcats. The various sessions will be presented by a TWDMS representative or by video. The morning will end with an 11:30 am presentation by Cearley called "Predator Control and Wildlife Management".

A lunch break is scheduled from noon until 1:15 pm. The program then resumes with Cearley explaining the status of the "Predators in the Classroom" project, a school cur-



Trena Ferrell answers questions posed by the Robert Lee 6th grade class during her visit to Robert Lee ISD April 8. Ms. Ferrell is a NASA specialist employed by Oklahoma State University and stationed in Washington, D.C.

riculum series aimed at fourth through seventh graders.

Four 20-minute concurrent demonstrations on predator control alternatives are at 1:30. The session will cover lethal and non-lethal approaches.

The program's final segment features talks and speakers including: "Predators as Disease Vectors"; "Preventing Illicit Use of Pesticides in Predator Control Programs", (video); "Update on Sheep and Goat Predator

Management Board", (Board Member TBA); and "Coyotes: A Matter of Perspective", (video).

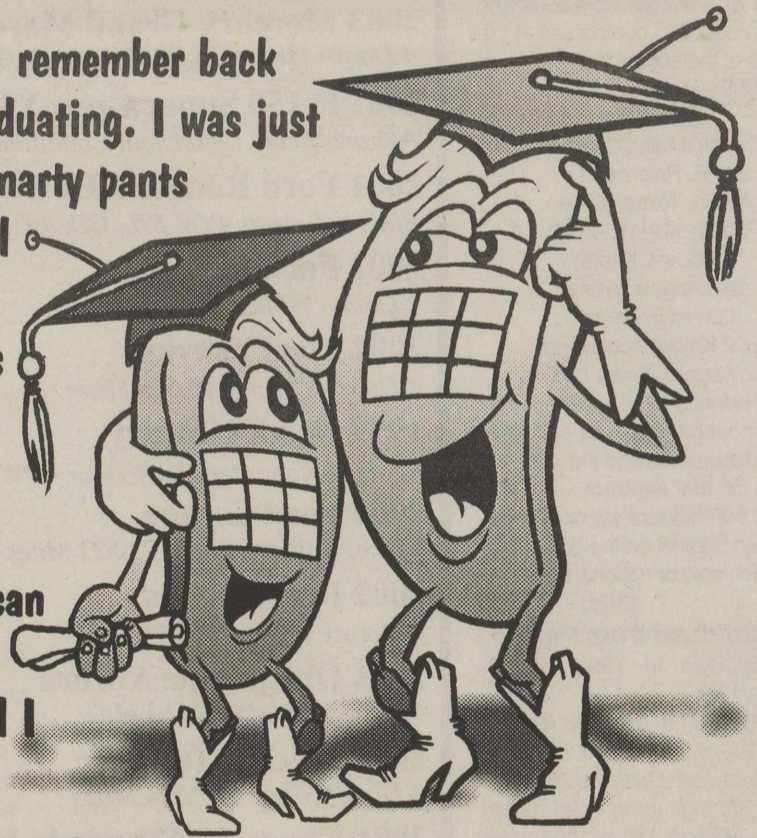
The program is set to adjourn at 5 pm.

Pre-registration by June 4th is \$5 per person. Registration after June 4th and at the door is \$10 per person. The fee includes a catered lunch and coffee and cold drinks for the day.

To pre-register and for further information contact the Concho County Extension Office at (325) 732-4304.

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