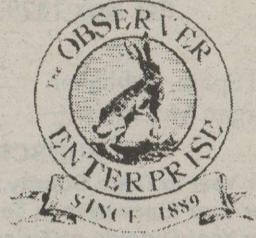


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## Relay for Life slated for June 6-7 in San Angelo

San Angelo Stadium will be the gathering point for the annual Relay for Life June 6 and 7, 2003.

Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is an 18-hour event honoring cancer survivors and memorializing lost battles while raising money for research, education, programs and services offered by the local ACS office.

All cancer survivors are encouraged to walk the Survivor's Lap to open the Relay at 5:45 pm, Friday, June 6th. Survivors should arrive around 5:30 to register and get their survivor t-shirt. There is also still space open to be on a team. If you're interested in either of these, making a donation or purchasing a luminaria in honor or in memory of someone, contact Dee Anna Harmon 453-2804, Cindy Bessent, 453-2393 or Pam Millican, 453-4755. Luminarias can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 each.

Robert Lee has 2 teams consisting of: Cindy Bessent, Denise Roberts, Valerie Howard, Cynthia Dillard, Susan Owens, Dee Anna Harmon, Dianne Simpson, Linda Eaton, Cathy Waltz, JoNell Blair, Debbie McCabe, Cathy Hendry, Pam Millican, Kim Phillely, Donna Watkins, Cathy McGinley, Zena Williamson, Pat Taft, Laura Bell, Kei Antilley, Christie Bagwell and Gaylon Pitcock.

The participants in Relay for Life are committed to this cause, setting up camp and remaining at the stadium throughout the night. In last year's pouring rain, numbers of participants did not decline. How did Relay for Life start?

In May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid runner, took the first step of his 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Washington. He clocked 83 miles, raising \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. The following year, 220 supporters on 19 teams joined Dr. Klatt in this overnight event, and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life was born.

All funds raised through Relay for Life support the American Cancer Society's mission of eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving

lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Each year the Society distributes over \$100 million dollars nationwide to young investigators at leading institutions. The record of success of ACS supported research is reflected in the fact that 31 young investigators, supported early in their careers by the ACS, went on to win the Nobel Prize. ACS research has been behind such things as Tamoxifen, mammography, bone marrow transplants and Glivec. But the ACS does funds much more than research. Providing reliable cancer info 24 hours a day/7 days a week through their web site ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)) and the call center (1-800-ACS-2345) has helped thousands of people find information about the disease as well as local resources. As a voluntary health organization, literally millions of people volunteer their time to raise funds, teach others the importance of early detection through such methods as mammography, drive cancer patients to their treatments, or get involved in advocacy efforts. Over \$210 million was raised nationwide through Relay For Life in the U.S. in 2002. It is the largest fundraising event in the world.

**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.

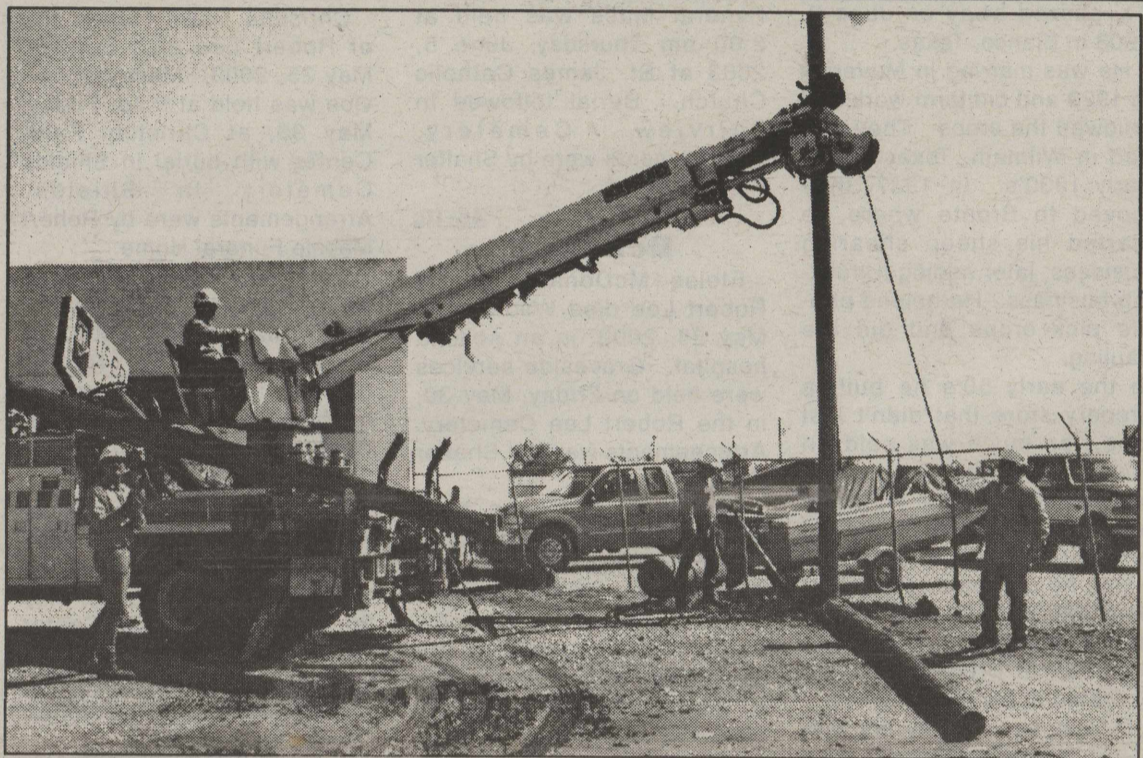
A covered dish meal will follow at noon. Those who attend are invited to bring a main dish with their usual contributions of salads, desserts, etc. Iced tea will be served as usual.

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

**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,



WTU crews worked throughout the night on Tuesday, June 3, following the second night of storms in a row. On Wednesday morning, they are seen replacing a utility pole behind Ivey Motor Co. in Robert Lee. According to local employee Gary Sam Williams, there was considerable storm damage in Robert Lee, and following the all-night session, he was pretty well ready for a nap.

Robert Lee residents received up to and over three inches of moisture Tuesday night, with Bronte getting up to 1.6 inches. It was reported that 2 1/2 inches fell a couple of miles south of Bronte. The totals were less around the lakes, with Spence receiving .75 and Oak Creek only .2 inches.

There is, however, good news to report for our lakes. Oak Creek has thus far gotten an 8-inch rise from previous storms, with another inch falling on that watershed on Tuesday night. And, according to local sources, residents can expect a 16 foot rise in the Colorado River headed toward Lake Spence.

Details are sketchy as of presstime on Wednesday morning, and we'll all have to wait and see what the results of these storms will be. Another encouraging word is that this system is supposed to continue to give us chances of rainfall through Friday.

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.

### RL cemetery meeting planned

Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association will meet Monday, June 9, at 7:15 pm at the lodge in Robert Lee. This meeting concerns the care of the Robert Lee Cemetery.

### Bronte Methodist Vacation Bible School scheduled

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.

### Robert Lee Methodist Vacation Bible School slated

Vacation Bible School will be held at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee Monday through Friday, June 16-20, 2003, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

All children 3 years of age through 6th grade are welcome to attend. Entire community, family and friends are invited to come Friday evening for the closing celebration at 6 pm.

### RL City Hall posts office hours

New office hours for the Robert Lee City Hall are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-5:00 pm. City Hall will now begin closing from 12:00-1:00.

For customer convenience, a payment drop is located on the office door at City Hall.

### Reunion set for 1978 Girl's State Basketball champs

The Robert Lee 1978 Girl's State Basketball Champions will be having a reunion at the Robert Lee Cafeteria on June 7, 2003. It has been 25 years since this group went down to Austin. We would like friends, family, and fans to come visit with us at 2:00 pm. Coach Ronnie Ruff, now living in Kansas, and Coach Clyde Dukes, now living in Sonora, Tx, will both be attending. Come by and reminisce with us.

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## ----- Obituaries -----

### Fuentes

Damacio "D.C." Fuentes, 94, passed away on June 2, 2003 in Blanco, Texas.

He was married in Maverick in 1929 and did farm work and followed the crops. They settled in Wilmeth, Texas in the early 1930's. In 1937, they moved to Bronte where he started his sheep shearing business, later adding a trucking business. He helped people pick crops and did the hauling. In the early 50's he built a grocery store that didn't last long, too much was sold on credit and it went broke. He opened the pool hall in Bronte where it still stands today and another one in Robert Lee which he operated for a short time and sold it. He retired from everything and kept the pool hall in Bronte which he operated at his convenience.

D.C. is survived by his wife of 74 years, Rebecca; one daughter, Odalia Fuentes Martinez; two grandsons, Billy Martinez and Paul Martinez and wife, Cenisa; four granddaughters, Victoria Gonzales and husband, Rene, Loretta Martinez, Manuela Guinn and husband, Buddy, and Rebecca DeLaGarza and husband, Hank; eleven great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Preceding Damacio in death were three sisters, six brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary was held at 7:00 pm

on Wednesday, June 4, at St. James Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was held at 2:00 pm Thursday, June 5, 2003 at St. James Catholic Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

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### McDonald

Eloise McDonald, 81, of Robert Lee died Wednesday, May 28, 2003, in an Abilene hospital. Graveside services were held on Friday, May 30, in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. McDonald was born September 23, 1921 in Navarro, Texas to John and Dove Allen. She graduated from Pyote High School, Pyote, Texas in 1938 at the age of 16. She married Ray E. McDonald on April 26, 1946 in Conroe, Texas. They moved to Robert Lee in 1960 and resided there since that date. She worked as a waitress for many years in Robert

Lee. She was an excellent seamstress and loved making quilts for her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1987 and also two brothers, Bruce Allen and Cecil Allen and son-in-law, John Vance.

Survivors include her two daughters, Johnnie Vance of DeQueen, Arkansas, and Jerry Mathers and husband, Kenneth of Anson; and sister, Billie Ross and husband, Wallace of Bangs; four grandchildren, Amy Mathers of Anson, Jill Vance Smith and husband Erik Smith of DeQueen, Arkansas, Turner Vance and wife Brooke of DeQueen, Arkansas; and Upton Mathers of Anson, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

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### Fisher

Christina Dawn Fisher, 21, of Robert Lee died Sunday, May 25, 2003. Memorial service was held at 9 am Friday, May 30, at Christian Faith Center with burial in Shields Cemetery in Shields. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Survivors include father, Doug Fisher of Santa Maria, California; sister, Melany Fisher of Santa Maria, California; and her grandmother, Shirley Coppedge, of Robert Lee.

### Fisher

Pamila Dawn Fisher, 38, of Robert Lee died Sunday, May 25, 2003. Memorial service was held at 9 am Friday, May 30, at Christian Faith Center with burial in Shields Cemetery in Shields. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Doug Fisher of Santa Maria, California; daughter, Melany Fisher of Santa Maria,



Bobby and Jeffie Roberts presented a buttermaking demonstration to the students who attended the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day in Robert Lee on March 25, 2003.

California; and mother, Shirley Coppedge of Robert Lee; two brothers, Lee Coppedge and Shawn Coppedge, both of Vernon, and a number of nieces and nephews.

### Questions, Anyone?

Learn more about federal government programs, benefits, and services. Just call toll-free 1-800-FED-INFO or visit [www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call).  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
(915) 453-2417

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

**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270  
Tommy Williams, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
Wed. 7 pm

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

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
(915) 453-2176

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

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
(915) 453-2724

Bro. Miller Robinson, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
601 W. 10th  
(915) 365-2687

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

**Victory Assembly of God**  
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
(915) 453-2208

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

**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
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**Arrott - Beck  
announce  
engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arrott are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Marie to Jacob Kale Beck, son of Brenda Burks of San Angelo and Richard Beck of Breckenridge.

Kale is a 1997 graduate of Bronte High School and graduated from McMurry University in Abilene in December 2002.

Courtney is a 1998 graduate of Bronte High School and graduated from Angelo State University in May of 2003.

Kale and Courtney plan their wedding and honeymoon July 23 in Jamaica. They will celebrate when arriving home with a reception on August 9.

**Sheep and Lamb  
payments  
suspended**

Washington has just informed all FSA County Offices that as of June 6, 2003 all payments under the LMAAP-Year 4 will be suspended. County Offices will not be able to process payments. The program is running short of money and all payments after June 6, 2003 will be probated. It will be sometime after September 12, 2003 before we will be able to process any further payments.

We will continue to accept applications as usual. LMAAP applications for Year 4 must be received in the County Office by close-of-business August 15, 2003. There are NO exceptions to this.

Once we are notified what the National factor rates for each type payment are, we will let producers know.

For more information producers may visit the County FSA Office or call us at (325) 453-2751.

**CRP sign-up  
extended**

The CRP program scheduled to end May 30, 2003 has been extended by the Secretary of Agriculture until June 13, 2003. This will give producers a few more days to decide what they want to do.

This program is designed to remove environmentally sensitive land from agriculture production for a period of 10



Kale Beck and Courtney Arrott

to 15 years in return for an annual rental payment. The land must be placed in a permanent grass cover with FSA cost sharing up to 50% of the eligible cost. The land must be planted in 4 of the 6 years -1996-2001. The land must also be physically and legally capable of being planted to an agricultural commodity. In the case of land that is currently enrolled in CRP that 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 bid in 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.

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.

**Look Who's New  
Keeley Mikayla Queen**

Kaci Michelle Queen is excited to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Keeley Mikayla. She was born on May 16 at 11:20 am at San Angelo Community Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 1.2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

The proud parents are Terry and Danielle Queen of Bronte. Grandparents are Jerry and Pam Parker, Boyd and Margaret Baker of Bronte and Buddy Queen of Robert Lee. Great grandfather is Lester Levensailor of Llano, Texas.

**Davis ladies  
attend graduation**

Nadine Davis of Abilene and Joan Davis of Robert Lee attended graduation ceremonies in Comanche, Oklahoma on May 23 for Dane and Chase Reed, twin grandsons of Dubb and Billie Wallace of Fort Worth. The graduation and the holiday weekend provided an opportunity for the families and friends to be together in the home of Larry and Debi Reed.

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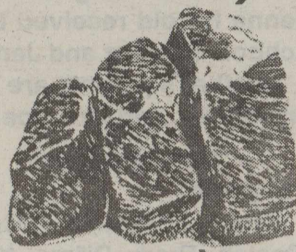


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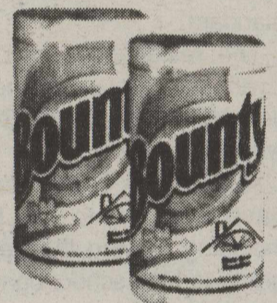
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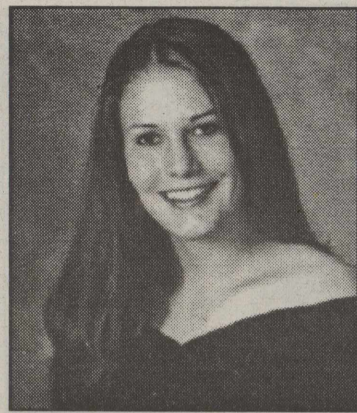
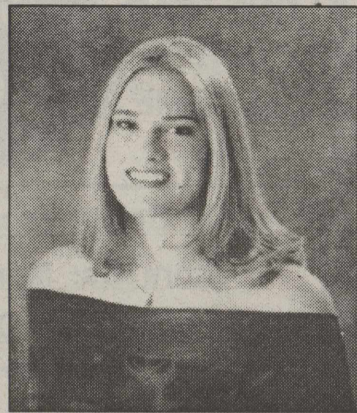
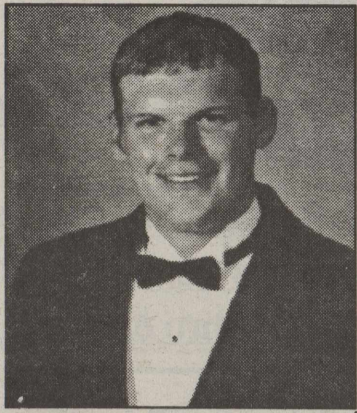


Leon Langley, Rowdy Brown & Brenda Kellermeier



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The Pocahontas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented awards to selected Bronte and Robert Lee graduating seniors. Receiving Good Citizenship awards were Cooper Riley (from left) and Heather Richey. Ashlee Millican and Jenna Herold received the Excellence in History award. Cooper and Ashlee graduated May 24 from Robert Lee High School. Heather and Jenna graduated from Bronte High School on May 30. Cooper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Riley. Heather's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Richey. Ashlee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Millican. Jenna's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herold.

### BISD Board meets in special session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in special session on Friday, May 30, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the board room. Bob Frazee, Gary Acker and David Scott were absent from the meeting. Also present at the meeting were the principals, Rick Howell and Terry Marrs.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Kendall Gibbs.

Bank Depository Bids were reviewed and the bid from the First National Bank of Bronte was accepted.

Letters from Burl Lowery, CPA, concerning State Compensatory Education Audit for 2001-2002 and the Leaver Audit for Annual Dropout Records for the PEIMS Fall Resubmission were read. The Leaver audit approved.

A letter from TEA stating that Bronte ISD's administrative cost ratio is below the established standard.

The resignations of Donna Evans, Elementary teacher and Jeff Mills, teacher at CCJJC were accepted.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a report to the board including moving the seventh grade to high school band and summer projects.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by the President at 7:30 pm.

### RLISD Awards

#### "A" Honor Roll 6th - Six weeks

##### 7th grade

Molly Burns, Ashley Hopson, Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner

##### 8th grade

Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Nicole Fields, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Rebecca Skinner

##### 9th grade

Tina Arellano, Tiffany Bagwell, Bridgette Barnett, Andra Braswell, Amanda Thurman, Stephanie Trejo, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

##### 10th grade

Jacob McCabe, Lindsey Roe

##### 11th grade

Rachel Wallace

##### 12th grade

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

### "A/B" Honor Roll

#### 7th grade

Jesse Braswell, Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Kami Fryar, Megan Percifull, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Anna Rojas, Luke Thurman

#### 8th grade

Jaden Alexander, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Casey Nesbit, Eleasar Vera

#### 9th grade

Josh Conner, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Shannon Martin, Olivia Martinez, Crystal McGary, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican

#### 10th grade

Wade Arledge, Cody Bridges, Kayli Dickey, Yolanda Olguin, Robert Raney, Julie Riley, Michele Sanchez, Brittany Soliz, Ashley Womack

#### 11th grade

Josh Alexander, Felipe Arellano, Ashley Baer, Monica Barrera, Evan Braswell, Julia Cruz, Destiny Ewing, Jessica Fluhmann, Shannon Honse, Monica Rodriguez, R.J. Service

#### 12th grade

Brandon Anderson, Adam Caston, Jaziel Gallegos, Anson Lott, Christina Middleton, Alan Roe, Robert Sailer, Rebecca Welch, Billy Williams

### San Angelo Writers' Club news

Midland romance writer Eileen Wilks, whose books have appeared on the USA Today and Waldenbooks best-seller lists, will address the San Angelo Writers' Club at 7 pm Tuesday, June 10, in the conference room at VistaCare Family Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Drive, in San Angelo.

Wilks will speak of using meditation and guided imagery to enhance creativity.

An informal social period will

precede the meeting, beginning at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in writing, whether or not a published author, is invited to attend. For more information, call Barbara Barton at 949-7303.

### Bessent graduates from SPC

Benjamin J. (B.J.) Bessent from Robert Lee received an Associate of Science Degree during South Plains College's 45th commencement exercises May 16, 2003. B.J. is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Randy Bessent.

A record 832 students were awarded diplomas during ceremonies in Texan Dome.

### Historical Quilt by Ava Davis

A quilt top was found in the old jail, used for a museum here in Robert Lee last August. It was presented to the United Methodist Womens Organization at the First United Methodist Church. There were names of women that attended the WSCS in the 30's and 40's. They all quilted in the church or in their homes. Their names are hand embroidered on the quilt. The UMW had the quilt top hand quilted and it is now hanging in the vestibule of the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

There is a scrapbook of biographies on each lady accompanying the quilt. We need help on a few of the names we have not received a biography on.

The names we need help on, they are as follows: Ruby Brown, Emma Baze, Hattie Day, Mrs. W.A. Summer, Odessa Thetford, Ordie Wilbanks, Eva Koeding, Eva Murtishaw, Veda Peays, Lura Smith and Iva Vestal.

Anyone having any information on these ladies, please call

me at 915-453-2184 or write me, Ava Davis, PO Box 54, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.

We will be having the dedication of the quilt and scrapbook very soon.

### Drinking water protection

Rural residents have a major role to play in protecting not only their drinking water, but the City of Bronte drinking water as well. By becoming familiar with the ways ground and surface water can become polluted and the management practices that can prevent pollution, we can all be assured of a continued safe supply of drinking water.

Pesticides play an important role in agriculture. They have increased farm production and enabled farmers to manage more acres with less labor. Voluntary action to prevent pesticide contamination of drinking water will help ensure that pesticides remain available for the responsible use.

Pesticides work by interfering with the life processes of plants and insects. Some pesticides are also toxic to humans. If a pesticide enters a water supply in large quantities, which could happen with spills, dumping, or back-siphoning accidents, acute health effects could occur, depending on the toxicity of the pesticide. Contaminated water used for drinking water supplies may cause chronic exposure (prolonged or repeated exposures to low doses of a toxic substance). Chronic exposure may be hazardous to humans and livestock.

Properly managing pesticides

on your property is an important step toward preventing drinking water contamination. If stored in a secure, properly constructed location, pesticides pose little danger to drinking water. Common sense suggests keeping pesticides out of the way of activities that might knock over a jug or rip open a bag. Short-term storage poses a lower risk than year-round storage, but storage for any length of time can be a risk to drinking water.

Drinking water contamination can result even from small spills in the mixing and loading area. Small quantities spilled regularly in the same place can go unnoticed, but the chemicals can build up in the soil and eventually reach drinking water. By mixing and loading on an impermeable concrete surface most spilled pesticides can be recovered and reused.

Unwashed and improperly stored containers can lead to drinking water contamination if chemical residues leak onto the ground. Use returnable containers and mini bulks, and take them back to the dealer as often as possible. Pressure-rinse or triple-rinse containers immediately after use, since residue can be difficult to remove after it dries. Pour the rinse water into the spray tank. Puncture containers and store them in a covered area until you take them to a regional collection event or permitted landfill. Do not bury or burn pesticide containers or bags.

Reducing pesticide waste makes financial as well as environmental sense, but it means more than just reducing spills. It also means not buying more than you need to apply, keeping records of what is on hand, and using older products first.

For more information on reducing the risk of drinking water contamination by improving pesticide storage and handling, contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and request Pamphlet No. B-6025. Publication No. TWC/C91-09 2/93 entitled, "Rinse and Recycle: It Makes Good Sense" is published by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and is available at no charge by dialing (512) 239-0028, Monday through Friday during normal working hours.

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Courtney Arrott

**Arrott graduates ASU**

Courtney Marie Arrott graduated May 10, 2003, from Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology with emphasis in athletic training.

She is the daughter of Mike and Andra Arrott of Bronte. Courtney graduated from Bronte High School in 1998.

**RLVFD news**

by Marian Thompson  
Secretary

Nine firemen met on June 2nd, for the regular business meeting, at the fire station. The minutes and treasury report were accepted.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson gave the monthly report. There was one business meeting, one fire training, one lecture given by Critical Care Ambulance service.

Thirty men attended these meetings. There were 24 hours of activities which included one call for a landing zone, 1 1/2 man hours, and 1/4 truck miles.

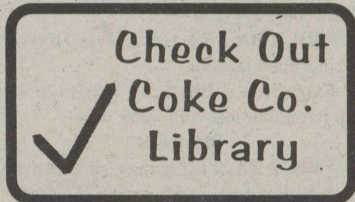
Other activities included the Skywarn team being called out on May 9th. Kay Torres went to Austin to the meeting of The Texas Commission on Fire Protection, and the fire department received a much needed Grant for eight complete sets of Bunker Gear.

The group discussed the meeting with Critical Care Ambulance Service and how it effects the fire department with Landing Zones. They discussed what work needs to be done on the trucks and adjourned to do the work.

The fire department needs volunteers, especially those who would be available during day. Anyone interested in becoming a fireman, contact Bud Thompson at 453-4423, Chief Rick Drennan at 453-2343, or any fireman. Members of the fire department meet the first Monday of the month for the business meeting, at the fire station. Classes are held on Mondays at the station

for those who wish to become certified firemen.

Cadets are ages 16 to 18 years, with parent consent, and they receive Fire and Rescue Training. Visitors are welcome to attend.



The first week's prize in the Coke County Summer Reading Program was won by Diego Saucedo. He won a beach ball. The prize for the second week of the summer program is a Dr. Suess Back Pack. Each Friday a name will be drawn from a collection of all the names in the drawing. To enter the drawing, readers put their name on a slip of paper once for each book returned.

All names will be saved and entered in the grand prize drawing. Readers are invited to come by the library to see the prizes and dates they will be awarded.

Pre-order forms for A Colorful History of the Old Coke County Jail and Sheriffs With Related Facts and Tales by Bonita Copeland are available at the library. Proceeds from this work will be donated to the restoration of the Coke County Jail. Pre-sales will provide funding for the first printing of the book.

The library has received some nice donations recently. General fiction, mystery and romance readers will find something new on the shelves.



The Fort Chadbourne Cavalry participated in the Fort Chadbourne Days celebration May 16 and 17, 2003, at the Fort. Fort Chadbourne is located 12 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277.

Mr. Hamby's years teaching include Robert Lee (11 years), Canyon (6 years), Roby (1 year), Western Texas College, and Snyder (25 years). His wife, Carolyn, daughter, Laura, and many friends filled the room

Attending from Robert Lee were his former students; Linda Burns, Farrell Jean Washam, Cristie Bagwell, Gaylon Pitcock, and Bill Hood. Mr. Hamby never forgot Robert Lee. His memory album displayed pictures from his sponsoring the annual staff, student council and numerous class pictures of former students given to him during his 11 years in Robert Lee.

**Power wheelchairs available**

The Independent Seniors program makes available Power (electric) Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 yrs. Old & up) and to others permanently disabled, at no out of pocket cost, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who, 1) cannot walk and cannot self propel a manual wheelchair, or 2) can walk only 10 feet or less, and are at risk for falling, and 3) who meet the additional guidelines of

the program. If your need is for use in the home, please call for more information on the additional qualifications. No Nursing Homes or HMO Insurances please. Call toll free @ 1-800-383-8435.

**Lott, Millican to play in All-Star Football Classic this weekend**

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

Son of Marshall and Sheri Millican, Stewart was one of 87 area athletes selected for the fourth annual game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 51 area schools, the roster for the North and South squads was announced on March 2, 2003.

Anson Lott, son of Sharon and C.V. Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lott, was also chosen as alternate for the South team. Anson is also a 2003 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

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

Players from Class 5A through Class A were selected for this year's team. For those unable to attend, the game will be telecast by KTAB-TV of Abilene.



Dale Hamby

**Hamby honored**

Mr. Dale Hamby taught history at Robert Lee High School from 1960-1971. A retirement party was held in his honor at Snyder Jr. High on May 27, 2003 to honor his 43 years service to the teaching profession.

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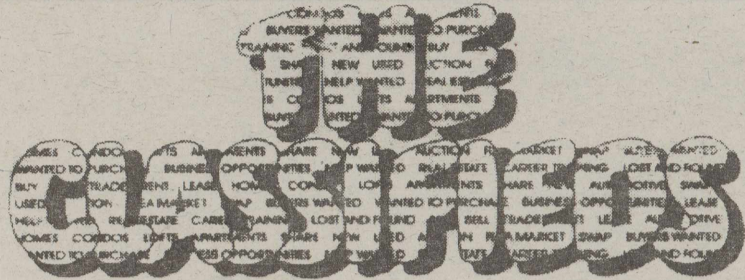
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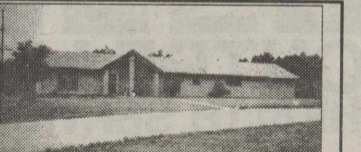
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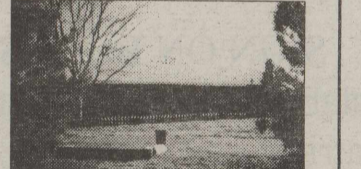
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### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROBERT LEE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Robert Lee will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 on June 9, 2003 at the City Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for final public comments regarding the completion of the 2001 Texas Community Development Program-Water Storage Improvements (Contract Number 722939). The general public is invited to attend and participate.

Should any non-English speaking citizens desire to address the City during the public hearing and needs the assistance of an interpreter, the City will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Mayor, Garland Davis  
City of Robert Lee  
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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

L.C.S. Production Company, P.O. Box 6663, Abilene, TX 79608 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Odom Lime Formation, SPA (Odom Lime) Unit Lease, Well Number 25. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles North of Bronte in the Fort Chadbourne Field, in Coke County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5450 to 5600 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) show below, and then publicly read.

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Contract 6098-32-001 for MOWING RIGHT OF WAY in STERLING County, etc will be received on June 25, 2003 until 1:00 pm and opened on June 25, 2003 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$133,196.70.

Contract 6099-30-001 for MOWING RIGHT OF WAY in COKE County, etc will be received on June 26, 2003 until 1:00 pm and opened on June 26, 2003 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$81,665-85.

Contract 6101-04-001 for LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE in

TOM GREEN County, etc will be opened on July 02, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$344,714.00.

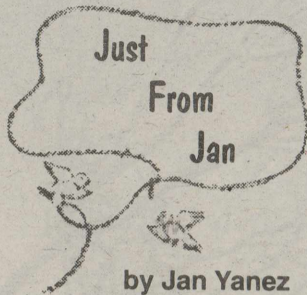
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid 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](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

### Summer time and bicycles

As we enter these lazy, hazy days of summer, days are longer, the temperatures are rising, school is out, and children are playing outside. One of the most popular summer activities for children is riding a bicycle. Whether it is a tricycle, bicycle, racer, or a mountain bike, motor vehicle drivers must remember to be on the lookout for these young drivers. Drivers must remember to share the road with bicyclists. Sharing the road is critical but the drivers must also be alert to the fact that many bicyclists do not know the rules of the road or follow safety practices, especially young children. Young children, less than 10 years of age, do not have the skill and judgement to cope with traffic.

As a parent it is critical to teach children safe cycling habits from their first day on a tricycle. Bicycles and tricycles are not toys, they are vehicles that rely on human power to move. Knowing and practicing safe

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habits will reduce their risks of injury. Wearing a safety helmet is one critical habit that a cyclist needs to adopt.

When children first ride a tricycle, they need to wear a bicycle helmet. If they learn this habit from the very beginning, they more likely will always practice the habit. The risk of head injuries while riding tricycles is real. A recent review of pediatric trauma cases nationwide showed that, although the tricycle population (children under 5 years old) accounted for a small proportion of children with bike-related injuries, their injuries were just as severe as those of older children (5-14 years old). As children move from a tricycle to a two-wheeler, continue to insist on their wearing a bicycle helmet. Letting your child choose a helmet is one way to encourage helmet use. Just make sure the helmet fits snugly, covers the forehead, and is certified to meet either Snell, ASTM, or ANSIL standards.

Head injuries are the most serious

type of injury and the most common cause of death for bicyclists. Numerous studies have proven that bicycle helmets work to reduce head injury. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, a total of 60 bicyclists were killed in the state, nine of these fatalities were children ages five to nine. That number may not seem very significant, but if the seriously injured or killed individual is a member of your family or community, your life is affected. Wearing a bicycle helmet is just plain common sense and head injuries are preventable by the proper use of helmets. Parents and children are both responsible for wearing helmets when they ride.

Once a helmet has been involved in a crash, do not use it again. The damage may be obvious but sometime it is not. The helmet may have small invisible cracks which weaken the shell. After a crash, buy a new helmet and use the old one as a reminder that helmets do save lives!

## 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 afectará 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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**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 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.

**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.

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.

**Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau hosts Ag Day**  
by Jeffie Roberts

Robert Lee, Bronte, and Sterling City fourth grade students attended the annual Ag Day hosted by Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

The affair was held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Show Barn in Robert Lee. Sixty-nine students, six teachers, and two bus drivers were treated to various displays stressing the value and importance agriculture has on our daily lives.

They were able to view farm machinery such as tractors and hay balers. Many children have seen this equipment in the field from the highway, but Ag Day afforded them the opportunity to view the machinery at a closer range. Vice-President John Stephens provided the machinery, and explained how it all works and the safety precautions that should be taken around farm machinery.

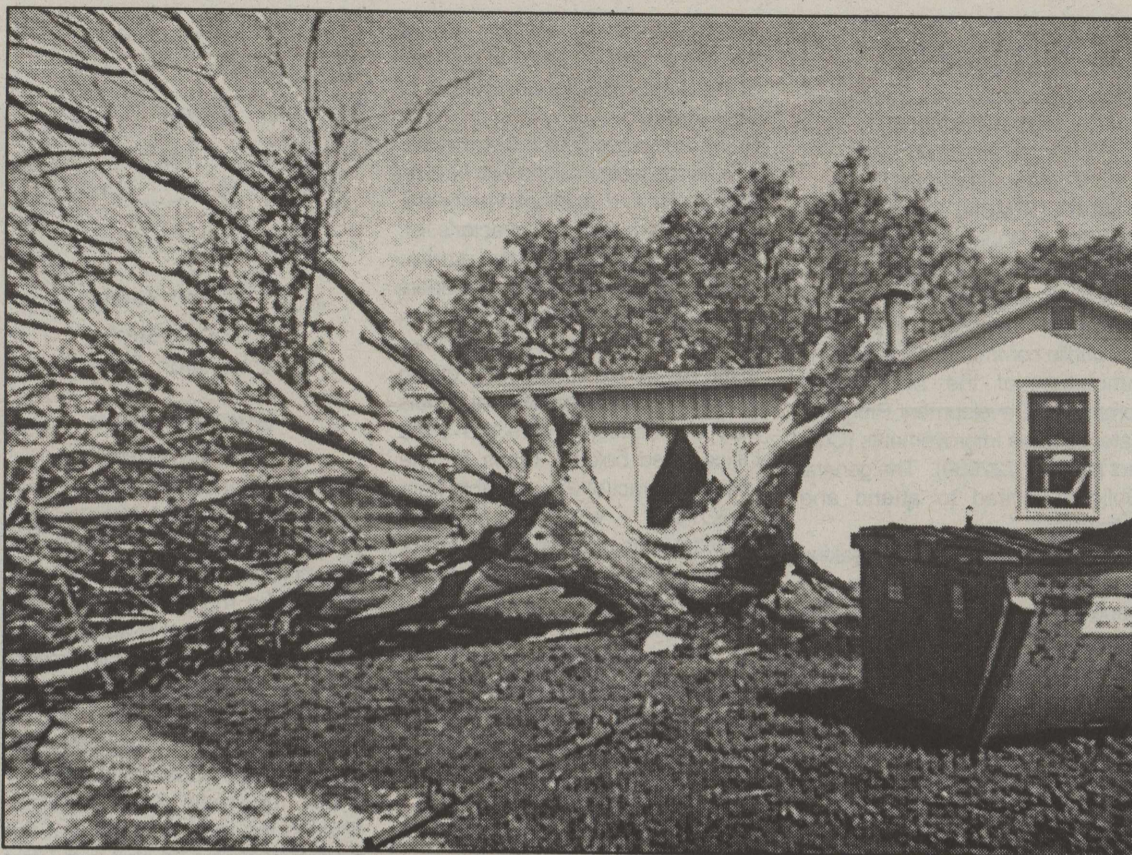
Area field representative, Sutton Page, presented a program and demonstrations that allowed them to see how many of the products they use every day are directly attributed to agriculture. Many of the products are readily recognizable as farm products such as butter and milk, but some were surprised to learn that things such as mouthwash, lipstick, jello, and shaving cream are also produced by the ag industry.

Joey Harmon brought his horse and explained to the children the value of a good ranch horse and the safety they should take when around a horse and other farm animals.

Joe Sefcik brought a wild Ferral Hog and explained how dangerous wild animals can be.

Jeff Eubanks' Boer Nannie Goat with kid triplets, and Dean Percifull's hens provided enjoyment for the children.

A new attraction this year was Blake Pitcock's large Watussi Bull. Gaylon Pitcock told the wide-eyed group many interesting facts about



This tree, located at 608 W. 17th, was felled by the high winds that hit Robert Lee Tuesday night, June 3, 2003. It was only one of several that fell in town during the storm that dumped three inches of rain.

this breed of livestock.

President Bobby Roberts and wife, Jeffie, demonstrated butter making. They explained their large display (early day churn, cream separator, milk can, crock jar, butter mold, wooden bowl and spoon) and each one present sampled fresh butter on crackers.

Everyone received home-

made treats and drinks as they departed for each respective school. Gary McGehee, State Director and Jeffie Roberts provided the refreshments.

Alonzo Robbins, secretary of Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, Russell Davis, local Farm Bureau Insurance Agent, Calvin Boatright, Farm Bureau Insurance Adjustor and local

rancher, Wes Washam, attended and assisted with the event.

Those responsible for the hard work in putting together the popular event were Bobby Roberts, John Stephens, Gaylon Pitcock, Jeff Eubanks, Alonzo Robbins, Joe Sefcik, Sutton Page, Russell Davis, Joe Harmon and Jeffie Roberts.

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