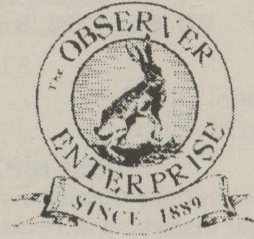


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## Ranch Rodeo set for Saturday at Bronte

Grab your boots and hats, and come on out to the arena in Bronte Saturday evening for the umpteenth annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo. Sponsored by the Coke County Roping Club, the annual event is a perennial crowd pleaser and fundraiser for both the Bronte Evening Lions and the local roping club. Since the rodeo's debut event in 1993, the number of teams and the economic impact for Bronte and Coke County has continued to increase.

All the action is set to kick off at 6:00 pm, with sixteen teams competing for handmade Joe Spiller buckles and cash. The teams entered represent some of the oldest and best known "spreads" in West Texas. Two local teams are also entered in this year's competition, one from the Bronte area - the Red Creek Raiders, and another from Robert Lee - Hidden Valley Ranch. The fourteen remaining teams include Hemphill Land and Cattle Company from Coleman, the Long X Cattle Company from Kent, the Open A Ranch from Snyder, T.H. Farms from Tolar, McNabb Ranch from Quanah, Muleshoe Ranch from Gail, Alexander Ranch from Miles, Cowan Ranch from Seymour, Rafter S from Hermleigh, Falcon Seaboard Ranches from Sonora, Indian Canyon from Lamesa, A Bar H Cattle Company from Shallwater, NT Ranch from Stamford and Dove Creek Land and Cattle from Knickerbocker.

This year's events and their local sponsors include: Team Penning, sponsored by Tom's Tires and Glenn-Bivins Insurance; Team Mugging, sponsored by Graves' Farming; Wild Cow Milking, sponsored by Hall of Fame Wildlife Studio; Trailer Loading, sponsored by First National Bank of Bronte; and Team Branding, sponsored by Robert Lee State Bank.

There is no admission charge to the rodeo; however, the Bronte Evening Lions Club will be serving up some of their special barbecue plates and sandwiches which will be for sale at the concession stand. Also, chances to win a set of handmade Joe Spiller spurs will be sold dur-

ing the rodeo, with the lucky winner's name being drawn at the conclusion of the show. All of the donations for the raffle on the spurs will benefit Coke County youth, with the majority being distributed through the Coke County Roping Club Scholarship Fund.

Rain or shine, the action will be hot and heavy (and maybe even muddy) this Saturday at Bronte. Come on out and support the Lions and the Roping Club, and be a part of this year's exciting rodeo action.

### Roping Club changes roping time due to heat

Now that summer is upon us, the Coke County Roping Club will change their regular roping time from 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoons to 6:00 pm on Sundays. If you haven't had a chance to rope with the group this year, or if you would like to be a member, you are more than welcome to join in the fun at 6:00 pm each Sunday and at 7:00 pm on Wednesday nights at the arena in Bronte.

### Harmon/Sparks reunion to be held June 28

The 64th annual Harmon-Sparks reunion will be held all day Saturday, June 28, 2003, at the recreation hall in the Coke County Park in Robert Lee. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

### Blackwell UMC century celebration slated for June 27, 28, & 29

The 100th anniversary celebration for the Blackwell United Methodist Church will be held this weekend at the church in Blackwell.

Activities include former Pastor Bill Perkins speaking at 6 pm Friday, June 27. Refreshments will follow.

At 6 pm Saturday, June 28, former Pastor Charles Dunnam is scheduled to speak with refreshments to be served after.

District Superintendent Lewis Holland will address the congregation Sunday, June 29, at 11 am. A brisket lunch, provided by the church, will be served at noon. Pastor Charles Casey will close the weekend's ceremonies at 2 pm.

There will be special music,



Long X Cattle Company from "out West of the Pecos" will be one of the sixteen teams participating in the Coke County Ranch Rodeo Saturday evening at the arena in Bronte. The action starts at 6 pm. Photo by Jennifer Murray.

fellowship, food, memorabilia, pictures, old records and church histories for viewing Fun for all!! Please come celebrate with us and remember to preserve the memories and bring your cameras!

### Adult water aerobics offered in RL

An adult water aerobics class is being held at the Coke County Swimming Pool in Robert Lee from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Each participant needs to bring a noodle for deep water aerobics.

For further information, call Jo Nell Blair who serves as the volunteer leader of the sessions.

Classes are not held during inclement weather.

### RLHS Sports Booster meeting slated

The Robert Lee Sports Boosters will have a meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 in the High School Library. This meeting is to meet and talk with Coach Gunter, and discuss a 7 on 7 tournament and "Meet the Steers" night. This meeting is not to elect officers or discuss last year's business.

Everyone is invited to attend, and support the RLHS coaching staff and Steers. You do not have to have a student to attend Sports Booster meetings.

### Blackwell's Independence Day Parade set for July 4

The Blackwell volunteer fire department will be holding the 25th Annual Independence Day Parade and Barbecue on Saturday, July 5th. The parade will start at 5:00 pm followed immediately by the barbecue, held at the Blackwell Fire Station. For cost of meal and in participating in the parade, contact Marsha Harris at 282-2323 or Janet Roland at 282-2115.

### Pray for Rain Group to meet Sunday

On May 7, 2003, a group of about 50 people met at Oak Creek Lake and prayed for rain. Since that time the Bronte area has had over 10 inches of rain and Oak Creek Lake has come up over 10 feet in elevation.

This Pray for Rain Group would like to meet again at the lake on Sunday, June 29, at 7:30 pm to ask for more rain as well as thank the Creator

for the measurable amount of rain that has already fallen. The Pray for Rain Group will meet at Sportsman Lodge. There will be enough parking space and also the site is flat. Water can be seen from this point also.

For more information, call the First Baptist Church at 473-2331 or First United Methodist Church at 473-3281.

### Coke County courthouse to close

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed Friday, July 4, in celebration of our country's Independence Day. Business will resume on Monday, July 7.

### City Halls to close

The Robert Lee and Bronte City Halls will be closed on Friday, July 4th. Friday trash service will run as scheduled in Robert Lee and the landfill will be open on Saturday, July 5th.

Residents in both cities are reminded that all fireworks are banned within city limits. Any person that violates this ban may be issued a citation and fined. Residents are urged to call the local law enforcement at 453-2717 to report any violators.

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**Obituaries**

**Kennedy**

Charles A. Kennedy, 88, of Eastland and formerly of Robert Lee, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2003.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 24, 2003, at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Charles was born March 10, 1915 in Vaughan, Texas. He married Clairine Rich on December 23, 1945, in Tyler, Texas. He served in World War II as a Medic in the United States Army's 36th Division, serving in North Africa and also in Italy. He worked as a Pumper for Sun Oil, retiring in 1977.

He is survived by his daughter, Sue Ree Kennedy of Dallas; a son & daughter-in-law, Charles and Nell Kennedy of Eastland; a grandson, Brent Kennedy and wife, Sharon of Midland; and one great grandson, Brennon Kennedy of Midland.

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**Whittington**

Glenn Whittington, 63, of Granbury died in Ft. Worth's Harris Methodist Hospital on June 7. Memorial services were held on June 10 in Acton United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Hester Whittington, of Granbury; two daughters, Quinn Bircham and Devon Whittington; two sons, Mark Whittington and Craig Whittington; one step-son, Curtis Morrison; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

**Personal**

Visiting the Memorial Day weekend with Pat and Nelson Fredrickson were five of Pat's six children; Sherry McClung

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and son, Kevin, Irving; Terry and James Everitt, La Porte, Tx; Kenny Watson, Robert Lee; Machelie Watson, Auxvasse, Mo.; and Jimmy Watson, Irving. Special guests were Sid and Johnnie Eubanks, Bronte.

They came to celebrate Mom's 69th birthday and cook-out, and also brought a good rain shower. Guitar music and singing were enjoyed by all.

**Well water to pump to Bronte**

by Matt Phinney  
San Angelo Standard Times  
Staff Writer

"Bronte volunteers have finished installing a five-mile pipeline from three new water wells near Oak Creek Reservoir and the town should receive water by the end of the week," said water superintendent Ricky Royall.

"The pipeline was completed two weeks ago and pumps now are being installed in the wells," Royall said. Once those wells are up and running, the town will begin pulling water from the wells.

The five-mile pipeline connects wells north of Oak Creek Reservoir to the city's existing pipeline near the lake. The pipeline will help provide the city of 1,076 people with water.

Bronte received a \$264,000 step grant earlier this year from the state's Office of Rural Community Affairs to pay for drilling three wells and supplies for the line. According to the grant, the town had to supply the labor. The value of the donated

labor has been estimated to exceed \$100,000. Volunteers calling themselves the "Over the Hill Gang" laid the five-mile pipeline in May and early June. "Once the pumps are operating, the town plans to drill three more wells," Royall said.

All together, the six new wells should provide nearly 750,000 gallons of water per day. The city also has secured another \$274,000 grant for its next three wells, supplies and utilities.

Like most towns in West Texas, Bronte has been rationing water for several years.

The city was using about 500,000 gallons of water per day three years ago. The city now uses around 175,000 gallons per day, Royall has said. Recent rains provided more good news for Bronte as Oak Creek Reservoir received about 10 vertical feet of runoff, Royall said. Before the rains, Royall said the town had about two more months of water. "It was a pretty bad situation," he said.

Royall said Bronte will mix well water with lake water until the new wells are drilled. "The city will then decide how to best use the water depending on how much water is in the lake," Royall said.

**RL Street Affair set October 4**

The third annual Robert Lee Street Affair has been set for Saturday, October 4, 2003. Following a brief organizational meeting, a tentative schedule of events was announced: craft booths open to any category, food booths, the second art show, a historical tour of the Old Jail and possible other sights, the air carnival will return, the dessert cook-off will be continued. Other events are being arranged.



George Snapp (left), Worshipful Master of Masonic Lodge 962, presents Freddie Crumpler with an award naming him as a Community Builder. The presentation was made June 3 at the Bronte Evening Lions Club meeting.

The street dance will also be held with an opportunity for local talent to perform during the day.

The Street Affair has proved to be a showcase for Robert Lee. The event will be publicized in all areas within a 300 mile radius of the city. As this is the third year of the event, attendance is expected to be high. It is anticipated that the quilt show will attract a crowd of quilt enthusiasts.

The food and craft booths are a good opportunity for groups to raise funds. Those booths exhibiting a eye-catching banner or colorful front prove to be the most successful.

The next meeting of the Street Affair committee will be Thursday, July 10, at 5:15 pm in the Coke County Library. Anyone with an interest in this event is invited, encouraged, and welcomed to attend.

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**Horwood testifies before Children's Congress 2003 in Washington, D.C.**

Lyle Edmond Horwood, 12, son of Larry and Linda Horwood of Sterling City, is one of nearly 200 children from throughout the U.S. selected to make an emotional pilgrimage to Capitol Hill to remind Congress and the Administration of the critical need to find a cure for a disease they live with every day - juvenile diabetes.

Children with juvenile (type 1) diabetes - ages 2 to 17, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia - converged on Washington, D.C., to tell their stories and urge lawmakers to help find a cure during the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF) Children's Congress 2003, June 22 to 24.

Lyle Horwood has been named a delegate representing Texas in the Children's Congress. Led by JDRF International Chairman Mary Tyler Moore, the Children's Congress included Congressional visits by the child delegates and a hearing in the Senate Committee on Government affairs where Ms. Moore, select child delegates, researchers, and business community leaders testified on the need for continued funding for research on juvenile diabetes.

**Sanchez attends Farm Bureau Seminar**

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 40th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo on June 2-6 was Michele Sanchez, a senior at RLHS this fall.

Sponsored by the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau, Michele was among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Bobby Roberts, president of the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau.

"Farm Bureau-Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director, after the students were welcomed at Angelo State University. "Martin Lefevere (TFB Field Representative), and Maria Swearingen (2002 Miss TFB and TFB Speech contest winner), presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights", which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows:

David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise" and Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution."

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility".

The students were entertained on Tuesday evening by Neal Jeffrey of Dallas, a humorist and motivational speaker. Damon Whaley,

former TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided special entertainment. Damon is an accomplished musician, comedian and impressionist.

After the presentation of their free enterprise projects on Wednesday evening, the students were treated to cake and ice cream in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Citizenship Seminar.

Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, challenged the students to "Press on Regardless" at Thursday evening's banquet.

**Fireworks safety tips**

by Bud Thompson  
Robert Lee Fire Marshal Bud Thompson would like to remind all residents that fireworks are illegal within the city limits of Robert Lee.

Families are preparing for the 4th of July outings, picnics, campouts, or barbecues. Many plan to set off fireworks.

When possible, leave fireworks to the professionals.

If you plan to set them off yourself, please follow these safety rules.

Child safety comes first, do not allow children to play with or ignite fireworks. Adults should read and follow instructions and warning before igniting fireworks. Be sure structures, as well as people, are out of range before setting off rockets. You don't want to end up in



Michele Sanchez

the emergency room.

Sparklers burn at such a high temperature, they can quickly burn clothing and cause severe burns to children. Light your fireworks on a smooth flat surface, out in the open, away from structures, dry grass and flammable materials. Keep a garden hose or bucket of water close by in case of fireworks malfunction or fire. Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned, it can go off in your hand.

Summer is upon us, with the recent rains, the grass is growing and with the hot temperatures, and west Texas winds, it won't take long for it to dry out, and the fire hazard will be in the high range. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

**100th Anniversary Celebration  
Blackwell United  
Methodist Church**

June 27, 28 & 29, 2003

Friday • 6 pm • former Pastor Bill Perkins

Saturday • 6 pm • former Pastor Charles Dunnam

Refreshments to follow speakers each evening.

Sunday • June 29, 2003

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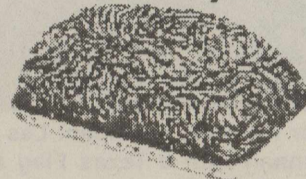
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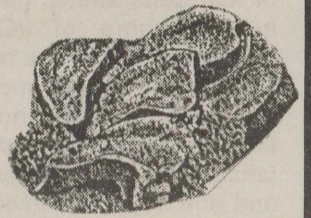


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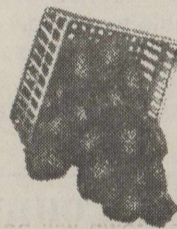
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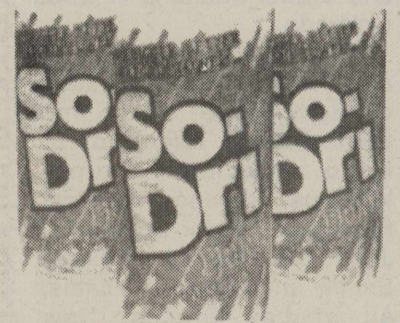
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**Bronte Health & Rehab Center Auxiliary President Les Rolls (right) presents Mary Beth Drennan with a Texas Flag and a United States Flag. These flags will fly in the breeze at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center to show the pride the organization has for the United States.**

**Taylor reunion held**

On Saturday, June 14, 2003, 120 people, comprised of four generations, gathered at the home of JQ and Beatrice Counts for a reunion to celebrate the life and times of James LeRoy and Inez McDorman Taylor and their family, consisting of ten girls and one boy. The event was attended by all four of the surviving children of this union, most of the surviving grandchildren and great grandchildren, together with spouses, and a sprinkling of great-great grandchildren. The four sisters of the original family were Beatrice (Bea) Taylor Counts, Katherine (Kitty) Taylor Martin, Patricia (Patty) Taylor Sheppard, and Martha (Dixie) Taylor Jones. All of the sisters were well represented as follows:

Mildred (Mrs. Lee) Ligon (deceased): John and Jeri Ligon of Sierra Vista, Arizona; Jim and Dana Ligon; Rob and Heather Ligon and Clay Ligon; Joan Ligon Escapule, Tyler and Emily Escapule, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Joe and Linda Ligon, Stephen and Lea Ligon McClaran, Nathan and Sarah McClaran of Bryan; Nancy Ligon Fulton and Holly Fulton of Silverthorne, Colorado, and Troy and Heather Berget of Littleton, Colorado.

LaVelta (Mrs. Ivey) Eubanks (deceased): Jeff and D'Ann Eubanks, Colby and Lori Eubanks; Virginia Garlington, all of Robert Lee; Dan Garlington and Tracy Wright, of Midland; and Gay and Brandi Banning, of Erie, Colorado.

JQ and Beatrice Counts and Robert (Rocky) Counts, of Robert Lee; Jerry and Ellen Counts Tolbert of El Paso, Jackie Counts Williams, Shannon Williams Rodriguez, Taylor Rodriguez, Jess and Jessica Williams Smith, and Rachel Williams, all of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and John and Belynda Counts of Conroe.

Sylvia (Mrs. Wayne) Kennemer (deceased): Bill Goldsmith of Great Falls, Virginia; and Nancy Goldsmith Scott, of Boulder, Colorado. Barbara Goldsmith Schoenhals had planned on being here, but her plane flight was canceled at the last minute, so she didn't get here.

Josephine (Mrs. Lothlen) Mahon (deceased): Ralph and Bobby Mahon Johnson, of Eagle Lake; Darrell and Joy Johnson Engelbrecht, and Jake Engelbrecht of Wallis; and Bill Mahon of Temple.

James Mac Taylor (deceased) was, I'm sure, there in spirit, although neither of his children, Ginger (Mrs. Tom) Choat of Choate, Colorado, or Patty (Mrs. Ronnie) Koonce of Odessa, were able to attend.

Katherine (Mrs. Jack) Martin, Judy Martin Benaglio Bohannon, Rebekah and Micah Bohannon, all of

Sulphur, Oklahoma, and Amy Benaglio, of Saginaw.

Ruth Ann (Mrs. Kent) Goode (deceased): Kent and RoseMary Goode, and Betty Goode, of Weimar.

Bert and Patty Sheppard; Bobby and Dixie Jan Sheppard Smith, Camille, Lance and Cayla Smith, all of Spearman; Britt and Lindsey Smith Savage, of Rockwall; Mike and Debbie Sheppard Cook, Chase, Rance and Reese Cook, of Ovalo; Beth Sheppard McIntire and Edward McIntire of Spearman; and Rory and Janet Sheppard, David and Mark Sheppard of Boerne.

Coy and Martha (Dixie) Jones of Brownfield; Matt and Sherry Jones, Joshua, Caleb and Seth Jones of Tyler; Russ Jones of Dallas; Clay and Martha Jones Everheart, R.C. and Rachel Everheart of San Angelo; and Walt Jones of Bedford.

Also attending the festivities were representatives from the families of Roy's brother, Charles (Charlie) Taylor, and of his sister, Layla Taylor Evans:

For Charlie: Wilma Taylor Pinkston Gardner; Charline Pinkston Tucker; Rhonda Tucker Lindsey, Rynne Lindsey; and Kirstyn Van Patten, all of San Angelo.

For Layla: Bill G. and Judith Evans of Canyon; Abel and Jocelyn Evans Carrillo, Angela, Katie and Keegan Carillo, of Big Spring; Charlie and Shavawn Evans Parduha, and Evan Parduha of Round Rock; and Kit Evans Rodriguez, Benjamin

and Sophia Rodriguez of Amarillo.

**Siren warning signals**

Tornado sirens for the City of Robert Lee are: 3 long blast is a public warning to take immediate shelter. If a tornado is spotted, or the city is in imminent danger of Severe Weather or very large hail, the fire department members, who are also the Skywarn Team, and are out checking the skies, are in contact with the National Weather Bureau, and they will set off the siren. 3 long blasts of the siren is the signal to take shelter, preferable a sturdy building, storm cellar or interior room or hall. 1 long blast of the siren will signal the all clear.

The fire department utilizes the sirens, when there is a fire or meeting. 2 blasts of the siren is a call for firemen to assemble at the station.

**Sheep/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 run-

ning 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, visit the County FSA Office or call us at (325) 453-2751.

**Savings account set up**

There is a savings account set up for Janie Gloria at the Robert Lee State Bank under - Ruth Minjarez Special.

Mrs. Gloria is undergoing treatment for her liver. She is in need of a transplant.

**Hickman Reunion slated for Thursday and Friday**

The Ed Hickman Reunion will be held on June 26th & 27th at the Bronte Rec Hall. Friends are welcome to attend.

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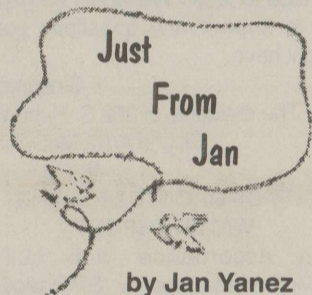
By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

Homeowner tree borer control

With the loss of organophosphates for homeowner borer control on ornamental trees, there are a few products left for homeowners to use against tree borers. While a few are still available to homeowner use on fruit and nut trees, there is only one current product labeled for use on ornamental trees and specifically lists borers. There are still some effective products that professional applicators can use against borers. If a homeowner is having problems with borers, they may want to contact a professional to handle their problems.

Here is a brief summary of the status of organophosphates and organochlorines for homeowner use. **Chlorpyrifos (Dursban):** Sales for all uses around the home has ended. **Diazinon:** Sales and distribution for lawn, garden, and turf use products will stop August 1, 2003. **Dimethoate (Cygon):** All residential uses have been canceled. Retailers can no longer sell dimethoate products for residential sites and public areas. **Lindane:** Sales for use around the home has ended. For all of these products, it is legal to use existing products for residential uses. If you have it, you use it according to the label.

Ornamental Trees



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative Extension Agent

Keeping the house cool

A comfortable home during the hot summer months is essential for the enjoyment of work, relaxation, and sleep. People generally feel the most comfortable with temperature of 75 to 80 degrees and relative humidities of less than 60 percent.

Exterior window treatment can be one of the best resources to use in keeping the heat out of the house. Louvered and rattan shades can reduce the heat gain from the sun by 70 percent.

These shading devices are only 40 percent effective when used on the inside of the house. Because louvers or blinds change the appearance of the house, they should be designed to complement the exterior styling.

Awnings-canvas awnings reduce solar heat gain 65 to 75 percent. Awnings can be effective on east, south and west windows during the day. If awnings are permanent, they will block the winter sun. The best awnings are those that can be removed or rolled up at the end of the summer.

Reflective films-semi transparent reflective films can be installed on the inside surface of windows to reflect part of the solar radiation. They cannot be readily removed to permit sunlight to enter during the winter, but may be quite effective on east and west windows in reducing solar heat gain and glare. Windows must be washed with care, as the film is easily scratched.

\*Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Insect Control is labeled for use against roundheaded and flatheaded borers on outdoor trees and shrubs. Fruit and Nut Trees

\*Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Insect Control is labeled for use against roundheaded and flatheaded borers on apple, cranapple, loquat, mayhaw, oriental pear, pecan, and quince.

\*Borer-Miner Killer is labeled for Lesser peachtree borer, peach twig borer on peaches and peach twig borer on almonds and pecans.

\*Ortho Bug-B-Gone Multi-Purpose Garden Dust is labeled for use against lesser peachtree borer and peach twig borer on fruit and nut trees.

\*Ortho Bug-B-Gone Multi-Purpose Insect Killer Ready to Use is labeled for use against lesser peachtree borer, peach twig borer and American plum borer on small fruit and nut trees.

\*Ortho Diazinon Ultra is labeled for use against twig borers on fruit and nut trees.

\*Spectracide Bug Stop Multi-



During the State 4-H Roundup Contest held recently at Texas A&M University, Coke County 4-H had two participants among more than 4,000 other 4-H members from across the state participating in method demonstrations. In the Beef Cattle contest, Clay Antilley's demonstration "Beef's Best Shot" placed fifth. "Environmental Horticulture" by Stacey Denton placed sixth. Others pictured are Sterling County 4-H members.

Purpose Insect Control Concentrate is labeled for use against peach twig borers on fruit and nut trees.

Most of these should do a fairly good job on borer problems, but

sometimes more than one treatment may be necessary for complete control. Just follow the label directions for each product.

I'm not sure how good the dust would work. Getting proper tree

trunk coverage would be difficult. Products containing permethrin should provide some level of protection. I would suggest homeowners using the highest rate possible the label allows.

9:15 a.m. Wednesday



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### Council lists vacancies

The Tom Green County Community Action Council (CAC) currently has several vacancies in its Board of Directors. They are in the process of recruiting qualified individuals for these vacancies.

The CAC serves 13 counties in the Concho Valley Area. There are two Neighborhood Centers providing services to low-income individuals; one in San Angelo and one in Eden. Services provided by CAC include weatherization, food bank, and utility assistance.

The duties of a member serving on the Board of Directors include oversight and approval of the programs and budgets, signing of checks, and representing their sector. Meetings are held every 10 weeks, are usually at noon, and last approximately one hour.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact the office at (325) 653-2411 or P.O. Box 671, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

### TDH issues hot weather advisory

The Texas Department of Health advises area residents to take precautions during hot summer weather to reduce the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion occurs when a person has been in a very warm place, indoors or outdoors, has sweat profusely and has not replaced the fluid and salts lost during sweating. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include: confusion, dizziness, nausea, headache, stomach cramps, shallow breathing, muscle tremors and heavy sweating.

Heat stroke occurs when the body can no longer control its temperature. A person with heat stroke will have a high body temperature (up to 106 degrees F); hot, dry skin; no sweating; a rapid heartbeat and may lose consciousness. Heat stroke can result from over exposure to sunlight or to very high temperatures (indoors and outdoors). Heatstroke can result in death or permanent disability if not treated quickly.

To reduce your risk of heat stroke or heat exhaustion:

\*Drink plenty of fluids. You need 1 1/2 quarts of fluid each day, even if you do not feel thirsty. When you are working or exercising you need even more fluids. Choose water, fruit juice, or other non-alcoholic beverages. Avoid alcohol, caffeine and beverages with a lot of sugar.

\*Plan strenuous outdoor activities for early or late in the day when it is cooler. Take frequent breaks when you are working outdoors.

\*Wear a hat, sun screen and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes when you are outside. Inside, wear as few clothes as possible. Babies should also be dressed lightly, in loose fitting clothes during hot weather.

\*Never leave a person or a pet in a closed, parked vehicle. The air temperature in a car can rise very quickly during hot weather.

\*Stay indoors in a cool environment as much as possible, until your heat tolerance is well established. If you do not have air conditioning, use fans and lower the window shades.

In a very humid environment, aim your fans through a window to blow the hot air out.

\*Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or may need help.

\*Make sure your pets have plenty of water and shade.

\*Ask your doctor about the effects of the sun and heat exposure if you are taking prescription diuretics, antihistamines, mood-altering or anti-spasmodic drugs.

If you notice signs of heat exhaustion, move the person to a cool or shaded place and give the person liquids (cool water or fruit juice). Call a doctor for advice. If you suspect heat stroke, cool the person rapidly in a cold water bath (not iced) or wrap the person in wet sheets. Call 9-1-1 for an ambulance or transport the person immediately to the nearest hospital. Do not give fluids by mouth if the person is unconscious.

For more information, contact Gale Morrow, TDH Deputy Regional Director at 915-834-7675.

### Top 9 Tips for Lightning Safety Indoor Safety

Get Inside. No place outside is safe during a thunderstorm! When you hear thunder you're too close. Remember, lightning can strike more than 10 miles away from a

thunderstorm.

The safest place during a thunderstorm is a typical house or other fully enclosed, substantially constructed building with grounded plumbing and wiring.

Be careful even in a building. Stay away from chimneys, corded telephones, plumbing, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, metal doors or metal window frames, or any electrical conducting path leading outside. Don't watch lightning through a window or open doorway. An inside room is generally the best.

The second best safer location from lightning is a vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides, but close the windows and don't touch any conducting path leading outside. Convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open shelled outdoor recreational vehicles, and cars with plastic or fiberglass roofs and sides offer no lightning protection. A common lightning myth is that the rubber tires protect you in a car by insulating you from the ground. Wrong: lightning laughs at 2 inches of rubber! It's the metal that protects you.

### Outdoor Safety

Stay away from the follow spots and activities if caught outside:

• Open field or elevated place. If caught outside, drop

your backpack, get away from other hikers and crouch down to be the lowest object around.

• Trees and other tall isolated objects. In this case, an open area crouching down is a better choice.

• Water or water related activity such as swimming, boating, fishing, etc.

• Golf course. Again, if caught, crouch down in the open away from other people.

• Open vehicles (farm, construction, etc.)

• On the telephone

• Radio or radio equipment

Suspend outdoor sports and practices when a storm is approaching. Outdoor sports have the fastest rising lightning casualty rate! Coaches, referees, parents and children PLEASE have a lightning safety plan.

Get to a car, not a pavilion during a picnic. Open picnic

pavilions and rain shelters offer absolutely no protection from lightning!

When outside, appoint someone to be the lightning monitor. Their job is to monitor the weather on weather radio, radio/TV, and observe the weather to tell the group when to seek proper shelter.

### Lightning First Aid

Learn lightning first aid: Call 911, perform CPR or mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if possible. Lightning deaths are usually from cardiac arrest/stopped breathing. Don't worry about touching a lightning victim. They cannot electrocute you!

### 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). U.S. General Services Administration

## 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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The Coke County Summer Reading Program's prize-winner for the week of June 20th was Dusty Howard. Dusty won the M&M music box dispenser. The prize for the week of June 27th is a step-by-step guide to drawing cartoon faces.

A set of new Westerns has been added to the library shelves. Several new novels have also arrived and will be ready to circulate soon.

Anna Quindlin, author and columnist, has written a short book entitled *How Reading Changed My Life*. In the book she quotes Abraham Lincoln as having said, "My best friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read." Another quote is, "Of those of us who comprise the real clan of the book, who read not to judge the reading of others but to take the measure of ourselves." Mrs. Quindlin has several book lists in the back of her book: Ten Books That Will Help a Teenager Feel More Human; Ten Books I would Save in a Fire; Ten Books for a Girl Who is Full of Beans (or Ought to Be); Ten Nonfiction Books That Help Us Understand the World and several other lists. No one will feel the need to apologize for reading after having read this book.

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Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and our appreciation to the Bronte patrons who stop by the store to pick up the books and bring them to the library. The book drop is available 24-7 on the porch of the library. Books returned for the Summer Reading Program should have a slip of paper with the reader's name on it for the weekly drawing.

**Divide Cemetery news**

by Pat Watson

Do you have family buried on the Divide? If so, you may want to go look at it. For the first time in my lifetime, every grave has been cleaned, all bear grass dug up, trees all trimmed and mowed.

Kenny Watson has worked for 2 weeks cleaning it up. He is the grandson of Bud and Yvonne Jones, great grandson of Carl and Ivo Kerley and great-great grandson of Emma McKinny Cox.

The county is good enough to mow the open part of the yard but could not go in between the graves. Many Coke County pioneers are buried there dating back to 1900.

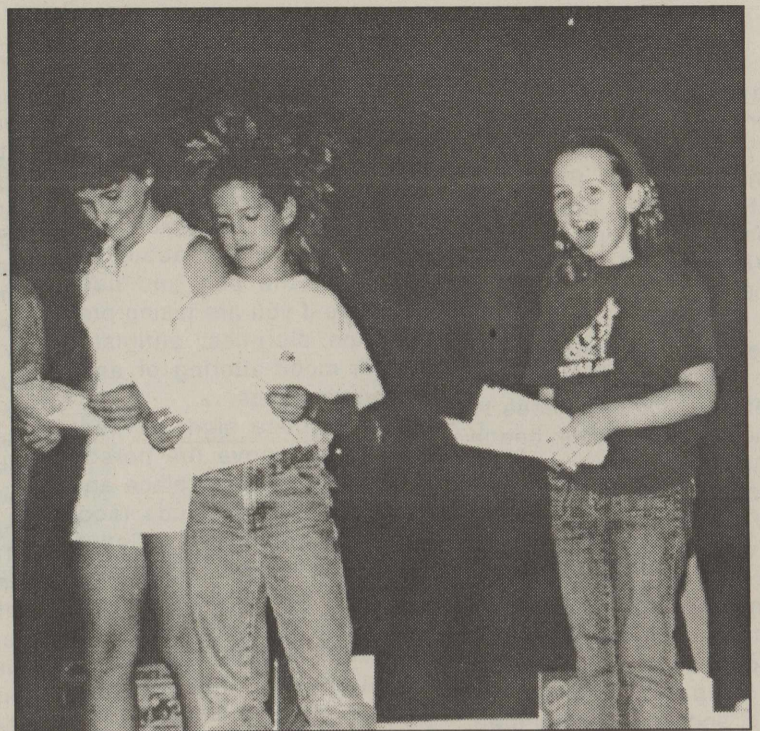
**Letter from Iraq**

(Letter from Platoon Sargent Philip Thompson to his parents Bud & Marian Thompson of Robert Lee).  
Hi Dad,

I am just dropping a little note to say happy Father's Day. I know it is a day or two late, but it is the thought that counts. Besides days don't mean much here. Well, I am doing fine. I got my web-

cam from Dee the other day so that made things quite a bit better. She got to see me for the first time this morning. Megan was so very happy to see Daddy wave at her. Megan is missing her daddy because she keeps saying I am lost and she can't find me. I hope the camera helps her out. I finally managed to get some relief. I went online and ordered an A/C for my room. It is so much nicer now. It gets about 110 to 120 on the average day. Farther south, it gets up to 130 each day. The hot months aren't here yet either.

A note of interest. You have heard of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Well, I passed over both and the non potable water that we use for bathing and cleaning stuff is water from the Tigris river. The same river that I see the oxen bathing in when I go to Mosul. Well, I guess if you have to share at least we don't drink it. I can't wait until I can take a shower in my own bathroom. That will be so nice. We have a shower tent here. The army paid XXX for the thing. It is nice



Jael Williams (right) gets her breath after participating in the tongue-twister race. Arlis McMullan and Stephanie Frasier prepare to beat Jael's time during the visit to Bronte Elementary by children's authors Jan Peck and David Davis the first of May.

though, 4 stalls and 30PSI of pressure. It works really well. Just a pain to keep inflated. The structure is made of what looks like innertubes from tires. They spring a leak every so often and is a pain to fix.

Phil

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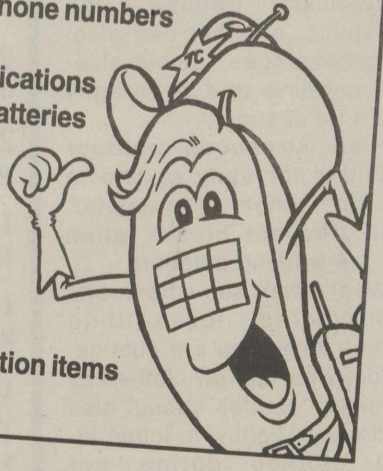


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