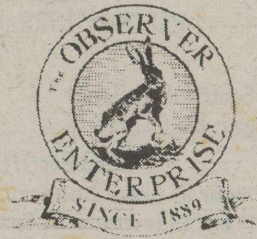


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Fireworks set for tonight in Bronte

Bronte Health and Rehab Center invites everyone to be a part of their July 4th celebration beginning Friday at 7 pm at the south end of the facility.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Marvin Kelsey, the one man band from San Angelo. Watermelon will be served, furnished by the youth of First Baptist Church of Bronte. Ed Cumbie will be the auctioneer for the annual baked goods sale. All those wishing to donate a baked item need to bring them to the BH&RC on Friday.

Proceeds from the auction benefit the Activity Department of BH&RC in various projects and parties throughout the coming year. You are invited to come purchase some of the delicious goodies prepared by some of the best cooks in Texas!!!

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will once again be in charge of the fireworks display, to begin at dusk. Come visit with friends, enjoy refreshments and good music, buy a cake or two and help celebrate the wonderful freedom we are so privileged to

enjoy in this country!

Blackwell's 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.

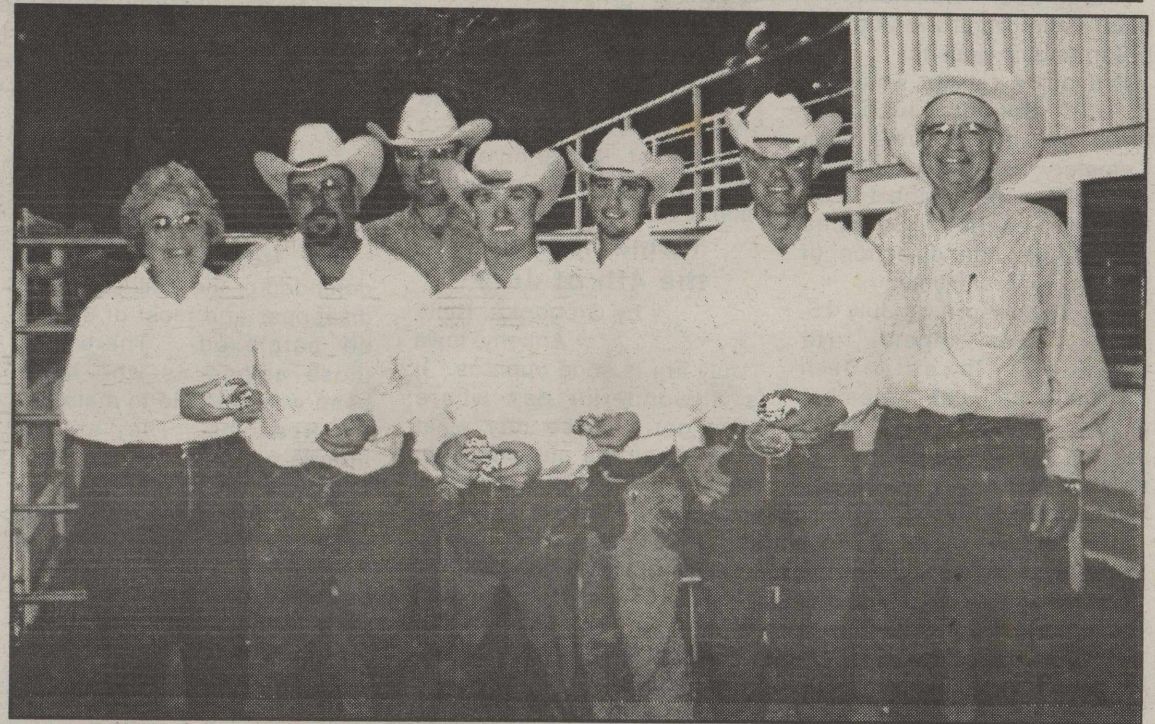
Gospel singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, July 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Supper and Dance slated for July 12

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 12. The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will be holding a hamburger supper and dance at the pavilion in the Bronte Park.

Festivities will begin at 8 pm



The NT Ranch from Stanton, Texas, took the average win at the 11th Annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo Saturday evening, June 28, 2003. Ranch owners, Natha (left) and Wayne (right) Mitchell are shown with their winning team and the buckle maker, Joe Spiller (3rd from left). The team includes (from left) Joe Brewer, Top Hand winner Jake Murray, T. J. Roberts, and Cody Aaron. Hidden Valley Ranch of Robert Lee placed second and the Cowan Ranch of Seymour came in third among the sixteen teams competing for the \$2,700 in prize money. Blue Crusader was named Top Horse. The blue roan stallion is owned by Paul and Stacy Turney of Sonora and was ridden by Deckie Spiller of the Falcon Seaboard Ranches where Paul is General Manager. The drawing for the Joe Spiller spurs earned over \$1,200 for the youth of Coke County.

with the hamburger supper. The \$5 meal consists of hamburger, chips and a drink.

The band, Double Shot, will play from 9 pm to 1 am. Admission into the dance is \$6 per person.

Proceeds from the event are going to help The Friends of the Pool.

If dancing is not your cup of tea, then come out for the hamburger meal and enjoy visiting and supporting the pool. Make sure to bring your lawn chairs.

County receives grants to improve quality of life

Chairman of the Board George Alexander has just announced that trustees of the San Angelo Health Foundation have awarded \$253,619 to eight area non-profit organizations. Mr. Alexander explained, "San Angelo Health Foundation welcomes the opportunity to partner with our area non-profits to address community issues including public health and wellness, public safety, rehabilitative and health treatment services and environmental protection. Only through the excellent work of these organizations can we further our mission of improving the quality of life for the people of the San Angelo area."

Grants Chair John Mark McLaughlin said the following applications for funding were approved at a recent meeting.

City of Robert Lee was awarded \$45,000 toward construction of a fire station for their Volunteer Fire Department. The VFD has been operating since 1947

and serves 960 square miles of Coke County with mutual aid agreements with surrounding areas.

Bronte Health & Rehab Center (East Coke County Hospital District) was awarded \$15,904 for facility improvements. They provide nursing, therapy, hospice and long-term care in a 64-bed facility in Bronte, Texas. This grant was made possible by a bequest from Myrtle Williams in honor of her parents, William Harden Williams and Mary Eveline Holmes Williams.

County 4-H camp slated for July 10-11

4-H multi-county camp will be July 10-11, 2003 at Buffalo Gap. 4-H members wanting to attend must register by July 7th. Please contact the Extension office at 325-453-2461 to register.

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.



Survivors from Robert Lee participating in the opening lap include (back row, from left) Harvey Wojtek, Gaylon Pitcock, Troy Wimberley, (middle row, from left) Kegan Bell, son of Doug and Laura Bell and one of the youngest cancer survivors to participate in this year's relay, Joan Burns, Winnie Pitcock, Donna Green, Pete Prentice, Kenneth Lackey, Frank Sparks, (front row, from left) Cathy Waltz and Dee Anna Harmon.

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Obituaries

Runnion

Arthur Louis Runnion, 71, died Friday, June 27, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside service was held at 3:00 Sunday, June 29, 2003 at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were the Robert Lee Masonic Lodge. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Arthur was born on July 15, 1931 in San Angelo. He attended Texas Tech University and was a member of the United States Army serving in Korea. He was a rancher and a member of the Robert Lee Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his children Robert Runnion and wife, Kristie of Abilene; Leigh Ann Stephens and husband, Scott of San Angelo, and two grandchildren, Mark and Elise Stephens of San Angelo.

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Bagwell

Charliebelle Bagwell, 86, of Bronte, died on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at a Bronte care center. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Friday, June 27, 2003, at the Bronte Church of Christ. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her children, Rayma Rogers of Tomball; Dwayne Bagwell of Clyde; and James Bagwell of Arlington; one sister, Corine Henderson of Yuma, Arizona; 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Gandys celebrate 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gandy of San Angelo celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception and dinner on Saturday, June 28, 2003.

Eddie Gandy and Pam Brice were married June 30, 1978, in San Angelo. They are the parents of Aaron and Sarah

Gandy, both of San Angelo. Their parents are Bessie Brice of Robert Lee and Doris Gandy of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gandy have lived in San Angelo since their wedding. Pam is employed by HealthSouth Diagnostic Center and is a member of Victory Assembly of God Church in Robert Lee.

Hosts for the anniversary party were the couple's children.

Remembering the 4th of July

by Gregory A. Helle Ankeny, Iowa

July 4th is soon upon us. It is a wonderful day where most get a three day weekend, enjoy the outdoors with families and friends, and travel freely. It is our independence day and many will be flying the flag as a patriotic symbol. This is a day that most enjoy, not because of what happened but as just another right of being lucky enough to be Americans.

As Americans we use this holiday to enjoy many of our freedoms. How easy it is to forget that July 4th we claimed independence from England. This was not the end, it was only the start. It took the American settlers until 1783 to actually win independence. During those long years, many gave their lives to ensure that future generations would have freedom.

Every July 4th we need to look at our lives and all the freedoms we enjoy. It was a tremendous act of bravery for our forefathers to declare independence from an overwhelming force. They not only had the vision, they were willing to give their very lives to give us the freedom we enjoy today.

The fear we must all carry is that of complacency. Are we protecting our rights, our freedoms, and our way of live with our very lives? Or are we willing to leave those decisions to others while we casually enjoy a life style that we



Robert Lee Relay For Life team members who participated the fund raising event include (front row, from left) Cathy Waltz, Zena Williamson, Cynthia Dillard, Denise Roberts, Pat Taft, Valerie Howard, Tammy Taft, (middle row, from left) Cathy McGinley, Cristie Bagwell, Laura Bell, Pam Millican, Kim Philley, Debbie McCabe, Linda Eaton, (back row, from left) Dee Anna Harmon, Cathy Hendry, Gaylon Pitcock, Donna Watkins, JoNell Blair, Susan Owens, and Cindy Bessent.

have always known and expect that it will always be there.

Our freedoms must be defended or they will suddenly disappear and most of us will be perplexed. There are those among us who have been willing to die to maintain our freedoms. They are all among us but are, for the most part, invisible. We enjoy such a freedom that most never have to see war or have had to risk their lives to protect the American freedoms, and they have the freedom to seek the American dream without personal risk.

On this July 4th think about those who have died over the decades to keep us free. Also think about those who have become physically and mentally disabled while defending this country. Make them no longer invisible, but important members of society because of their sacrifices that all of us get to enjoy another holiday. We all need to make sure that these heroes, and there are many more new heroes coming home right not, are given the respectful and timely treatment that is equivalent to what so many enjoy. Help them enjoy the holiday that you are enjoying.

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. 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 an 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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Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
Northside Church of Christ
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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. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

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

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

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
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Rev. Rickey D. Green, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship



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Moore's celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Elton Moore of Bronte, Texas will be married 50 years on July 4, 2003. However, they will celebrate this occasion July 12, 2003 because everyone will be gone fishing on the 4th.

Elton and Fredna Marrs were married July 4, 1953 in Portales, New Mexico and have lived in Ozona, Lovington, New Mexico, Roswell, New Mexico, Sanderson, Pecos, Midland, Houston, and Sargent, Texas before both retired from Mobil Oil Corp. and moved to Bronte.

Elton is the oldest child of the late Clyde and Eva Lee Moore of Lamesa and has three brothers and two sisters. Fredna is the fifth daughter of the late Emmitt and Ora Mae Marrs of Coleman. All of her family has celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Her parents, Emmitt and Ora Marrs in 1969; and sisters - Bert and John Weeks in 1994; Melba and Tyrus Cox in 1989; Wanda and Fowler Stucke in 1991; Raye and Jack Edwards in 1997; and now Fredna and Elton Moore in 2003.

They are the parents of Kent Moore of Snyder, Rhonda Greenwood of Greenwood and Ray Moore of Midland. Their children gave them eight wonderful grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren (with another one on the way). These descendants are honoring them with an anniversary dinner at the First Baptist Church of Bronte, where the couple attends church.

Relay for Life is huge success

The San Angelo Relay for Life was held June 6th and 7th at San Angelo Stadium and was again a huge success. Over 80 teams enjoyed the beautiful weather for the 18-hour event.

Two teams from Robert Lee participated and together raised over \$6,500 awarding them 1st Place in the Friends & Family category. The entire relay raised over \$124,000 this year.

The whole event is underwritten by large sponsors allowing all the money raised to stay local and go towards



Mr. and Mrs. Elton Moore

patient services such as transportation, lodging, wigs, and support groups, as well as for education and research.

The American Cancer Society is committed to fighting cancer and has funded 31 Nobel Prize winning researchers who have helped save countless lives from cancer. In 1946, only 25% of cancer patients survived five years after diagnosis. Today, the survival rate is 60%.

Several local cancer survivors participated in the opening lap including Kegan Bell, Joan Burns, Donna Green, Dee Anna Harmon, Kenneth Lackey, Gaylon Pitcock, Winnie Pitcock, Pete Prentice, Frank Sparks, Tammy Taft, Cathy Waltz, Harvey Wojtek and Troy Wimberley.

The luminaria ceremony was held at 10 pm to honor cancer survivors and memorialize those who had lost their battle.

The relay continued throughout the night with someone from each team walking for the entire time until noon on Saturday. Both Robert Lee teams clocked in a total of 44-1/2 miles for the 18 hours. Team members

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

If you are interested in being on a team for next year, contact Cindy Bessent, 453-2393 or Dee Anna Harmon, 453-2804, as space may be limited.

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.

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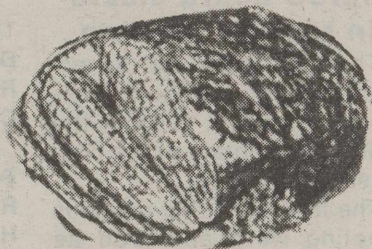


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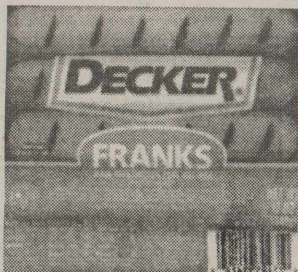
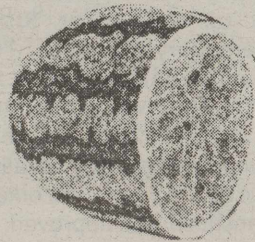


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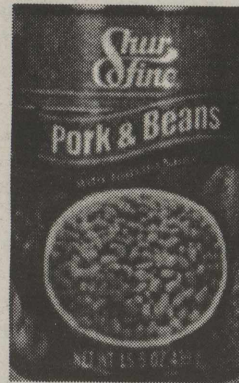
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Participating for the south in the All-Star Classic Football game were (from left) Anson Lott, Kindra Matthews, Shelby Roe and Stewart Millican. Anson was on the special teams unit and also played linebacker. Stewart was the starting middle linebacker. Kindra and Shelby cheered for the south and performed a routine at half time. It was an exciting and close game, but the south was victorious with a 21-20 score.

RLISD board meets in regular session

The Robert Lee ISD school trustees met in regular session on June 19, 2003, in the high school library of the public school building.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as were the paying of invoices for June. The principal's reported on attendance and student activities at their campuses. Supt. Wallace provided the board with information on activities concerning the maintenance department and the central office.

The board approved Local Policy Update 69. They entered into a contract with TECS of Austin for State Compensatory purposes. The lunch and breakfast prices for the 2003-2004 will remain the same as 2002-2003. A contract with Claims Administrative Services for Workers Compensation was approved.

The board voted to hire Steve Gunter as a teacher/head football coach for the 2003-2004 school year.

The next regular meeting will be July 17, 2003. The public is invited to attend.

RLISD Awards Assembly held

The Robert Lee Jr. High and High School Awards Assembly was held on May 23, 2003. Awards and scholarship winners are as follows:

Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society Award of Outstanding Proficiency in Social Studies

- HS - Shelby Roe
- JH - Cody McCabe

Texas Police Chiefs Association Essay Award

Region 6, 2nd place, Dixie Johnson

High School Writer Certificate for Published work

Eric Ortega, Amanda Thurman

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Certificate

Cooper Riley

Daughters of the American Revolution Excellence in History Award

Ashlee Millican

'64 Study Club Scholarship

- Amie Kendall - \$500
- Travis Pitcock - \$500

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship

Shelby Roe - \$10,000

Dr. Robert and Jean Ann LeGrand Scholarship

Nicole Sanchez

AON Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarship

- Shelby Roe - \$250
- Nicole Sanchez - \$250
- Travis Pitcock - \$250
- Ashlee Millican - \$250
- Stewart Millican - \$500

Spanish Club Scholarship

- Ashlee Millican - \$200
- Stewart Millican - \$200
- Jennifer Nesbit - \$200
- Shelby Roe - \$200
- Nicole Sanchez - \$400

Water Valley VDF Inc. Scholarship

Kindra Matthews

FFA and Ford Motor Company Scholarship

Travis Pitcock - \$1000

Cheerleaders and Mascot 2002-2003

Jr. High - Kelsy Duncan (Head), Jaden Alexander, Sarah Phillely, Molly Burns, Allison Millican, Kasie Skinner

High School - Shelby Roe (Head), Ashlee Millican, Kindra Matthews, Monica Rodriguez, Brittany Soliz, Lindsey Roe, Cara Eaton, Kyla Millican, Andra Braswell (Mascot)

Student Council Officers

- President - Shelby Roe;
- Vice Pres. - Rachel Wallace;
- Treasurer - Nicole Sanchez;
- Secretary - Ashlee Millican;
- Reporter - Julie Riley

Student Council Representatives

8th grade - Katie Bessent; 9th grade - Cassidy Wink & Lance Millican; 10th grade - Brittany Soliz & Jake McCabe; 11th grade - Tyler Lott & Phillip Rangel; 12th grade - Krystal Soliz & Travis Pitcock

Top 4 Accelerated Readers for High School

Tina Arellano, Shelby Sailer, Alice Beach, Shannon Martin

To 10 Accelerated Readers for Jr. High

Becca Skinner, Allison Millican, Molly Burns, Ashley Hopson, Chase Roe, Brettanie Reed, Katie Bessent, Sarah Phillely, Anna Rojas, Kassie Skinner

Senior BETA Club members receiving Honor Chords

Amber Brosh, Alice Beach, Adam Caston, Amie Kendall, Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, Ashlee Millican, Jennifer Nesbit, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Allan Roe, Shelby Roe, Nicole Sanchez, Robert Sailer, Rebecca Welch

Top 10 Scholars for the 8th grade

Kelsy Duncan, Katie Bessent, Cody McCabe, Rebecca Skinner, Sarah Phillely, Nicole Fields, Dixie Johnson, Brettanie Reed, Eleasar Vera, Casey Nesbit

Jr. High Medals for top students in each subject

7th grade

English - Molly Burns & Chase Roe
Texas History - Chase Roe
Math - Chase Roe
Keyboarding - Molly Burns
Reading - Kasie Skinner
Life Science - Chase Roe
Skills for Life - Allison Millican

Gifted & Talented - Allison Millican

8th grade

English - Kelsy Duncan & Katie Bessent
American History - Cody McCabe
Math - Katie Bessent
Earth Science - Kelsy Duncan

Reading - Rebecca Skinner
Health - Rebecca Skinner
Technology Application - Cody McCabe
Careers - Eleasar Vera
Art - Cody McCabe

High School Medals for top students in each subject

English

English I - Tina Arellano
English II - Ashley Womack
English III - Jessica Fluhmann

English IV - Alice Beach
Pre AP English I - Andra Braswell

Pre AP English II - Lindsey Roe
AP English III - Rachel Wallace

Humanities - Sean Edging

Social Studies

World Geography - Andra Braswell
World History - Jake McCabe

U.S. History - Destiny Ewing
Government - Jennifer Nesbit
Economics - Alice Beach

Math

Algebra I - Cassidy Wink
Algebra II - Phillip Arellano
Geometry - Lindsey Roe
Math Models - Evan Braswell

Pre Calculus - Shelby Roe
AP Statistics - Cooper Riley

Science

IPC - Andra Braswell
Biology I - Jake McCabe
Chemistry - Phillip Arellano
Anatomy & Physiology - Ashlee Millican

Physics - Alan Roe

Spanish

Spanish I - Andra Braswell
Spanish II - Michele Sanchez
Spanish III - Nicole Sanchez

Electives

High School Art - Lindsey Roe
Health - Cassidy Wink
Yearbook - Jennifer Nesbit
Communication Application - Tiffany Bagwell

Technology

BCIS I - Kayli Dickey
BCIS II - Amber Brosh

Vocational Agriculture

9th - Chris Torres
10th - Ruben Torres
11th - Phillip Rangel
12th - Jaziel Gallegos

Family Consumer Science

9th - Andra Braswell
10th - Lindsey Roe
11th - Monica Rodriguez
12th - Kindra Johnson

Most Athletic

Boy - Stewart Millican
Girl - Krystal Soliz

Principal's Citizenship Award

High School - Amie Kendall
Jr. High - Jaden Alexander

Texas Association of Secondary School Principal Service Award

Nicole Sanchez

Texas Association of Secondary School Principal All-State Academic Team

Shelby Roe

Perfect Attendance Jr. High

Cody Denton, Chris LaRue, Taylor Percifull, Tabatha Wilson, Sarah Phillely, Eleasar Vera

High School

Tina Arellano, Cara Eaton, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink, Stacy Denton, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Shelby Sailer, Michele Sanchez, Shannon Honse, Amie Kendall, Christina Middleton, Nicole Sanchez

A Honor Roll all year

7th grade

Molly Burns, Allison Millican, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner

8th grade

Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Cody McCabe, Sarah Phillely

9th grade

Andra Braswell, Cassidy Wink

10th grade

Jake McCabe, Lindsey Roe

11th grade

None

12th grade

Amber Brosh, Amie Kendall, Ashlee Millican, Jennifer Nesbit, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Shelby Roe, Nicole Sanchez

UIL State Meet Certificates of Achievement

Stewart Millican - State Golf Meet

John Phillip Sousa Band Award for top Band member

Monica Berrea

2002-2003 Drum Majors

Drum Major - Monica Berrea
Assistant Drum Major - Robert Rainey

Valedictorian

Shelby Roe - 100.83

Salutatorian

Ashlee Millican - 100.68

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New tax laws

You've probably seen a lot of headlines on the Tax Relief Act of 2003. This legislation, recently signed into law by President Bush, will affect virtually everyone in the country. As an individual investor, you've got reasons to cheer the new tax laws. Many people will find that their taxes will decrease 5 percent or more under the new tax laws.

Let's review some of the tax act's key areas and see what actions they might suggest:

Lower dividend taxes - If you've invested in dividend-paying stocks, your dividends were taxed at your individual tax rate (e.g., 27 percent, 30 percent, 35 percent or 38.6 percent). But under the new laws, the tax rate on dividends will be cut to 15 percent. And if you're in the 10 percent to 15 percent bracket, the dividend tax rate drops to 5 percent. These new, lower rates are effective retroactively to the beginning of 2003 until 2009, when dividend taxes are scheduled to revert to the old, higher rates.

Should you be interested in stocks that have a history of paying dividends, there are certain considerations to take into account. First, it's nice to get the dividend checks. (Keep in mind, though, that stocks do not offer a fixed rate of return and may not distribute dividends. Stocks are subject to market risks, including the potential loss of principal invested.) Also, when a company pays dividends, it can be a sign that the business is well-run and concerned about the needs of its shareholders. Conditions can change at any time, but stocks with a track record of paying dividends tend to be more steady performers relative to non-dividend-paying stocks that have a limited track record.

Another advantage to dividend-paying stocks: Investors can consider reinvesting unneeded dividend income into additional shares of stocks.

Lower capital gains taxes - The capital gains rate has been reduced to 15 percent from 20 percent for many taxpayers. Taxpayers in the 10 percent and 15 percent ordinary income tax rate brackets will see a decrease in capital gains taxes from 10 percent to 5 percent. All of these reductions are effective for sales of assets after May 5, 2003. As is the case with dividend taxes, the new rate will remain in place until 2009.

If you've held some stocks for many years, and they're appreciated significantly, then the cut in capital gains taxes may benefit you greatly. Previously, you may have avoided selling these stocks - even if your diversification needs have changed - because you didn't want to face a big tax hit.

Now, however, with the new, lower capital gains rate, you'll find it much more affordable to sell these stocks and make the changes you need to help you properly balance your

portfolio. But talk to your tax professional first as tax considerations should not be the driving factor for making investment decisions.

Other beneficial changes in the tax laws include:

Lower tax rates - Earlier tax law changes lowered tax brackets for 2006, but the new legislation has sped up the timetable, so that the new rates are retroactively effective on Jan. 1, 2003. The 10 percent and 15 percent rates remain unchanged, but the 27 percent drops to 25 percent; the 30 percent rate drops to 28 percent; the 35 percent falls to 33 percent; and the 38.6 percent rate drops to 35 percent.

Reduction of marriage penalty - Married couples who claim the standard deduction should benefit from this accelerated reduction of the marriage penalty tax. The standard deduction for married couples is increased to double the amount of the standard deduction for single taxpayers in 2003 and 2004.

Increase in child tax credit - The amount of the child tax credit is increased to \$1,000 (from \$600) in 2003 and 2004. Beginning this summer, the increased amount of the child tax credit will be paid in advance based on information in taxpayers' 2002 tax return. The maximum amount a family could receive is \$800 (\$400 per child with a maximum of two children).

Small business owners also will benefit as a result of the tax act.

Increase in small business expensing for new investment - This tax act quadruples the maximum amount of investment in equipment that small businesses can expense from \$25,000 to \$100,000. This will encourage small business owners to purchase the technology, machinery and other equipment they need to expand.

Increase in first-year bonus depreciation - This deduction increases from 30 percent to 50 percent for qualified investments and placed in service after May 5, 2003 and before January 1, 2005.

You may want to invest your tax savings by setting up a bank authorization that moves money automatically, at a set interval, from your bank account into the investment of your choice. Since systematic investing does not assure a profit nor does it protect you against losses in declining markets, its best to consult

with your investment representative and tax advisor to see how you can adjust your investment strategies in response to the new tax laws. But take action soon - this legislation has given you some great possibilities, and you'll want to take advantage of them.

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.

Sanchez receives scholarship

Nicole Sanchez, a recent Robert Lee High School graduate was recently awarded the Mervyn's Local Hero Scholarship in Midland.

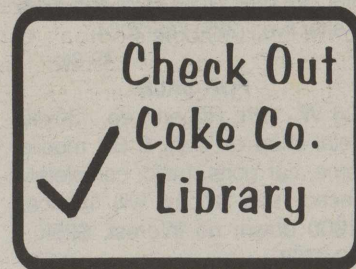
"We are so proud to honor such an exemplary student from our area," said Dawn Martin, store team leader for Mervyn's Midland store. Nicole's commitment to achieving academic excellence and improving the community through leadership is an inspiration to us. She is truly a local hero, and we are pleased to help her achieve her educational, personal and career goals."

Throughout its 14-state region, Mervyn's awarded a total of 275 scholarships to students planning to continue their education by attending college or vocational school programs in the United States. Since 1996, Mervyn's has awarded nearly \$2 million through its scholarship program, which supports the retailer's mission to improve the quality of life for children and families in the communities where it does business. The program is one component of the retailer's "You've Got a Friend in Mervyn's" campaign, through which the company is committed to funding programs that help families and children achieve



Nicole Sanchez (center) is presented with a Mervyn's scholarship by store team leader Dawn Martin (left) and Rosemary Tarango.

success in life - particularly in the areas of education and the arts.



The Coke County Library's Summer Reading prize of the week for June 27th was won by Jaden Aldredge. He won a cartoon drawing book. The prize for July 3 is a Dive and Glide Shark and the prize for July 11 is a book titled Draw 50 Horses. All the names that are submitted are saved for the final drawing on July 31st for the grand prize water gun. It's not too late to join all the winners who read during the summer.

A collection of large print books has been added to the library as a result of the Lone Star Library grant issued by the Texas State Library. This is a yearly grant based on population figures and local support dollars. The Coke County Library is a fortunate recipient of both local and state funds. There are west-

erns and romance titles among the books as well as a few non-fiction books.

Anyone feeling guilty about reading should appreciate this quote by Walt Whitman: "Books are to be called for and supplied on the assumption that the process of reading is not a half-sleep; but in the highest sense an exercise, a gymnastic struggle; that the reader is to do something for himself."

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.

Walker reunion slated

Descendants of the late William Robert and Mary Eliza (Brannan) Walker, early pioneers of Silver, (Coke County) Texas, will gather at the large rec hall in Robert Lee on Saturday, July 12th for their annual family reunion.

Children of W.R. and M.E. Walker were sons: Sam, John, Robert, Jack and Dee and daughters: Mattie (Jacobs) and Mary (Bloodworth). All are deceased.

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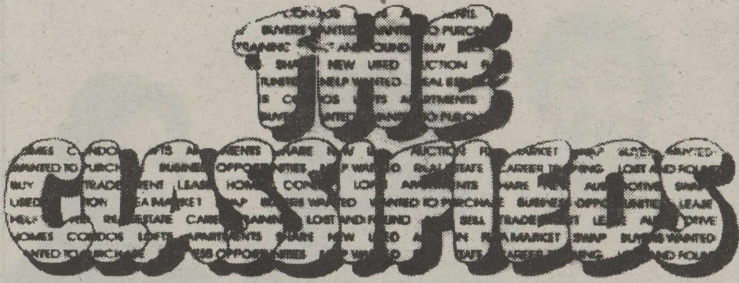
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I RECENTLY HAD
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 Commissioner George Snapp
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THANKS TO EVERYONE
 for their prayers, food, visits, calls and cards. Words cannot express how we appreciate them.
 Reba Tabor
 49-1tp

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 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 everyones responsibility.


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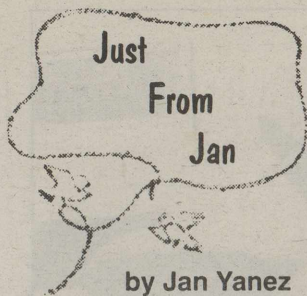

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To prevent apples, apricots, peaches, nectarines and pears from darkening, follow these guidelines. This will help retain optimum color and flavor during processing and storage.

*Do not expose cut fruit to air unnecessarily. Can as soon as possible.

*While preparing a canner load of jars, keep peeled, halved, quartered or sliced fruit in a solution of either:

-1 teaspoon ascorbic acid or 3000 milligrams Vitamin C, crushed, to 1 gallon cold water

-2 tablespoons salt to 1 gallon cold water

-Use a commercial anti-discoloration mixture. Follow manufacturer's directions.

Fruits packed in water (without syrup) also have a tendency to brown. To help prevent this, add:

-500 milligrams Vitamin C, crushed, per pint jar, 1000 milligrams per quart jar

-Use a commercial anti-discoloration mixture. Follow manufacturer's directions.

Homemade juices are also a treat. Though they can take time to make, they are quite simply prepared. A special press can be used to extract juice or cook fruit to extract the juice. To get clear, pure juice, strain several times through a jelly bag or colander lined with a triple layer of cheesecloth. Then add sweetener to taste and process as directed.

For enjoyable jelly and jam recipes and canning information, please contact the Extension office at 453-2461.

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); Richard Kennemer of Los Gatos, California; James and Renea Kennemer, Meredith, Matthew and Jamie Kennemer of Lewisville, Texas; and Tom and Rebecca Kennemer Newton, Katie and Andy Newton of Longview, Texas.

Jane (Mrs. Jack) Goldsmith (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, RYanne 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 Carrillo, of Big Spring; Charlie and Shavawn Evans Parduha, and Evan Parduha of Round Rock; and Kit Evans Rodriguez, Benjamin and Sophia Rodriguez of Amarillo.

Brice roundup held

The Brice crew had their family roundup at the Winters Community Center on June 21 & 22, 2003. There were in attendance 94 relatives and friends.

Those attending were Mary Snow of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Dane & Leslie Moore and family of Jacksonville, Arkansas; D'lois Shuman of Roswell, New Mexico; J.D. & Harriette Brice of Ennis; Dorene Schleyer of El Paso; Iris Coffey of Port Lavaca; Joan Lightfoot, Juanita Bradley, and Jack and Earline Moore of Bronte; Billy Brice of Sweetwater; Teresa Long of Placedo; Roy Allan Coffey, Tasha Coffey and friend, John of San Antonio; W.A. & Dorothy



Line dancers from San Angelo performed for residents of Robert Lee Care Center on Wednesday, June 11, 2003.

Henley of Ingram; Faye & Marvin Henager, Vickie & Eddie Watts, & Janie Potts and boys of Belton; Kenneth, Cynthia, & Sarah Henager of Moody; Jim Bob & Cindi Webb and boys of Cisco; Joyce Weidner, Carolyn Weidner & daughter, Leslie & Poncho Brice, Rocky Weidners, Dusty Weidner, Ricky Weidners, Rita and Ben Blakeney, and Sarah Gandy of San Angelo; Stephen Blakeney of Pflugerville; Nita & Nikki Stevens of Round Rock; James Long & daughter of Ft. Hood; Terry Sanders & Bruce Sherrod of Abilene; Beth Brice, Ann & Eddie Bedrick, Lucas Bedrick & family, and

Judy Snowden of Odessa; David Moore of Garland; Gene Brice & Bessie Brice of Robert Lee; Odell & Horace McGinnis, Bodie McGinnis, Scarlett Morgan & children, and Greg & Sherrie Johnson and family of Mineral Wells; Sonja Seay & Amanda Sikes of Arlington; Loy Morris and Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Leon Brice of Comanche; Patsy Roberson & Vonda Grun & girls of Tuscola; Anita Wood & Bob and Oleta Webb of Winters.

Visitors attending were Myrtle Nicholds of Coleman; Brook Harris & ZeRe Freudiger of Mineral Wells; and Ollie Webb of Winters.

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2002 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4 Pewter metallic, only 13K miles		gold \$9,995
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2001 Chevy Lumina Sedan Green metallic, factory warranty.....	Was \$9,995 • Now	\$ 8,995
2001 Olds Alero 4 Door Lt. Tan, only 27K, factory warranty..	Was \$9,995 • Now	\$ 9,500
2001 Chevy Impala Sedan Bright red, beautiful car!.....	Was \$12,995 • Now	\$11,995
2002 Chevy Impala Sedan Maroon, only 25K miles, factory warranty		\$13,995
2001 Buick Century Custom 4 Door Factory Warranty, 26K miles.....	Was \$11,995 • Now	\$10,995
1995 Chevy Caprice Classic Light tan with leather.....	Was \$6,995 • Now	\$ 5,995
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1999 Ford Mustang 35th Edition Silver, 5 speed, only 31K miles.....	Was \$9,995 • Now	\$ 8,995
1991 Pontiac Grand Prix 2 Door Gray metallic.....	Wholesale Was \$2,500 • Now	\$ 2,250
1998 Chevy Cavalier Coupe Gold metallic.....	Wholesale Was \$3,500 • Now	\$ 2,950
1997 Chevy Lumina Sedan High miles, runs good...Wholesale	Was \$3,500 • Now	\$ 2,950
1990 Chevy 1/2 Ext. Cab LWB Maroon and silver.....	Wholesale	\$ 3,750
1993 Chevy Suburban Blue green metallic.....	Wholesale	\$ 5,500

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

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Time to treat for cattle grubs

Cattle grubs are internal parasites and their damage is largely unseen, yet they cause greater economic losses to the U.S. beef industry than any other insect pest.

While grubs are usually found on the backs of infested animals during the winter months, that's not the time for control measures since the pests have already done their damage. Feed efficiency and animal vigor are greatly reduced in infested animals.

Grubs are the larvae or worm stage of heel flies, and adult heel flies are active over most of the state from March through May. The time to treat for grubs is now through August when grubs are small and before infested animals suffer stress, weight loss and decreased feed efficiency.

Heel flies cannot sting and cause no pain to cattle but they frighten the animals making them difficult to manage. Heel flies lay their eggs on an animal's hair in the lower leg region. Tiny larvae hatch in a few days, crawl down to the base of the hair and burrow into the skin.

This begins a migratory course through the animal's body, congregating in the animal's throat after a few months, and after eight to nine months, appear in the mature grub stage on the animal's back.

They systemic insecticides are absorbed directly through the skin, circulate throughout the body and kill grubs while they are small. Injectable treatments are circulated in the body fluids to kill the invading pests.

As always, read and follow label directions when apply any form of insecticide. Remember, the best time to treat for grubs is during early summer. With the new pour-on wormers, like Ivomec, Cydectin, Dectomax, etc., cattle can be effectively treated for grubs along with worms. These also give 2-4 weeks fly control. Don't wait until September to treat because the grubs are concentrated in the throat region and killing them at this stage could strangle the cattle.

Fire ant bait treatment

Imported fire ants infest more than 300 million acres in the southern United States including the back and front yards of millions of residents who are all-too familiar with their tell-tale mounds and painful stings. Fire ants affect an estimated 11.7 million households in the U.S. each year.

According to experts at the Texas Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University, researchers recommend treating for fire ants in the spring and a fire ant bait. Agricultural experts and university researchers most commonly recommend AMDRO as the best bait treatment.

Baits work in the following manner - the fire ant bait is dispersed over an entire yard and picked up by workers as food and is taken back to the mound where it is carried down to the queen for her consumption. Since baits do not kill upon contact, the worker ants are able to unwittingly pass the active ingredient to the queen before they die. Once the queen is fed

the bait, she too dies within a few days, thus eliminating additional egg production and destroying the mound. A mound cannot exist without the queen.

Experts caution that treating just the visible mounds is not enough to control fire ants: That is because many fire ant mounds are hidden in the lawn and garden and not built up above the ground. These hidden mounds are connected to the colony through a series of underground tunnels. Baits should be scattered thinly throughout the entire yard so that it rests in the grass and ornamental garden areas for worker ants to harvest. This type of application is highly effective because it allow the ants to do all the work by gathering baits and delivering it to both visible and hidden mounds.

Fire ant experts also recommend the following steps for best results with baits such as AMDRO Fire Ant Bait:

*Since fire ant bait works as a "food," using fresh bait from a recently opened container is most effective.

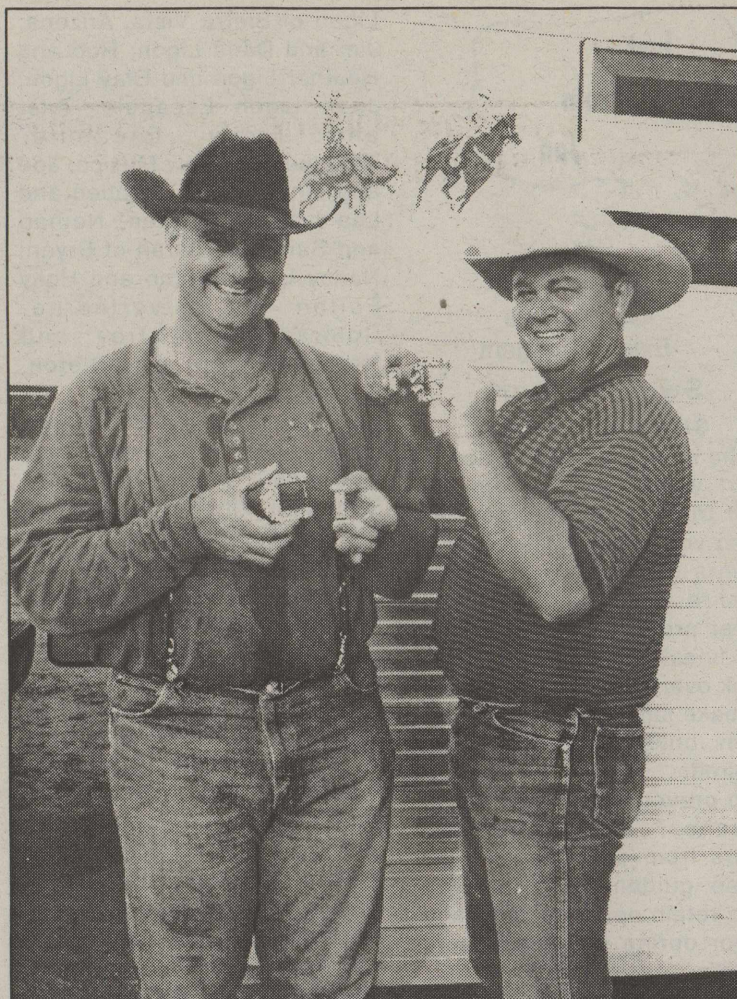
*Use the proper amounts of bait: One to one-and-a-half pounds per acre (one pound treats a large yard three times) and there is no need to water it into the ground as is necessary with other granules.

*For best results, apply AMDRO after the rain, but when no additional rain is forecast for at least 24 hours. Do not apply to standing water or on a soaking wet ground

*Apply AMDRO in early morning or early evening. Researchers say that this is the optimal time for worker ants to forage for food.

*Apply AMDRO using a hand-held spreader set at the lowest setting, and broadcast over the entire yard.

*If possible, team with your neighbors to coordinate applications - the fire ants will have no place to go if the entire neighborhood broadcasts AMDRO at the same



Paul Williams (left) and Wayne McCutchen won the Coke County Roping Club 2003 buckle roping at the Bronte arena Sunday evening, June 29.

time.

*Bait can be applied anytime during the warm season-spring to fall. Re-apply bait whenever fire ants or their mounds appear.

References to specific product names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is implied by Texas Cooperative Extension.

For more information, please contact the County Extension office at 453-2641.

Eaton named to President's List

Jeremy Eaton has been named to the President's List at Western Texas College for the Spring 2003 semester. He maintained a 4.0 GPA for the semester. Jeremy is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Terry Eaton of Robert Lee. His grandpar-

ents are Geraldine Mahaffey of Carlsbad, New Mexico and Edmond Eaton of Lequire, Oklahoma.

SA Writers' Club

Ross McSwain, a semi-retired newspaperman who is well known for his weekly "Out Yonder" column in the San Angelo Standard-Times, will address the San Angelo Writers' Club at 7 pm Tuesday, July 8, in the conference room at VistaCare Family Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Drive, San Angelo.

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.



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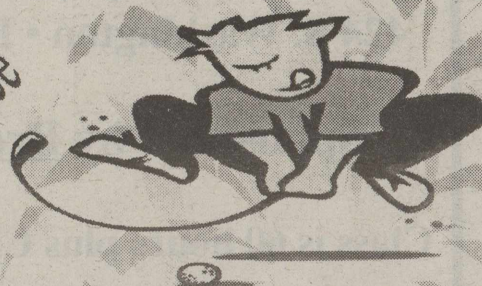
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