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# Bronte High School registration slated

Any new students in grades 7-12 are urged to come in the week of August 4th to the 8th, 2003, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please bring social security card, birth certificate, and immunization records.

Returning high school students are urged to come in and check their schedules as follows:

Tues., Aug. 5 - all seniors Wed., Aug. 6 - all juniors Thurs., Aug. 7 - all sophomores Fri., Aug. 8 - all freshmen

# RL elementary new student registration

Students in grades Prek through Sixth grade who are new to the community of Robert Lee may register for school on Thursday, August 7, 2003 from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm

To be eligible for PreK, a student must be four years old

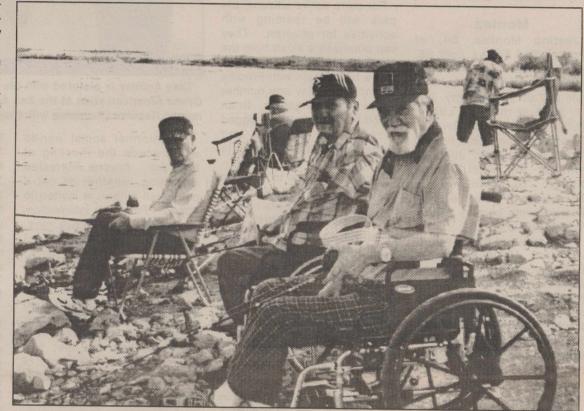
by September 1. To be eligible for Kindergarten, a student must be five years old by September 1.

Registration will be held in the elementary school office. Please remember to bring a copy of the student's previous report card, immunization record, Social Security card, and birth certificate. School will begin for Robert Lee ISD on Monday, August 18.

If you have any questions regarding new student registration, please call Janet Wallace or Judy Shook at 453-4555.

# RLHS schedules student registration

Registration for students at Robert Lee High School will be conducted on Wednesday, August 6 and Thursday, August 7. Seniors will register from 10:00 am until 11:00 am on August 6. Juniors will register from 11:00 am until 12 noon on that same day. From 1:00 pm until



Several gentlemen from Robert Lee Care Center enjoyed a fishing outing to Lake Ivie recently. They included (from left) Bill Roe, Idos Taylor, Robert Taft, Helvin Hohertz (not pictured) and Bill Cox (not pictured).

2:00 pm, sophomores can register for classes. Freshmen will register from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm. On Thursday, August 7, the Eighth Graders will register from 10:00 am until 11:00 am, and the Seventh Graders will register from 11:00 am until 12 noon.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, students new to Robert Lee may register. Schedule changes for returning students may be made on Thursday, August 7 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Registration will be conducted in the high school library.

Students who will be driving a vehicle to school need to secure a parking permit at the time of registration. Any student who wishes to obtain a

Lance Millican, son of Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee, recently was crowned the Champion Roper at the State 4-H Horse Show held last week in Abilene. Competing against more than 200 ropers from across the entire state, Lance won the Champion High Point saddle by placing third overall in the breakaway calf roping, second in the first go of the tie-down calf roping with a 9.8 second run, second in the finals with the second fastest time of the day at 8.4 seconds and Reserve Champion Tie-Down buckle with a total of 18.2 on two head. Lance will be a sophomore at Robert Lee High School in the fall.

parking permit must have a valid Driver's License and show proof of insurance.

Classes will begin at Robert Lee High School at 7:55 am on Monday, August 18, 2003. If you have any questions about registration, please call 453-4555.

# Gospel singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, August 3, 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.

## Revival slated for Pecan Baptist

A Revival is scheduled for August 10-13, 2003, at Pecan Baptist Church.

Worship services for Sunday, August 10, are scheduled for 11 am and 7 pm. Evening services on August 11, 12, and 13 will be at 7:30 pm each evening.

The evangelist for the Revival is Bro. Gary Weaver. Pastor of Pecan Baptist Church is Bro. Dale Patterson. The church is located twelve miles west of Robert Lee on Highway 158.

## Correction:

In last week's issue of the Observer/Enterprise, Tim Green was listed as a Marine PFC instead of US Army PFC in the photo on page 8. We apologize for the error.

# Car Wash to benefit RL Project Graduation

Robert Lee 2004 Project Graduation will hold a Car Wash at the car wash in Robert Lee Friday, August 1, 2003, from 8 am to 12 noon.

# Bronte HS volleyball practices to begin

Bronte High School volley-ball will start 2 a day practices on Monday, Aug. 4th at 8:00 am. The girls will need to have all of their paperwork signed and turned in before they can participate in practice.

They can pick up the forms at the school or call Coach Amy Bohensky. UIL requires all 7th, 9th, and 11th grade athletes to have a physical.

# Red Hat Society meeting slated

The Coke County Red Hat Society will meet at 11:00 am on Monday, August 4th at Hidalgo's, Hwy. 277 in Bronte. You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. If you plan on attending the August 4 meeting, please RSVP to Janet Wommack at 743-2087 or Marilyn Bivins at 473-3961 by August 2.

# Taylor Oakland fund established at RLSB

Those wishing to donate to this fund are asked to contact Robert Lee State Bank concerning the special checking account in the name of Heather Randolph for Taylor Oakland.



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# Death **Notices**

## Montez

Justino Montez, 84, of Bronte, died Friday, July 25, 2003 in a San Angelo nursing home. A prayer service was held at 7:00 pm, Sunday, July 27, 2003 at the New Life In Christ Church in Bronte. Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Monday, July 28, 2003 at the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Maria Montez of Bronte; sons, Tony & Francis Montez of Brownwood, Ray & Margie Montez of San Angelo; and Raul & Mary Montez of Bronte; one brother, Steven & Carolina Montez of San Angelo; 17 grandchildren; and 29 great grandchildren.

## Chamber planning for August 9th

Members of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce are busy planning for a Fun Day in the Park on August 9th. Not only are fun activities being planned, proceeds from any money-making activities will be used to repair the Bronte Swimming Pool.

The day will start on Saturday morning with a Sand Volleyball tournament and a Golf Tournament. At 5:00, the swim-a-thon will begin. Kids are encouraged to pick up a sign-up sheet so that they can participate in this fun-filled activity.

At 6:30, Paul Burns and his helpers will feed our community catfish under the pavilion. The food is free, but donations will be gladly accepted. The ladies of the Central Baptist Church will have cakes available for a cake auction and Bronte Merchants will have cobbler to purchase by the bowl. The cobbler will go great with ice cream made by the Eastern Star. Clint Porter's karaoke equipment will be provided for those who are ready to have fun and entertain the crowd.

For more active citizens, the park will be teeming with activities for children. They can purchase a slush from the members of the Sorosis Club, ride a barrel train with Freddie Crumpler, or play any number of carnival type games. Brian Arrott is planning three-legged races, water balloons and something else that seems to involve shaving cream.

If you would like to help the Fun Day or any activity to add to the pool fund, please contact Fran Crumpler at 473-2911.

## Ranch estate planning seminar slated

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an Attorney with Texas Cooperative Extension, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 6 and 7, 2003, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course which will be held August 4-6. The seminar will be held from 10:00 am until 4:30 pm on August 6, and on August 7 from 8:30 until noon. It will be held at the College Station Conference Center.

For more information contact the Coke County Extension office for the brochure to register.

## 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.

## San Angelo Writers' Club meeting slated

Steve Mild, an investigator with the Tom Green County Sheriff's Department, will address the San Angelo Writers' Club at 7 pm, Tuesday, August 12, 2003, in the conference room at VistaCare Family Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Drive in San Angelo. Mild will talk about crime scene investigation and forensics.

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Clay Antilley is pictured with his Reserve Champion ABC steer which was also named Reserve Grand American steer at the San Angelo Summer Spectacular show last weekend. Clay also was named Reserve Champion with his Chianina steer.

An informal social period will precede the meeting 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.

## **RLHS Summer Band Practice schedule**

Marching season is just around the corner. Summer band practice will begin on August 4, 2003. The summer band schedule will be a little different than the last two years. Please make note of the changes. The summer band schedule will be as

follows. Monday - Tuesday, Aug. 4-5 9:00 am - Flute Sectional 10:00 am - Clarinet Sectional 11:00 am - Saxophone/Fr. Horn Sectional 12:00 noon - Lunch 1:00 pm - Brass Sectional 2:00 pm - Percussion Sectional 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Full Band (Marching Rehearsal) Wednesday, Aug. Thursday, Aug. 7, and Friday, Aug. 8 9:00 - 11:30 am - Full Band Friday night, Aug. 8

Swim Party at the Robert Lee Swimming Pool

Monday, Aug. 11 and

Tuesday, Aug. 12 1:00 - 5:00 pm - Make-up time for anybody who is absent during any summer band session. Amount of time to be made up is determined by

amount of time absent. Tuesday night, Aug. 12 Fun Activity (TBA)

Summer band is a requirement, and it is very important that everyone attend. Success in a band program, a Division 1 at contest, and a possible trip to Area and/or State may depend on how well we work during the first week of August. Students who are absent during any summer band session (whether excused or unexcused) must attend the make-up

## RL Cheer Mini-Camp scheduled

The Robert Lee High School cheerleaders will hold a cheer mini-camp at the tennis courts August 4-8, 2003, for girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. The camp will be from 9 am to 11 New Steer t-shirts will also be sold at camp. Contact Tammy Roe at 453-4736 for more information.

# Churches of Robert Lee

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**Emmanuel Pentecostal** PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy (915) 453-2360 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm First United Methodist Church PO Box 144 •9th & Chadbourne (915) 453-2417 Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School

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

**Pecan Baptist** PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy (915) 453-4645 Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

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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** Hwy 277 • Tennyson, Texas (915) 482-0663

Rev. Rickey D. Green, Pastor Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

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# Spoonts grandson returns from Iraq

[Editor's Note: The following is an interview with Captain Christopher Price upon his return from Iraq to his hometown of Schererville, Indiana. This community really gave him a welcome home with billboards up all over town and a big party of over 250 people. Following the interview is a short summation of Captain Price's relationship to various members of the Bronte community.]

Captain Christopher Price said he was too busy to be scared while flying combat missions over Iraq.

"When I was flying, I was a little nervous, but I didn't think about it too much. There is so much going on," said. "It's after I was back on the ground that I thought about what could have happened."

Price is currently in Schererville, visiting his parents, Tom and Nancy Price, with his wife and two daughters. His squadron had been stationed in Iraq since March, and he arrived back at Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on July 18.

"The last part of March and the beginning of April was a very exciting time. This was my first time in combat," Price said. "You would see a scud missile attack, and then see it immediately on Fox TV. As the sirens would be going off, you would see the reporter putting on his gas mask. It was eerie."

During his stay in Iraq, Price lost 20 pounds, and is working on getting back up to weight.

"It was hot over there, we were drinking a lot of water, and the food wasn't great," he said. "The first thing I noticed when I came back here is just how green everything is, the grass doesn't even look real to me, it's so vivid. Everything was so washed out in the desert."

Price said he wanted to be a pilot in the Air Force ever since he was a kid. He joined ROTC at Purdue University, and plans on spending his career with the Air Force.

"It's a lot of fun and I get a lot of satisfaction from it because it is so challenging," Price said. "I didn't do this so I could one day be a commercial pilot. I'm interested in

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**Captain Christopher Price** 

missions and flying fighters."

After spending more time with friends and family today, Price will be off to Texas to visit his in-laws, and then the family will go back to Pope Air Force Base.

"I'm not scheduled to go overseas again real soon," he said. "Our replacements are there now, but you never know."

Price is optimistic about what's currently happening in Iraq.

"There are a couple of trouble spots, and those areas are very isolated," he said. "But the large majority of the country is pretty stable. As for the killing of Saddam's sons, that's more symbolic. In reality, they were not controlling the government. But it is a moral victory."

During his eight years in the military, this was Price's first time in combat.

"I knew I'd have a chance to see combat, it's just all about timing," Price said. "We were sent there, while other groups weren't. It could have been the other way around. But this is what we train for and think about all the time."

Capt. Price is married to

Stephanie and have two daughters, Madison & Kristen. Stephanie is the daughter of Roy & Linda Massengill, great grand daughter of Cloreta Spoonts and the late Bon Spoonts, great niece of Inella Nicholas and Virdis Fancher all of Bronte, and niece of John & Jo Etta Spoonts of Fort Worth.

Chris, Stephanie, Madison & Kristen will be in Bronte for about a week visiting family and friends. During that time, hopefully Chris will be able to put weight back on with some "Home Cooking" and his favorite Inella's Pecan Pie. Then they will return home to Pope Air Force Base just in time for the girls to start school.

The family is very proud of Chris and all that he has done, not just for his family, but for his country as well.

## Big Country Air Power Day to be held

The Dyess Air Force Base Big Country Air Power Day will be held Saturday, August 16, 2003. Gates open to the public at 9:30 am. The demonstrations promise something for everyone.

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## Sanduskys host Sunday dinner

Mary Louise Sandusky Snyder and brother Gerald Sandusky hosted a splendid time at their home in Bronte on July 27, 2003.

They were joined by first cousin Frankie Beth Williams and husband Bill Williams and aunt, Willie Hickman Forman. Gerald is as warm a host as his father Austin Sandusky was and Mary Louise was the poised and generous cook her mother Ruth Hickman was.

There was roast beef with natural gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, green bean casserole, Maxine Labenskey's pickles and hot rolls. Dessert was "Austin's Pie", a pineapple cream which is traditionally served with homemade vanilla ice cream. In days past, when he saw Ruth making the pie, he would say, "I'm going to buy some ice." Then turns were taken on the business end of the freezer

After dinner, Gerald took us on a tour of beloved places in Coke County: the Sandusky farm where all the children were born, at home of course. From there down the lane to "Aunt" Lizzie's home place. The fish pond which was a wonder in its day is filled with prickly pears, the modest little cottage where Lizzie and Linus Beaty moved as newlyweds in 1924 is gone. It was never more than slightly livable, but the barn was and is remarkable. The materials used to build it in 1926 cost \$1,135. Aunt Lizzie's "bride tree", a Desert Willie which she brought from Water Valley has survived and was watered from the windmill before traveling on.

We drove past the Maypole at the old Union School site and to the rock waterhole where Mary Louise and Delbert Coalson were baptized. Knowing every road in the county, Gerald drove over toward the Runnels County line to see the home of "Uncle" Tad Richards, who was famous for his March of Dimes Dances and many other barn dances. The house was large, but parties were in the barn which still appeared sound. Uncle is remembered for many of his utteranc-



The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders attended Camp at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos this summer. The girls include (from left) Monica Rodriquez, Jaden Alexander, Kyla Millican, Kelsy Duncan, Brittany Soliz, Cara Eaton, Lindsey Roe, Michele Sanchez, and Casey Nesbit - RLHS mascot,

es...he often said he hoped before he died to see a banker with a

heart as big as a sheep pill! It was a ride down memory lane. It was tear bringing and heart warming.

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

> SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

## **PROPOSITION 1** (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

## **PROPOSITION 2** (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

## **PROPOSITION 3** (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that vields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

## **PROPOSITION 4** (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

## **PROPOSITION 5** (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

## **PROPOSITION 6** (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

## **PROPOSITION 7** (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

## **PROPOSITION 8** (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that

## **PROPOSITION 9** (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent

## **PROPOSITION 10** (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest ervice, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

## **PROPOSITION 11** (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

## **PROPOSITION 12** (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

## **PROPOSITION 13** (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

## **PROPOSITION 14** (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportationrelated projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

## **PROPOSITION 15** (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

## **PROPOSITION 16** (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

## **PROPOSITION 17** (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

## **PROPOSITION 18** (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivi-

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

## **PROPOSITION 19** (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

## **PROPOSITION 20** (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

## **PROPOSITION 21** (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

## **PROPOSITION 22** (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces.'

Estos son los informes explanatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obetener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Tiffany Bagwell, Jordan Brown, Michele Sanchez, and Eric Ortega were recognized July 12 at the Community Medical Center volunteer banquet. Tiffany, Jordan and Eric are first year participants and Michele is a third year participant in the program. Sandy Speed, Director of Volunteer Services at San Angelo Community Medical Center is shown in the center.

**RLISD** meal prices

Breakfast - Reduced student -\$.30; Adult/student - \$.75 Lunch - Reduced lunches -

\$.40; Pre-K - 6th grade - \$1.50; 7th - 12th grade - \$1.75; Teacher - \$2.25; Visitor - \$3.00.

Extra milk with any meal is \$.35. Tickets can be purchased in the cafeteria.

Students whose family income qualifies them under the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program will receive either free breakfast and lunch or the reduced student price.

## **Grassland Reserve** Program announced

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis but NRCS has announced that August 1, 2003, is the deadline to sign up for the first round of approvals for this program. If you are interested in GRP please contact your local NRCS or FSA office immediately.

The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program that helps landowners and operators restore and protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland. The program emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and grassland containing shrubs and forbs under the greatest threat of conversion.

Both NRCS and FSA handle program implementation. Applications will be accepted by either agency on a continuous sign-up basis.

For more information call us at (325) 453-2751.

## BISD trustees meet in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Budget Workshop Wednesday, July 23, 2003. All board members were present. Don Gibson, consultant, presented the "Role of a Board Member".

The board conducted a review of the 2002-2003 budget. A review and discussion of 2002-2004 budget items was held. The Budget Workshop was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

The Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting beginning at 9:40 pm. Bob Frazee was absent. The meeting was opened with prayer by David Scott. Minutes from the previous meetings were read and approved.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, informed the Board that Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, was named Regional Principal of the Year by TASSP.

Approval was given for the PDAS Calendar for 2003-2004, Retire/Rehire Policy, lunchroom prices for 2003-2004, to pay the June 2003 bills.

The following Proposals/Bids were accepted: Dairy Bid from Gandy's, Gym Padding from Lisco, Student Accident Insurance from Student Resources.

The Superintendent's report included financial and legislative

updates. Report on summer projects and the demolition of the house at 321 W. Oliver. The ADA inspection of the Alterations and Additions last year was presented and reviewed.

Board correspondence included Board Training August 2nd at the Region XV Service Center.

Personnel items included the following: The resignation of Matt Odom, Traci Odom, Keith McCutchen and Marsha Yoes was accepted. The following positions were filled: Jason Fine and Carol Moore were hired as Teacher/Coaches, Judy Luxton was hired as a teacher at CCJJC, and Stephanie Turner was hired as elementary teacher. Insurance supplement and performance pay were discussed.

The Board meeting was



Tyler Lott, Cara Eaton, Monica Rodriquez, and Jessica Fluhmann attended the Concho Valley Summer Basketball League in Wall. They were part of the Yellow Team, winners of the CVSL in

adjourned by the President at 11:00 pm. A Special Board Meeting will be held August 11, 2003, at 7:00 pm. The next regular Board meeting will be August 14, 2003, at 7:00 pm.

# VEYMOT COMPANY, INC

\$12,900 2002 Ford Mustang White w/tan interior • PW/PL/CD • Auto • 27,000 Miles

\$10,995 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS 4 Door • White

\$23,495 2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer Laser Red w/Tan Leather • Excellent Condition

2001 Ford Ranger XLT Super Cab \$11,795

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Extended Cab · Green \$14,738 2003 Mercury Sable GS

Black • PW/PL • Auto • V6 • Sharp Car! 1998 Mercury Grand Marquis \$ 8,995 4 Door • White

1997 Ford Mustang \$ 7,495 2 Door Purple

\$21,995 2001 Lincoln Towncar 4 Door • Silver • 27,874 Miles \$16,995 2001 Chevrolet Silverado Ext. Cab

White • 71,796 Miles \$11,995 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab

Red • 56,363 Miles 1998 Chevrolet Astro Ext. Minivan \$ 6,995

\$24,995 2002 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series • Med. Sand w/Tan Leather, 18,000 Miles

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**Excellent Condition** Have your car handwashed by our

excellent service department today! Call Ray for an appointment!

453-4561 Ask For:

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Randy Flanagan • Buck Duncan • Billy Wayne Roe

Property Tax Rates in COKE COUNTY GENERAL & FMFC

Coke County General
This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for and FMFC . It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes This notice concerns 2003 last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value

Special Road/ Flood Control Last year's tax rate: Last year's operating taxes Last year's debt taxes Last year's total taxes Last year's tax base Last year's total tax rate This year's effective tax rate: \$ 867,135 \$ 208,592 Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)
This year's adjusted tax base \$ 188,708,084 \$ 185,833,694 \$ (after subtracting value of new property). This year's effective tax rate \$.459511/\$100 \$.112246/\$100 \$ for each fund Total effective tax rate \$.571757/\$100 x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing \$,588909/\$100 In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the ving lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

Sales tax adjustment rate

This year's rollback tax rate: Last year's adjusted operating taxes

(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent

health care expenditures)
This year's adjusted tax base

This year's total rollback rate

Rollback tax rate

This year's effective operating rate 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate This year's debt rate

\$840,325 \$208,592 \$188,708,084 \$185,833,694 \$.445304/\$100 \$112246/\$100 \$121255/\$100 5.014953/\$100 This year's rollback rate for each fund

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes,including one that collects

the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines: Rollback tax rate /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines Additional rate for pollution control

If Coke Co. General & PMFGadopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ .571757 \$100 of value, taxes would <u>increase</u> compared to 2002 taxes by \$ 7,230 \$100 of value, taxes would increase

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances ed balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund
Contingency-General Account
Contingency-FMFC Account

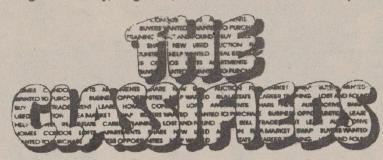
Schedule B - 2003 Debt Service The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amount will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	to be Paid from Property Taxes	Taxes	to be Paid	Payment
Courthouse Air Conditioner Pickup-Extension Office (expand as needed)	\$15,405 \$ 6,204	\$ 5,912	\$ 27,907	\$ 21,317 \$ 6,590
Total required for 2003 debt s  Amount (if any) paid from fur  Amount (if any) paid from otl  Excess collections last year  Total to be paid from taxes in	nds listed in Sched her resources 2003	ule A	\$ 27,907 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 27,907	
Amount added in anticipation collect only 98,00 % o     Total Debt Levy			\$ 570 \$ 28,477	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and follback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at \_13 E. &th Street, Coke County Tax Office, Robert Lee,Texas Name of person preparing this notice <u>Gayle Sisemore</u>

Title <u>Tax Assessor-Collector</u>

Date prepared <u>July 25, 2003</u>



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## FOR SALE

Like new Casio full sized keyboard with stool, stand, and foot pedal included. Been played only 2 times. \$500 take all. Make offer. 450-0637.

02-2tc

## FOR SALE

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

02-6tp

## FOR SALE

2 BR house in Bronte. 309 N. Randall. Call 325-378-7381 for more information.

01-4tc

## FOR SALE BY OWNER 3 BR, 1 BA. 117 W. 10th, Robert

Lee. \$13,500, OBO. 453-5021. 01-2tc

## PRICED TO SELL

1976 14 x 60 Trailway - 2 bdrm/1 bath on 1/2 acre - Edith Estates -Lake JV Spence. City water, own septic system & covered back porch. Fully furnished with all linens, utensils, w/d, central heat/a/c. 35 miles from San Call 432-639-2035. \$7000.00 + closing.

01-2tc

**SELMER ALTO SAXOPHONE** for sale. Call 325-453-4714.



Water Damage Service



TOWERING PECAN TREES shade thi Beautiful Brick Home! Formal Dining & Living Rooms. Built-in Cabinets & Bookshelves, Fireplace, Hardwood Floors in Den. Sun Room! We Blinds! Large Apartment! Sun Room! Wood Shutters & carpet! Basement!!!



AUSTIN STONE 2 STORY WITH 6.7 ACRES!!! 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Living Areas and 2 Fireplaces! Large Kitchen with Island. Huge covered patio. Barn & Fenced for Horses!!!



NEAR PARK, SWIMMING POOL & GOLF COURSE! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home on 4 lots! Sunroom for plants! Island SE! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Sunroom for plants! Island in Kitchen! Workshop & Storage Building!



FRONT YARD TREES SHADE THIS 3 BEDROOM HOME!!! Updates include kitchen wallpaper & border and paint! Appliances may stay! Garage & Carport! \$30's!!!

BRICK HOME ON CORNER LOT! Huge Living Area with updated

paint & contrasting crown molding! 2 Bedrooms with 3rd room for office or could be small bedroom! Large

detached garage with storage! Privacy fence & covered patio! \$40's!!!





## HOUSE FOR SALE OR LEASE

2 BR/2 BA, living room, large den/dining room, new carpet, new paint inside. 514 S. State, Bronte (across from old hospital). Lease \$375/month, (need good references). Would consider selling and carrying note for qualified party. 325-691-0690 (Abilene).

50-tnc

## HAY FOR SALE

Round or square bales, Haygrazer. In the field, square bales \$2.00, big 1400 pound round bales \$30.00. Delivery available. Call James Hood at 473-2019 or Harold Foshee at 453-4368.

51-3tc

## **BUILDING FOR SALE**

107 W. Main, Bronte, Texas. 1600 (approx.) square feet, Central H/AC; Nice Office Space. \$17,500 or best offer. Michael White (325) 365-8206 or after five: (325) 786-2054.

## FOR RENT

NICE! NEW! BRICK! 3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths 2 bedroom 2 baths Now Available! Call: 915-473-3105 for information or 915-473-9548

Santa Fe Crossing Duplexes 320 SE Railroad Bronte, Texas 76933 44-51tp

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### ROBERT LEE CHEER MINI CAMP

August 4-8, 9 am - 11 am. \$4/day or \$15/week. Call 453-4736 for more information. 02-1tp

## **AFFORDABLE GRAVE MARKERS**

birdbaths and stepping stones. Call Scott @ 650-4021 (cell) or 450-8320 (home). Enterprises.

50-4tp

## GARY'S BACKHOE, INC.

For your backhoe, motorgrader, dozer and dump truck needs. Septic tanks - Sand - Gravel. 450-2418 Gary Hubbard.

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Debora England, 223 N Lombard, 473-4026. Monday, Bronte. Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5

33-tnc

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Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.

34-tnc

## HELP WANTED

## **BRONTE ISD**

is accepting applications for a full time janitor. Contact Alan Richey, Superintendent, 325-473-2313, or pick up an application at 210 South Jefferson, Bronte, TX, 76933.

02-1tc

## LOOKING FOR

Evening cook, waitress, and dishwasher. Apply at: Nana's, 500 Commerce Street, Robert Lee. Phone 453-4457.

51-2tp

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Bronte

2BR, 1BA Nice starter home, close to school Extra Nice 3 BR. 1 1/2 BA. 1470 +/sq. ft. on four lots with water well

Blackwell

3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car garage, shop and 16 36 enclosed RV building, lots of extras terrain located in a mountainous area. Some barns, highway frontage

Robert Lee

1 Acre, City Water and Sewer. Choice Scattered live Building Site

BA, 2 Living Areas, Office or 3rd BR, Barn. Choice Hunting. Large Barn & Pens

BA, 2570 +/- sq. ft., Spacious Kitchen and hunting Dining Area, Hardwood Floors, Fireplace, Beautiful Yard with Large Trees, BR, 2 BA home with 30x40 Shop.

Detached 17' x 17' finished game room 80 +/- Acres, Very nice range.

Priced to Sell, 4 BR, 2 bth, large den with cond living area. CA/CH over 2100 sq. ft.

Price reduced, 2 BR, 1 bth, CA/CH, Barns. inroom or 3rd BR, large kitchen, single garage, over 1800 sf

3 BR. 2 BA home with screened-in

porch, \$20's Lake Spence Area, 2 BR, 1 BA, Ceramic tile, sundeck, guest quarters.

Acreage 1022 +/- Acres, Excellent hunting, rolling 2 BR, 2 BA, on 7 acres, city water, live oak trees, 3 water wells, 1 dirt surface tank, 1 large barn with electricity

> 834 +/- AC ado River. SOLD Tent hunting

315+/- AC. with 1/2 Mile of Colorado Brick Home on 8 Acres with 2 BR, 2 River frontage, 4 Stock Tanks, Pens and

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80 +/- Acres, Very nice ranch style home with 3 BR, 2 BA 2 Living Areas. All Steel Horse and Cattle Pens. 3 Large

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## **Not Having Any Luck!** Have you been turned down too many times? Well, Second Try Home Finance can help!

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## **GARAGE SALES**

## GARAGE SALE

Sat. only. 8-? 604 Colorado St., Robert Lee.

02-1tp GARAGE SALE

Saturday, August 2, 2003. Catholic Church Hall, Robert Lee. 8 am - 1 pm.

#### 02-1tp **MULTI-FAMILY** GARAGE SALE

5 pm -8 pm Thurs., 8 am -8 pm Fri., 8 am - 11 am Sat. Hog feeders, weight machine, toys electronics, adults & children's clothes & shoes, lawn equipment, car seats, ceiling fans, dishes, weight machine, computer. Lots more. Darrel Pitcock's, 141 Sanco Rd, Robert Lee.

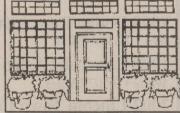
02-1tp

## SALE

Sat. 2nd, 8 am - ?. 406 W. 7th, Robert Lee. Baby items, scrubs, clothes, furniture, lots of misc.

Garage Sala Downtown Robert Lee





# CARD OF THANKS

## THE CHILDREN OF

Barbara Brock would like to thank those that made our Mother's surprise 80th Birthday Party a huge success. She enjoyed the cards and visits so

Mary Joe & Doyle Turner & Evy Sandy & Kenny Sue Ann Billy Ren & Becky 02-1tc

## A SPECIAL THANKS

to everyone for their prayers, food, flowers, and cards during the illness and loss of my mother. We appreciate it very much.

> Geanette Skinner & family 02-1tc

## WE WOULD LIKE TO

thank everyone for the cards, flowers, balloons, and wonderful food you sent while Pat has been sick. We especially want to thank you for your many prayers.

Ed & Pat Martindale 02-1tc

# **NOTICES**

## **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sidney Gilbert Wallace, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2003 in Docket No. 1631, pending in the Probate Court of Coke County, Texas, to: Gayla Marie Cox.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, and the post office address is:

Gayla Marie Cox 1818 Chapman

San Angelo, Texas 76901 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 29th day of July

2003.

By: Gayla Marie Cox, Independent Executrix 02-1tc

## **BLACKWELL CISD**

will be accepting sealed bids for the 2003-2005 Biennuim Bank Depository Pledge. Bids are due in the Superintendent's office by Friday, August 08, 2003, 12 noon at this time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Blackwell CISD reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. Information and copies of the uniform bid blank may be obtained at the Blackwell Administration Office located at 610 N. Alamo, Blackwell, TX 79506. Telephone 325-282-2311, Fax 325-282-2027.

01-2tc

2003-2004 School Supply List **BRONTE** 

**Preschool Program for** Children with Disabilities and Pre-Kindergarten

1 pair Blunt 5" Fiskar Scissors 3 bottles 1.25 oz. Elmer's Glue

2 boxes Kleenex Facial Tissue 1 box "Ziplock" Bags, Quart

1 set Washable Crayola Thick Markers

rolls Scotch Transparent Tape

Dispenser Refills - 3/4" 2 Glue Sticks

Assorted Colors Construction Paper (9" x

1 \*Spiral Notebook (100 count Wide Rule)

1 \*Pocket Folder

1 \*Large Zippered Top Backpack

1 \*Set of extra clothing

\*Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class' glue box.

Please consider clothing that will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.

Kindergarten 3 boxes Crayola Crayons (8

count) 3 boxes Facial Tissues (100

count) 6 No. 2 Pencils, American 1 box - Crayola Thick Markers

(10 count) 4 bottles 1.25 oz. Elmer's Glue

10 Folders with only Bottom **Pockets** 

pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors

40 Gallon Size "Ziplock" Bags (these need to have "zipper")

2 Pink Bevel Erasers 1 Plastic School Box

3 8.5" x 11" Spiral Notebooks (70 count Wide Rule)

1 School Bag or Backpack 30 9" Paper Plates

1 roll 1/2" Transparent Tape Please label everything your child brings to school.

1st Grade

1 box Crayola Crayons (16 count)

1 box Facial Tissues (100 count)

12 No. 2 Pencils, American 3 bottles Elmer's 4 oz. Glue 8 Assorted Folders (Pockets only)

pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors

5 Pink Bevel Erasers 1 Plastic School Box

1 School Bag or Backpack 1 Box Map Pencils (7", 12 count, sharpened)

1/16" Wood Ruler (Standard & Metric) 1 Box "Ziplock" Bags, Gallon

1/2" 3 rolls Scotch

Transparent Tape sharpener Pencil w/receptacle

2nd Grade

1 box Crayons (24 count) 1 box Facial Tissues (100 Count)

20 No. 2 Pencils, American 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue

1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors

2 Pink Bevel Erasers 1 Plastic School Box

1 School Bag or Backpack 8 Folders with Pockets only

1 Spiral Notebook (70 count Wide Ruled)

3rd Grade 1 box Crayola (24 count) 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 2 pencils

12 No. 2 Pencils, American 1 box Crayola Markers (Thick, 10 count, assorted colors) 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue 6 Folders (Pockets only, assorted colors)

1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors 1 set of Watercolors (8 count)

1 Pink Bevel Eraser 1 Plastic School Box 1 Elmer's Glue Stick 1 Spiral Notebook (70 count

Wide Ruled) 1 School Bag or Backpack Check Pencils, 2 Red Uncapped

2 pkgs. Filler Paper (200 count Wide Rule) 1 Box Map Pencils (7", 12

count, sharpened) 2 rolls Scotch Transparent Tape (1/2" x 500) 1/16" Wood Ruler (Standard & Metric)

4th Grade 1 box Crayola Crayons (24

count) 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)

12 No. 2 Pencils - American 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors 1 School Bag or Backpack

1 Red Medium Stick Pen 1 pkg. Filler Paper (200 count 6 #2 pencils Wide Rule) 1 box Map Pencils (7", 12

sharpened) count, 1/16" Plastic Ruler (Standard & Metric)

2 Red Pocket & Brad Folders 2 Green Pocket & Brad Folders 2 Blue Pocket & Brad Folders Yellow Pocket & Brad

1 Box of 4 Dry Erase Markers BOYS - 1 box, Gallon size "Ziplock" Bags GIRLS - 1 box, Quart Size, "Ziplock" Bags

5th Grade 1 box Crayola Crayons (24 count)

2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count) 4 No. 2 Pencils, American

1 box Crayola Markers (Thick, 10 count, assorted colors) 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue

3 Folders with pockets & brads (assorted colors) 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors

1 School Bag or Backpack 2 Red Medium Stick Pens 1 Blue Medium Stick Pen

1 pkg. Filler Paper (200 count Wide Rule) 1 box Map Pencils (7", 12

count, sharpened) 1 roll Scotch Transparent Tape (1/2" x 500)

1/16" Wood Ruler (Standard &

1 Pink Bevel Eraser 1 Spiral Notebook (70 count Wide Rule)

6th Grade

1 box Crayola Crayons (24 count) 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100

count) 6 No. 2 Pencils, American 1 bottle Elmer's 8 oz. Glue 1 pair Sharp 5" Fiskar Scissors

1 School Bag or Backpack 2 Red Medium Stick Pens 1 Black Medium Stick Pen 2 pkgs. Filler Paper (200 count Wide Rule)

1 box Map Pencils (7", 12 count, sharpened) 1 Roll Scotch Transparent

Tape (1/2" x 500') 1/16" Wood Ruler (Standard & Metric)

3 Folders (Pockets Only) 1 box Gallon Size Ziplock Bags Pencil Sharpener w/receptacle

ROBERT LEE Pre-Kindergarten 1 box crayons

2 glue sticks 1 bottle school glue The Observer/Enterprise Friday, August 1, 2003 Page 7

1 pkg. construction paper 1 large box tissue supply box (small) scissors crayons glue

1 small box baggies-ziplock (quart)

(no brads)

3rd Grade WIDE RULED notebook paper 12 #2 pencils

2 red pens or red pencils

holder construction paper good scissors

1 pkg. assorted construction crayons towel for rest time (no vinyl

1 change of clothes for accidents bottled drinking water (if desired)

1 pkg. assorted construction

bottled drinking water (if

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

Kindergarten

crayons (no more than 24)

1 bottle school glue (white)

paper

scissors

backpack

desired)

water colors

1 school box

undergarments)

2 glue sticks

6 regular pencils

1 spiral notebook

1 pocket folder

paper

mats)

backpack

small school box

1 large box kleenex

2 large boxes kleenex

extra clothing (including

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING INITIAL EACH CRAYON 1st Grade

1 box of quart size ziplock bags 2 large pink erasers

2 100 count white index cards (3x5)2 large boxes of tissues 1 small supply box 5" Fiskar sharp scissors 1 box of 24 crayons

2 large Elmer's glue (no colored) 1 recipe box for index cards 1 box water colors

2 sturdy slick pocket folders (no brads) 2 small spiral notebooks-wide rule only

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING 2nd Grade 1 small spiral notebook-wide

ruled 12 #2 pencils 1 large pink pencil eraser

2 sturdy slick pocket folders

NO MARKERS PLEASE

erasers pencil sharpener w/shavings

2 spiral notebooks-wide ruled

glue gel map colors ruler-centimeters and inches ziplock bags

3 boxes of tissues pocket folders with bradsred, blue, green, purple, yellow small supply box or zip

pouches PLEASE NO TRAPPERS OR NOTEBOOKS

4th Grade

1 box kleenex 8 #2 pencils 1 spiral notebook (wide ruled) 2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper

(wide ruled) 3-ring notebook binder (large)

2 pkgs. 3-ring colored subject dividers

1 zipper pouch for notebook 1 12" ruler 3 50 count zipper seal sand-

bags wich 5th Grade 2 boxes of kleenex scissors (sharp-heavy duty variety) Wide ruled paper map colors 1 fine point black marker

Elmer's glue

4 #2 pencils

1 zipper pouch for notebook 2 red pencils

2 highlighters (any color) markers or crayons 1 spiral notebook (wide-ruled) 2 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow pocket folders with

brads 1 large 3-ring notebook binder 2 pkgs. 3-ring subject dividers 6th Grade

loose-leaf notebok divider pages 2 pkg. wide-ruled notebook zipper pouch for pencils 6 #2 pencils ruler scissors glue stick map colors markers 4 folders with brads clipboard rubber cement

1 pkg. construction paper Siren warning signals

2 boxes kleenex

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.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The COKE COUNTY GENERAL & FMFC will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.04 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 11, 2003 at 8:30 AM at Coke County Commissioners Courtroom 13 E 7th St Robert Lee Tx.

FOR the proposal: Commissioners Paul Burns, Gaylon Pitcock, Bill Wheat and George Snapp

AGAINST the proposal: NONE PRESENT and not voting: NONE ABSENT: NONE

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 41,120	\$ 42,412
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not include senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 8,220	\$ 8,482
Average taxable value	\$ 32,900	\$ 33,930
Tax rate (per \$100)	\$ 0.557775	\$ 0.594836
Tax	\$ 183 51	\$ 201.83

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$18.32 or 9.98 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.037100 per \$100 of taxable value or 6.64 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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# FINANCIAL FOCUS With Jim Woodruff of Edward Jones

# What causes stock prices to move

We deal with quite a few mysteries in everyday life. Why does it always seem to rain on the weekend? Why does ice cream have to be high in fat? Why do we get so many credit card applications. And, for a lot of us, there's at least one more puzzle; What causes stock prices to move?

Rainy weekends, saturated fat and credit card invitations may always be beyond our comprehension. But it's not impossible to understand the economic and psychological mechanisms that determine stock prices.

Ultimately, the key word in stock price movements is earnings. When investors consider a company's earnings, they typically look at the price/earnings ratio, or P/E. To determine P/E, you simply divide the company's stock price by its earnings per share (a company's profits divided by the number of outstanding shares). So, for example, if Company A sells for \$40 and has earnings of \$2.00 per share, then it has a P/E of 20.

Actually, a P/E isn't just the end result of a company's price divided by earnings per share; in fact, a P/E can help determine the company's price. Let's suppose that Company A's earnings remain at \$2.00 per share. But then, for whatever reason, investors become very excited about the company's prospects. Now, they are willing to pay 40 times earnings for a share. With a P/E of 40 and earnings of \$2.00, the stock would then sell for \$80.

Sometimes, a stock's price can move up without this increased willingness on the part of investors to pay more for each dollar of earnings.

Specifically, sharp increases in a company's earnings estimate could cause stock prices to rise significantly. Let's return to our example above. This time, let's say that Company A's P/E remains at 20. But if its projected earnings jump to \$4.00 per share, its stock price should then trade at \$80.

Of course, in the real world, price movements aren't quite that neat and orderly - but you can still appreciate the impact of a company's earnings and its P/E. However, keep this in mind: There is always a reason for stock prices to move - but there's not always a good reason.

For a recent illustration of this point, you need look back no further than the late 1990s, when many "dot.com" companies were selling at enormously high P/Es-which, in turn, drove up the stock prices. A lot of these companies had little or no earnings, yet investors snapped them up, convinced that, one day, their investment would be rewarded. But in the early 2000, the technology bubble burst, and it hasn't reinflated since.

Thus far, we've just looked at a formulaic approach to stock price movements. But these quantitative factors - P/E and earnings per share - are obviously tied in to many qualitative elements. A shake-up in management might cause a stock to decline, while the unveiling of a promising new product could boost prices. Loss of a government contract is bad,

while a favorable write-up in a business journal is good. A labor dispute is a negative; a labor settlement is positive. All these elements, and more besides, can affect a stock's daily price movements, and, sooner or later, its P/E and earnings per share.

So, there you have it - a quick tutorial on why stock prices move the way they do.

## Bronte O.E.S. meets

The stated meeting of Bronte Chapter #1048, Order of the Eastern Star was held on July 9th at the Masonic Hall with the Worthy Matron, Lanette Fletcher presiding. A very productive meeting included the reminder that the dining room floor will be refinished on the 16th day of August. This is a volunteer project and all members who are able are asked to assist in this project.

The Friends of the Pool have asked that we be a part of their fundraiser on Saturday, August 9, 2003. We are glad to be a part of this community project and will be selling homemade ice cream at the Pavilion with all proceeds to go to the project of Friends of the Pool. The Chamber of Commerce will be selling peach cobbler. Members will be called to contribute ice cream.

Consideration will be given to the possibility of changing our meeting time from the second Monday of each month to another time to allow for visitation with more of the Chapters in our section since there are two other Chapters in Section1 that meet on the same night. Members were asked to prayerfully consider the proposal and be prepared to vote your conviction at the August meeting.

Refreshments were provided by Earline and Jack Moore and Joan Lightfoot.

# Wink-Tinkler family reunion held

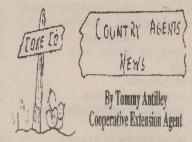
Forty-three attended the Wink-Tinkler family reunion, Saturday, July 26, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Those attending were: Boyd -Kevin Wink; Brownwood -Harvey & Stella Tinkler; Canyon Lake - Rachelle, Braden & Jordan Proctor; Carlsbad -Charlie, Alisha, Makinna & Faigan Rivers; Georgetown -Becky Large; Lubbock - Kay Ledbetter, Barry & Kandice Ledbetter; Marathon - Kenneth & Betty Wink; Midland - Jeania Lewis, Ran Lewis, Diane Lopes; Odessa - Kerry, Kristie & Kolton Wink; Robert Lee - Milburn Wink, Robert, Marsha & Cassidy Wink, Roy & Jennie Tinkler, Harvey & Shari Wink, Clark & Noel Tinkler, Matthew & Ashley Tinkler; San Antonio - Mac & Nancy West; San Angelo - Anthony Wink, Marguerite Sonnenberg, Lee & Wilma Haynie, Luther & Caroline Large; Ashland, VA - Leslie Hanky.

Good food, fellowship and recreation was enjoyed by all.



Robert Lee Junior High band members, along with director Brad Roberts (rear), participated in the second annual Junior High Band Camp June 11-14 at Sul Ross State University.



Wheat Meeting

Texas Cooperative Extension is holding a wheat production meeting August 11, 2003, in the Taylor County Extension office at 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, TX. The evening meeting is designed to help producers plan for the coming 2003-2004 wheat growing season.

"We'll begin with an industrysponsored dinner at 6:30 pm and follow it with an update on the management needs for the upcoming wheat production season," said Gary Bomar, Taylor County Extension agent and the meeting's coordinator. "We'll also offer three continuing education unit credits for participants with a Texas Department of Agriculture Applicators License."

Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist at San Angelo, will open the program with a wheat pricing forecast for the coming season. Dr. Billy Warrick, San Angelo-based Extension agronomist, will follow with herbicide recommendations and findings from result demonstration work conducted on the Rolling Plains.

A relatively-new pest to the area, the Hessian Fly, will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist at San Angelo. He will also offer management suggestions on ways to cope with the insect.

Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Extension state small grain specialist at College Station, will round out the program's slate of speakers with wheat variety information, fertility issues and research and demonstration plans scheduled with small grain on the Rolling Plains.

Persons planning to attend are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension office at (325) 672-6048 by August 8 for meal planning purposes.

# Coke County library news

The Coke County Summer Reading Prize of a READ t-shirt was won Thursday, July 24th by summer reader Ashley Wheat. The Grand Prize water gun drawing will be held Thursday, July 31, at 11:30 am. All names that have been submitted throughout the program will be eligible for the prize. There is a box in the library with some 300 names ready for the drawing. All names are entered for the grand prize drawing.

The summer program will end July 31st. However, readers are welcome any time, especially those readers who want to give their brains a work-out session to get in shape for school. The library appreciates all the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and caregivers who brought children to the library this summer. The best prizes of all are the experiences of reading and the brain training that comes with reading.

Memorial funds and donations made the new books as well as the prizes and treats available for the summer program. Coke County is fortunate to have a supportive government and concerned and giving citizens.

# Emergency farm loan apps being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses cause by drought that occurred from January 1, 2002, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Sweetwater, TX.

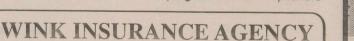
Coke County, as a contiguous disaster county, was recently declared eligible for FSA EM loss loans.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000.00, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the PIC or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until 2/27/2004 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing.

The FSA office in Sweetwater is open from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.





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