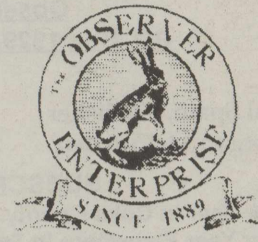


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Friday, September 5, 2003

## Vietnam Wall experience is coming to Abilene

The Big Country Veterans and community supporters are bringing the Vietnam Wall experience to Abilene's Nelson Park September 11-14, 2003.

The traveling memorial is a three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D. C. This tribute creates a dynamic memorial to those who might never have an opportunity for travel to the nation's capital. The exhibit crisscrosses the country every year, allowing millions to see and touch the black, mirror-like surface inscribed with the names of over 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam. This wall honors veterans and is dedicated to Vietnam veterans. The faux-granite replica is 240 feet long and eight feet high and will also be shown in El Paso this year.

Admission to the wall is free and visitors will have the opportunity to view the name catalog or volunteers will assist in finding the names at the computer station. Materials will be furnished for a rubbing

of names from the Wall.

The Quilt of Tears is a quilt created of blocks from loved ones where Agent Orange was a factor and a photo exhibit from the Smithsonian will be in the Discovery Center.

Opening and closing ceremonies will be held each day. Thursday, September 11, has been reserved for school tours. The Grand Opening will be held Friday, September 12. A sunrise opening will be held Sunday, September 14, and closing ceremonies will be held at 5 pm. The Wall is available for viewing 24 hours a day and security is provided.

## Amendment election set for September 13

Early voting for the September 13 Constitutional Amendments Special Election continues through Tuesday, September 9. Early voters may cast their ballots in the Coke County Clerk's office in the courthouse in Robert Lee during business hours, 8 am - 12 noon and 1-5 pm, weekdays.

Polling locations for September 13 include: Precinct 1 - Robert Lee Senior Building; Precinct 2 - Bronte Senior Building; Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse; and

## New laws affect Texas drivers

Over 1,300 new laws were passed during this legislative season. Most went into effect September 1, 2003. Several of these concern Texas drivers.

A new Driver Responsibility Program has been instituted where drivers with multiple moving violation convictions face additional penalties. A "Driver's license point surcharge" will be levied annually for three consecutive years on drivers who accumulate six or more points during the preceding 36 month period. Failure to pay will result in automatic license suspension. One to three points will be assigned, depending on the severity of the violation. The first six points will cost \$100, while each additional point will cost \$25.

DWI convictions will carry additional penalties - \$1,000 per year for the 36 month period for driving while intoxicated; \$1,500 per year for the 36 month period for a second DWI conviction within 36 months; and \$2,000 per year for the 36 month period for a conviction involving a blood alcohol level of 0.16 or more.

Driving with a suspended or revoked license or without insurance will cost \$250, with a \$100 surcharge for unlicensed drivers. These revenues will be

divided between the General Revenue Fund and trauma centers/emergency medical services.

A new felony offense of DWI with a passenger younger than 16 in the vehicle will carry a mandatory minimum jail sentence of 3 days. If you are arrested for DWI and the officer finds an open container of alcohol in the vehicle, the minimum jail time will be 6 days.

Motorists will also now be required to move over and slow down when passing a stationary fire or law enforcement emergency vehicle displaying flashing lights. Unless otherwise directed by an officer, motorists must vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle when driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the same direction, or slow to a speed not to exceed 20 mph when the posted speed limit is 25 mph or more, or 5 mph when the posted limit is less than 25 mph. Failure to move over or slow down will result in a fine of up to \$200. Violations involving property damage will incur a fine of up to \$500, and if a violation results in bodily injury of another person, a penalty of up to 180 days in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500 will be imposed.

## County teams are on the road this Friday!



ROBERT LEE STEERS  
vs.  
Menard Yellowjackets  
Menard, 8:00 pm



BRONTE LONGHORNS  
vs.  
Christoval Cougars  
Christoval, 7:30 pm

Precinct 4 - Santa Fe Depot in Bronte.

Twenty-two propositions make up the special election ballot and are summarized on page 12 of this issue.

## Methodist Revival set

First United Methodist Church of Bronte will hold a revival September 7-10. New Pastor of Bronte United Methodist Church, Rev. Carol Fiero, will lead the services.

The services will be held at 7 pm each night. Congregational singing is planned for each evening. Everyone is invited to come for a great time of singing together, fellowship and renewal.

## Recent rains create haven for mosquitoes

Bronte residents and property owners are asked to keep their yards and vacant lots mowed. Due to recent rains, grasses and weeds have really grown. The overgrown vegetation makes it hard to control mosquitoes. It is also a haven for snakes and mice.

Residents are also reminded to trim back their trees and bushes that are blocking street traffic signs. Many limbs are hanging so low over the streets that vehicles have to change lanes to avoid them.

## Gospel singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, September 7, 2003, 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.

## Vehicle title and registration changes

The 78th Legislature passed new laws that will affect Texas vehicle owners. An additional \$1 fee collected with vehicle registrations, new license plates, and changes to the state's salvage laws will take effect Sept. 1. Increased title fees and additional

surcharges on certain on-road diesel vehicles have already gone into effect. These new fees are collected by the local county tax assessor-collector's office.

As of Sept. 1, vehicle registration renewals and new registrations will carry an additional \$1 insurance verification fee. The additional revenue will be allocated to the Texas Department of Public Safety through Aug. 31, 2005, to reengineer the Texas driver license system. This will result in the development of a more secure Texas driver license. After Aug. 31, 2005, the funds will be used to study the feasibility of an insurance verification system aimed at reducing the number of uninsured motorists operating illegally in Texas. The fee, contained in HB 3588, will raise about \$12.9 million in additional funds annually.

The legislature approved 38 new specialty plates and standardized fees for the popular organizational and collegiate plates. As of Sept. 1, the fee for these plates will be \$30, with \$22 being earmarked for the organization, college or university. The state will retain \$8 to cover administrative costs. Of that, fifty cents will be sent to the county issuing the plate. New organizational plates will become available to the public as designs are finalized and the sponsoring organizations satisfy the requirements contained in the law. A listing of all newly authorized plates is attached.

The legislature also raised vehicle title fees and established new surcharges for certain diesel vehicles titled in Texas. The new fees became effective immediately upon the Governor's signature on June 23, 2003. The money raised by the increase in fees will fund the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP). The TERP plan administered by the Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality is aimed at bringing Texas's air quality into compliance with established federal guidelines. More TERP information is available at

www.tceq.state.tx.us. Vehicle title fees in 41 designated counties will increase from \$13 to \$33 and from \$13 to \$28 in the remaining counties. A new 1% surcharge is also being collected on certain 1997 and newer diesel vehicles. A 2.5% surcharge is being collected for 1996 and older diesels. These surcharges apply to all on-road vehicles, weighing 14,000 pounds or more, whether purchased in Texas or out of state.

Texas residents needed more information should check with the Coke County Tax Assessor-Collector Gayle Sizemore at (325) 453-2614 or they may call the Vehicle Titles and Registration help line at (512) 465-7611.

## New fees in the clerk's office

There are five fee changes that have come out of the 78th Legislative Session that will be effective September 1, 2003 in the County Clerk's office. They are H.B. 3588, State Traffic Fee, \$30.00, S.B. 1477, Nondisclosure Fee, \$28.00, S.B. 1731, Record Archive Fee, \$5.00, S.B. 1744, Vital Statistics Preservation, \$1.00, and H.B. 2292, Family Protection Fee, \$15.00 to be added to all divorces.

There will be some more fees coming out of this legislative session that will be effective on January 1, 2004.

On September 8, 2003 at 8:45 am there will be a public hearing for the Records Archive Fee. This will take place before the regular Commissioners Court meeting.

If anyone has any questions on the new fees, please feel free to go by or call the clerk's office.

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**Obituaries**



**Hester**

Sondra Gwen Hester, 69, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 30, at her Robert Lee home. A graveside memorial was held on Wednesday, Sept. 3, in Robert Lee.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Mindy and Ed Wright of Gardendale; grandson Jeb Wright of Ft. Worth; granddaughter and husband Danya and Jerrod Patrick of Hondo; brother Don Hester of Tulsa; brother-in-law Jim Wilson of Robert Lee; nephews Matt Wilson, Michael Wilson and Brian Hester of San Angelo, and niece Lee Ann Hines of Clyde. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Marie Hester and her sister, Joyce Wilson.

Known by friends and family as "Sandy", she will be greatly missed. Sandy loved nothing better than having family get-togethers. Sandy's wacky sense of humor was one of our favorite things about her. Her cousin Joan Davis remembers Sandy as being a very attractive girl and woman.

Sandy was born in Robert Lee in 1934 and graduated from RLHS in 1952. Her family was very proud of her accomplishments; she attended classes at ASU and became an EEG/EKG technician at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo, where she worked until she retired.

Although she faced life-long health problems, Sandy faced them without complaint. She was an avid reader and a genuine "Trekkie" - a fan of Star Trek. Her greatest adventure was being able to live in Germany for three years in the 1960's. Sandy enjoyed geneology and loved watching ice-skating, ballet and gymnastics, and in true pioneer spirit often said she would have loved going to outer space.

Sandy took great pride in the accomplishments of her daughter Mindy, and was her greatest fan. She was also extremely proud of her grandson Jeb, who treated his "Gram-Mom" to a guitar-playing session on his last visit. Sandy attended her granddaughter Danya's wedding in 2001, and had wedding photos on prominent display in her home.

Although we mourn her passing and will miss her so very much, we know Sandy has gone to a better place with the Lord.

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**WCC EMS Memorials for August 2003**

**Willie Abalos**

J.Q. & Bea Counts

**RLCC Activity Dept. for August 2003**

**Memorials**

**Hazel Cornelius**

Marilyn & Van Russell

**Street Affair Quilt Show**

Quilters still have time to make a reservation to enter their quilts in the Street Affair Quilt Show. Deadline for reservations is September 25, 2003.

Quilters from Coke county as well as surrounding areas are invited to enter their works in the display of quilts. Our space is limited so please make your reservations as early as possible.

Categories for the entries include new quilts, old quilts, machine quilted as well as hand quilted.

The is no entry fee and ribbons will be awarded for "best

of show".

The show will be open for public viewing 9 am - 3:30 pm, October 4, 2003.

The show will be held in the Ivey Motors Showroom. All entries must be delivered to us on Friday, October 3, 2003 between 5 pm to 6 pm at Ivey Motors and must be picked up after the show on Saturday.

For more information, please call Nita Duncan (325) 453-2485.

**Jimmy & Janie Munoz celebrate 25th**

**Wedding Anniversary**

Jimmy and Janie Munoz celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 23, 2003, at the Robert Lee Recreation Center. They renewed their marriage vows before Justice of the Peace, Joan Davis and a dinner and dance was held following the ceremony.

Jimmy Munoz and Janie Lara were married Aug. 12, 1978 in Robert Lee. They are the parents of Michael Munoz and wife, Robin of Robert Lee, Cassandra Munoz of San Antonio and Tony Munoz of Robert Lee. They have four grandchildren, Jaime, Mariah, Sara and Michael James.

Hosts for the celebration were the couple's children and close family and friends.

**Gibbs receives master's degree**

Elaine Gibbs of Lubbock received her master's degree in Language and Literacy Education during Aug. 9 commencement ceremonies at Texas Tech University. She is employed as a teacher for the Lubbock Independent School District.

Gibbs is the daughter of Bill and Judy Gibbs of Robert Lee.

**Hinnard stationed off African coast**

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John W. Hinnard, son of Thelma J. Hinnard of Robert Lee is currently stationed off the coast of the West African nation of Liberia.

Hinnard is one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines deployed aboard the ships of the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group.

Several members aboard Hinnard's ship recently participated in the insertion of U.S. Marines and Sailors into the capital city of Monrovia at the Roberts International Airport



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Munoz

as well as the Freeport of Monrovia to provide support to West African forces.

Hinnard's ship, the USS Nashville, is an amphibious transport dock whose primary mission is to embark, deploy and land elements of a Marine landing force by air cushion, conventional landing craft or amphibious vehicles.

Hinnard is a 1985 graduate of Robert Lee High School of Robert Lee and joined the Navy in April 1990. For more information on the deployment and high resolution photographs, please visit the USS Nashville website at <http://www.nashville.navy.mil>.

**SA Writers' Club news**

The San Angelo Writers' Club will hold an in-house workshop on writing attention-grabbing opening paragraphs when they get together at 7 pm Tuesday, Sept. 9, in their new meeting place at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 11 N. Park, San Angelo.

Those attending are asked to bring along paper, pen and first paragraphs from any current writing projects, as well as outstanding examples from published works.

An informal social period

will precede the meeting, beginning at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in writing, is invited to attend. For more information, call Barbara Barton at 949-7303.

**Churches of Robert Lee**

*Invite You to Worship*

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
(915) 453-2417

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

Wed. 7 pm Choir  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
Wed. 7 pm

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

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
(915) 453-2176

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

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

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

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Catholic Church**  
601 W. 10th  
(915) 365-2687

Rev. 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  
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**September 7-10**

*Beginning at 10:45 am Sunday, September 7, and continuing at 7 pm each evening*

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Rev. Carol Fiero will lead the services.

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and worship the Lord together!**

**Poe-Ambrose  
vows pledged**

Elizabeth Ann Ambrose of Fort Worth and Brian Daniel Poe of Kaufman entered into a covenant of marriage on Saturday, July 19, 2003. Vows were exchanged at 4:00 in the afternoon at First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Rev. Michael Dietrich and Rev. Michael Marshall officiated. Music was provided by Jason Calcote, soloist, and Jack Noble White, organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delaware Ambrose III. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delaware Ambrose, Mrs. Dan Gerard Ellis and the late Dr. Ellis, all of Fort Worth. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel Poe of Kaufman and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Edwin Poe of Corsicana, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dalton Rawlings of Bronte, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents, sister and brothers and escorted by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory silk organza. The strapless bodice featured a border of beading, which was repeated on the hem, and chapel length train of her gown. She carried a bouquet of pink, salmon, and coral tulips, mini-calla lilies, roses, and stock.

Maid of honor was Katherine Ambrose, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sarah Jane Barbour, Caroline Basham, and Virginia Basham, cousins of the bride, Callie Gordon, and Amy Ott. The bridesmaids wore celadon strapless chiffon formal gowns and carried pastel rose bouquets.

Serving as best man was David Poe, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Drew Ambrose, J.D. Ambrose IV, brothers of the bride, Judd Cochran, Ty Keeling and Danny Stiller. Ushers were Michael Toney and Grant Miller of Kaufman.

Following the ceremony, a reception and buffet dinner was held at River Crest Country Club where the guests danced to the music of the Dave Tanner Band. Honor attendants serving in the house party were Chandler Cochran, Kelly Edwards, Lindsay Garrett, Angela Goodwin, Kristin Gustafson and Michele Hand. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Los Vaqueros restaurant in Fort Worth.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She will be teaching in Garland ISD this fall. The groom is a 2003 graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing and was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He will be attending Southern Methodist University Law School in the fall. The couple is residing in Dallas, Texas after returning from their honeymoon in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Attending the wedding from Bronte was Jim Rawlings,



Mrs. Brian Daniel Poe

uncle of the groom, and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Simpson & Dixie of Robert Lee. Other relatives of the groom traveling to the ceremony were from Abilene, Georgetown, Killeen, Corsicana, Lubbock, Houston, and Dallas.

**Coke County  
Memorial Committee**

The Coke County Memorial Committee met on July 27, 2003 to review the progress made on the memorial plaza and plan for future developments. Foremost on the agenda was to extend the opportunity for the public to submit names to be added to the monument. There will be an engraving soon. If you have a relative or a loved one who is a veteran from any war or conflict from the Spanish American War until the present time, please call one of the numbers below for further information.

Two meditation benches and a thirty-foot lighted flagpole have been added. The plot has been framed with native stone taken from the old bank building. The stone matches the old depot. The first layer of chat has been spread. Despite the drought the three oak trees are healthy. The pad for the recently acquired W.W.II howitzer is completed to the specifications of the US Army. The artillery will be placed in the plaza very soon. Some work has been done on

the driveway, but due to the drought landscaping has been delayed.

Plans are being made for a county-wide dedication of the beautiful veteran's memorial plaza with all the new names and the improvements. The original dedication was enjoyed by about 500 people. Please mark your calendar and come to the program on Veteran's Day in November and help make this special celebration a success. Dorthey Pruitt - Chairman 325-473-2851, Ettie Hubbard - Treasurer 325-473-3761.

**Look Who's New  
Gracie Faith  
McClellan**

Bessie Brice of Robert Lee is pleased to announce the birth of her great-granddaughter, Gracie Faith McClellan. Gracie was born August 21, 2003 at 8:27 pm weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Christa and Brent McClellan of Midland. Gracie has a big sister Emily Hope McClellan of Midland. Maternal grandparents are Darlene Gower of Ballinger and Eddie Gower of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Paternal grandparents are Rita McClellan of Abilene and Tommy McClellan of Anson. Gracie Faith was born at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland.

**REVIVAL**

at

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**September 14-17**

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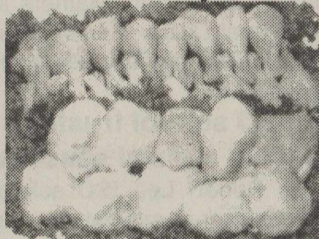
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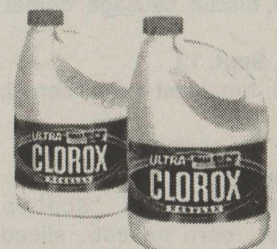
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Steers kick off season with Cross Plains

by Tom Sawyer

The Steers started off the 2003 season in Robert Lee against Cross Plains. There was a large crowd in attendance for the opening game. The game was delayed for more than one hour after halftime due to a lightning storm, but this did not stop the Steers from putting up a great fight.

### 1st quarter

The Steers third set of plays ended with the Buffalos intercepting a pass and returning it for a 30-yard touchdown. The Buffalos then got a break when they recovered their own kickoff. With 5:11 left in the quarter, the Buffalos completed a 30-yard touchdown pass. On the ensuing kickoff, the Steers Cole Flanagan returned the ball for a 90-yard touchdown to tighten up the score. RL-6, Cross Plains -14.

### 2nd quarter

The teams fought hard with the Steers defense playing really well to keep the Buffalos on their end of the field. With 5:29 left, the Steers Evan Braswell rushed 4-yards for the Steers second touchdown. RL-12, Cross Plains-14.

### 3rd quarter

After a long delay for the weather, the Steers Brian Abalos recovered a fumble from the Buffalos. With 1:03 left, QB Branden Soliz scampered 58-yards for another Steers score. RL-18, Cross Plains-14.

### 4th quarter

Evan Braswell intercepted a Buffalo pass with 10:49 left, but the Steers couldn't run out the clock. Phillip Arellano broke up a Buffalo pass play with 5:58 left but the Buffalos scored on a 7-yard touchdown run. RL-18, Cross Plains-20.

Everyone come out and cheer for the Steers next week at Menard.



## School Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, Sept. 8

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

#### Tuesday, Sept. 9

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

#### Wed., Sept. 10

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

#### Thurs., Sept. 11

Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

#### Friday, Sept. 12

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Sept. 8

Salisbury steak, scallop potatoes, corn on cob, sliced bread, pears, milk

#### Tuesday, Sept. 9

Tuna or pimento sandwich, chips, pickles, fresh fruit, milk

#### Wed., Sept. 10

Taco, cheese, salad, chili beans, Spanish Rice, fruit cocktail, milk

#### Thurs., Sept. 11

Oven baked chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, sliced bread, peaches, milk

#### Friday, Sept. 12

Hamburger, Salad, Tator Tots, Pickles, Ice Cream, Milk

## RL Sports Boosters

The Robert Lee Sports Boosters will meet every Tuesday following the Friday football game at 7:00 pm at the high school. Junior High & High school films will be shown.

### Senior Steer Pass

Any interested Senior Citizen may receive a Senior Steer Pass at the Robert Lee ISD Central Office. These passes will allow Senior Citizens to enter Steer Football games without charge. See Mona Mathers at the Central Office. Senior Steer Passes from previous years will be accepted.

### RLISD school trustees meet in special session

The Robert Lee ISD school trustees met in special session on August 26 in the high school library.

The board discussed the 2003-2004 budget then voted unanimously to approve the 2003-2004 budget.

After discussion on the tax rate the board voted to approve a \$1.50 tax rate.

### RLHS Homecoming slated

Robert Lee High School Homecoming will be September 12th. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2:00. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "Spotlight on the Steers".

The parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held at 2:50. The football game against the Garden City Bearkats will begin at 8:00 pm.

Driftwood will be performing and will DJ at the RLHS Homecoming Dance at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee following the football game.

The homecoming celebration will also offer the opportunity to host the RLHS Class of 1953 50th reunion.

### Youth and tobacco

Did you know that nicotine is as addictive as alcohol, cocaine, and heroin? Cigarette smoking is the most common form of drug addiction and it causes more death and disease than all other addictions combined.

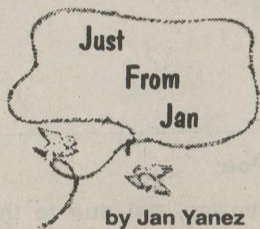
It is also proven that the younger a person starts to smoke the more likely they are to become addicted to nicotine, and 40% of teenagers who smoke daily have tried to quit and failed.

If you haven't started - stay smart. If you already smoke and would like to quit, there are

places to get help. For more information, call the Mesquite Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (325) 235-8955.

### Lighting of the Letters

Come be a part of a new Robert Lee High School Homecoming tradition "Lighting of the Letters" on Thursday night, September 11 at 9:00 pm behind the school in the back parking lot.



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

### Ready, set, breakfast

"Eat your breakfast!" You grumble and groan and swallow your cereal. But have you ever wondered why your parents tell you to finish your oatmeal or scrambled eggs in the morning?

When you wake up, it's probably been 10 hours since you ate dinner or a bedtime snack. Imagine waiting that long to eat during the day! Your brain and muscles need an energy boost, and heading off to school or to a Saturday morning soccer game without breakfast is like trying to fly a kite without any wind - it's hard to get started and even harder to keep going. Keep reading to find out about the benefits of breakfast.

The Breakfast Relay So breakfast is important, but does it matter what you eat? Whether it's hot or cold, homemade, or from a box? Your dad might be a gourmet chef who serves up French toast and fruit kabobs with yogurt dip, or you might pour your own bowl of raisin bran with milk and sip some orange juice. Both breakfasts provide you with fuel to start your day.

The food groups work together like kids in a relay race. By eating different breakfast foods, you'll get the nutrients you need because the nutrients team up to give you energy and keep your body healthy and strong.

For example, the orange juice you sip is made of simple carbohydrates, which gives you a quick boost of energy to sprint to the school bus. But the energy from simple carbohydrates only lasts for a little while. The complex carbohydrates that you get from foods such as pancakes or cereal stay in your body longer and fuel your activities all through the morning until

lunchtime.

The next leg of the relay is protein - from foods such as eggs or cheese - that give you energy all morning long. Milk and other dairy products, whether alone or teamed up with carbohydrates such as cereal, provide protein, fat, minerals, and vitamins to the parts of your body that are working and growing.

A healthy breakfast relay provides the power you need to climb the jungle gym at recess, boost your brain power at math time, and keep you going until the lunch bell rings.

Tasty Treats Other Than Cereal - But what if you don't like eating breakfast?

Food is the first thing some people think of when they wake up. Do you run to the kitchen and grab a handful of cereal from the box before you get dressed? Or do you wait until the last minute before the school bus comes to nibble your toast?

There are lots of reason that you may not eat a food relay breakfast, or any breakfast at all. Maybe you don't like cereal or you're tired of eating it every morning, but you loved the veggie pizza your family had for dinner last night. Try a slice, cold or warmed in the microwave, with a glass of milk. Or make your own mini pizza by spreading toppings on half a bagel or English muffin. Grilled cheese, a peanut butter and banana sandwich, or any other leftover makes good breakfast food, too. And toasted seaweed, rice, and pickled radishes might be on your breakfast menu.

There are lots of fun, easy recipes you can try to keep lots of variety in your mornings. If you're ready to try something new, throw some cut-up vegetables and grated cheese into the frying pan with your scrambled eggs and wrap it all in a warm tortilla for a breakfast burrito. Or top a bowl of yogurt with sliced apples and granola for a break-

fast sundae. You can make your own breakfast trail mix by tossing dry cereal with raisins and peanuts. Or make a breakfast shake from yogurt, berries, and a few ice cubes in the blender.

Other Ways to Balance Breakfast - Does breakfast smell good, but you don't have the time to sit down and eat it? Try doing your morning tasks - like choosing an outfit or putting your homework in your backpack - the night before. Some families even set the table for breakfast before they go to bed! Getting up 10 minutes earlier or leaving the TV off in the morning can help make more time for breakfast.

One way to make sure you have a great, quick breakfast is to make your own breakfast bar by storing dry cereal, instant oatmeal, peanut butter, and dried fruit in a basket or cupboard. Yogurt, milk, cheese, low-fat cream cheese, and hard-boiled eggs can go on a special refrigerator shelf. For a tasty treat that's not too sugary, mix 1/2 cup of sweetened cereal with 1/2 cup non-sweetened cereal. Put a few plastic bags of cereal mixture on your cupboard shelf.

If you just never feel hungry first thing in the morning, ask your parents if you can eat later in the morning. Another idea for a hot breakfast is your school's breakfast program, if available. A trip through the cafeteria line will keep you stomach from gurgling and growling all morning long.

And if you are really on the run, don't run from breakfast: scoop some cereal into a plastic bag, grab a banana and a thermos of milk, and you have breakfast in a bag to eat on the run. Or enjoy peanut butter, a bagel, and a juice box and you're ready to go.

Whether you choose cereal and milk, French toast, or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on your way out the door, join the breakfast relay and have more energy all day.

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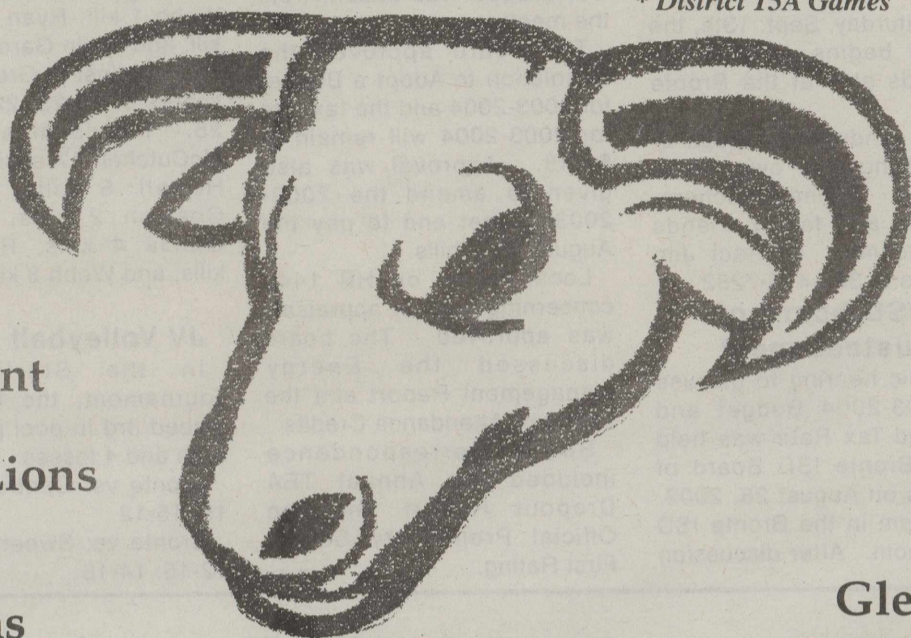
**RLHS Junior Class Mexican Dinner Pile-On**  
September 12, 2003  
School Cafeteria  
5:00-7:00 P.M.

Dine in or take-out only  
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# ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

Friday,  
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September 19	Christoval	There	8:00		
September 26	Winters	Here	8:00		
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* October 10	Roscoe	There	7:30		
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Braswell    Phillip #70    Phillip #96  
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Brian #40    Sean B.    Tom + Mano #64  
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Shoupe #75  
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Longhorns dismantle May Tigers

The Bronte Longhorns dismantled the May Tigers Friday 53-0. The Longhorns totally dominated the game by gaining 512 yards of offense to May's -3 and 21 first downs to the Tigers 2.

The Longhorns rolled up 429 yards rushing, led by Cody Lee and Tyson Baker with 168 and 132 yards respectively. The offensive line which consists of Justin Moore, Scott Snyder, Josh Eubanks, Blaine Dyess, and Justin Frazee, opened up running lanes all night. Scoring for the Longhorns was as followed.

### 1st quarter

DJ Brittain 1 yard run - Garrett Fiveash kick - 7-0, Tyson Baker 13 yard run - Fiveash kick - 14-0.

### 2nd quarter

Cody Lee 13 yard run - Fiveash kick - 21-0, Lee 41 yard run - PAT missed - 27-0, Lee 6 yard run - Fiveash kick - 34-0.

### 3rd quarter

Lee 13 yard run - PAT missed - 40-0.

### 4th quarter

Logan Rawls pass to BJ Hall 26 yards - Riley Coalson kick - 47-0, Brittain 5 yard run - PAT missed - 53-0.

The Longhorn defense dominated May, holding them to -8 yards rushing and -3 total yards. They recovered 2 fumbles and intercepted 3 passes. Josh Eubanks had 8 tackles, Curtis Moore 7 tackles, and Chase Williams 6 tackles.

Bronte next plays Christoval

at Christoval Friday (12th) at 7:30. Please come out and support the Longhorns.

## BHS class reunion

The Bronte High School classes of 1973, '74, '75, '76 & '77, will hold their reunion on Homecoming weekend, Fri. Sept. 12th, Bronte versus Rotan.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the reunion begins at 3:00 pm and ends at ? at the Bronte park.

Bring sandwiches, chips or dips. Bring your own drinks or water. Former teachers, coaches, and family friends are welcome. Contact Jim Rawlings at 325-473-7252.

## BISD board of trustees meet

A public hearing to discuss the 2003-2004 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate was held by the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees on August 28, 2003, at 7:00 pm in the Bronte ISD board room. After discussion

of the proposed budget and tax rate the public hearing was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

A special meeting was held by the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees immediately following the public hearing. The meeting was opened with prayer by Kendall Gibbs. David Scott was absent from the meeting.

The board approved the Resolution to Adopt a Budget for 2003-2004 and the tax rate for 2003-2004 will remain at \$1.45. Approval was also given to amend the 2002-2003 budget and to pay the August 2003 bills.

Local Policy on HB 1440 concerning teacher appraisals was approved. The board discussed the Energy Management Report and the selling of Attendance Credits.

Board correspondence included the Annual TEA Dropout Report and the Official Preliminary School First Rating.

The Superintendent's report included a Financial Update and an update on the Asbestos Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm by the president. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 11.

## Varsity volleyball

On August 26, the Bronte varsity volleyball team lost to Crane by scores of 24-26, 14-25, 25-21 & 12-25. Individual stats were: Britney McCutchen 23 assists, 6 kills, 1 block; Kailey Howell 13 kills, 2 blocks, 1 assist; Kanah Coalson 5 kills; Rebecca Rawlings 1 assist; Cheyenne Webb 1 kill; Ryan Martinez 1 kill; and Corin Garcia 3 kills.

Bronte lost to Greenwood by scores of 19-25, 22-25, & 13-25. Individual stats were: McCutchen 17 assists, 4 kills; Howell 6 kills, 1 block; Coalson 2 kills, 1 assist; Garcia 4 kills; Rawlings 2 kills; and Webb 3 kills.

## JV Volleyball results

In the Sterling City Tournament, the Bronte JV placed 3rd in pool play with 4 wins and 4 losses.

Bronte vs: Central JV - 10-15, 15-12

Bronte vs: Sweetwater JV - 12-15, 14-16

Bronte vs: Sterling City JV - 15-2, 16-14

Bronte vs: Central Blue - 10-15, 15-13

Tuesday at Greenwood, it was Bronte vs: Crane with scores of 8-25, 12-25, 13-25; Bronte vs: Greenwood scores were 21-25, 14-25, 25-16, 10-25.

Saturday at Water Valley, it was Bronte winning against Miles by scores of 25-18, 16-25, and 29-27. Bronte lost to Water Valley with scores of 24-26 and 21-25.

## ECC ambulance runs for July 2003

07-03 - 23:00 - med. transport  
07-08 - 14:55 - med. transport  
07-10 - 12:05 - med. transport  
07-18 - 10:25 - med. transport  
07-22 - 17:30 - trauma transport  
07-28 - 18:20 - trauma transport

## Donations

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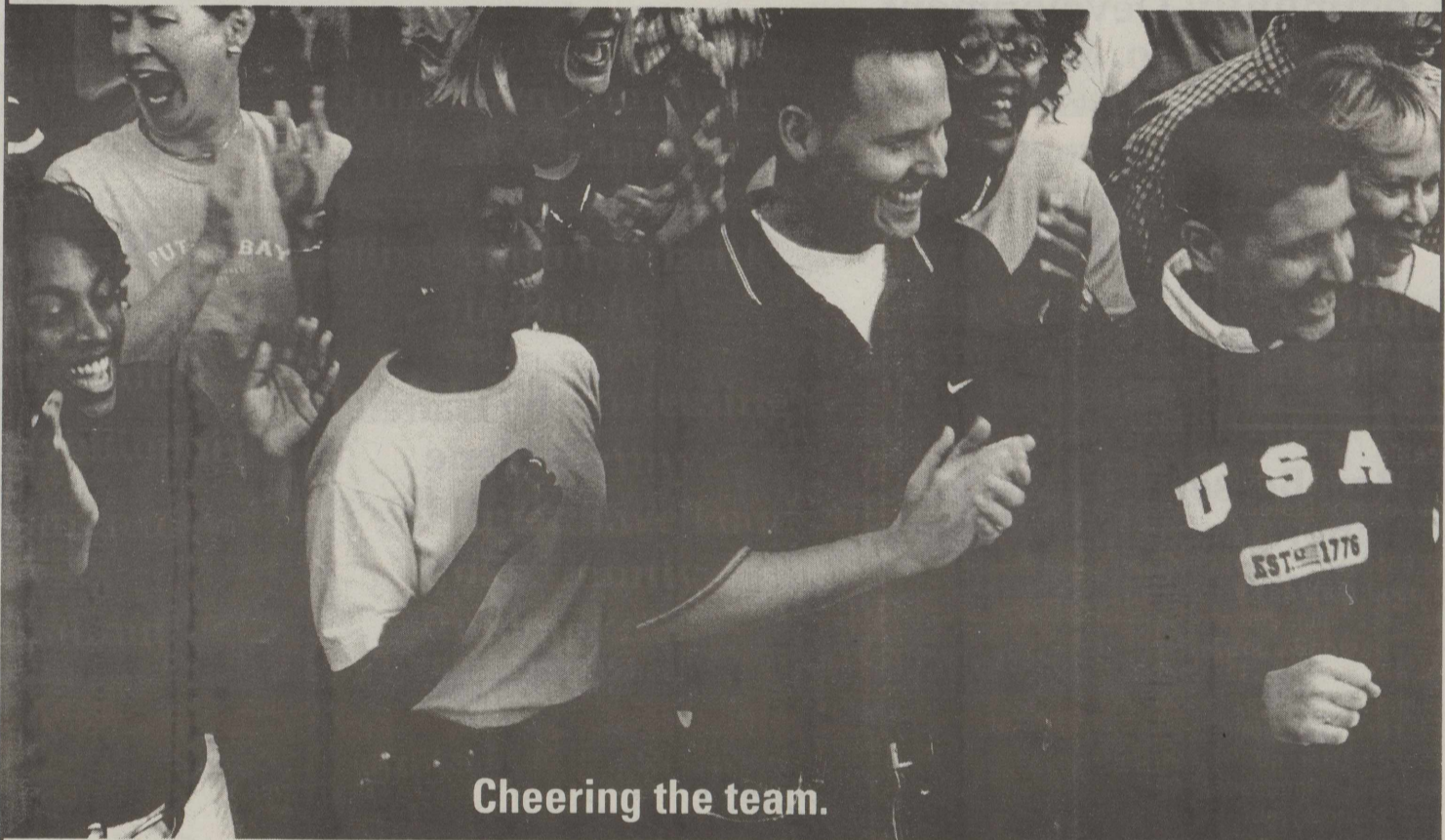
## Charlie Bagwell

Larry & Merle Kelso

## Bronte Fire Dept. runs for July 2003

07-28- 1:10 - grass fire  
07-18-- 22:25 - structure fire  
07-19- 21:20 - grass fire

2:30 p.m. Saturday



Cheering the team.

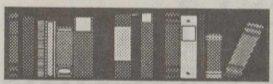
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## School Menu



### Breakfast

#### Monday, Sept. 8

Cereal, orange half, biscuit, milk

#### Tuesday, Sept. 9

Breakfast burrito, diced pears, milk

#### Wed., Sept. 10

French toast sticks, assorted juice, milk

#### Thurs., Sept. 11

Pop tarts, assorted juice, toast, milk

#### Friday, Sept. 12

Donut, apple sauce, toast, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Sept. 8

Chicken nuggets with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, banana pudding, milk

#### Tuesday, Sept. 9

Burrito, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, brownies, milk

#### Wed., Sept. 10

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, pink panther cake, milk

#### Thurs., Sept. 11

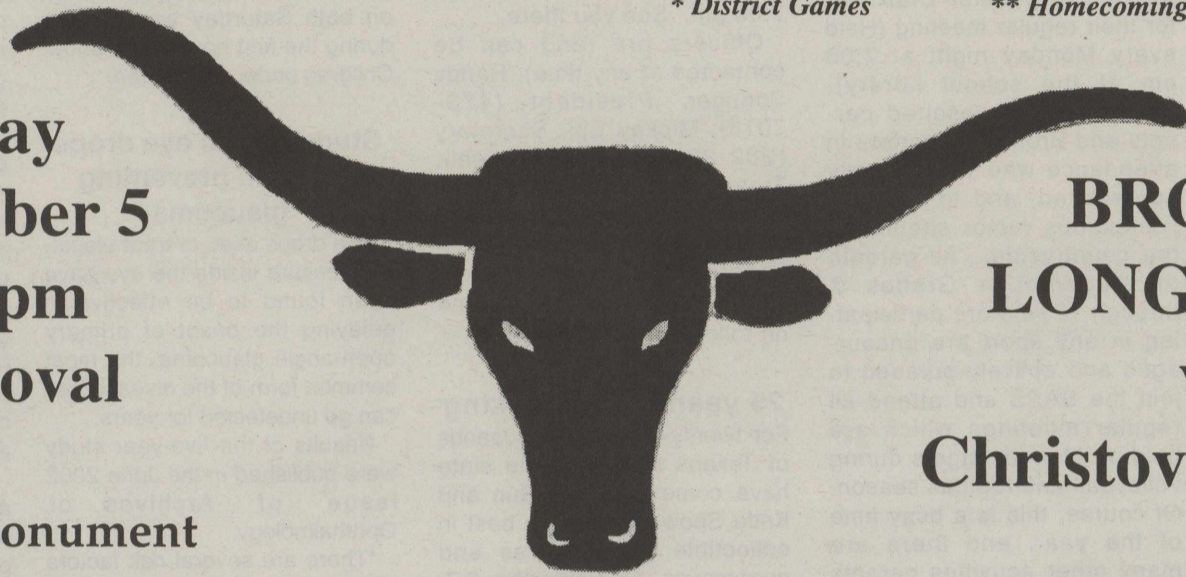
Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, rice krispie bars, milk

#### Friday, Sept. 12

Chopped bar-b-que sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, bun, chips, peanut butter cookies, milk

# BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL

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Soltson #40  
Bull #10  
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D.J. #20 Brittain  
Riley #45  
Coach Peterson  
Cody #30  
Johnathan #50  
Phil #70  
Joseph #71  
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### Gary Shaffer attends National Leadership Conference

Leaders from Shaffer Funeral Home took part in the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Leadership Conference, August 3-6, 2003, in Asheville, NC. The event provided funeral service professionals with the insight and tools necessary to help them successfully serve the needs of their communities. Attendees participated in educational seminars and roundtable discussions centering on key issues affecting funeral service organizations and professionals such as providing high-level customer service.

"The NFDA Leadership Conference is an important opportunity for progressive funeral service professionals to meet and discuss issues facing our profession. Such interaction with colleagues is key to our ability to advance the funeral service profession and provide the best quality service to our families," said Gary Shaffer, Shaffer Funeral Home.

Gary Shaffer joined approximately 150 leading funeral service professionals at the conference. Along with other attendees, he returned home with the information on how to continue providing meaningful funeral service to families as well as information that will be helpful to consumers when planning a funeral.

By sharing this experience with the rest of the Shaffer Funeral Home staff, the NFDA Leadership Conference will help enhance the services offered to families.

Gary Shaffer has owned and operated Shaffer Funeral Homes, in Bronte and Robert Lee since 1978 and opened Shaffer Funeral Home/Pioneer Memorial Park in San Angelo in the fall of 2000. He has been active in the West Texas Funeral Directors Association for 20 plus years serving as President in 1999-2000. Which led to his running for Secretary/Treasurer of the Texas Funeral Directors Association and now serves as President Elect and will be installed as President in June of 2004.

NFDA is the leading funeral service association, serving more than 20,300 funeral directors who represent more than 12,200 funeral homes in the United States and other countries. From its headquarters in Brookfield, Wis. and its Advocacy Office in Washington, D.C., NFDA provides advocacy, education, information, products, programs and services to help members enhance the quality of service to families.

### Bronte All-Sports Booster Club news

On Monday, September 1st, 2003, at 7:00 pm the Bronte All Sports Booster Club met for their regular meeting (Held every Monday night at 7:00 pm at the school library). There were 20 inspired parents and Bronte supporters in attendance who were greatly appreciated, and to clarify a scandalous rumor circulating the countryside. All parents of students in Grades 7 through 12 who are participating in any sport are encouraged and actively pursued to join the BASB and attend all regular meetings which are held on Monday nights during volleyball and football season. Of course, this is a busy time of the year, and there are many other activities parents are involved in for our kids at school and this is understandable. But even under those circumstances, it would seem more could have attended. If you want to be involved working on projects, the Boosters promise we have one you will like, or better yet, the Boosters would like your ideas. If you are burned out and just want to be a member and come to the Monday meetings, the BASB will still accommodate.

So, this is what's happening with our kids this week: Junior High football at 5:00 pm in Bronte against Christoval. The Varsity volleyball Lady Longhorns host the only state volleyball tournament with teams from each 1A region, and 6 of the 8 teams are ranked in the Top Ten this year including defending state champion Windthorst, runner-up Round-Top Carmine, Wink, Beckville, Water Valley,

Poolville, and our Lady Longhorns. Most all the teams have played in the state tournament in recent years. The tourney also brings in revenue for our local businesses, so let's all get out to watch some of the best volleyball in the state. The Longhorn varsity gridsters, after a sterling performance at May Friday, travel to Christoval for a 7:30 pm start Friday. The Junior High and Junior Varsity volleyball teams are open the rest of the week. New caps, memberships, and noise makers will be on sale later this week, and in the near future, Longhorn Fan yard signs will be available. The next BASB meeting is Monday, September 8th at 7:00 pm. See you there.

Officers are (and can be contacted at any time): Randy Springer, President (473-7018); Mickey Ehl, Secretary (282-2083), Alisa Webb, Treasurer (473-2811), Kenny White, 1st Vice-President, Becky Wills, 2nd Vice-President and 3rd Vice-President, Gloria Allen. Come on folks "Let's Get'er Done".

### 25 years in the making

For twenty-five year, thousands of Texans all across the state have come to Texas Gun and Knife Shows to see the best in collectible guns, knives and accessories. On September 6-7, TGKA will present their third Gun & Knife Show for 2003 at the San Angelo Concho Pavilion.

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the San Angelo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade some of the most extraordinary guns, knives and accessories ever made. "These are all items you simply can't find every day," explains Don Hill, president of the association. "And even if you could, you certainly couldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

Hill expects scores of exhibitors to be on hand at the upcoming show, and he himself will be available to visit with the public during the event.

As in every Texas Gun & Knife Show, guns and knives are just part of the picture at the San Angelo show. There will also be a great selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items, and Native American and military memorabilia, and for the ladies, excellent priced gold and silver jewelry.

The San Angelo Gun & Knife Show will take place Saturday September 6th, from 9 am until 5 pm and Sunday, September 7th, from 10 am until 5 pm. To celebrate their 25th Anniversary, TGKA will offer a "two for the price of one" special admission on both Saturday and Sunday during the first hour of the show. Children under 12 are free.

### Study shows eye drops useful in preventing glaucoma

Eye drops used to treat elevated pressure inside the eye have been found to be effective in delaying the onset of primary open-angle glaucoma, the most common form of the disease that can go undetected for years.

Results of the five-year study were published in the June 2002 issue of Archives of Ophthalmology.

"There are several risk factors linked to the development of glaucoma, and this study has helped us define how much benefit we can provide by decreasing eye pressure with eye drops," said Dr. Ronald L. Gross, a professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and an investigator in the study.

Open-angle glaucoma is one of the leading causes of blindness in the United States and the number one cause of blindness among African Americans. The disease often occurs when

fluid builds up, causing pressure in the eye to increase. When this pressure damages the optic nerve, glaucoma and vision loss are the result.

The National Ocular Hypertension Treatment study evaluated 1,636 people ranging in age from 40-80 with elevated pressure in the eye, with no signs of glaucoma damage. Half received daily eye drops, while the other half were given no medication. For those who received the medication, eye pressure decreased by approximately 20 percent.

Researchers found that the risk for developing primary open-angle glaucoma was cut by more than 50 percent for those individuals who used the eye drops. The study showed that 4.4 percent of the study participants receiving the drops developed glaucoma over a five-year period, while 9.5 percent of the participants who did not receive the drops developed glaucoma. Additionally, study participants with several risk factors were found to be more likely to develop the disease. These included age, race, a family history of glaucoma, as well as ocular risk factors, including elevated eye pressure, cornea thinness and certain characteristics in the anatomy of the optic nerve.

"Glaucoma is often referred to as the 'sneak thief of sight' because it often occurs with no pain or symptoms," said Gross, also the Clifton R. McMichael chair of ophthalmology at Baylor. "Many times patients don't notice a difference in peripheral vision until the problem has progressed, therefore, it is essential to visit an ophthalmologist to detect the condition early."

The 22-center study was supported by the National Eye Institute, The National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Research to Prevent Blindness and Merck Research Laboratories.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2004 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 15, 2003 at 8:00 P. M. in the Appraisal District office in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$124,945.00. This is less than 1% (.009004) increase from the 2003 budget.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is two full-time and one part-time. The number of employees compensated by the current year's budget is two full-time and one part-time.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District. If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, the proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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## Caribbean chefs learn Texas BBQ techniques

The approximately 17 million travelers bound for Caribbean islands each year will have increased opportunities to enjoy the quality and flavor of U.S. beef, thanks to beef checkoff activities conducted by the U.S. Meat Export Federation and the Texas Beef Council.

USMEF and TBC July 14-18 trained six executive chefs from six Caribbean resort hotels on Texas beef barbecue preparation in Austin, Fort Worth and the Texas Panhandle. Islands represented included Antigua, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands and Jamaica.

Barbecue know-how is becoming a popular Texas export in 2003 as hotels in every international market ask USMEF for unique menu ideas. These hotels seek a competitive advantage in attracting tourists during a time of worldwide political turmoil and economic downturn.

USMEF is responding by showing foreign foodservice operators how to profit from low-cost, high value beef brisket and back ribs - two cuts that can be prepared to tender perfection through Texas barbecue techniques.

"I've been working with USMEF for the last five years," said Dennis McIntosh, executive chef of the Ritz Carlton in Montego Bay, Jamaica. "We're always looking for profitable cuts on menus. The beef checkoff has helped us realize that under-

utilized cuts like brisket and back ribs have cost benefits. At the same time, they are full of flavor and equally tender to other cuts when they are cooked properly."

Instead of mesquite, Caribbean chefs will use wood from the pimento tree, which produces allspice. And instead of typical Texas landscape, the backdrop will be the blue water of tropical beaches and resort swimming pools. But the essence of Texas barbecue will remain the same.

"Texas barbecue has a visual and aromatic effect that is unequalled," McIntosh said. "As a chef, we can take advantage of those sights and smells for our guests by cold smoking the meat to infuse flavor, then finishing it in our kitchens. It offers us great flexibility."

Cold smoking is another term for indirectly cooking beef over coals. The process allows beef to absorb the smoked flavor, yet it must be finished in an oven to reach the proper internal temperature for consumption.

The visiting chefs also were interested in how Texas cuisine applies to other high-value beef cuts for the grill. These cuts included the coulotte (cap of the top sirloin butt), skirt steak and top blade.

There's no doubt that beef sales to the Caribbean islands have been hurt by the worldwide slump in tourism, McIntosh said. USMEF figures show U.S. beef sales to the islands have dropped 17% from January through May. Yet McIntosh sees signs of a quick recovery with

the tools he learned in Texas.

"Texas barbecue using U.S. brisket and other cuts gives us an opportunity to keep our customers coming back," he said. "Jamaica alone gets about 1.5 million tourists per year, and Texas barbecue will help us create a situation where they want to return to Montego Bay."

## Eaker, Ashley to wed

The engagement of Jeannie Eaker of Union City, Tennessee, and Brett Ashley of Hornbeak, Tennessee has recently been announced.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bobby and Tammy Eaker of Union City and Nancy and Kenneth Prine of Robert Lee. She is the granddaughter of Bob Bagwell and the late Joy Bagwell or Robert Lee and Jean Eaker and the late Bill Eaker of Union City.

Miss Eaker is a 2001 graduate of Union City. She attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi. She is employed by Kare Bear Preschool in Union City.

Mr. Ashley is the son of Bruce and Janice Ashley of Hornbeak. He is the grandson of Bobby and Joyce Ashley, also of Hornbeak.

Brett is a 1998 graduate of Obion County Central High School and is employed by Shell Oil Company in Troy.



Brett Ashley and Jeannie Eaker

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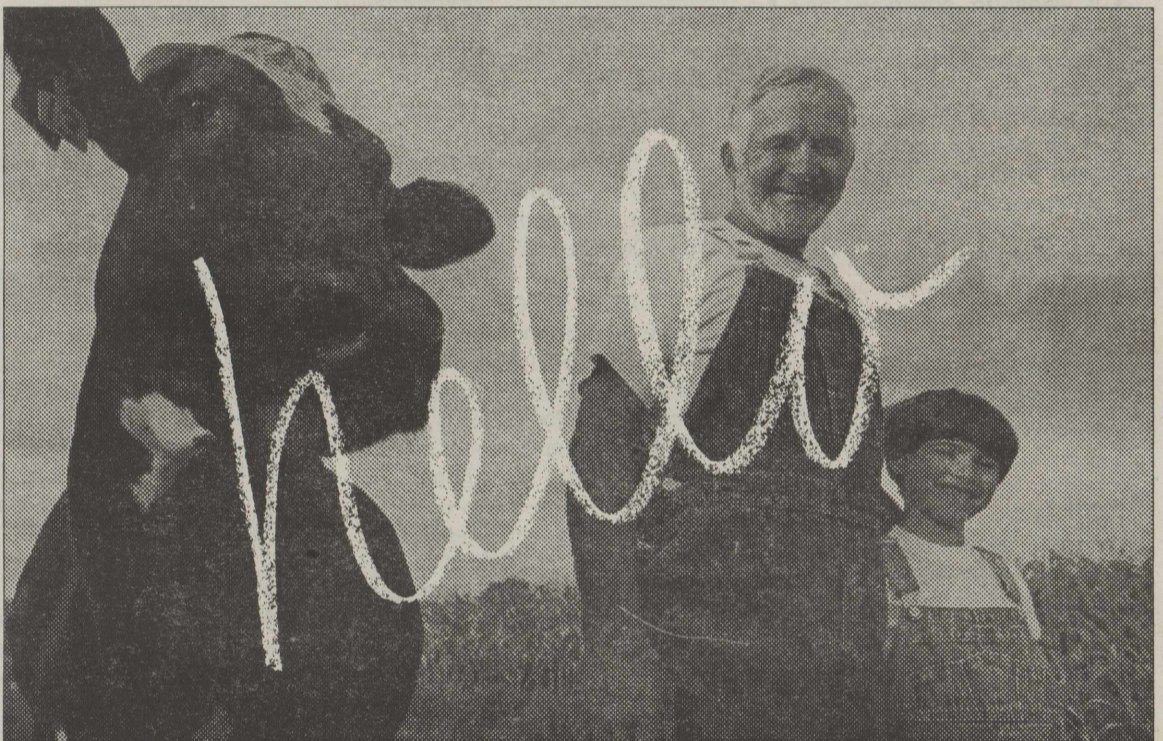


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to all the people of Robert Lee for the food, cards, flowers, and especially the prayers and hugs during our time of need. It is a very comforting thought to know we are a part of such a loving and caring community. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

The Frank Standefer family  
07-1tc

**NOTICES**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS RAW WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE II ORCA STEP GRANT PROJECT**

Separate sealed bids for furnishing and delivering material and/or well construction including pumping pumps for the Raw Water System Improvements Project will be received by THE CITY OF BRONTE, Texas until 3:00 PM, September 23, 2003, at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Bronte, Texas 76933, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Contract, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Specifications and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following locations:

CITY OF BRONTE CITY HALL  
114 South Washington  
Bronte, Texas 76933  
JACOB & MARTIN, LTD.  
3465 Curry Lane

Abilene, Texas 79606

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (915-695-1070), upon payment of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for each set.

Bidder's attention is called to the fact that the Material Supplier/Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

**Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required on the materials** since only one payment will be made after all material is delivered and accepted by the Owner. Affidavit of Bills Paid, Lien Release and Certificate of Insurance will be required.

All Bonds will be required on installing the well construction.

**Suppliers/Contractors may bid one or both of the contracts offered:**

A. Bid Schedule "A": Furnish material FOB Bronte, Texas  
B. Bid Schedule "B": Well Construction

**CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS**  
By: s/Martin Lee  
Mayor  
Date: August 31, 2003  
07-1tc

**COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

City of Bronte  
P.O. Box 370  
Bronte, Texas 76933  
915/473-3501

**TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons**

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Bronte, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for TCDP Project Contract Number 723081.  
Project Title: Bronte Water System Improvements Project  
Project Description:  
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development need facing the City of Bronte is to address the water treatment and distribution system by installing a chloramination system, filter monitors, SCADA system, and replacement of 3,500 linear feet of ten inch water lines. This project involves \$174,999.00 of TCDP grant funds.

### Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Bronte has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Bronte which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at City Hall and is available for public examination and copying upon request, at the City Hall office during normal business hours.

### Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

### Release of Funds

The City of Bronte will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2003 under grant numbered 723081 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Bronte is certifying to ORCA that Martin Lee in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Bronte may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the ORCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA.

Martin Lee, Mayor  
City of Bronte

07-1tc

### TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN COKE COUNTY

From The Authorized Agent Program for On-site waste water systems for Coke County.

1. By law, all septic systems being installed in Coke County must be permitted regardless of acreage, as of Nov. 2002.  
2. By law, all septic systems must be

installed by licensed Installer/Site Evaluator.

3. At this time there is no practicing licensed Installer/Site Evaluator in Coke County.

07-4tc

### Personal

Visitors in the home of Millie Davis was her grandson Trey Davis and family, Angie, Drew, Noah & Nicholas from San Diego, Ca., where he is stationed in the Navy. The time spent was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### Street Affair art display entries open

Area artists will have an opportunity to display their works at the second annual Coke County Art Show which will be held in conjunction with the Robert Lee Street Affair on Saturday, October 4.

Entries accepted will include original paintings in all mediums, drawings, sculpture, and pottery. The show will be juried. There will be an entry fee for each piece displayed. Crafts will not be considered for this show.

All works should be suitably prepared for display and delivered to the Bessent Chevrolet showroom Friday afternoon from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 453-5215 or 453-2578 (4-8 pm); and 450-8430 (5-10 pm).

### Funds established at Robert Lee State Bank

Funds have been set up for Taylor Oakland and his mother, Heather Randolph. 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.

A savings account has been set up for Janie Gloria at RLSB under - Ruth Minjarez Special. Mrs. Gloria is undergoing treatment for her liver. She is in need of a transplant.

### Energy efficiency makes "Cents"

by Chip Deaver  
Director, TXU Energy

Did you know that the average family in Texas spends more than \$1,300 a year just to run their heating and cooling systems and their electrical appliances?

As another hot Texas summer begins, you can take control of your home energy bills and save money by making your home more energy efficient without sacrificing comfort. It's simple and can pay for itself.

Here are some facts you may not know and some ways you can reduce your energy bills this summer.

**Heating and cooling:** Heating and cooling are the primary energy users in our homes. In fact, they account for about 45 to 50 cents of every dollar we spend on our electric and gas bills.

You can control how much energy you use by how you use your system and how efficiently it runs. Specifically, you can reduce your energy usage and save money by setting your thermostat at temperatures that maintain comfort. We recommend setting the thermostat at 78 degrees during the cooling season. If you will increase your thermostat setting from 72 degrees to 78 degrees in the summer, you will save about 50 percent on your cooling energy costs.

**Heat gain through windows** can also increase the strain on your cooling costs by almost 30 percent. You can reduce your cooling costs by closing curtains, blinds, and shades or installing window film in order to reduce the heat gain through windows.

**Water heating:** Water heating is the second largest single user of energy in your home. It can consume 10 to 15 cents of your energy dollar. You can keep these costs down by reducing the temperature setting on the thermostat, reducing the amount of hot

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water used, and reducing the heat loss.

We recommend setting the water heater thermostat to no higher than 120 degrees. To reduce hot water consumption, we recommend installing low-flow showerheads (which can reduce water consumption by about half) and using cooler water for washing clothes. And to reduce heat loss, we recommend wrapping the water heater with a special insulating blanket, which can pay for itself in less than a year.

**Appliances:** Refrigerators and freezers are the third largest energy users in the home. They cost approximately \$60-\$70 annually to run. Simple measures, like cleaning condenser coils regularly and removing frost build-up on your refrigerator/freezer will help them run more efficiently. Also, look for and use the energy-saver settings on refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers. It will be well worth the time you spend.

If you are in the market for new appliances and energy equipment, remember to compare yellow-and-black "Energy Guide" labels for estimated operating costs. It's a simple additional step that will help you accurately compare the annual costs of different appliances.

**Insulation:** Proper insulation help you stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter and acts as a temperature barrier between the inside and outside of your home. Proper insulation works to keep the heat out of your home during the summer and works to keep the warm air in during winter. Not only is a well-insulated home more comfortable, it can also keep money in your pocket.

**Lighting:** Most people don't realize that compact fluorescent light bulbs typically save 65 to 70 percent over incandescent bulbs while proving the same light output. Compact fluorescent bulbs cost more than incandescent bulbs but they last 10 times longer. The savings from buying fewer replacement bulbs and using less electricity will offset the higher bulb cost.

Although lighting is not a major part of your monthly electric bill, replacing a 750-hour, 100-watt standard light bulb with a compact fluorescent one of 27 watts can still save you enough money for dinner and a movie over the life of the bulb. Also, just like my parents used to tell me, big savings can still come from just turning off lights and other electric-powered items when they're not in use.

Finally, to help you take control over your home energy, we encourage you to visit our Internet site and experience the free TXU Home Energy Advisor. You will receive a personalized analysis of your home energy usage and recommendations that can save you up to 20 percent on your energy bill. Go to <http://www.txuenergy.com> and click on Residential Services to get to the TXU Home Energy Advisor.

Summertime can really burn up your energy bill. But with a few simple steps, you will see that energy efficiency helps to keep you cool and makes good "cents."

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# Proposed Constitutional Amendments

*Election to be held Saturday, September 13, 2003.*

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 1:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment would allow the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the veterans' land fund, the veterans' housing assistance fund, and the veterans' housing assistance fund II to pay the debt service on any revenue bonds issued by the board. Specifically, the board could use those receipts to pay principal and interest and make bond enhancement payments with respect to revenue bonds issued under a veterans homes program or other veterans programs administered by the board, and not solely in connection with its land and housing assistance programs for veterans.

The amendment would also allow the Veterans' Land Board to use excess assets in the three funds to plan and design, operate, maintain, enlarge, or improve veterans homes. This new language would supplement the effect of an earlier constitutional amendment that granted the board similar authority with respect to veterans cemeteries.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 2:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment to Section 130(c), Article VIII, of the Texas Constitution increases the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that is sold at a tax sale for unpaid ad valorem taxes may redeem the property from the person who purchased it. The redemption period is increased from six months after the date the purchaser's deed is filed for record to two years after that date. To redeem the property, the former owner must pay to the person who purchased the property the amount the purchaser at the tax sale paid for the property, including the tax deed recording fee and all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs paid, plus an amount not exceeding 25 percent of the aggregate total in the first year of the redemption period or 50 percent of the aggregate total in the second year. The proposed amendment to Section 13(d), Article VIII, of the Texas Constitution makes a conforming change.

The amendment takes effect January 1, 2004, and applies only to the redemption of a mineral interest sold at a tax sale for which the purchaser's deed is filed for record on or after January 1, 2004.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 3:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment amends Section 2(a), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, to authorize the legislature by general law to exempt from ad valorem taxation the property owned by a religious organization that also owns a place of religious worship, such as a church or temple, if the property is

owned for the purpose of expanding the place of religious worship or constructing a new place of religious worship and if the property does not produce any revenue for the religious organization. The amendment also authorizes the legislature by general law to provide eligibility limitations for the exemption and to impose sanctions related to the exemption. In addition, the amendment authorizes the legislature by general law to exempt from ad valorem taxation any property owned by a religious organization that is leased to a person for use as a school that meets the statutory definition for a school that is exempt from taxation.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 4:** *The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment amends Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, to provide that conservation and reclamation districts have the specific right and duty to develop parks and recreational facilities. The amendment requires the legislature to pass laws concerning the development of parks and recreational facilities by districts. The amendment, without limiting the power to finance parks and recreational facilities that currently exists, provides for the issuance of bonds financed by taxes in districts located completely or partially in a limited number of areas.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 5:** *The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income.*

**SUMMARY:** Section 1(d), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, currently authorizes the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxes certain tangible personal property but excludes the legislature from exempting tangible personal property structures used or occupied as residential dwellings. The proposed amendment amends Subsection (d) to exclude from being exempt only those structures used or occupied as residential dwellings that are substantially affixed to real estate. The amendment repeals Section 1(j), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, which authorizes the legislature to allow a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from ad valorem taxes.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 6:** *The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment amends Section 50(f), Article XVI, Texas Constitution, by providing that a home equity loan may be refinanced in a manner that converts the loan into a reverse mortgage. The same change proposed by this amendment is also being proposed, among other constitutional changes, by Proposition 16, which is being submitted to the voters at this election.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 7:** *The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment specifies that a district court petit jury hearing a criminal misdemeanor case must consist of six persons. In a conforming change, the amendment also

strikes a provision allowing nine members of a district court 12-member jury to render a verdict in a criminal misdemeanor case.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 8:** *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 office.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment adds Section 13, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, to authorize the legislature to provide by general law that a person may take office without an election if that person is the only candidate to qualify in an election to be held for that office.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 9:** *The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment amends Section 5, Article VII, Texas Constitution, to allow the State Board of Education or the legislature to determine the amount distributed from the permanent school fund (PSF) to the available school fund (ASF) from a portion of the "total return," including capital gains, on all investment assets of the PSF. The amendment places limits on the portion of total return that may be transferred to the ASF and provides for payment from the PSF of the expenses of managing permanent school fund assets.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 10:** *The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment adds Section 52i, Article III, Texas Constitution, to create an additional exception to the general constitutional prohibition against a county, city, town, or other political subdivision of the state granting a thing of value to any individual, association, or corporation.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 11:** *A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment would amend Section 20, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, to permit the legislature to authorize wineries to manufacture, sell, and dispense wine in any area of the state, even if the sale of wine in the area has not been authorized by a local option election.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 12:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment would add a new Section 66 to Article III, Texas Constitution, that authorizes the legislature by statute to determine the limit of liability for all damages and losses, however characterized, other than economic damages, in health care liability claims and other claims.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 13:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment amends Section 1-b,

Article VIII, Texas Constitution, by adding Subsection (h) to authorize the governing body of a county, a municipality, or a junior college district to prohibit increases in the amount of county, municipal, or junior college district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a person who is disabled or who is 65 years of age or older. The proposed amendment would provide a means by which disabled and elderly persons can be provided the same beneficial tax treatment in connection with their county, municipal, or junior college district property taxes that elderly persons currently enjoy in connection with their public school district property taxes.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 14:** *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 transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment would provide for the Texas Department of Transportation to issue notes or obtain loans with terms of two years or less to carry out any of the department's functions. The amendment would also provide for the Texas Transportation Commission to issue longer term bonds or other public securities to fund highway improvement projects. The bonds or other public securities would be payable from the money in the state highway fund.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 15:** *The constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment amends Article XVI, Texas Constitution, by adding Section 66 to provide that any change made to certain benefits provided by certain retirement systems cannot reduce benefits that a person was entitled to receive before the date of the change. The amendment places the responsibility for ensuring that those benefits are not reduced on both the retirement system and the governmental entities that finance the system.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 16:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment amends Section 50, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, by providing that a home equity loan may be in the form of a line of credit. This same change is also being proposed by Proposition 6, which is being submitted to the voters at this election.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 17:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment amends Subsection (d), Section 1-b, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, which prohibits increases in the amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence

homestead of a person who is 65 years of age or older.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 18:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment adds Section 13A, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, to authorize the legislature to provide by general law that a person may assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if that person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 19:** *The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment would repeal Section 48-d, Article III, Texas Constitution. That section authorizes the legislature to create rural fire prevention districts supported by a tax on property located in the district.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 20:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment would add Section 49-n to Article III of the Texas Constitution and permit the legislature to authorize one or more state agencies to issue general obligation bonds or notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide loans to defense-related communities for economic development projects that benefit the defense-related community, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations located in the state. The amendment would authorize the bond proceeds to be deposited in the Texas military value revolving loan account in the state treasury.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 21:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment would permit a faculty member or retired faculty member of a public institution of higher education who also serves as a member of a governing body of a water district to receive a salary for that service.

**\*AMENDMENT NO. 22:** *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.*

**SUMMARY:** The proposed amendment would (1) allow an elected or appointed officer of the state or of any political subdivision who enters active duty in the armed forces of the United States as a result of being called to duty, drafted, or activated, to retain the person's office while serving in the military; and (2) allow a temporary acting officer to be appointed to perform all the duties of the office.