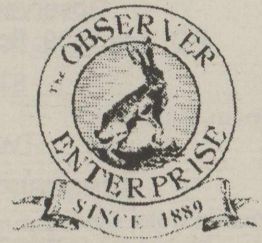


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Cavalry performs reenactment at Fort

Fort Chadbourne Cavalry reenacted the following story at the 5th Annual Fort Chadbourne Fundraiser on September 20, 2003. Around 150 people attended the fundraising event.

Cavalrymen were Richard Chambliss, Jerry Chambliss, Chuck Sheppard, Henri Adams, Harold McCutchen, Ron Cooper, Rick Hooker, Chip McClain and Bill Guest. Indians were Ken Hyman, Cody Fort, September Daniel, Riley West, Chase Wynne, and Kyler Richards. Bartering goods were Brenda Chambliss, Dana Chambliss, Janet Sheppard, Jan Adams, Sharon Lance, Thresa McClain and Debra Guest. Wayne Thompson attended in uniform as a Dragoon Soldier. David Coffey narrated the reenactment.

The true story was an excerpt from '33 Years Among Our Wild Indians' by Col. Richard Irving Dodge. The story is as follows:

A band of Comanche's under Mu-la-que-top, once camped near Fort Chadbourne in Texas, and were frequent visitors and great nuisances as beggars at that post. Some of the officers were decidedly 'horsey,' several owning blooded horses, the relative speed of each being known, by repeated trials, almost to a foot. Mu-la-que-top was bantered for a race, and, after several days of maneuvering, a race was made against the third best horse of the garrison, distance four hundred yards.

The Indians betted robes and

plunder of various kinds, to the value of sixty or seventy dollars, against money, flour, sugar, etc., to a like amount. At the appointed time all the Indians and most of the garrison were assembled at the track. The Indians 'showed' a miserable sheep of a pony, with legs like churns; a three-inch coat of rough hair stuck out all over the body; and a general expression of neglect, helplessness, and patient suffering struck pity into the hearts of all beholders. The rider was a stalwart buck of one hundred and seventy pounds, looking big and strong enough to carry the poor beast on his shoulders. He was armed with a huge club, with which, after the word was given, he belabored the miserable animal from start to finish. To the astonishment of all the whites, the Indian won by a neck.

Another race was proposed by the officers, and, after much 'dickering,' accepted by the Indians, against the next best horse of the garrison. The bets were doubled; & in less than an hour the second race was run by the same pony, with the same apparent exertion and with exactly the same result.

The officer, thoroughly disgusted, proposed a third race, and brought to the ground a magnificent Kentucky mare, of the true Lexington blood, and known to beat the best of the others at least forty yards in four hundred.

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Approximately 150 people attended the Fort Chadbourne Foundation fundraising dinner held at the Fort Saturday evening, September 20, 2003. The centerpiece of the event was a historical reenactment.

Blackwell

Homecoming set

The 2003 Blackwell Homecoming is set for October 4. This year's festivities will begin with registration, refreshments, visitation, and the program beginning at 10:30 am that morning. The Homecoming Parade will follow at 1:30 pm, followed by the Pep Rally at 3:00. The Seniors will provide the Evening Meal at 4:30 pm, with the Introduction of Players for the game beginning at 6:45 pm. The Homecoming game with Loraine will begin at 7:30 pm, followed by a dance sponsored by the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department.

For information, contact Blackwell ISD at 282-2311.

Street Affair update

Make sure your calendar has October 4th marked for a day of fun in Robert Lee. Fun, games, food, entertainment, and shopping will be the order of the day for folks attending the 3rd Annual Street Affair.

Over 30 vendors have reserved spaces for the Street Affair this year. All types of arts and crafts will be available for shoppers (this would be a great opportunity to start Christmas shopping). No one will have to worry about expiring from hunger, as everything from turkey legs to homemade ice cream will be offered for sale during the day.

In addition to booths, all sorts of fun activities have been scheduled throughout the day. Local band Driftwood

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Archery Only season opens Sept. 27

Archery Only whitetailed deer and turkey season opens in Coke County on Saturday, Sept. 27, and remains open through Sunday, Oct. 26. Most of the same laws apply to Archery Only season as the general season. Turkey bags will be either sex. An archery stamp will be required in addition to the hunter's Texas hunting license and the Hunter Education certificate (according to age). On page 64 of the TPW Outdoor Annual, some guidelines are listed on archery equipment restrictions.

This sport is gaining new fans all along and is a great outdoor activity. For further information on cost of archery stamp or to report violations, call Jim Allen, Coke County game warden, at 226-4350.

Hunter Education Training Course set

Coke County Game Warden James Allen announced this week his department will offer a Hunter Education Training Course on Oct. 11 and 12, a Saturday and Sunday, 8 am to 2 pm each day. There will be a charge for the course and students are asked to bring along a #2 pencil; materials will be furnished. For cost of course or other information, contact Jim Allen, Coke County game warden at 226-4350.

This class is required of every hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971. You must be at least 12 years old to take the

class to be certified. Those 17 and over must complete this course in order to hunt. Ages 12 through 16 must be certified or be accompanied by a 17 year old or older licensed hunter. The hunter's certificate must be on your person while hunting.

Allen encouraged parent and grandparents interested in hunting to attend the class with their young people. This is an excellent opportunity for any age hunter to get certified without leaving the county. This class is not often offered here.

The class will be taught at the Coke County courthouse.

Bronte City Council asks help from residents

Residents should be aware that mosquitoes carrying the West Nile fever have been found in Taylor County (Abilene).

The Bronte City Council urges all residents to make sure there is no standing water on their property that would be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Residents should also keep their property mowed. This will help with the control of the mosquitoes.

The City will continue spraying for mosquitoes when weather conditions are favorable.

Bronte animal ordinance told

Bronte residents are reminded to keep their animals restrained on their property at all times. The city can issue citations to persons who violate the City's Animal Ordinance.



These three little Indians took part in the Fort Chadbourne Foundation fundraiser's reenactment on September 20, 2003. They are Riley West, Chase Wynne and Kyler Richards.

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The Robert Lee High School Class of 1953 held their 50th year reunion during Homecoming weekend September 11-13, 2003. The slogan of their float was "Spotlight on the Steers for 50 Years." Twenty class members participated in the Homecoming Parade - eighteen rode on the float, while Bobby Roberts drove Garland Davis in a 1953 Chevrolet. The classic car is owned by Dan Laughter and his wife, Sue Parker, a 1961 RLHS graduate.

Obituaries



Hatley

Willie Bell "Bill" Hatley, 80, of San Angelo died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003 in Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside services were held at 11:30 am Saturday, Sept. 20th in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Tom Williams officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Willie Bell was born Sept. 21, 1922 in Van Alstyne, Texas to Thomas Flemon and Sarah Mabel Williams. She was a cosmetologist for Farris City Drug in Robert Lee and Lake View Drug in San Angelo. She retired from Sunshine Grocery. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Her husband Arnie Weldon Hatley preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1999. She was also preceded in death by her parents and 9 brothers and sister.

Survivors include her children, Sam Edward Skipworth of Menard, James Drexel Skipworth of Grape Creek, Susie Cates of Travis City, Mich. and Betty J. Charlesworth of Grape Creek; brother, Thomas V. Williams of Robert Lee; grandchildren, James Paul, Shannon Lee, Dudley, Katrina, Susan, Michelle, Will, Brenda, Theresa and Lisa; several great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Jones

Shirley Eloise Jones, 60, of Blackwell, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003, at her residence. Service was conducted at 3 pm Sept. 21 at Blackwell First United Methodist Church with burial in Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, James "Jim" Jones of Blackwell; son, Johnny Jones of Blackwell; daughters,

Debbie Pate and Pam Alley, both of Blackwell, and Jamie Clem of Sweetwater; sisters, Johnnie Mae Bell and Beck Clem, both of Blackwell, and Linda Jones of Abilene.

Bynum

James W. Bynum, 77, of Robert Lee died Sunday, September 21, 2003 in a Robert Lee Care Center. There were no services. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his step son, Sonny Benton and wife Caryl of Robert Lee; one brother, Jack Bynum of San Angelo; and one sister, Jennie Sue Pitner of Tyler; two grandchildren, Brandi Sheldon of Robert Lee and Lisa Sadler of San Antonio; and five great grandchildren.

RLHS Class of 1953 Reunion

by Jeffie Roberts

The Robert Lee High School Class of 1953's 50th Class Reunion was a huge success. It was held September 11-13, 2003. Thirteen of the group built their float in the Carwile's garage Thursday evening. Their slogan was "Spotlight on the Steers for 50 Years" "Class of 1953". At 9:00 pm the group joined in activities at school. Bill Carwile, Vice-President of the Class of 1953, assisted in the "Lighting of the Letters", a ten foot RL. President Bill Havins was unable to attend on Thursday but attended all the other activities.

Friday afternoon 20 class members rode in the Homecoming Parade with 18 on the float and class members Bobby Roberts driving a 1953 Chevrolet with his passenger Garland Davis, Mayor of Robert Lee. High School Principal Jill Lankford said "I guess we can call 'The Class of 1953' the Grand Marshals of the Homecoming Parade", as they were placed in line just behind the great Stompin' Steer Band. Owner of the 1953 Chevrolet and husband of Sue Parker, a 1961 RLHS graduate, Dan Laughter, drove the car to Robert Lee from Abilene.

Thirty-two classmates and spouses attended the pep rally at the high school gym and were seated in a reserved section. They were recognized and asked to stand and were given a round of applause. Following the pep rally, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts hosted a reception and visitation in the high school library. Jeffie took the group on a tour of the school, several had not been back since they left Robert Lee at the age of 13 years old and younger. The school had truly made a lot of changes.

Thirty-five classmates, spouses, family and friends enjoyed the Junior Class Mexican Dinner Pile-On at their reserved tables in the school cafeteria. Each table had a standing picture of the class when they were in the eighth grade. Posters of the 24 class members who were attending this reunion and a Welcome sign were prepared by Jeffie and placed on the cafeteria wall where the class sat.

A group of thirty-seven attended the Homecoming Football Game (Robert Lee vs. Garden City) and sat in their reserved section. Just prior to the game 20 Class members were introduced individually as they stood on the track in front of the home stands.

Saturday, September 13, Annelle (Simpson) Vick and husband, Bill, hosted breakfast and dinner in their San Angelo home. The group of 47 enjoyed visiting, looking at pictures and scrapbooks, taking pictures and eating. Douglas Roberts, and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts prepared the barbecued pork ribs and brisket with the others on the reunion committee furnishing all the trimmings.

Wilbert Lee won the prize for traveling the most miles. He rode the bus from California for 36 hours in order to attend the reunion. Otherwise attending were 11 of the 18 who graduated together and their spouses: Billie Dove (Allen) and

Wallace Ross, Bill Carwile and Patsy (Hennington) Carwile, Garland and Rose Marie Davis, Joyce (King) and Bobby Walker, Milburn Wink, and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts all of Robert Lee; Marjorie (Calvert) Bollier of Odessa; Annelle (Simpson) and Bill Vick of San Angelo; Bill and Judy Havins of Horseshoe Bay, Eileen (Vaughan) Watson of Arlington and LaRue (Walker) Robertson of Lindsey, Oklahoma, widow of classmate Wilton Robertson.

Others attending were 13 classmates and their spouses who were in the class with these 1953 graduates at some time during their 12 years of school: Stanley and Christie Adams of Kerrville; Rheta (Beaver) Osborne of Streetman; Willie Faye (Gaines) and Jesse Eads, Raymond and Pat Gunnells, Jennie Lee (Burns) and Roy Tinkler, Melba (Rives) and Donald Mauldin, and Dale and Sue Wojtek all of Robert Lee; Elmer and Lillie Greathouse of Taylor; Sam and June Plumlee of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Peggy Sue (Sparks) and Edwin Evans of Great Bend, Kansas; W.T. and Bettye Sue McAdams of Fredericksburg; Margaret (Watkins) Fulks of Richland Springs and Wilbert Lee of Dinuba, California.

Visiting with the class at various activities were Dorene (Harmon) Mashburn, Joyce (Bagwell) Stephens, Bonita (Robertson) Hester, Cheri Vick and Jeffrey and Dennis Vick all of San Angelo; Ben and Mary Bessent, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts, RLHS Principal - Jill Lankford, Superintendent

Lindsey Wallace, and Elementary Principal - Janet Wallace all of Robert Lee, Walter, Carla (Wojtek) and Will Kristinek, Jamie Hoskins all of Whitharral; and Dan Laughter of Abilene.

The Reunion Committee are Bill and Pat Carwile, Bill and Annelle Vick, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Bobby and Joyce Walker, Milburn Wink, and Dale and Sue Wojtek.

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**Report of the
"Quilting Women"**

by Ava Lou Davis

Listed below are some more stories and letters concerning some of the original "quilting women" of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church.

Lela Morrow Craddock became a member of the Robert Lee Methodist Church May 10, 1907 at the age of 12 years old. She was a devoted member until her membership was moved to the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City in 1945. Through the years she taught all ages in Sunday School classes, and led many studies in the Womens' Missionary Society, now the United Methodist Women. Lela married Jess Craddock, formerly of Sanco, in 1914. Jess was a blacksmith turned mechanic when the first automobile came to Coke County.

I interviewed Mary Mae (Craddock) Wylie and she gave me more information on her parents, Jess and Lela.

Mary Mae (Craddock) Wylie's great grandfather came over from Germany because the government was confiscating all their property. They came to visit relatives in Sanco and stayed.

They lived in a half-dugout for several years. He was a smith (blacksmith). Mary Mae's grandfather S. S. Craddock was Sunday School teacher in the church at Sanco.

Mary Mae's father, Jess Craddock, was six years old and loved to tinker with cars. One day a man drove up to the blacksmith's place in Sanco with car trouble. He asked Mary Mae's grandfather if anyone there could fix a car. He said, "No, but his son could, however, he is only six years old, but I can have him look at it if you want him to." The man said okay; so Mary Mae's father, Jess, looked at the car and fixed it. That was his first paid job.

Jess Craddock married Lela Morrow in 1914. He had registered his car before that, and it was Number 10 in the district. He established Craddock Motor Co. before they married. He later changed the name to Coke Motor Co. He sold the dealership in 1944 to Cumbie Ivey. The auto dealership changed hands one more time, when Ivey Motor Co. was purchased by Billy Wayne Roe.

Dear Ava Lou,

I read about the quilt in the Observer and I wanted to have some input about **Fanny Green**. Do you remember that she was **Mrs. Fred O. Green**, my aunt and Frank Smith's sister. I am just going to give you some information that I have put together. I know you can't use it all, but you can decide what is fitting. Fannie Smith was born in Texas 22 April 1887. Her father, Thomas Benton Smith, was a Civil War veteran from North Carolina and her mother, Martha Adilene Osborne, was from Paris, Texas where they married in 1869. They were Coke County pioneers. I am not sure where in Texas Fannie was born, but the family moved to Ft. Chadbourne, where they raised livestock and farmed. On the 1800 Coke County census Thomas is listed as



Participating in the reenactment at the Fort Chadbourne Foundation fundraiser Saturday evening, September 20, 2003, were Ken Hyman, Cody Fort, and September Daniel.

hotel owner and five of their eleven children and Martha lived there too. This hotel was across the street from the courthouse on the north side. Fannie married a Turney, and they had one daughter, Mozelle.

Mr. Turney died (I don't know his first name, but his brother was Dr. Turney). Fannie went to work at the Telephone office as a telephone operator. She met and married Fred O. Green, who worked for the telephone company, too. They moved to Christoval, then later moved back to Robert Lee and stayed there where Fred O. died. Fannie lived in Robert Lee until the last few years of her life when she moved to Overton, Texas to be with her daughter Mozelle McCord. This family was very active in the Methodist Church, and Martha Adilene has a stained glass window in the sanctuary.

Ava, I have a quilt that is very much like the one you have described -- a lot of the same names, but mine has Martha Smith and Lena Smith (my grandmother and aunt) on it too.

Hope to hear from you,
Martha Grubenman
P.S. Fannie Smith Green:
born 22 April 1887; died 17
Aug. 1968; buried in Overton,

Texas.

Dear Ava Lou,

re: Mrs. McCabe - one of the names on the quilt top you found

I will explain who she was and what she meant to our family from my perspective.

When my mother, Nellie New Simpson (Mrs. Victor Simpson) was six months old, her mother died. Her father's sister, Annie New Gary took her and her older brother. When her father remarried in 1901, it was agreed that Annie would keep Nellie as her own. This was in Walnut Springs, TX. Annie Gary and her husband, Denney, were schoolteachers there. Mr. Gary died and in 1915, when Nellie was 19 ears old, Annie married Franklin S. McCabe of "The Divide", the mountain-top between Robert Lee and Water Valley. (Mr. McCabe was an uncle to Frank McCabe, who was married to Leora, I believe. There were several of the McCabes who lived on the divide. Our family also lived on the divide, and we four younger ones were born there.) Sometime later they built a beautiful home in Robert Lee on Austin Ave. next door to Mrs. Grambling and across the street from Mr. and Mrs. Bell. Mr. McCabe died in 1936 and is buried on

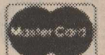
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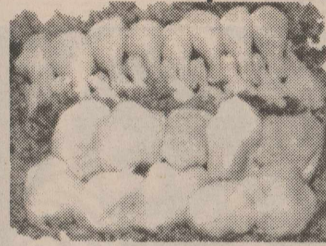
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Antique Car & Motorcycle Show

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Little Miss/Mister Pageant

Dessert Cook-Off

Chicken Roping

Barbecue • Street Dance

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte volleyball results detailed

Bronte varsity girls won against Junction with scores of 25-18, 25-10 and 25-16. Individual stats follow: McCutchen 17 assists, 7 kills, 1 ace; Howell 5 kills, 3 blocks, 1 assist; Coalson 9 kills, 1 ace; Garcia 1 kill; Acker 1 ace; Webb 1 kill; Macon 1 ace and Rawlings 3 kills.

Bronte varsity girls had another victory when they took Bangs with scores of 25-13, 25-13 and 25-17. Individual stats follow: McCutchen 16 assists, 5 kills, 1 block, 1 ace; Webb 3 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 1 ace; Howell 13 kills, 1 block, 1 ace, 1 assist; Coalson 1 ace, 3 kills and Garcia 1 ace.

The Bronte JV team won against Junction with scores of 25-27, 24-26, 25-22, 25-15 and 15-11. They lost to Bangs with scores of 25-19, 12-25 and 22-25.

On Saturday, the varsity will travel to Monahans and on Tuesday will hold their 1st district game against Water Valley in Bronte.

On Saturday, Sept. 27th, the Bronte JV will host a tournament.

After a disheartening loss to Veribest last week, the Bronte Lady Shorthorns were determined to avenge their loss. Avenge they did, by winning the Miles Tournament this past weekend. Both teams had come from behind victories to beat very tough teams including Miles, Water Valley, and Colorado City.

All team members added to each victory, but highlights

included attacks that finished with kills from Nicole Reed, Ariel Coalson, Miranda Parks, Emily Austin, and Stephanie Flores. Brittany Sarratt, Emily McMullan and Samantha Swagerty piled on the points with serves that could not be returned.

The Lady Shorthorns will compete in a tournament in Colorado City this weekend and then continue regular season play next Monday in Water Valley.



Shawn Sweeten

Texas-Arlington to induct Central grad

(The following article appeared in the San Angelo Standard Times on Sept. 16, 2003).

Former Central High School standout Shawn Sweeten, arguably the greatest prep player in the city's history, was inducted into the Texas-Arlington Hall of Honor on September 20, 2003.

Sweeten guided Texas-Arlington to the 1989 NCAA Division I Final Four, where it lost to Long Beach State in the semi-finals.

The daughter of legendary Bronte coach Zula Blann, Sweeten led the Lady Cats to the 1984 Class 5A state tournament where they lost a heart-breaking 16-14, 4-15, 15-13 decision to Houston Clear Lake.

Central finished that season 38-1.

After high school, Sweeten signed with Texas Tech, where she was the 1985 Southwest Conference Newcomer of the Year. She transferred to Texas-Arlington after that season, and after sitting out a year, was named the Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year in 1987.

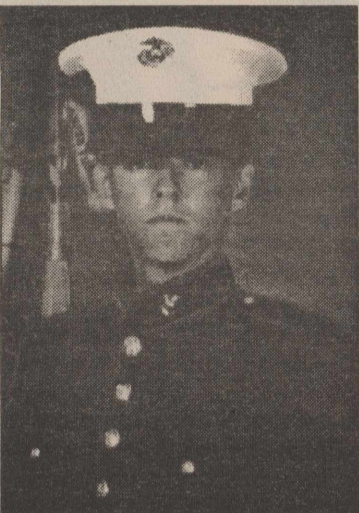
She would collect first team all-conference honors each of the next two seasons, and as a senior, was named first team All-American after guiding the Mavericks to the national semifinals.

She was joined on the All-America team by such notable players as UCLA's Elaine Youngs, Stanford's Bev Oden, Long Beach State's Tara Cross-Battle and Sheri Sanders, Hawaii's Tee Williams-Sanders and Nebraska's Val Novak.

Sweeten is now the head volleyball coach at Weatherford High School.

LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott, along with Jess and Zula Blann and Brandy Sweeten attended the induction of Shawn Sweeten into the

Texas-Arlington Hall of Honor at The University of Texas at Arlington, E.H. Hereford University Center, Bluebonnet Ballroom, Saturday, September 20, 2003. Shawn is a former student of Bronte Independent School Dist. and has many relatives in Bronte.



Cody Blaylock, USMC
Blaylock to be stationed in California

James Cody Blaylock, former student of Bronte High School graduated from the U.S. Marines on September 5. Cody moved to Marfa with his father, Bobby Blaylock, in his junior high school years and in his senior year he enlisted. Graduating from Marfa with honors of being a recipient of DAR Award, three year member of the National Honor Society, and a team member of the State Academic Decathlon Team.

Cody had ten days, in which time he was the best man for his big brother, Jason's wedding, then he was flown off to San Diego for three months at San Diego Recruiting Station. Cody was one of five hundred and eleven recruits and well known in his platoon of seventy three as the one that got them out of night exercises.

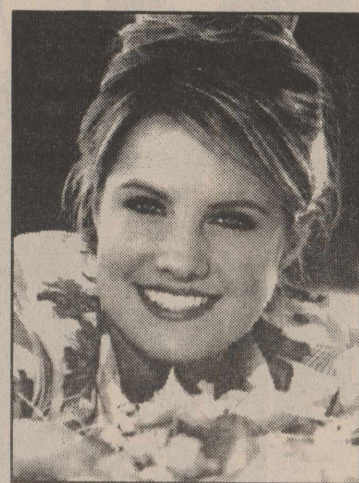
Earlier in the day, Cody showed his master drill instructor the dedication and discipline he had as he stood at attention for six minutes in the gas chamber as his drill instructor worked on his faulty gas mask. Because of this, the drill instructor told the platoon to thank Blaylock for the night off. All Cody could say about the CX gas was that it cleared up his sinuses and made his food taste real spicy for about a week.

His graduation consisted of two days, Thursday the fourth, on which the recruits were given their globe and anchor, giving the title of becoming Marines and Friday, the graduation from the station.

Attending the special occasion was a proud family consisting of Bobby and Melissa Blaylock of Marfa, Cody's mother Kathy Blaylock and her companion Gary Manos of San Angelo, brother Jason and his wife Lisa of San Angelo, his stepsister Elise Babb of Stephenville, and Cody's aunt and uncle Connie and Mark Reyes of Bronte. Remaining behind in Coke County was his aunt, Barbara Blaylock and his grandmother Marcela Blaylock who both

sent best wishes and prayers.

After a busy ten day leave, Cody flew back to California where he will be stationed at Camp Pendleton for more training. His decisions on his intended training were at the time undecided.



Jennifer Bullis

Bullis takes basketball honors

The great-granddaughter of a Bronte woman left an Oklahoma high school with more than a diploma in May - she left with her name in the state's history books.

Jennifer Bullis graduated from Dover High School in Dover, OK, in May, culminating a high school career that reached historic proportions on the basketball court.

She is the great-granddaughter of Hazel Caulder of Bronte and the granddaughter of Shirley (Caulder) and Billy Turner, formerly of Bronte, but now living in Dover. Her parents are Cheryl and Chris Bullis.

Bullis played on three straight Class B (Oklahoma's smallest classification) state championship teams at Dover, which became the first girls' team in history to win three consecutive titles since Oklahoma went to 5-on-5 in the early 1990s. It was only the fourth team in the state's entire history to accomplish the feat.

Bullis was one of only two players to start all four years for the Lady Longhorns during their historic run.

She played in four consecutive state tournaments and 10 state tournament games. After Dover lost in the first round of state her freshman year, they never lost there again, winning nine straight times.

During her four years, Dover posted a 118-8 record, including 89-4 over the last three years. All of those losses came against state tournament teams from larger classes.

Her senior year saw Dover finish with a 31-1 record, including 20 straight wins to close the season. Her great-grandmother Hazel was in attendance for all three state-tournament games at State Fair Arena in Oklahoma City.

Bullis averaged 12.2 points, 2.1 rebounds, 2.5 steals and had a stellar 3-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio while playing mostly the point guard position her senior season.

However, Bullis is also known for her long-range shooting as she has been Dover's most consistent 3-point shooter the last four years. In one game her senior season, she hit five 3-pointers in the first half alone as Dover beat arch-rival Okarche, one of the top-ranked teams in Class 2A.

For her efforts, Bullis was

named to the Oklahoma Girls Basketball Coaches Association All-State team. She scored six points as the Small West defeated the Small East in the All-State game in June.

She was also picked to play in the Little All-City game as well as the Oil Bowl Classic.

At the Oil Bowl, Bullis not only helped her team to victory over the Texas squad, but she also won the 3-point competition.

Her basketball honors don't stop there.

She was one of few Oklahomans nominated for the McDonald's All-American team and was also selected to play in the McDonald's All-State game in Tulsa in July.

She was twice named to the Daily Oklahoman and CoachesAid.com state tournament all-tournament teams, she made the Mid-America Classic all-tournament team (an all-classification tournament) as a junior and was also named Dover's basketball homecoming queen.

During her junior year, Bullis qualified for the Class B state track meet on the 400 meter and 800 meter relay team.

Also very active in school, Bullis was a member of the FCA, SWAT, was a student council officer and earned a spot on the principal's honor roll. She was three times voted Most Beautiful and also was voted Best Dressed.

On graduation night she was announced the winner of the prestigious Colton Family Scholarship.

Bullis will continue her career at the college level as she has signed to play with the University of Central Oklahoma, an NCAA Division II school which is a member of the Lone Star Conference.

Bronte Longhorn Radio up and running

Bronte Longhorn Radio on 88.5 FM is now up and running. Longhorn Radio is created and broadcast from the multi-media class taught by Lisa Gibbs and Ron Cooper at Bronte High School. The mission of the station is to play music, keep the listening audience informed about events around the community and school, and most of all, creates a learning experience for the students in the field of communications and radio.

The music type will vary, and we ask that you please be patient with us while we develop our programs and equipment. Be sure to tune in every day at noon for your local news Monday thru Friday. Spread the word that Longhorn Radio is broadcast on 88.5 FM. We hope you will tune in and enjoy a mix of music and listen to our high school students at work.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 29

Cereal, orange half, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Oct. 1

French toast sticks, assorted juice, milk

Thurs., Oct. 2

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, milk

Friday, Oct. 3

Donut, assorted juice, teddy grams, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 29

Taco's with cheese, ranch style beans, lettuce & tomato, apple sauce, taco shells, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Lasagna, tossed salad, corn on the cob, orange half, bread sticks, milk

Wed., Oct. 1

Chicken nugget with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, jello, milk

Thurs., Oct. 2

Hot dogs, chili & cheese, tator tots, mixed fruit, bun, brownies, milk

Friday, Oct. 3

Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk

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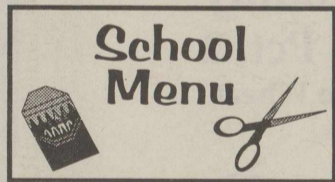
The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club recently elected officers and representatives. They include (standing, from left) Stephanie Trejo - treasurer, Amanda Thurman - representative, Angelica Barrera - reporter, Monica Barrera - Secretary, Kayli Dickey - representative, Tina Arellano - representative, (seated, from left) Shannon Honse - vice president, and Michele Sanchez - president.

Steers lose to Cougars

by Tom Sawyer

1st half
The Steers held the Cougars in the first quarter to only 36 yards total offense. In the second quarter, Christoval took advantage of turnovers to score all their points. The first score came on a fumble recovery in the end zone followed by four more unanswered touchdowns. Robert Lee 0 - Christoval 33

2nd half
The Steers played really tough defense the second half limiting the Cougars to only 23 yards. Robert Lee's only score came on a nice 63 yard pass from Brandon Soliz to Brian Abalos. Robert Lee 6 - Christoval 33.
Everyone come out this week



- Breakfast**
- Monday, Sept. 29**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
 - Tuesday, Sept. 30**
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
 - Wed., Oct. 1**
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
 - Thurs., Oct. 2**
Juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk
 - Friday, Oct. 3**
Holiday
- Lunch**
- Monday, Sept. 29**
Burrito, salad, tator tots, peaches, ice cream, milk
 - Tuesday, Sept. 30**
Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, English peas, roll, mandarin oranges, milk
 - Wed., Oct. 1**
BBQ wieners, macaroni & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, applesauce, milk
 - Thurs., Oct. 2**
Fish, hash browns, corn on cob, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, milk
 - Friday, Oct. 3**
Holiday

and support the Steers against Winters.

Dogies defeat Christoval, 14-8

Josh Gallegos returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a TD and also ran the PAT in as the Dogies went up 8-0 to start the game. Christoval took over on their 33 after the kick, and drove to the Dogies' 15, but the defense stiffened and took over on downs. On the Dogies' next possession, they were forced to punt and Christoval again took over on their own 31. Again the Dogies took over on downs, this time at their 37. But on 1st down, they fumbled and Christoval recovered the ball on the Dogies' 27. The Dogies held them once again and took over on their 19, and drove to Christoval's 19, but time ran out in the first half.

Christoval got the ball starting the second half, but were forced to punt on their 1st possession. Then Gallegos once again got loose on a nice 75 yard run, the PAT was good, and the Dogies went up 14-0.

Christoval got a good return to their 44. From there, they drove for their first score to close the gap to 14-8. Christoval then forced a punt and took over on their 39. They drove to the Dogies' 35, but were held on downs. The Dogies then ran out the clock to win 14-8.

RLHS Project Graduation meeting

All parents of Robert Lee High School seniors are invited to attend a Project Graduation 2004 meeting on Monday, October 6, 2003, at 7:00 pm in the high school library. For additional information, please contact Sara Cruz at 453-4345.

RLISD trustees meet in regular session

The Robert Lee ISD school trustees met in regular session on September 16, 2003, in the high school library of the public school building.

The minutes of the previous

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

The board nominated by resolution Gaylon Pitcock, Walter Metcalf and Melvin McCabe to the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

In other action, Pre-Calculus was added to the exempt courses for extra curricular activities.

Discussion was held on the upcoming UIL realignment and RLHS enrollment. The board voted to have a meeting on October 7, 2003 in the cafeteria at 7:00 pm to allow the public to express their desires on the realignment situation. Also early release days were approved.

The next regular meeting will be October 16 at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

Robert Lee cross country results

The Robert Lee girls varsity cross country team placed 7th in the Garden City meet held on September 20th. Individual placing follows: Michele Sanchez 34th - 15:12; Monica Rodriguez 39th - 15:20; Brittany Soliz 51st - 16:33; Andra Braswell 55th - 17:08 and Rachel Wallace 61st - 17:45.

In the same meet, the JV girls placed 3rd. Individual placing follows: Tyler Lott 10th - 17:12; Kayla Millican 11th - 17:13; Jessica Fluhmann 15th - 17:53; Kelsey Duncan 26th - 19:24; Jaden Alexander 27th - 19:27; Stephanie Trejo 28th - 19:31; Cassidy Wink 20:34. Also competing were: Cara Eaton, Brettne Reed, Lindsey Roe, Katie Bessent, Julia Cruz and Nicole Fields.

For the junior high girls, Lacie Sheridan placed 106th with a time of 18:49.

Chris Torres, for the varsity boys, placed 23rd with a time of

20:33.

For the junior high boys, Chris La Rue placed 11th with a time of 13:48 and Michael Rodriguez placed 36th with a time of 20:21.

Fifth Quarter planned

Robert Lee Pecan Baptist Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will host Fifth Quarter at the Catholic Hall following the Robert Lee vs. Winters football game. All jr. high and high school students are invited to attend and enjoy fellowship and pizza following the game.

PTO news

The Robert Lee PTO will be meeting on September 29, 2003, at 5:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Items on the agenda include the Street Affair and the Fall Festival.

The Robert Lee PTO will be sponsoring a Fall Festival on Saturday, November 1, 2003 at the Pavilion in the Coke County Park. Any class or parent may have a booth to benefit their class. All community organizations and churches are also invited to participate. Interested individuals may call for more information - Laura Bell (453-9104) or Katie Drennan (453-2343).

RLISD schedules public forum

Robert Lee ISD will hold a public forum on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to give community members an opportunity to express their opinion regarding six man and eleven man football.

For additional information concerning this meeting, please contact Lindsey Wallace or Jill Lankford at 453-4555.

Girl Scout fundraiser slated

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is pleased to present their Fall Product Program and Sale. The sale of a variety of nut products and GSUSA calendars in two sizes began on September 12, and is much more than a fundraiser. It is designed to teach valuable life skills in goal setting, long term planning, as well as budgeting and other money matters. It teaches girls important safety and communication skills and is often helpful in improving self-esteem.

All of the money raised in this program stays within the council's jurisdiction, which covers a large amount of West Texas including Coke County. The funds help troops purchase sup-

plies, finance trips and outings, and purchase badges and other awards. The council uses the profit to provide girls with activities, train adult volunteers, and maintain the local facilities.

If you cannot find a Girl Scout in your area, please call the West Texas Girl Scout Council program center at (325) 670-0432.

Aerospace Scholars Program accepting applications

State Representative Scott Campbell recently announced that his office is now accepting applications for the 2004 High School Aerospace Scholars Program. Rep. Campbell will be nominating 1-2 students and 1-2 alternates to the program this year.

The program offers Texas high school juniors the opportunity to participate in a one-year science, math and engineering based distance learning program which includes a week-long residential experience at the Johnson Space Center in Houston next summer.

Selected juniors will participate in a variety of activities including: interactive web-based studies; on-line mentoring; and briefings, tours and group projects at the Johnson Space Center. Eligible students must meet the following criteria;

- * US Citizen
- * At least 16 years old
- * Texas resident
- * Currently a high school junior
- * Interest in science, math or engineering
- * Access to the Internet and e-mail (home, school or library)
- * Able to make a one year commitment to the program, including the one-week residential experience at the Johnson Space Center.

Application forms have been mailed to all high schools throughout Rep. Campbell's legislative district. They are also available by calling Rep. Campbell's office at 325/657-0197. Applications must be returned to Rep. Campbell's office, P.O. Box 1389, San Angelo, Texas, 76902 by no later than Friday, October 24th.

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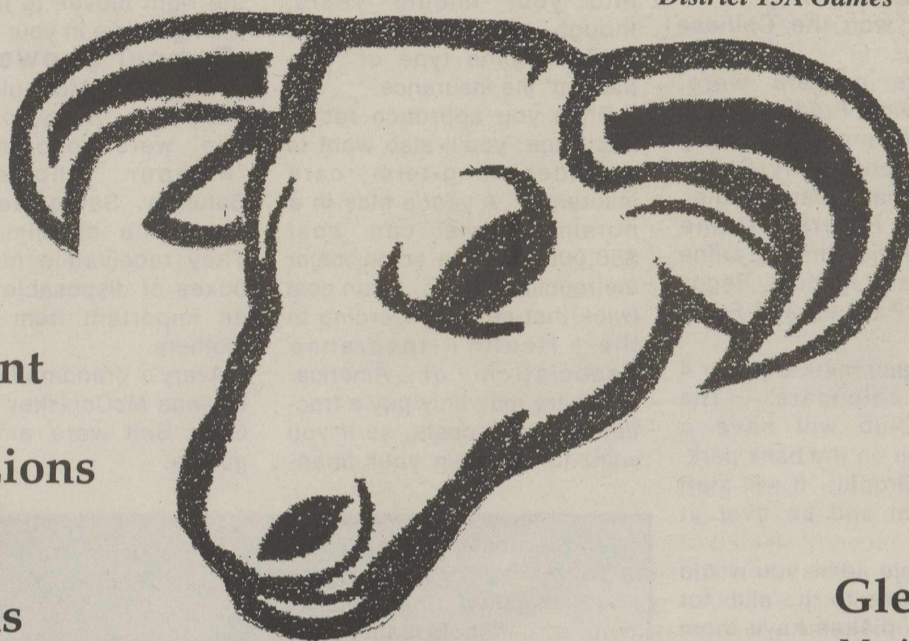
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September 19	Christoval	There	8:00	6 33
September 26	Winters	Here	8:00	
October 3	Open			
* October 10	Roscoe	There	7:30	
* October 17	Miles	There	7:30	
* October 24	Sterling City	Here	7:30	
* October 31	Roby	There	7:30	
* November 7	Bronte	Here	7:30	

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... Quilting Ladies

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the divide by his first wife. Annie continued to live there until her death in 1952. She is buried in Robert Lee Cemetery.

Annie McCabe was the "grandmother" we never had. She provided means and a haven for several of Nellie's seven children at one time or another for schooling, etc.

Our family, Victor and Nellie Simpson, Gary, Arlyn, and I (the older ones had already gone their way) moved into a house just west of Annie's in 1941 when I was five years old. My mother became ill soon after we moved there, and since our house was small and I had to sleep with my parents, I started staying with my Aunt Annie every night, and that continued until I was 16 years old. I had a room of my own!!! When she had a stroke in 1952, Mother, Daddy, and I moved in with her so Mother could care for her. She died on Christmas Day 1952.

Aunt Annie was a devout Christian lady and was very active in the Methodist Church in Robert Lee and very instrumental in directing our lives. She read to me every day and cuddled this little girl on those cold, wintry nights. (Remember, we did not have heat in our bedrooms back then!) Our entire family has many fond memories of her.

Aunt Annie was a sweet, loving lady and "grandmother".

Annelle Simpson Vick
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P.S. She was a good friend of Eva Murtishaw, who had a car and took Annie to church.

Dear Ava Lou,

In reply to the "Can You Help?" in the January 24, 2003 issue of the Observer/Enterprise -- yes, I remember when my grandmother, Rena (Fikes) Hurley was appliqueing/embroidering a number of quilting squares. Each lady in the Melrose Russell Sunday School class was to make a certain number of squares. Then they were to exchange squares with other members in the class so that each lady would have a quilt top. My grandmother received squares to complete her quilt. She was so pleased with this, she even bought special material as the backing. See, for most of our "everyday" quilts, the backing was made from the flowered chicken-feed sacks. Her quilt was quilted and reserved for guests sometime before I graduated in 1950 from RLHS. The last I saw of this "special" quilt was at my Aunt Opal (Hurley) Adams' in San Angelo. I am sure some of her step-children in West Virginia or Vermont came in possession.

Enclosed is a small donation to the quilt fund. Thanks for the good memory.

Regards,
Jean (Hurley) Rymer
Sorosis Club news

by Swan Archinal
The Sorosis Club of Bronte met for their first meeting of the new year at Cheddars in San Angelo.

It was quite a festive group of ladies. In spite of the noise level of the other diners we

did manage to hear our president, Marilyn Bivins.

Marilyn did a recap of all the things this group accomplished in our last year. We had a large part in collecting money for the swimming pool. Letters were sent to various people to enlist their assistance in collecting enough money to upgrade the pool.

Among those who gave were Rep. Bob Hunter, Dr. Clifton Montgomery, Dr. Dale McDonald, Larrimore Claim Service, the late Dee Boyd, Dr. Makin and many, many others.

LouAnna Peters passed out our new year books.

Pat Lee won the Chinese auction.

Members present were: Marilyn Bivins, Fredna Moore, Janet Wommack, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Joyce Hoffman, Jean Fancher, LouAnna Peters, Diane Lockett, Doris Sims, Earline Moore, Joan Lightfoot, Peggy Hembree, Pat Lee and Swan Archinal.

Be sure and mark October 4 on your calendars. The Sorosis Club will have a garage sale on the bank parking lot in Bronte. It will start at 8:00 am and be over at 12:00.

If you have items you would like to donate to the club for this event, please have them there by 7:30 am. The proceeds go toward our scholarship fund and other worthy causes.

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Staying current on insurance needs

You probably don't spend a lot of time pondering insurance. And yet, you should think about it - because, by taking the steps necessary to meet all your key insurance needs, you can protect your income, your family and your long-term financial goals.

In creating a comprehensive insurance strategy, you need to keep one key point in mind: Your protection needs will evolve over time. Consequently, at different stages of life, you'll need to evaluate your insurance coverage to make sure it's appropriate and sufficient.

When should you first start thinking about insurance? Do you even need to worry about it if you're first starting out in your career, you're single and you have no dependents?

Actually, you might have more to protect than you thought. Do you own a house? Do you have a student loan? A car loan? A balance on your credit cards? If you have any or all of these expenses, then you could face serious problems if something happened to your income. And the fact is that, at every stage of your working life, you are much more likely to become disabled than you are to die. If a serious injury or lengthy illness prevents you from working, how will you make your house, car and other payments?

Disability insurance can help. If your employer offers

disability coverage as a low-cost benefit, take it. However, you may have to supplement this coverage with an individual policy.

Now, let's fast-forward a few years in your life cycle. If you get married and have children, you should absolutely consider life insurance. The amount of insurance you require should be based on several factors: your income, your spouse's income, the size of your mortgage, how many children you have, anticipated college costs, etc.

During your early working years, you may be able to get by with relatively inexpensive term insurance. As you move into your middle years, though, you might want to explore some type of "permanent" life insurance.

Once you approach retirement age, you'll also want to consider long-term care insurance. A year's stay in a nursing home can cost \$50,000 - and in some major metropolitan areas, it can cost twice that much, according to the Health Insurance Association of America. Medicare may only pay a fraction of these costs, so if you want to maintain your finan-

cial independence and avoid burdening your family, you might want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy.

Finally, during your retirement years, you could use life insurance as an estate-planning tool. An attorney experienced in estate planning can advise you on the potential uses of life insurance in trusts or other arrangements.

As you can see, meeting your insurance needs is a dynamic process. That's why you may want to periodically review your insurance situation with an investment professional who has the tools and experience to recommend the right moves to make - at the right time in your life.

Pamper Shower held

Mrs. Dona McCoulskey and baby son, Avery, of Robert Lee, were honored with a "Pamper Shower" on Saturday, September 20, in the home of Mimzi Horn. They received a number of boxes of disposable diapers, an important item for new mothers.

Avery's grandmothers, Mrs. Deanna McCoulskey and Mrs. Gina Bell were among the guests.

Barnes returns for visit

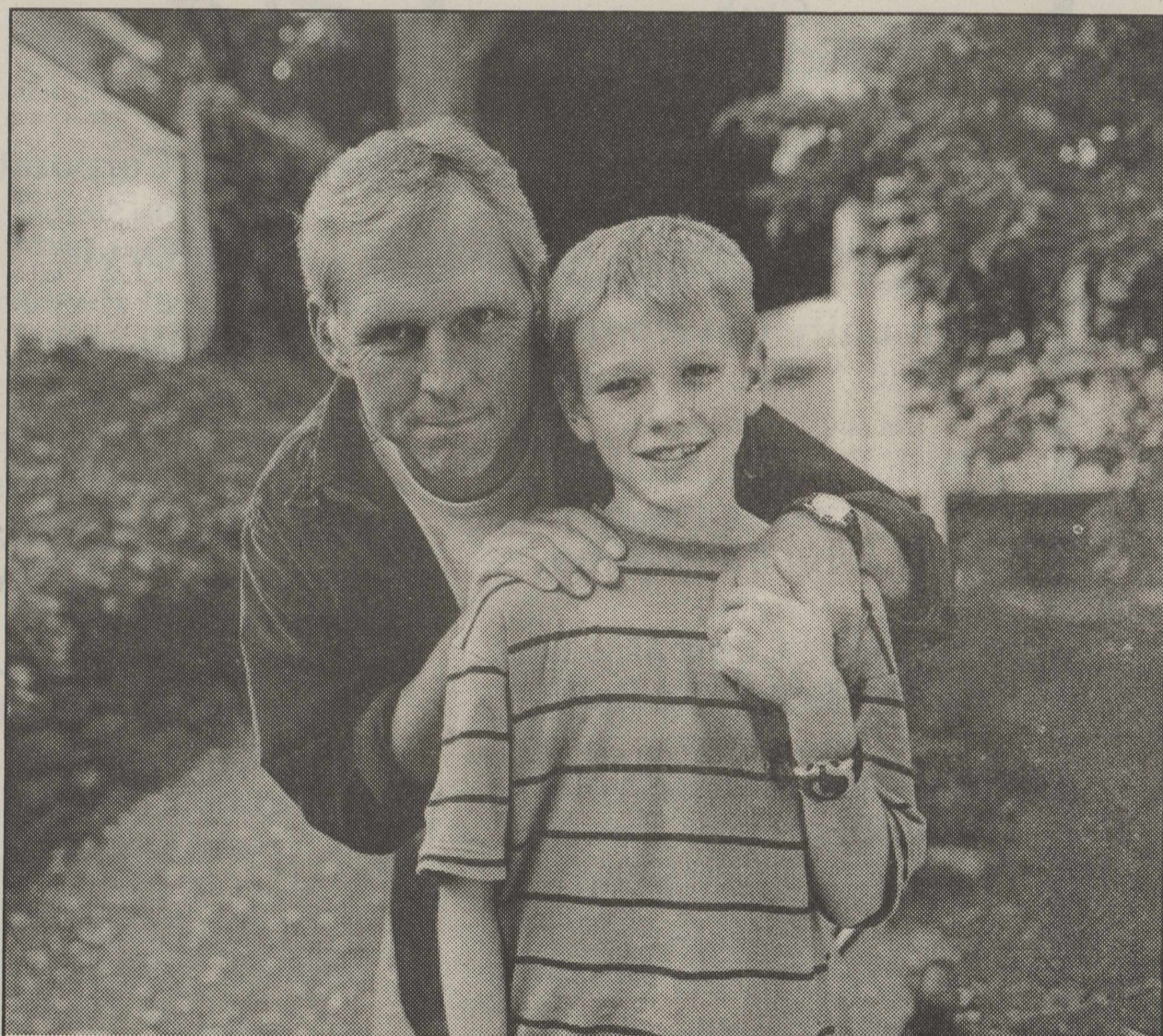
Jeff Barnes, former Coke County deputy sheriff, is in Robert Lee on leave from his position with the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo. He has about 10 days left before returning there as station commander of the United States Contingent.

The courthouse staff and other old friends have really enjoyed his visit. His wife, Melodie, and sons, Tim and Josh, along with his mother, Mrs. Zona Barnes of Blackwell, were ecstatic to see him. According to Jeff, this probably means he will not be able to return at Christmas.

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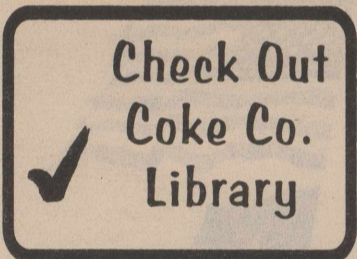


Another weekend of Texas High School Rodeo Association Region II competition took place in Ft. Stockton, Texas, this past weekend. Students from both Robert Lee High School and Bronte High School represented their respective schools well.

On Saturday in the boys' tie-down calf roping, Lance Millican placed 7th and Cody McCabe placed 10th. Cody McCabe placed 5th in the team roping and brother, Jake McCabe and his partner, placed 10th. Bronte's Lillian McMullan won the goat tying, with Ashley Denton placing 9th. In the barrels, Lillian placed 8th. Pole bending found Natalee Reed winning 6th and Lillian placing 7th. In the breakaway, Lillian earned a 9th place finish.

In Sunday's competition, times got dramatically faster with Ashley Denton winning the goat tying with a 6.83 and Lillian McMullan winning the break-away roping with a 1.89. Lillian also split 3rd and 4th places in the barrel racing and won 6th place in the pole bending competition. Finishing out the day's competition was Jake McCabe and his partner winning 4th in the team roping event.

Regional competition will continue through the semester with the next qualifying rodeos to be held in Sonora, Texas, October 11 & 12, 2003.



The Coke County Library has received the Time/Life World War II series, a multi-volume set of text and pictures covering all aspects of the war. World War II students will appreciate this set of books. Also, recently donated is the Time/Life set of Wilderness America, perfect for arm chair travelers as the pictures are the closest thing to being there. Two picture books of the boxing world were also received. These donations will help to expand the history and geography collection.

Eleven children participated in the Tuesday morning Story Hour program last Tuesday. This means that there are parents who want their children to be introduced to life-long learning at the library. Knowing the library and being comfortable in the library will assure that the children will grow up understanding that they need never stop learning.

Also, fourteen children from the Head Start program attended Story Hour on Wednesday morning. They were eager listeners and already show signs they can follow rules and enjoy both the books and the walk to the library. The parents and staff of Head Start have put these children on the path to life-long learning, too.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-

12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the book drop on the porch of the library any time of the day or any day of the week.

Area codes need to be included on some local calls beginning Oct. 4

Starting Oct. 4, West Texas residents in the 915 and the newly created 432 and 325 area codes will need to dial 10 digits (the area code plus the seven-digit number) when making local calls between the three new area codes.

The dialing change applies to calls placed from a wireline or wireless phone. Local calls made within the same area code can still be dialed using seven digits.

During a six-month grace period that began April 5, the public has been able to make seven-digit local calls between the three area codes. The 432 and 325 codes were created to help meet the growing need for phone numbers in West Texas. Between Oct. 4 and Dec. 7, people who dial just seven digits when calling between area codes will hear a recording telling them they need to redial using the proper area code.

Creation of the new area codes will not affect rates or local calling areas. Calls that are local today will continue to be local calls after Oct. 4. Dialing long-distance calls within the three area codes will also not change.

The public should continue to dial "1", plus the area code, plus the seven-digit number to place a long-distance call. Dialing 911 to reach emergency services and 411 to reach directory assistance will also not change.

During the remainder of the grace period, consumers and businesses are encouraged to reprogram their telecommunications equipment and services including computer modems using dial-up service for Internet access, fax machines, speed-dialing lists, call-forwarding services and any other equipment that automatically dials telephone numbers.

Wireless phone users especially are encouraged to contact their provider or visit their provider's nearest wireless retail store because it may be necessary to reprogram their handset with the appropriate area code. Security or alarm systems and business phone systems also must be programmed to hand the new dialing pattern.

The 325 area code will serve Abilene, Brady, Brownwood, Kingsland, Rising Star, San Angelo, Snyder and surrounding communities. The 432 area code will serve Alpine and southward to Big Bend National Park, Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, Midland, Odessa, Pecos, Seminole, Van Horn and surrounding cities. Far West Texas, including Clint, Dell City, El Paso and Faben, will remain in the 915 area code.

Customers can obtain more information about the new West Texas area codes by visiting <http://www.texas-code.com> or by contacting their local or wireless telephone company.

Raising Awareness

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Did you know that September is the official "Hug a Texas Chef" month? Or that October was "Go Nuts Over Texas Peanuts" month? Texas calendars offer fun celebrations, lively holidays and unique festivals, but in addition to the more lighthearted

causes, the first months of fall have two sobering causes to trumpet as well: prostate and breast cancer awareness.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women. More than 211,000 women will be diagnosed in 2003 - nearly 14,000 of them in Texas. Thirty nine thousand will die this year. Prostate cancer is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in American men. In 2003, it is estimated that more than 220,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed - 13,200 in Texas. Nearly 29,000 men in the U.S. will die from this disease this year.

Although these statistics are disturbing, there is hope. Both cancers have this in common: early detection means better chances for recovery.

Breast Cancer

Early detection and treatment are the best strategies in decreasing the chances of having to remove the breast and preventing death. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer at an early stage, when treatments are most effective. They are not fool proof, but after 40 years of research, mammograms are the best way to detect breast cancer. Regular self exams coupled with clinical breast exams are the first line of defense. Women in their 20s and 30s are at a low risk for breast cancer, but should have regular breast exams at least every three years. For women age 40 and older, annual mammograms are recommended. Women with increased risk of breast cancer because of family history, or past incidences of cancer, should talk to their doctor about the best course of action.

Prostate Cancer

In the last decade, prostate cancer has become the most

commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in men. The National Prostate Cancer Coalition assesses the chances of getting prostate cancer are one in three if you have just one close relative, such as a father or brother, with the disease. The risk is five-fold with two close relative, and with three, it's 97 percent certain you'll get prostate cancer. Thirty percent of new cases occur in men under the age of 65. African American men are at special risk for the disease. They have the highest rate of prostate cancer in the world - nearly 60 percent higher than in white males and double the mortality rate.

The American Urological Association encourages routine testing for prostate cancer for men who are over age 50. If there is a family history of the disease, regular testing should begin at age 40. A healthy diet and regular exercise are also believed to help reduce the risk of developing prostate cancer.

Researching a cure In addition to proactive approach to our own health care, it is critical to support cancer research. There are hundreds of organizations - public and private - that are working round the clock to study causes, treatments and preventative measures for all cancers. In Congress we recently fulfilled our commitment to double the budget of the National Institutes of Health, which houses the National Cancer Institute (NCI) - our nation's cancer research arm. With a nearly \$5 billion annual budget, NCI scientists are working with leading organizations to help stop these diseases in their tracks. With the government working hand-in-hand with private industry and researchers to diseases, we will put cancer behind us.

UMC sponsors 8 year old youth from Ecuador

The Slow Walk Through The Word Bible Study Class at the United Methodist Church is sponsoring a child from Ecuador and recently received a letter from him. He also included a picture of the area where he lives.

His name is Cristian Fernando Criollo Morocho. He is eight years old and has five brothers and sisters. He lives in Quito Ecuador which is in South America. His picture shows a volcano nearby and the Bible Study Class is interested in hearing more about that. He enjoys playing soccer after school and makes very good grades. The class is looking forward to learning more about Cristian and his way of life there. It should be a rewarding experience for everyone.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a child, the Bible Study class worked through Compassion International based in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Call the church office for more information if you might want to consider sponsoring a child. Sponsoring can be an individual thing, an activity for a family, or even a group.

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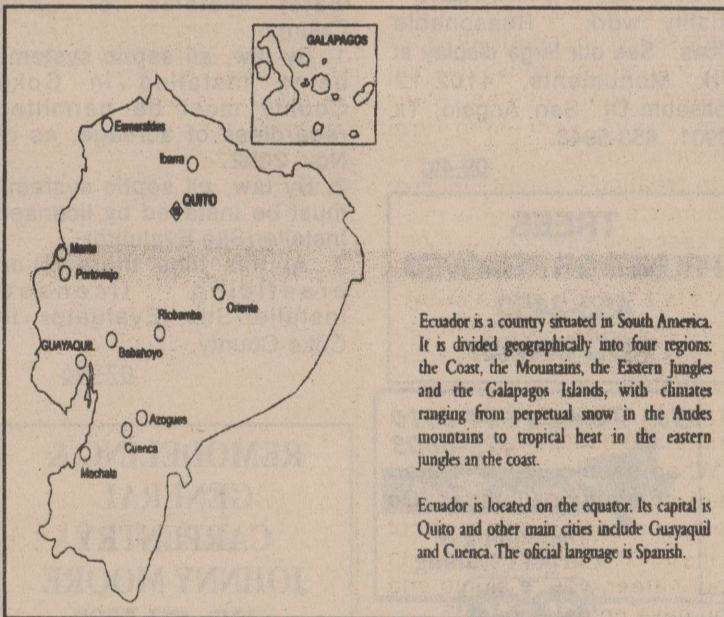
"A society can only survive when it is built by the shoulders and hands of willing men."

L. Ron Hubbard

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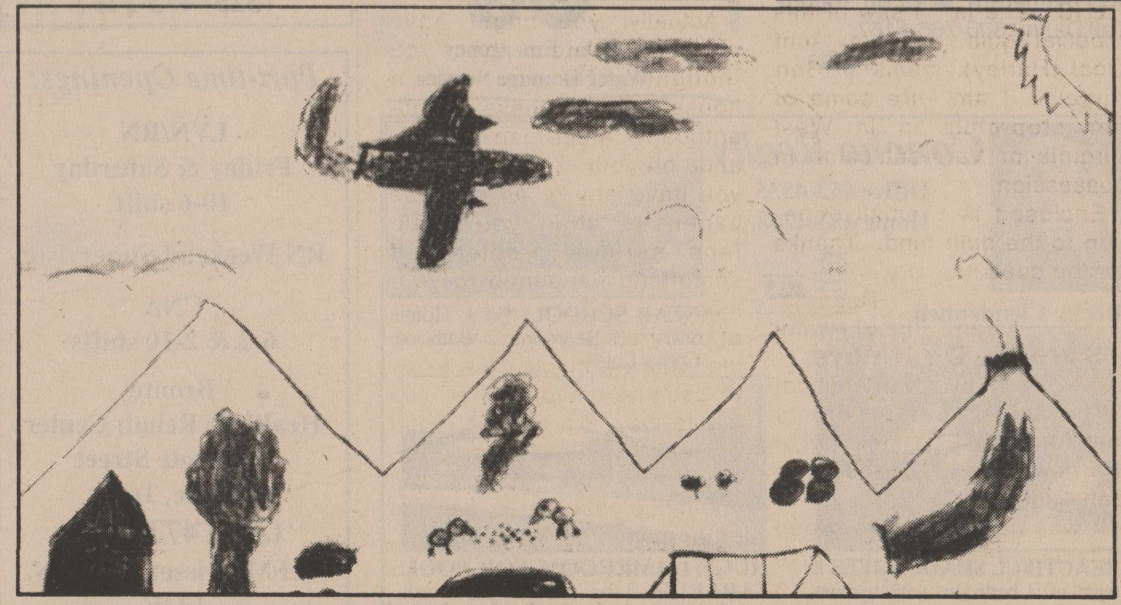
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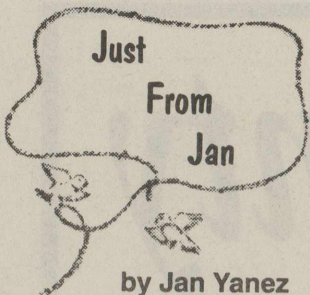
Meet Cristian Fernando Criollo Morocho.



Ecuador is a country situated in South America. It is divided geographically into four regions: the Coast, the Mountains, the Eastern Jungles and the Galapagos Islands, with climates ranging from perpetual snow in the Andes mountains to tropical heat in the eastern jungles on the coast.

Ecuador is located on the equator. Its capital is Quito and other main cities include Guayaquil and Cuenca. The official language is Spanish.





by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Walk Across Texas

Approximately 55 percent of the U.S. population is overweight or obese. Maintaining a normal weight requires a balance between calories taken in and used for energy. Previous generations ate a lot more calories, but they worked a lot harder. They walked many places, whereas today, we drive even short distances. Instead of working in the fields, we sit at our computers. On our way home, we stop for fast food and spend an average of three or more hours watching television in the evening.

Too many calories and too much sitting are strongly linked to weight gain. A recent study found that our children are gaining weight too, for the same reasons. Overweight parents tend to have overweight children. Overweight people are more likely to have high blood pressure, diabetes, some types of cancer, and joint problems related to arthritis.

Can this trend be reversed? The answer is yes, but if you have tried to lose weight and increase your activity level, you know changing is not easy. Eating high caloric foods and sitting in front of the television is much easier.

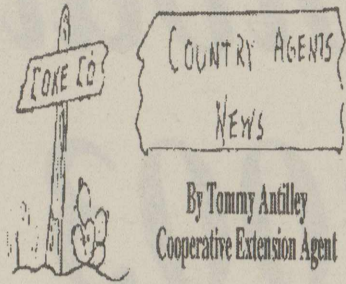
Changing eating and activity patterns requires effort and planning. Spend time learning about whether or not you can safely begin an activity program. Learn about your options. Just because you have tried before and not been successful does not mean you cannot be successful this time.

Losing weight and increasing activity does not mean you have to suffer or spend a lot of money for special foods, pills, books, or equipment. People who went from an average weight of 210 pounds to an average of 145 pounds and maintained their loss for an average of 5 1/2 years attributed their success to controlling calorie intake, limiting portion sizes, eating five meals each day, never skipping meals, eating out no more than three times each week, with only one of those times at a fast food restaurant, and using up about 2,700 calories a week in physical activity beyond that required for daily activities, like gardening or housecleaning. A majority of these 629 successful losers in the National Weight Control Registry said they had been overweight since childhood or had a family history of obesity.

Getting stated is hard. Programs claiming quick weight loss with little or no effort, end up helping remove little more than your dollars.

If you and your family, friends, co-workers or church group want to get started on the road to better health, visit your county Extension agent, Jan Yanez, at the information booth at the Street Affair,

October 4, in Robert Lee to learn about Walk Across Texas. Walk Across Texas can help you start walking and/or losing weight. The program is free and can be an important step toward better health for you and your entire family. You may also obtain this information by contacting the Extension office at (325) 435-2461. Join now to Walk Across Texas.



Fall "Quail Odyssey" set

Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a "Quail Odyssey" through eight top West Texas quail-producing counties each Thursday in October.

Dates and counties involved include: October 2, Scurry/Fisher Counties; October 9, Coke/Tom Green Counties; October 16, Coleman County; October 23, Stonewall County; and October 30, Shackelford/Taylor Counties.

Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelo-based Extension wildlife specialist and odyssey coordinator, said the five tours are intended as a series. To entice return attendees, participants completing the entire odyssey will be eligible to win a donated shotgun or a guided Fisher County quail hunt.

"We'll be touring some of the best quail properties anywhere in the U.S.," said Rollins. Some tour sites are 'finished products' while others are just starting, so participants will be able to see operations from planning stages through completion. Each site will offer instructive lessons in quail management for any quail manager.

"Quail management is an art based on scientific principles. We'll see various landowners' creativity in habitat management, including Brush Sculpting, prickly pear management, and grazing management. Other management practices like supplemental feeding and predator control will also be discussed.

"Webster defines an odyssey as 'a long wandering or voyage usually marked by several changes of fortune' or as 'an intellectual quest'. Both definitions are appropriate conquests for aspiring West Texas quail managers."

Rollins said the series is intended to be a "brown-bag" affair. As such, there won't be any registration fees. Donations to support ongoing quail research efforts and the Bobwhite Brigade Wildlife Leadership Camp will be accepted. Participants are asked to bring along their lunch, refreshments, and a folding chair.

"Quail numbers are up nicely over most of West Texas this year" said Rollins. "This may be the best year we've seen since 1987. Our goal for the tour is to take advantage of this momentum and build on it. Good quail management shines in dry years, not in wet ones. The quail manager's

goal should be to sustain quail numbers at huntable numbers through the tough times while the not-so-good managers' hunters are sitting home watching the Cowboys play football on TV."

Ranches on the tour include: Wild Wings Ranch, Scurry County; Aiken Ranch, Fisher County; Bond Ranch, Coke County; Angelo State University Management Instruction and Research Center, Tom Green County; Codorniz Ranch, Tom Green County; Brown and Big 6 Ranches, Coleman County; Snipes and Box P Ranches, Stonewall County; Rio 42 Ranch, Shackelford County; Ramsey Ranch and Hailey Ranch, Taylor County.

For specific meeting times and locations for each of the odyssey tours contact Greg Gruben, Scurry County, 325-573-5423; Steve Estes, Fisher County, 325-776-3259; Tommy Antilley, Coke, 325-453-2461; Dale Rollins, Tom Green, 325-653-4576; Lance Rasch, Coleman, 325-625-4519; Rebel Royall, Stonewall, 940-989-3510; Rocky Vinson, Shackelford, 325-762-2233; or Gary Bomar, Taylor, 325-672-6048.

Free white pine trees available

Ten free white pine trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"The white pines will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They are fast-growing landscape trees with soft needles and graceful branching. You can use them as specimen trees or as a privacy screen or windbreak...even as a beautiful sheared hedge."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE WHITE PINE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2003.

FSA holding LAP program sign-up

Coke and Sterling Counties have been approved for the LAP program. Both counties qualified for years 2001 and 2002. However, a producer is only eligible for payment in one year. In determining which year to sign up for, a producer would want to use the year in which he/she had the most livestock.

The starting date to begin a livestock count in Coke County is May 1st of either year and the ending date is November 26th, of either year used. In Sterling County the beginning and ending dates are May 1st through November 25th.

Because LAP payments will be factored, no payments will be issued until after sign up has ended and Washington

has determined the factor...The final date to sign up for the program is October 24th. There will be no late-filed applications allowed since all sign up information will be forwarded to Washington as soon as sign up ends for the factor calculation.

Producers need to make an appointment NOW and get signed up. Time is running out for this sign up.

For more information call us at (325) 453-2751 or come by the office.

Siren warning signals

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

blast of the siren will signal the all clear.

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

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The Indians accepted the race, and not only doubled bets as before, but piled up everything they could raise, seemingly almost crazed with the excitement of their previous success. The riders mounted; the word was given. Throwing away his club, the Indian rider gave a whoop, at which the sheep-like pony pricked up his ears, and went away like the wind, almost two feet to the mare's one. The last fifty yards of the course was run by the pony with the rider sitting face to his tail, making hideous grimaces and beckoning to the rider of the mare to come on.

It afterwards transpired that the old sheep was a trick and straight race pony, celebrated among all the tribes of the south, and that Mu-la-que-top had only just returned from a visit to the Kickapoos, in the Indian nation, whom he had easily cleaned out of six hundred ponies.

... Robert Lee Street Affair

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will be providing great music all during the day. Other talented individuals will be invited to showcase their talents at various intervals during the day long event.

The Dessert Cook-off will once again offer local cooks a chance to showcase their talent. A junior division has been added this year giving younger cooks an opportunity to wield their spatulas.

Area artists will have their works on display at the art show at Ben Bessent Chevrolet. Display ready works should be brought to the showroom between 1:00 and 5:00 on October 3rd.

New in the lineup this year will be a quilt show. This will be held in the Ivey Motor showroom.

The antique car show will have a new twist this year with the addition of antique motorcycles. This event always draws a lot of oohs and aahs from the crowd.

The younger citizens of Robert Lee will be strutting their stuff in the Little Miss/Little Mister contest. This event is open to 4 and 5 year olds. Sign up slips are available at the library, This 'n That, City Hall, Cathy's and DJ's Merle Norman studio.

The new event that seems to be drawing a lot of attention is the Chicken Team Roping. Yes, folks it can be done. Ropers are encouraged to head and heel the cluckers. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest team.

A barbecue meal will be served at 6:00 pm in order to replenish the energy for all you dancers. Driftwood will play for the street dance that will kick off at 7:30.

Drag out your quilts, lawn chairs, loungers, cots, or whatever it takes to get comfortable, and spend the day on Austin Street in Robert Lee. Make this a family day, get reacquainted with old friends, shop, eat, dance, have a ball. This day is just for you - don't miss it.

Street Affair Dessert cook-off set

Dessert Cook-off participants are asked to have their entries into the library no later than 9:00 am. Judging will begin at 10:00 sharp.

In order for organizers to have the event ready for judging, contestants need to be prompt with their entries.

Street Affair to showcase local talent

Local performers will be welcomed at the mike for a talent event which will take place during the Robert Lee Street Affair on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Performances will begin at 10 am on the porch in front of the Observer/Enterprise office.

Singers, dancers, poets, athletic performers, musical instrumentalists will be applauded and appreciated by the crowd attending the Street Affair. The stage is ready for entertainers of all ages and talents. Call 453-2831 for a slot on the talent roster.

Attention All You Ropers!

Don't miss the BIG EVENT at this year's Street Affair in Robert Lee. Prove your extraordinary skills with the twine at the CHICKEN TEAM ROPING. That's right. There will be several divisions, from seniors to youth. Practice your "chicken loop" for the upcoming Street Affair at 2:00 on October 4.

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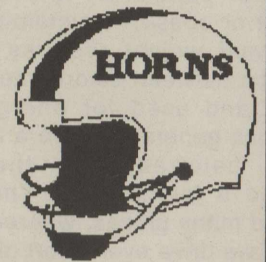
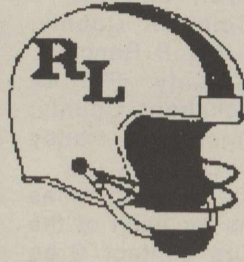
Don McLean to headline WTRC's Dinner Show

Legendary singer/ songwriter Don McLean will take center stage October 9 at the San Angelo Convention Center for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's eleventh annual Dinner Show.

The special evening, which coincides with the Center's 50th anniversary year, will include a cocktail reception at 6 pm at the Holiday Inn, seated dinner, prepared by A Catered Affair at 7 pm at the Convention Center and "timeless" rock-folk-blues musical entertainment by McLean at 8 pm.

For more information about the WTRC Dinner Show, contact Donor Relations at 223-6300. West Texas Rehab is a non-profit organization that annually serves more than 21,000 children and adults with disabilities at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. Events such as the Dinner Show help supplement the Center's budget.

Coke County Football!



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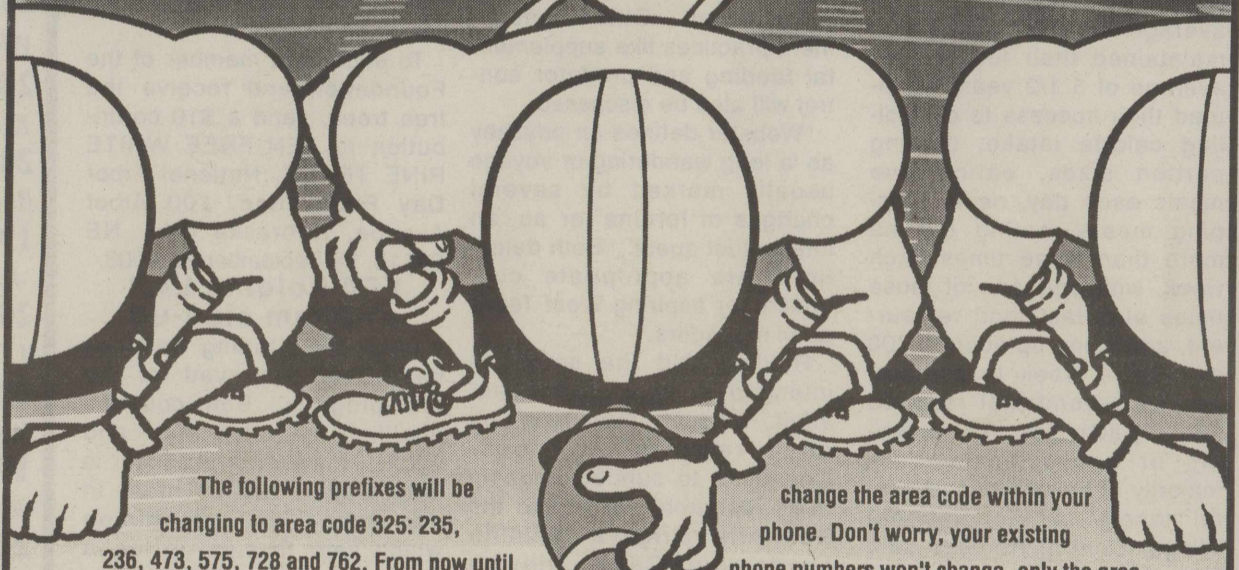
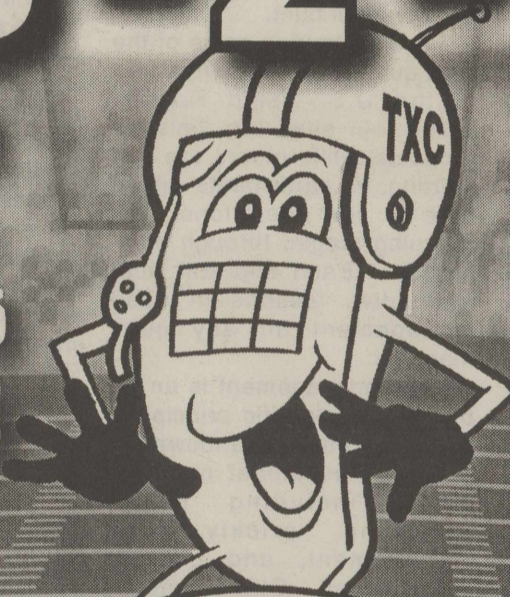
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