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Voters head to polls Tuesday in Primary

The March 9th Primary Election will see, in addition to state and national offices, several county and precinct positions on the ballot.

The polls will open at 7 am on election day and remain open until 7 pm. Polling places for the Republican Primary include:

Precincts 1 and 3 - Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee
Precincts 2 and 4 - Texas Theater, Bronte

Polling places for the Democratic Primary include:

Precinct 1 - Senior Citizens Building, Robert Lee
Precinct 2 - Senior Citizens Building, Bronte
Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee
Precinct 4 - Old Santa Fe Depot, Bronte

The local offices and candidates include:

Constable, Precinct 1 - Kenneth Rasco; Constable, Precinct 2 - Marty Boyd; Commissioner, Precinct 1 - Jimmie Byrne, Troy "Gene" Montgomery, and James Royall; Commissioner, Precinct 3 - Gaylon Pitcock; County Attorney - Nancy Arthur; Sheriff - Rick Styles

Filing for May 15th local elections ends March 15

West Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Joan Cantrell, Rick Sanchez, and Gayland Hurst are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Robert Lee Care Center.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Ed Cumbie, Billy Joe Luckett, and Mark Duncan are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill two council seats currently held by Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland. Both council incumbents have filed for re-election. Mayor Garland Davis' term is also expiring. Filing for the office of Mayor are Kenneth Green and Joe White. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Robert Lee City Hall.

The city of Bronte will have to fill three 2 year council seats currently held by Martha Ratliff, Charles Sonnenberg, and Leslie Rolls. Charles Sonnenberg has filed to retain his seat on the

and Marshall Millican, Democratic, and George Brickey, Republican; Tax Assessor/Collector - Gayle Sisemore.

On the national level, Democrats will have to choose who they wish to oppose President George W. Bush in the November general election.

The Democratic voters will also be asked to vote for or against two party referendums. One is regarding the privatization of the Social Security and Medicare systems. The second referendum concerns a constitutional amendment prohibiting state mandates requiring local property tax increases.

Republicans face a hotly contested race for the United States Representative in District 11. Mike Conaway and Bill Lester are the two choices. Scott Campbell is running unopposed in his race to retain his office as State Representative from District 72.

If anyone is interested in working as an election clerk, please contact County/District Clerk Mary Grim at 453-2631.

Council. Mayor Martin Lee's term is also expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up at Bronte City Hall.

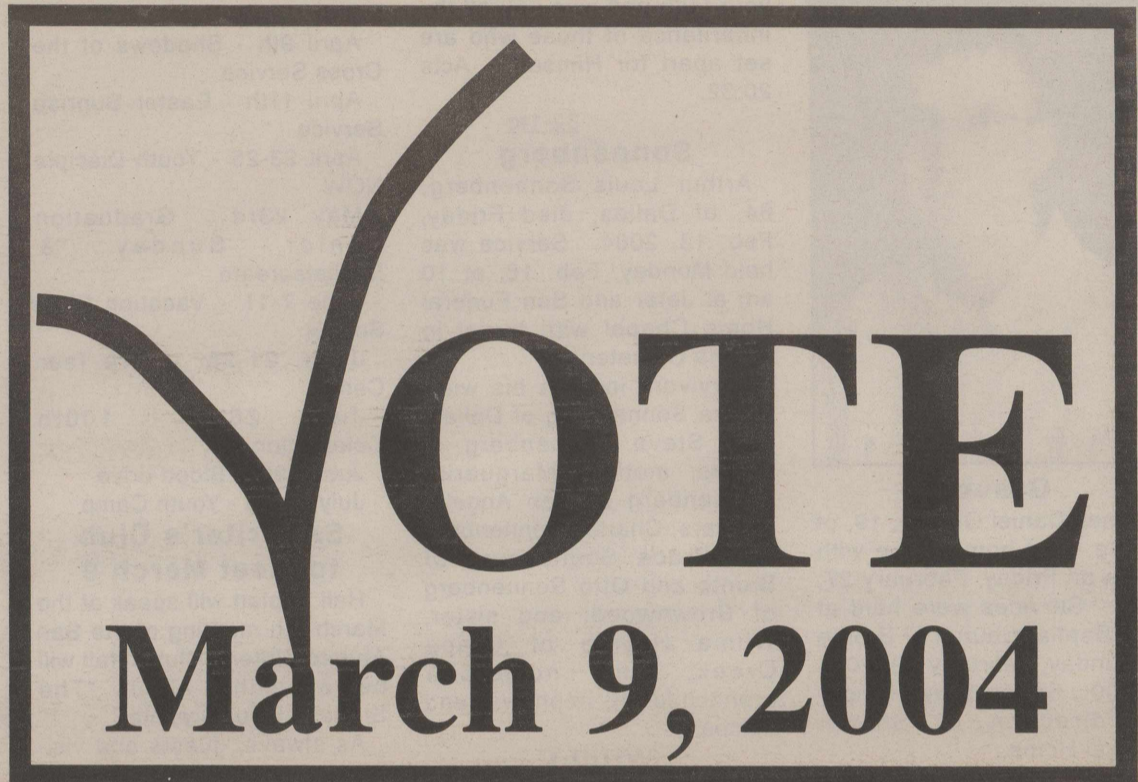
Bronte ISD has two vacancies to fill for full 3 year terms. Positions open are currently held by Terry Charles and Gary Acker. Terry Charles has filed to retain his seat on the Board.

Candidate applications will be available for two places on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees. These places are three year terms. Applications may be picked up in the Administration office at Robert Lee ISD. The terms of Darrell Pitcock and Bill Burns are expiring. Darrell Pitcock has filed for re-election. Requirements for filing include living in the Robert Lee ISD school district and being a registered voter.

Inmates to work for City of Bronte

The inmates will be working for the City of Bronte the weeks of March 8-12 and March 22-23. They will be working on the water well project and at the cemetery.

Cokes, Dr. Peppers, and Pepsi



are needed for the inmates. Anyone that would like to provide a homemade dessert contact the City Hall for information and to set a date.

Above average quail season closes

Quail hunting, statewide, closed on Sunday, February 29. Coke County and surrounding areas provided the best shooting in several years. Biologists had predicted gloom and doom two years ago for bird populations, but they now concur that especially bobwhite quail, have rebounded quickly.

With recent rains, chances for further gains in wildlife look good. Turkey hatches may really benefit in the spring.

Game Warden Jim Allen, who has spent much time in the field, says turkeys are plentiful this year with a large carryover of mature birds.

Spring turkey season will open April 3 and close on May 9. As always, it is a gobble only season with a 4 bag limit of all seasons combined.

Local students included in Who's Who-Sports Edition

A total of 26 students from this area are included in the 2002-2003 Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students-Sports Edition.

Who's Who-Sports Edition, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas is part of the largest recognition program in the nation honoring high school students. The Who's Who-Sports Edition honors outstanding student-athletes.

Athletes are nominated by coaches, teachers and sports

organizations based on athletic achievement and participation in extra curricular activities.

Students also compete for \$10,000 in scholarship awards. The book is also distributed on a complimentary basis to high schools, colleges & universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Local student-athletes selected include:

Blackwell: Jenifer Breshers, Sharla Holland, Tiffany Coffey, Carrissa Macon

Bronte: Ashley Denton, Heather Richey, Natalee Reed, Diane Womack

Robert Lee: Josh Alexander, Phillip Arellano, Andra Braswell, Ashlee Millican, Travis Pitcock, Mark Riley, Alan Roe, Shelby Roe, Nicole Sanchez, Brandon Anderson, Tiffany Bagwell, Kayli Dickey, Jennifer Nesbit, Cooper Riley, Amber Robinson, Lindsey Roe, Michele Sanchez, Rachel Wallace

4-H members win at major stock shows

Over the last two weeks, Coke County 4-H members have exhibited their animals during the San Antonio and San Angelo stock shows. During San Antonio, Allison Millican placed her light heavyweight Finewool Cross lamb first, Katie Bessent placed her heavyweight Crossbred barrow third, Julie Riley placed her medium weight Brangus steer fifth and Michele Sanchez placed her medium weight goat in the top eighteen.

At the San Angelo stock show, Cara Eaton placed her light-weight Yorkshire barrow third, Julie Riley placed her medium weight Brangus steer fifth, Logan Philley placed his light goat sev-

enth, Kyle Kelton placed his medium goat fifteenth and his light Duroc barrow thirteenth, and Zachary Sanchez placed his light goat thirteenth and medium goat fifteenth.

These 4-H members should be commended on their accomplishments during some extremely tough competition at these major stock shows.

Baseball/softball registration slated

Coke County will have baseball/softball registration on Saturday, March 6th, from 10 am - 1 pm, at Bronte High School for ages 5 and up.

Gospel singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, March 7, from 2 to 4 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Bronte Rabies clinic set

A Rabies Clinic has been set for March 3rd from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Clinic will be held at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

The Clinic will be for dogs and cats only. The City requires all cats and dogs to be vaccinated. A new animal Ordinance will go into effect April 1st. A copy of the Ordinance can be picked up at the City Hall.

For more information, call the City Hall, 473-3501.

Drivers License office to be closed March 9th

Because of Election Day, the Texas D.P.S. Drivers License office will be closed on March 9th, but will be open again on March 23rd.

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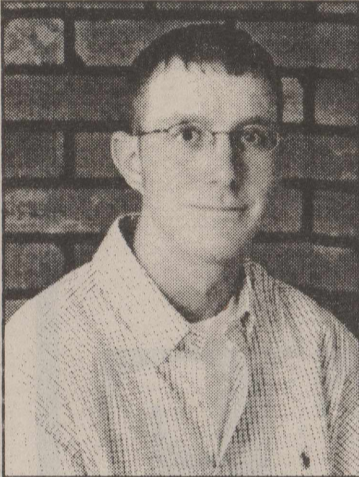
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Obituaries



Graves

James Daniel Graves, 19, of Bronte went home to be with Jesus on Friday, February 27, 2004. Services were held at First Baptist Church of Bronte on Sunday, February 29, 2004 at 3:00. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

James' pastor, Morris Johnson officiated the service with assistance from youth ministers Myron Halford and Scott Venable.

Pallbearers were Joel Webb, Blaine Dyess, Neal Shaw, Lyndon Butler, Tyson Baker, Charlie Bettis, Eric Johnson, and Brandon Poehls. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery where James was buried next to his grandmother, Pat Wilson.

James was born October 4, 1984 in San Angelo, Texas but lived in Bronte. James graduated from Bronte High School. He attended Tarleton State University and Howard College.

James was an active member of First Baptist Church of Bronte. He was saved and then made his profession of faith public on July 11, 1993. He was baptized on August 8, 1993. Along with his spiritual walk, he spent time farming, golfing, and hanging out at T & C.

PeeWee is survived by the following immediate family: parents, Jerry and Susan Graves; brothers, Scott and Jake Graves; grandparents, Nita and Chester Wilson and Louise Graves; Aunt Jeanne Schneider, Uncle Roger Graves, and Uncle R. T. Baker; and cousins, Jessica Schneider, Larry, Dalton, and Kendra Graves, and Margie Newcomb. He is also survived by his girlfriend Ryan Martinez and her entire family.

If desired, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Bronte, Bronte Fire Department or Ambulance Service, Texas Tech's "Campaign Against Drowsy

Driving", or to the charity of your choice. "And now I entrust you to God and His care and to His wonderful words which are able to build your faith and give you all the inheritance of those who are set apart for Himself." Acts 20:32.

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Sonnenberg

Arthur Louis Sonnenberg, 64, of Dallas, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004. Service was held Monday, Feb. 16, at 10 am at Jeter and Son Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mereta Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Sonnenberg of Dallas; son, Steve Sonnenberg of Dallas; mother, Marguerite Sonnenberg of San Angelo; brothers, Charles Sonnenberg and Bruce Sonnenberg of Bronte and Otto Sonnenberg of Brownwood; and sister, Wilma Haynie of Grape Creek; and numerous grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

Wright

Edwin "Pack" Wright, 77, of Robert Lee, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, in a local care center. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, March 2, in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Wright of Robert Lee; sons, Brian Wright of California and Jimmy Cox of San Angelo; daughters, Sally Geller of Cedar Creek, Johnny Jones of Missouri, Marilyn Gates of Louisiana and Chelle Wright of Robert Lee; step-sons, Duane Foster

of Fayetteville and Raydon Foster of Robert Lee; and sister, Pearl Ellison of San Angelo.

Williams

James "Dumps" Williams, 77, was born and attended school in Bronte. He passed away Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004 in Odessa.

He is survived by his wife, Gay; two daughters, Rhonda Lough and husband, Shane, of Odessa and Tami Gillum and husband, Jeff, of Waco; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, in the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

RL Baptist Church upcoming events

- March 7th - Ladies' breakfast 8 am
- March 23rd - Blood drive
- April 4th - Laying of the Palms Service
- April 9th - Shadows of the Cross Service
- April 11th - Easter Sunrise Service
- April 23-25 - Youth Disciple NOW
- May 23rd - Graduation Senior Sunday & Baccalaureate
- June 7-11 - Vacation Bible School
- June 21-25 - Pre-Teen Camp
- June 26th - 100th Celebration
- June 29th - Blood drive
- July 12-16 - Youth Camp

SA Writer's Club to meet March 9

Hall Triplett will speak at the March 9th meeting of the San Angelo Writers' Club. Hall will be speaking about "The Stories of Our Dreams."

As always, guests and visitors are welcome. Anyone interested in writing, whether or not a published author, is invited to attend. For more information, call Craig DuPree at 651-8594.

Meeting time is 7:00 pm on Tuesday March 9, at Saint Paul Presbyterian Church, 11 North Park, San Angelo.

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson Secretary

Fifteen members of the RLVFD met on March 1st for their monthly business meeting. President Lew Millegan presided. The minutes and treasurer's reports were

accepted as read.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson gave the monthly report. 1 business meeting, 3 training classes, (which included Sky Warn Class held in Bronte), 47 hours of other activities. No fire calls. The only calls were for downed telephone lines. Those who attended the Sky Warn Class told about the things they learned.

Chief Rick Drennan reported on the progress of Truck 3. He is having to re-wire all the lights, siren, radio, etc.

The group discussed fundraisers, the recent boat raffle, and the upcoming ticket sale for 2 dinners at Zentner's Daughter, and a show. They discussed the plans for the new building and the progress of raising the funds needed.

The fire department needs daytime volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman needs to contact any fireman or call Bud Thompson at 453-4423. They can attend classes to become Certified Firemen. There is also a program for young adults. Cadets ages 16 to 18, with parents consent, receive Fire and Rescue training.

Visitors are always welcome to attend meetings and training classes are held each Monday at 7 pm at the fire station.

RL Siren warning signals

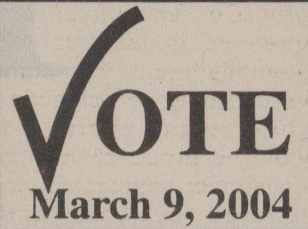
If a tornado is spotted or Robert Lee is in imminent danger of severe weather or very large hail, the fire department members, who are the Sky Warn Team, are out checking the skies. They are in contact with the National Weather Service and they will set off the siren. 3 long blasts of the siren is the signal to take immediate shelter, preferable in a sturdy building, storm cellar, interior room, or hall. 1 long blast will signal the all clear. The fire department utilizes the sirens, 2 blasts of the siren is a call for the firemen to assemble at the station for a fire call or meeting.

FSA announces DCP sign-up underway

The FSA Office is currently signing producers up for the 2004 DCP program. This is the farm program which began last year. Each year producers are

required to sign up for the current year. If you participated last year and want to participate in 2004, we encourage you to make an appointment and sign up. Signup will continue until June 1, 2004.

Keep in mind that if you cash lease a place, the FSA must have a copy of the cash lease on file before payments are made. For those producers wishing to sign a producer statement of the cash lease, they may do so but no payment can be made until after June 1, 2004.



Churches of Coke County

Invite You to Worship

- Bronte Church of Christ**
PO Box 346 • 118S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
- Emmanuel Pentecostal**
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
- First Baptist Church**
424S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
- First United Methodist Church**
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Carol Fiero
Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
5:00 Youth
- First United Methodist Church**
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir
- Iglesia Bautista Bethel**
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm
- Northside Church of Christ**
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
- Pecan Baptist**
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2004
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
- Robert Lee Baptist Church**
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
- Southside Church of Christ**
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship
- Tennyson Baptist Church**
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 468-0014
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
- Victory Assembly of God**
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

We invite all of our friends and supporters to a countdown party Tuesday evening, March 9, 2004. It will start at 7 pm or so - come and go or come and stay! We'll have good fellowship either way! Join us at the Bronte Community Center. Rick & Kay Styles

Look at the Book

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Southside Church of Christ
8th & Houston
FMI-453.2176

Roe receives Ford's most prestigious honor

Ivey Motor Company owner Billy Wayne Roe has recently been awarded the 2003 President's Award by the Ford Motor Company. Only 340 of 4,000 competing dealers receive this, the highest honor that Ford Motor Company presents each year.

According to Billy Wayne, "customer satisfaction is really the key to the whole thing." In a letter sent to Roe by Ford Motor Co. executives, they expressed it like this: "an accomplishment this significant can only be achieved by a total team effort. You should be proud of the focus on customer satisfaction demonstrated by your entire organization.

As a result of this achievement, Billy Wayne and Dolores have earned an all-expense paid trip to San Francisco. They will be staying at the historic and stately Fairmont Hotel, and participating in a variety of distinctive activities. According to the letter, "from the opening evening to the final night gala, you'll experience the most historic and beautiful venues the city has to offer. We assure you an elegant, unparalleled event befitting our best dealers."



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe

February 2004 arrests/charges filed/dispositions

Dorie Amos - Theft by check - 02-07-04

David Lee McMullan - Possession of Marijuana <2 oz. - 02-07-04 (This is not the David John McMullan who lives 4 miles North of Bronte on NW Railroad.)

Charles Frey - DWI (1st offense) - 02-07-04

Samuel Minjarez - Possession of Marijuana >4 oz. <=5 lbs. - 02-13-04

Phillip Rangel - Possession of Marijuana >4 oz. <=5 lbs. - 02-13-04

Victoria Sewell - Driving while license suspended - 02-13-04

Samuel Minjarez - Possession of Marijuana >2 oz. <4 oz. - Motion to Revoke Probation - 02-25-04

51st District Court Dispositions

The State of Texas vs: Nathan Lee Brown
Charge: Escape - Motion to Revoke Probation
Plea: 3 years TDCJ-ID

Coke County Court Dispositions 02-18-04

The State of Texas vs: James Sizemore
Charge: Possession of Marijuana
Plea: Pre-trial Intervention

The State of Texas vs: Dawn Elizabeth Rhodes
Charge: Resisting arrest and transport
Plea: 44 days jail beginning 03-09-04

The State of Texas vs: Gray Houston Hall
Charge: Possession of Marijuana

Plea: 12 months Deferred - Fine \$400.00 - Court Cost \$201.00 - 40 hrs. Community Service

The State of Texas vs: Christian Anthony Craft
Charge: Possession of Marijuana

Plea: 12 months Deferred - Fine \$400.00 - Court Cost \$201.00 - 40 hrs. Community Service

The State of Texas vs: Daniel Zachary Gutierrez

Charge: Possession of Marijuana

Plea: 12 months Deferred - Fine \$400.00 - Court Cost \$201.00 - 40 hrs. Community Service

FSA producer signup for DCP slated

Producers who wish to participate in the farm program (DCP) for the 2004 crop year are encouraged to visit the office and sign up. Producers who signed up for 2002 and 2003 MUST sign up for 2004. This will be an every year sign up until the DCP program

ends in 2007. Sign up will be much quicker than last year so hopefully producers won't have to spend as much time in the office to complete sign up.

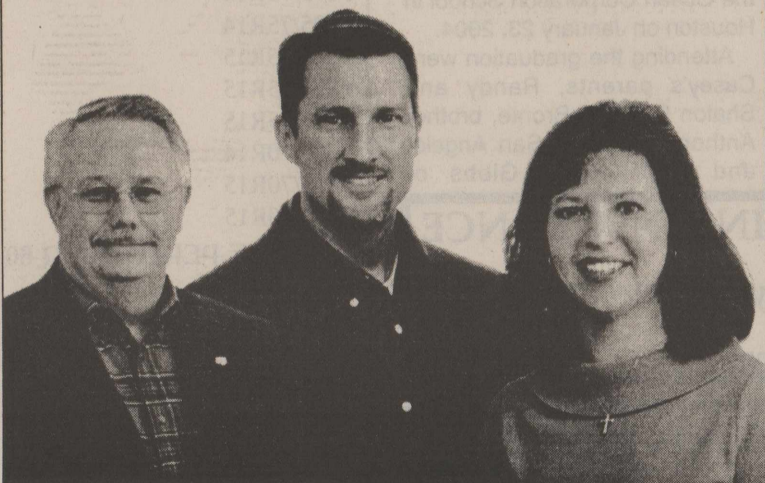
Producers who did not sign up for 2002 or 2003 but, who have a base on qualifying crop may also sign up for 2004.

Producers must have an approved CCC-502 (pay limit form), and 1026 before any payments can be issued.

Be sure to make an appointment. For more information call 453-2751 or come by the office.

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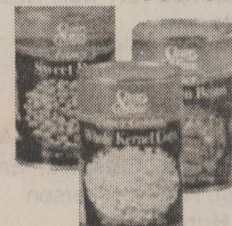
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Shurfine Oil or Water Pack
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6 oz. can **3/\$1**

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Russet Potatoes
5 Lb. Bag **\$1.00**



Shurfine Assorted Chilled
Orange Juice
64 oz. ctn. **2/\$3**

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte "Little Longhorn" Rodeo set

The Bronte PTO will sponsor Bronte Elementary in a "Little Longhorn" rodeo on Monday, March 8th at 7:00 pm. The rodeo will feature Pre-K and Kindergarten with special performances by 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. The 4th grade will be preparing a "Rodeo Supper" from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The meal will consist of beans, cornbread, and all the "fixins".

For more information and cost of admission to rodeo and meal, contact the Bronte school or PTO members. Come and join the fun.

BHS students practice for UIL contest

Bronte High School students participated at the Lake View Math/Science meet on Saturday, February 28. Results include:

9th grade Calculator Applications:

3rd place.....Justin Taylor

9th grade Science

9th place.....Alonzo Martinez

On Monday, March 1, students competed at the Wall Math/Science meet.

11th grade Calculator Applications:

7th place.....Ashleigh Kelly

12th grade Calculator Applications:

8th place.....Scott Snyder

9th grade Calculator Applications

8th place.....Josh Scott

12th place.....Justin Taylor

10th grade Number Sense:

10th place.....Logan Acker

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 8

Cereal, orange half, cinnamon toast, milk

Tuesday, March 9

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Wed., March 10

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Thurs., March 11

Pancake & sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Friday, March 12

Donut, applesauce, teddy grams, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 8

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet corn, roll, banana pudding, milk

Tuesday, March 9

Chicken fajita, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, jello, milk

Wed., March 10

Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, tator tots, sliced peaches, milk

Thurs., March 11

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, apple crisp, milk

Friday, March 12

Sub sandwiches, ham & cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, orange halves, bun, chips, peanut butter cookies, milk

The local results from the Cooper High School UIL practice meet held Saturday, February 28, include:

Headline Writing: Ariel Marrs--1st place

Feature Writing: Ariel Marrs--3rd place

Spelling & Vocabulary: Ariel Marrs---2nd place

The students improved their personal scores and gained valuable experience for the upcoming District meet at Ranger on March 23 and 26.

Bronte HS tennis results

Results from the Menard Tennis Tournament, held on February 27 & 28 were:

Boys singles finals: B. Abilez (Junction) defeated Sherman Griffin (Bronte) 6-4, 6-4.

3rd place: Eric Hendrickson (Bronte) defeated M. Sepeda (Junction) 6-1, 6-2.

Boys consolation finals: Phillip Rawlings/Garrett Acker (Bronte) defeated Cleveland/Glasscock (Christoval) 9-8, 7-4.

Girls doubles -3rd place: Brittney McCutchen/Jayci Malone (Bronte) defeated Ruiz/Fernandez (Paint Rock) 6-1, 6-1.

Robert Lee Relay results

The Bronte track teams participated in the Robert Lee Relays and performed very well. Results for Bronte were:

Junior high girls division

400 Meter Relay

2nd - Bronte 58.5 - Ariel Coalson, Beth Sanchez, Emily McMullan, Holly Huskerson

Shuttle Hurdle Relay

3rd - Bronte - 90.15 - Miranda Parks, Nicole Reed, Miranda Riney, Beth Sanchez

800 Meter Relay

3rd - Bronte - 2.11.70 - Emily Austin, Nicole Reed, Savannah Martinez, Holly Huskerson

Distance Medley Relay

2nd - Bronte - 5.28.90 - Ariel Coalson, Lora Martinez, Johnnye Michael, Jessi England

Sprint Medley Relay

5th - Bronte - 2.31.99 - Emily Austin, Nicole Reed, Terrah Macon, Miranda Riney

1600 Meter Relay

3rd - Bronte - 5.03.40 - Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Emily McMullan, Holly Huskerson

High Jump

1st - Bronte - 4' - Savannah Martinez

4th - Bronte - 4' - Ariel Coalson

Shot Put

3rd - Bronte - 21' - Emily McMullan

Junior high boys division

400 Meter Relay

3rd - Bronte - 52.64

Weightman Relay

3rd - Bronte - 69.32

Discus

2nd - Bronte - McClure - 104' 2"

5th - Bronte - Bennett - 82' 7"

Shot Put

3rd - Bronte - McClure - 32' 2"

800 Meter Relay

4th - Bronte - 2.00.05

Distance Medley

4th - Bronte - 6.02.50

1600 Meter Run

6th - Bronte - 6.38.28

1600 Meter Relay

4th - Bronte - 4.30.28

Varsity Girls Division

400 Meter Relay

2nd - Bronte - 54.73 - Callie Johnson, Sarah Basquez, Katie Cooper, Lindsey Butler

800 Meter Relay

2nd - Bronte - 2.00.91 - Callie Johnson, Lindsey Butler, Logan Acker, Kanah Coalson

Distance Medley

3rd - Bronte - 5.18.86 - Katie Cooper, Logan Acker, Sarah Basquez, Kailey Howell

Sprint Medley

3rd - Bronte - 2.13.08 - Calli Johnson, Kanah Coalson, Lindsey Butler, Katie Cooper

1600 Meter Run

6th - Bronte - 8.00.59 - Crystal Wallar

1600 Meter Relay

5th - Bronte - 5.00.71 - Kanah Coalson, Logan Acker, Sarah Basquez, Azul Garcia

Pole Vault

2nd - Bronte - 6' - Katie Cooper

High Jump

4th - Bronte - 4'4" - Katie Cooper

Discus

2nd - Bronte - 82' 6" - Melissa Palmer

Shot Put

4th - Bronte - 27' 11 1/2" - Melissa Palmer

Varsity boys division

Discus

5th - Bronte - 120' 11" - Adams

Shot Put

4th - Bronte - 39' 6 1/2" - Moore

Junior Varsity boys division

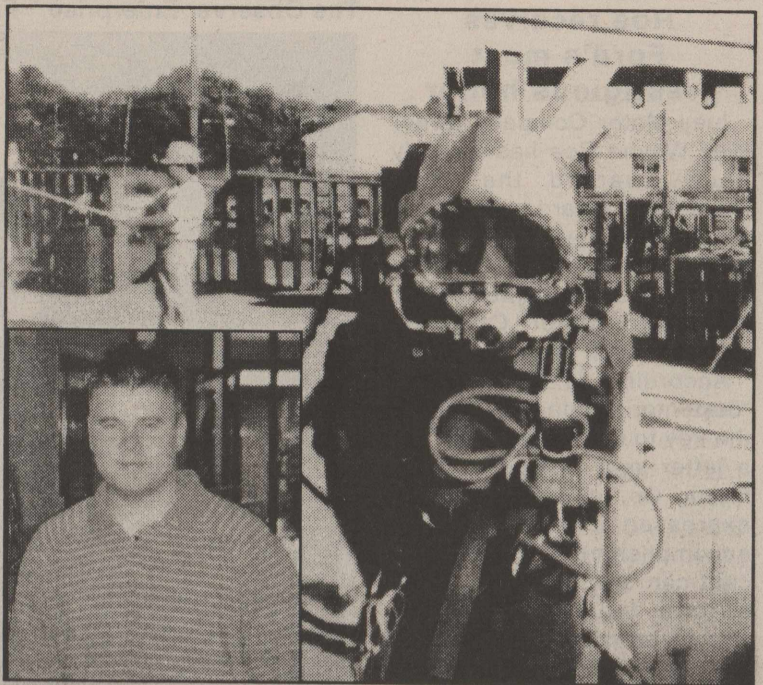
Shot Put

5th - Bronte - 29' 3" - Coffee

Casey Gibbs graduates

Casey Gibbs graduated from the Ocean Corporation School in Houston on January 23, 2004.

Attending the graduation were Casey's parents, Randy and Shalon Gibbs of Bronte, brother Anthony Gibbs of San Angelo, and uncle Kevin Gibbs of



Bronte High School graduate Casey Gibbs is shown above in his diving suit (right) and also in the inset photo.

Garland, Texas.

Casey is a Certified Commercial Diver with training in underwater construction welding, non-destructive testing, hazmat operations, mixed gas breathing, search and rescue, first aid, and CPR. Casey also received a Dive Masters Certification for recreational scuba diving. Casey enjoys scuba diving with his parents and brother Anthony.

Casey is employed by Longview Inspection in Odessa, the largest non-destructive testing company in the United States.

Casey is a 1998 graduate of Bronte High School.

Bronte Elementary School Awards 4th Six Weeks Perfect Attendance

Pre-K

Brittany Bedford, Justin Reed, Jessie Ehl, Tristin Speary, McKenzie Arrott, Whitney Boyd, Evan Ferguson

Kindergarten

Payton Cutting, Zachary Rosales, Sarah Sanchez,

Cambri Kelso, Chase Wynne

PPCD

Kaden Hayes, Ismael Cecilio,

Joel Guia

1st grade

Met Accelerated Reading Goal

Jessica Arthur, Crystal Bilbrey, Sydney Breeding, Maria Franco, Dakota Kelly, Oscar Pena, Josh Puentez, Jensen Reed, Esmeralda Ruezga, Joshua Means

Achieved Ready Reader Certification in Accelerated Reader

Jessica Arthur, Crystal Bilbrey, Sydney Breeding, Tyler Mayo, Oscar Pena, Joshua Puentez, Jensen Reed

Achieved Independent Reader Certification in Accelerated Reader

Jessica Arthur, Joshua Puentez, Esmeralda Ruezga

Super Citizen

Jessica Arthur, Crystal Bilbrey, Sydney Breeding, Maria Franco, Josh Puentez, Jensen Reed, Kyndall Reynolds, Esmeralda Ruezga, Heriberto Cecilio, Madison Harris, Jared Scott, Mireya Sanchez

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Jessica Arthur, Jacob Baken, Crystal Bilbrey, Dakota Kelly, Oscar Pena, Josh Puentez, Jensen Reed, Kyndall Reynolds, Addie Rosson, Joshua Means, Savannah Arthur, Heriberto Cecilio, Stacia Emfinger, Carlos Fuentez, Kolby Lee, Jared Scott

2nd grade

Super Citizens

Lauren Allen, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, Marisa Sanchez, Nathaniel Rosales, Tammie Halfacer

A Honor Roll

Ty Lee, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley

Met A/R Reading Goal

Lauren Allen, Fred Arthur, Stetsen Emfinger, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, Bailey McGlothlin, John Moore, Kaleb Reyes, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley, Nathaniel Rosales, Tammie Halfacer

Perfect Attendance

Lyndsay Hargrave, John Moore, Stetsen Emfinger, Megan Yackley, Ty Lee, Bailey McGlothlin, Lauren Allen, Marisa Sanchez, Fred Arthur

3rd grade

AR Reading Goal

Brooke Bedford, Cindy Davila, Mario DelaRosa, Erika Hargrave, Carson James, Brayde Knight, Erika Puentez, Thomas Reyes, Michelle Rhodes, Caleb Rosson, Ethan Sedden, Zachary Taylor, Jael Williams

Perfect Attendance

Erika Hargrave, Jael Williams, Brayde Knight, Thomas Reyes, Zachary Taylor, Caleb Rosson, Mario DelaRosa, Michelle Rhodes, Erika Puentez, Brooke Bedford

A Honor Roll

Caleb Rosson, Jael Williams

Super Citizen

Brooke Bedford, Thoren Charles, Cindy Davila, Carson James, Ethan Sedden, Zachary Taylor, Jael Williams

3rd grade - Mrs. Bearden

A Honor Roll

Kimberly Lee, Harley Wallace

A/B Honor Roll

Leah Jones, Austin Mertz, Jaylon Seales, Vaughn Stilley, Brent Kelly

Super Citizen

Leah Jones, Kimberly Lee, Leticia Pena, Harley Wallace

Met A/R Goal

Amy Godinez, Leah Jones, Brent Kelly, Kimberly Lee, Austin Mertz, Dustin Minjarez, Rani Parks, Leticia Pena, Ashley Reyes, Jaylon Seales, Vaughn Stilley, Harley Wallace

Perfect Attendance

Ashley Reyes, Leah Jones, Vaughn Stilley, Kimberly Lee, Rani Parks, Leticia Pena

4th grade

A Honor Roll

Katie Austin, Mackenzie Gibbs, Mason Braswell

A-B Honor Roll

Beau Grigg, Stephanie Huntley, Creed Coalson, Jonathan Reyes, Jordan Rowan, Jill Scott, Austin Brackeen

Super Citizen

Katie Austin, Maria Fuentez, Mackenzie Gibbs, Jonathan Reyes, Jill Scott

Perfect Attendance

Conner Clark, Beau Grigg, Mackenzie Gibbs, Randon Eubanks, Stephanie Huntley, Logan McGlothlin, Maria Fuentez

5th grade

A Honor Roll

Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Heath Richey, Kelsey Sedden

Super Citizens

Cheyenne Boyd, Terron Charles, Ally Franco, Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Kimberly Nixon, Dakota Rawls, Kelsey Sedden

Met AR Goal

Cheyenne Boyd, Peyton Eubanks, Ally Franco, Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Kimberly Nixon, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, Heath Richey, Kelsey Sedden

Perfect Attendance

Cheyenne Boyd, Terron Charles, Peyton Eubanks, Ally Franco, Benito Fuentez, Joshua Hargrave, Arlis McMullan, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Justin Saldana, Kelsey Sedden

6th grade - Ms. Turner

A-B Honor Roll

Chelsea Cook, Crawford James, Kasey Glover, Rob Rosson, Louie Martinez, Emily Fiveash, Chloe Grigg, Kaydan White

Perfect Attendance

Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Chelsea Cook, Katie Aguirre, Rob Rosson, Ashley Royall, Haydan White, Kimberly Womack

6th grade - Mrs. H. Lee

A Honor Roll

Bill Miller

Super Citizen

Stephanie Frasier

Met A/R Goal

Emilie Jimenez, Bill Miller, Krista Moore

Perfect Attendance

Stephanie Frasier, Matthew Halfacer, Dannie Martinez, Krista Moore, Amanda Pirtle, Tyler Riney, Jacob Scott, Shelbi Waller

Rabies Facts

By Tommy Antilley
County Extension Agent

Natural History -

Rabies virus causes an acute encephalitis in all warm-blooded hosts, including humans, and the outcome is almost always fatal. Although all species of mammals are susceptible to rabies virus infection, only a few species are important as reservoirs for the disease. In the United States, several distinct rabies virus variants have been identified in terrestrial mammals, including raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes. In addition to these terrestrial reservoirs, several species of insectivorous bats are also reservoirs for rabies.

Transmission -

Transmission of rabies virus usually begins when infected saliva of a host is passed to an uninfected animal. Various routes of transmission have been documented and include contamination of mucous membranes (i.e., eyes, nose, mouth), aerosol transmission, and corneal transplantations. The most common mode of rabies virus transmission is through the bite and virus-containing saliva of an infected host.

The infectious path of rabies virus
*Animal is bitten by a rabid animal.

*Rabies virus enters the animal through infected saliva.

*Rabies virus spreads through the nerves to the spinal cord and brain.

*The virus incubates in animal's body for approximately 3-12 weeks. The animal has no signs of illness during this time.

*When it reaches the brain, the virus multiplies rapidly, passes to the salivary glands, and the animal begins to show signs of disease.

*The infected animal usually dies within 7 days of becoming sick.

Signs and symptoms -

The first symptoms of rabies may be nonspecific flu-like signs - malaise, fever, or headache, which may last for days. There may be discomfort or paresthesia at the site of exposure (bite), progressing within days to symptoms of cerebral dysfunction, anxiety, confusion, agitation, progressing to delirium, abnormal behavior, hallucinations, and insomnia. The acute period of disease typically ends after 2 to 10 days (6). Once clinical signs of rabies appear, the disease is nearly always fatal, and treatment is typically supportive. Disease prevention is entirely prophylactic and includes both passive antibody (immune globulin) and vaccine. Non-lethal exceptions are extremely rare. To date, only six documented cases of human survival from clinical rabies have been reported and each included a history of either pre- or post-exposure prophylaxis.

How can you prevent rabies?

*Have your pets vaccinated against rabies. Any pets which come in contact with wild animals are at risk. Many local health departments conduct public vaccination clinics for dogs and cats. Your veterinarian can also vaccinate your pet against rabies. During recent years, confirmed cases of rabies in cats have exceeded the reported cases in dogs in some parts of the United States making vaccination and booster shots critical to your health and that of your pets.

*If your cat or dog has been bitten or attacked by a wild animal or has bites or scratches of

unknown origin, call your local health department or animal control officer to report the incident.

*If your cat or dog has bitten a person, call your local health department or animal control officer to report the incident.

*If your cat or dog is sick, seek the advice of your veterinarian.

*Protect your pets from stray or wild animals. Keep your pets from running loose.

*Report stray animals to your local health department so an animal control officer can investigate. Handling stray cats or dogs can be dangerous.

*Do not feed or handle wild animals, especially those that appear aggressive or sick. Never keep a wild animal as a pet.

*A wild animal such as a bat, raccoon, fox, skunk, or groundhog, which has bitten a person or domestic animal should be sacrificed immediately. Its head (or in the case of a bat, the entire bat) should be submitted to your state or county testing laboratory for examination. Rabies prophylaxis vaccinations may depend on your physician along with laboratory results.

Rabies - What to do if bitten

1. If you are bitten.. By a wild animal: an animal control officer should sacrifice the animal. All biting wild animal should be tested for rabies as soon as possible.

By a cat or dog: obtain information about the pet animal. Include a description of the animal and licensing number or identification, owner's name, address and telephone number

and the rabies vaccination status whenever available.

2. Immediately cleanse the wound thoroughly with soapy water.

3. Get medical attention. Go to your family doctor or nearest emergency room. DO NOT DELAY CALLING. YOU MAY NEED TREATMENT.

4. Report all bites to your local health department or animal control agency.

Take Away the Welcome Mat

* Check your house and property. Eliminate sites that can be used by animals for sleeping or raising young.

* Cap all chimneys

* Plug all holes in roofs, eaves, or sides of buildings.

* Block any means of entry to foundations, porches and steps.

* Trim tree limbs that extend to or over your roof.

* Provide bright exterior lighting to discourage nocturnal animals.

* Encourage your neighbors to do the same, so the whole neighborhood is unfriendly to wildlife.

Take Away the Place Mat

* Examine your buildings and yard. Remove all sources of FOOD.

* Use garbage cans with animal-proof lids.

* Keep garbage cans in the garage or shed.

* Don't feed pets outside.

* If you must feed pets outside, remove any uneaten food at once.

* Remember gardens attract wildlife such as raccoons. Consider ways to make your garden less appealing such as low voltage electric fence.

Having a good Sheriff is a must! However, the Sheriff can't do it all by himself. He has to have good deputies on whom he can depend to do the job as he directs.



Since the first of the year, there have been several changes in the Sheriff's department. These changes have been for the betterment of the department and for the people it serves. I have heard many favorable comments from around the county regarding these personnel changes.

The Sheriff's office now has a staff that can work together as a team, dedicated to ensuring the enforcement of laws and protecting the citizens of Coke County. This team has 60 years combined experience in law enforcement.

With your vote and support in the upcoming primary, I will guarantee you that this team of law enforcement officers will do their job in a professional, honest, fair, courteous, and common sense manner for the citizens of Coke County - young and old alike.

RE-ELECT Rick Styles Sheriff

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Rick Styles



Sheriff Rick Styles
14 years experience



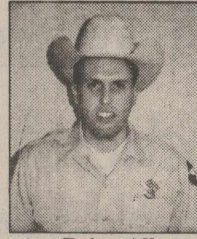
Deputy Wayne McCutchen
16 years experience



Deputy Adam Richter
8 years experience



Deputy Randall Jacks
19 years experience



Deputy Brian Albertson
3 years experience

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Lady Steers Golf Team came home from the Ozona tourney February 23rd with the team championship. Julie Riley was also named 1st Medalist. Team members include (from left) Julie Riley, Cara Eaton, Kyla Millican, Kelsey Duncan and Lindsey Roe.

District 7-A girls All-District basketball selections for Robert Lee

All-District - Cara Eaton
 Cara's season stats - 9 points/game; 7 rebounds/game; 2.3 steals/game; 2 assists/game
 Honorable Mention - Tyler Lott
 Tyler's season stats - 6 points/game; 4.4 rebounds/game; 75% free throws; 2 steals/game; 2 assists/game

Academic All-District - Tyler Lott, Rachel Wallace, Monica Rodriguez, Jessica Fluhmann, Lindsey Roe, Julie Riley, Brittany Soliz, Michele Sanchez, Kayli Dickey, Cara Eaton, Cassidy Wink

Lady Steers golf results

In the Ozona Tournament held on February 23rd, the Lady Steers placed 1st, out of 8 teams, with a team score of 417. Team members and scores: Julie Riley 94; Cara Eaton 102; Kyla Millican 109; Lindsey Roe 112; and Kelsey Duncan 123. 1st Medalist, Julie Riley 94.

Steers golf results

The Steers golf team finished 5th place in a 10 team field, at the Sonora Invitational held on Thursday (26th). The Steers shot a 370 to finish behind Sonora (310), Ozona (324), Iraan (342), and Wall (358). Robert Lee scorers were: Omar Saucedo 93; Josh Alexander 97; Cody Bridges 92; Evan Braswell 92; and Brandon Soliz 93.

RLISD reduces employee injuries

Robert Lee ISD, one of more than 454 participating schools, received the Diamond Star Award for savings to the district of \$31,070. Mr. Wesley Slade, Executive Vice President of Claims Administrative Services,

explained, "Taxpayers will be gratified to know the results of participating in the CAS safety program results in a reduction of injuries and claims costs.

Robert Lee ISD, represented by Ms. Kay Clay, Business Manager was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 13,533 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$154 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

Mr. Barry Jones, CEO/President of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Thirteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school

employees and the lowest cost to the district.

At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum."

Additions & corrections to Robert Lee awards A/B Honor Roll

8th grade
 Taylor Percifull
 10th grade
 Christan Kelly

4-H photography contest slated

Coke County 4-H will be holding a photography contest for 4-H members. Entries are due in the office Thursday, March 18, 2004. Categories are Single Color Print and Single Black and White Print. Prints are to be mounted on white poster board or construction paper. The prints must be glued to poster board or construction paper and be the exact size as photo or have a border no more than 1". Please include your county, name, age, category and class on the back of each photo. The classes are: People, Nature/Scenic, Animal, Humor, Promote 4-H, Career, and Digital Pictures. Digital photos are NOT allowed in any other category. You may enter in as many classes and as many times as you wish.

Winners at the county level will be eligible for District competition which will be held during District 4-H Roundup for Juniors and during State Roundup for Seniors.

For more information, please contact the extension office (325) 453-2461.

Nationwide ACT test set for April 3

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 3, 2004, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is February 27. Late registration postmark deadline is March 12.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in

Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math, and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online on ACT's website - www.act.org.

**Check Out
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Library**

The Coke County Library will have a book sale on Saturday, March 6, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Library. The sale will be outside if the weather permits and inside if the weather does not cooperate. The book sale is being held at the same time the This N That and the Attic Sale shops are open on Saturdays.

There will be westerns, mystery, and romance paperback books and children's and non-fiction hardback books in the sale. There will also be a cart of almost new hardback books by popular authors.

Paperback books will sell for ten cents each, and the hardback books will sell for twenty-five cents. The new hardback books will be \$1.00. There will also be some miscellaneous items for sale.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00 am, and the Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday at 10:00 am. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the Library.

School Menu

- Breakfast**
- Monday, March 8**
 Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, March 9**
 Juice, breakfast bar, sausage, milk
- Wed., March 10**
 Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Thurs., March 11**
 Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Friday, March 12**
 Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

- Lunch**
- Monday, March 8**
 Salisbury steak, scallop potatoes, corn on cob, pears, bread, milk
- Tuesday, March 9**
 Frito pie, cheese, potato wedges, salad, peaches, milk
- Wed., March 10**
 Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, rolls, pineapple, milk
- Thurs., March 11**
 Bean chalupas, salad, cheese, tamales, Spanish rice, applesauce, milk
- Friday, March 12**
 Barbecue on bun, pickles, French fries, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, milk

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For COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

I have enjoyed getting out and visiting with Precinct #1 voters and listening to your concerns. If I missed you, I apologize.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MARCH 9TH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

pd. pol. adv. by Gene Montgomery

Robert Lee Relay results

The Robert Lee track teams participated in the Robert Lee Relays and performed very well. The junior high girls placed 6th, the junior high boys placed 2nd, the varsity girls placed 2nd, and the varsity boys placed 2nd. Results for Robert Lee were:

Junior high girls division

- 400 Meter Relay
4th - Robert Lee - 59.94
- 800 Meter Relay
4th - Robert Lee - 2.11.98
- Sprint Medley Relay
6th - Robert Lee - 2.37.14
- Discus
1st - Robert Lee - 78' 9" - Burns
6th - Robert Lee - 48' 2" - Longoria
- Shot Put
1st - Robert Lee - 22' 5 1/2" - Burns
6th - Robert Lee - 19' 1 1/2" - Longoria

Junior high boys division

- 2400 Meter Run
1st - Robert Lee - 8.44.06 - Larue
4th - Robert Lee - 10.21.32 - Martin
6th - Robert Lee - 12.57.01 - Rodriguez
- 400 Meter Relay
2nd - Robert Lee - 50.19
- Weightman Relay
2nd - Robert Lee - 63.35
- Shuttle Hurdle Relay
1st - Robert Lee - 79.19
- Pole Vault
1st - Robert Lee - 8' - Percifull
2nd - Robert Lee - 7' 6" - Braswell
3rd - Robert Lee - 6' 6" - Womack
- High Jump
1st - Robert Lee - Hodge - 5'
4th - Robert Lee - Gallegos - 4' 8"
- Discus
6th - Robert Lee - Thurman - 82' 4"
- Shot Put
4th - Robert Lee - Shaw - 32' 1"
- 800 Meter Relay
2nd - Robert Lee - 1.51.98
- Distance Medley
3rd - Robert Lee - 5.40.07
- Sprint Medley
2nd - Robert Lee - 1.55.29
- 1600 Meter Run
1st - Robert Lee - Larue - 5.37.12
5th - Robert Lee - Martin - 6.26.02
- 1600 Meter Relay
2nd - Robert Lee - 4.08.95

Varsity Girls Division

- 3200 Meter Run

- 1st - Robert Lee - Rodriguez - 14.35.1

- 400 Meter Relay
5th - Robert Lee - 56.05
- Weightman Relay
2nd - Robert Lee - 62.99
- Shuttle Hurdle Relay
1st - Robert Lee - 80.17
- Distance Medley
5th - Robert Lee - 5.27.85
- Sprint Medley
2nd - Robert Lee - 2.10.18
- Pole Vault
1st - Robert Lee - 7' - Fluhman
- Discus
3rd - Robert Lee - 76' 4" - Cruz
4th - Robert Lee - 75' 3" - Denton
- Shot Put
2nd - Robert Lee - 28' 5 1/2" - Cruz
3rd - Robert Lee - 28' 2" - Denton

Varsity boys division

- 3200 Meter Run
2nd - Robert Lee - 12.25.3 - Mulkey
- 400 Meter Relay
2nd - Robert Lee - 46.75
- Weightman Relay
2nd - Robert Lee - 57.27
- 800 Meter Relay
1st - Robert Lee - 1.37.16
- Distance Medley
3rd - Robert Lee - 4.36.19
- Sprint Medley
1st - Robert Lee - 1.43.7
- 1600 Meter Run
2nd - Robert Lee - 6.20.82 - Martin
- 1600 Meter Relay
2nd - Robert Lee - 4.00.49
- Pole Vault
2nd - Robert Lee - 9' 6" - Braswell
- High Jump
1st - Robert Lee - 5' 10" - Honse
2nd - Robert Lee - 5' 8" - Flanagan
- Discus
6th - Robert Lee - 103' - Barnett

Benefit Research Institute's 2003 "Retirement Confidence Survey":

*Fewer than four in 10 workers say they have calculated how much money they will need to have saved by the time they retire.

*Three in 10 workers say they have not saved for retirement.

*About 33 percent of workers are not confident about having enough money to live comfortably throughout their retirement years.

Unless you're involved in making public policy, the overall impact of these statistics may have little impact on you. But if any of these numbers are telling your story, then you've got something to think about.

Crunch the numbers

What do you want to do when you retire? Travel around the world? Buy a vacation home? Open a small business? Whatever your goals are, you'll have a better chance of achieving them if you know how much they'll cost. Until and unless you've done this, you won't know how much you need to save and what investment strategies can help produce those savings. Don't be one of the four in 10 who haven't done the necessary "number crunching."

Boost your savings

If you're one of the three in 10 workers who either haven't saved anything for retirement or just haven't saved enough to feel confident about your savings, you need to take action - right away. But even if you're among the two-thirds of workers who have saved something and feel pretty good about what they've done, you can almost certainly benefit by boosting your retirement savings. Here are a few ideas for doing just that:

***Contribute as much as you can to your 401(k)** - If you've got a 401(k) or other tax-advantaged retirement plan at work, put in as much as you can afford. If you're self-employed, open up a SEP-IRA or other suitable plan.

****Max out" on your IRA** - Each year, put in the maximum amount to your traditional or Roth IRA. For 2004, you can put in up to \$3,000 to your IRA, or \$3,500 if you're 50 or older.

***Consider an annuity** - If you've "maxed out" on your 401(k) and IRA, consider investing in a fixed annuity.



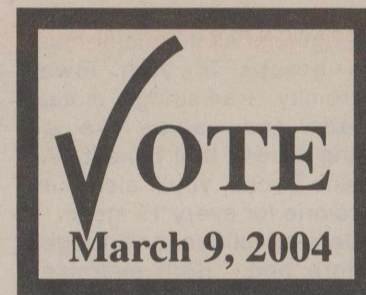
Ashley Sawyer of Robert Lee participated in the MiniLop Rabbit portion of the San Angelo Stock Show on February 27, 2004. One of Ashley's entries in the Senior Bucks class was named 1st in the class and Reserve Grand Champion Fancy. Her other entries placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, and 9th. Her Senior Does also took 1st through 9th places in their class. In the Holland Lops Solid Senior Does class, Ashley's entries placed 8th and 9th.

Your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you can contribute virtually as much as you want. (However, be aware that withdrawals before age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty and may also be subject to contingent deferred sales charge.)

***Invest for growth** - The farther you are away from retirement, the more you can afford to be aggressive. Still, your growth stocks will need to be part of a diversified portfolio that reflects your risk tolerance, your time horizon and your long-term goals.

By determining how much

you'll need for retirement, and by increasing your savings and investments, you can greatly enhance your prospects for enjoying the type of retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. Plus, the next time you see a retirement confidence survey, you can relax.



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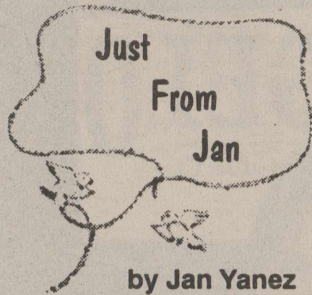
If you're like many people, you may not like participating in surveys, but you're curious about the results, particularly those that contain illuminating information. For example, if you're concerned about saving for retirement, you may be quite interested in some of the findings from the Employee

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Pd. Pol. Adv. by James Royall

Being Sheriff is more than just a position. It is doing the job he has been elected to do. It is knowing how to deal with conflicts to avoid more serious situations, popular or not. It is knowing what questions need to be asked to find out what is really going on. It is the everyday interaction with people and keeping the lines of communication open that prevent problems and promote keeping the peace. It is showing respect to others while getting respect in return. As in all communities there will be problems, disputes and negative influences. It is up to the Sheriff and Deputies of Coke County to deal with these situations in a just manner. It is their job to protect and ensure the peace and safety of our citizens, not to be judge and jury.
If elected Sheriff of Coke County, I will enforce the laws that I have sworn to uphold. I have integrity, experience, and dedication and will bring back confidence in the Sheriff's department.
Vote For
MARSHALL MILLICAN
For Sheriff of Coke County
Pd. Pol. Adv. by Marshall Millican



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Ten ways to change your body without surgery

It's no secret that people are willing to go to amazing lengths in the name of looking good. Some folks spend thousands and willingly expose themselves to invasive surgery (liposuction) and botulism (Botox) just so they can be happier with the person they see in the mirror every morning.

Fortunately, you don't have to run to a plastic surgeon waving your credit card just to obtain a flatter tummy, a tighter butt or a brighter smile. Here are 10 simple, inexpensive and relatively painless ways you can improve your body without going under a knife.

Start an abdominal routine. Take five minutes before your morning shower to crank out two or three sets of 15 abdominal crunches (knees bent). If you do them faithfully every other day, you'll noticeably tighten up your mid-section and improve your overall mobility.

Use stairs at your home or job (instead of taking the elevator). Taking the stairs strengthens all the major muscle groups in your lower extremity. Hamstrings, glutes, quads and calves are all going to reap that benefit. As a side bonus, you'll also burn a calorie for every 15 steps.

Do wall slides and lunges before bed. Both exercises will help firm your major lower-body muscle groups, such as glutes, quads and hamstrings. Start with wall slides - stand with your back against the wall and your feet 12 to 18 inches in front of you, then slide down the wall until your thighs are parallel to the ground, and come back up. Do two sets of 15. Finish with lunges - start by taking a giant step forward with one leg, then lower into lunge position until the knee on your opposite leg almost touches the ground. Make sure the knee of your standing leg does not go out beyond your toe. Push through the front heel to raise back up. Do two sets of 15 with one leg, then two sets with the opposite leg.

Use body-shaping undergarments. Only grandmas wear girdles - modern women wear "control-top" panties, nylons or tights. Of course they serve exactly the same purpose, and are a great, inexpensive way to instantly flatten your stomach and to smooth and shape your butt.

Try yoga. The ancient art of yoga burns calories (the Vinyasa styles burn between 300 and 500 in a one-hour session) while improving your overall flexibility and posture. The benefits of yoga are cumulative. It's just a matter of time before the participant will improve flexibility, strength, concentration, will

power and determination.

Take a walking tour. Most cities conduct interesting weekend walking tours focused on subjects like architecture, urban planning and history. It's a great way to get some exercise, not to mention learn a thing or two about the place you live. Call your local parks department to learn about tours in your area.

Drink plenty of water. At minimum, you should consume eight 8 oz. glasses of water or water-based beverages every day. If you eat watery foods, you can get away with less. All fluids that are non-alcoholic and caffeine-free count toward water intake, as do foods such as fresh produce, yogurt and soup.

Dehydration can cause fatigue, headaches, constipation and tooth decay, and it can prevent us from burning as many calories per day as we would with adequate fluids. Being well-hydrated helps our bodies function optimally and improves our looks, including our skin.

Only wear flat-front pants. Pleats are a no-no for so many reasons, so put them in a box for your next Salvation Army drop-off. Besides being a hopelessly unstylish relic of the 1980's, pleats create unnecessary puffiness around your mid-section - not the best area to draw attention to if you have something to hide.

Spurge on a new haircut. What a better way to focus attention away from your figure and toward your bright smile than with a hip new hairstyle? Talk to a stylist about cuts that complement your face. There are also online make over sites that will let you upload your photo and try on new 'dos.

Get a spray-on tan. The days of lying in a box soaking in harmful ultraviolet rays are over. In addition to the 60-second spray tan booths that had everyone in a tizzy last summer, you can also go to a salon that offers aerosol spray tanning and let a technician airbrush on a harmless tan solution complete with shaded muscle contours. This process takes about a half hour (including drying) and it's costlier than the spray booths, but you'll leave looking bronzed, beautiful and buff.

Attorney General Abbott's Fugitive Unit arrests top 50

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Fugitive Unit has arrested its 57th child predator since the program started August 8th. The latest arrests came during a two-week sweep that included child predator arrests in nine different Texas counties, in Florida and Ohio.

"These convicted child predators have been hiding for far too long," Attorney General Abbott said recently. "Our success is a tribute to the dedication of members of my Fugitive Unit and the cooperation from law enforcement statewide."

The following arrests were made by Attorney General Investigators:

*Joseph Rodriguez, 33, was arrested in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 2nd after a cooperative effort between Fugitive Unit investigators and the

U.S. Marshal's service. In 1993, Rodriguez was convicted of indecency with a 6-year-old girl in Bexar County.

*John Marvin Shelander, 35, was arrested in Harris County on February 3rd. Using information from the Fugitive Unit, a Houston Police Department investigator arrested Shelander after he failed to register as a sex offender. Shelander was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a 8-year-old male in 1987.

*Ralph Ervin Kemp, 48, was arrested in Lakeland, Florida, on February 5th after a four-month search by Attorney General investigators. Before his arrest, Kemp had been a fugitive for 11 years. In 1989, Kemp was convicted of indecency with two minor females in Lamar County.

*Nathan Ross Guy, 30, was arrested in Waco on February 9th. Guy was referred to the Attorney General's Fugitive Unit just two days earlier by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for parole violations. Guy was convicted of indecency with a 13-year-old female.

*Guillermo Gonzales, 45, was arrested in Floresville on February 10th. Gonzales was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl.

*Dennis Lee Hammack, 54, was arrested in Mathis on February 10th. Hammack was convicted of indecency with a 9-year-old girl in San Patricio County.

*Jose Jesus Portillo, 37, was arrested in Sulphur Springs on February 11th by Fugitive Unit investigators after eluding authorities for nearly four years by changing his name. In 1986, Portillo was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a 13-year-old female.

*Samuel Maldonado, 42, was arrested in Falfurrias on February 12th. Maldonado was convicted of indecency with a child and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. A warrant for Maldonado's arrest was issued in August of 2002.

*Rayford Daniels, 53, was arrested in Henderson on February 12th. In 1984, Daniels was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a 14-year-old female and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

*Christine Cranston, 37, was arrested Feb. 12th after investigators tracked her from McKinney in North Texas to Beaumont. Cranston, the first



Carol Ann Arledge announces the engagement of her son, Travis Wade, to Julie Michelle Slayden, daughter of Mike and Teresa Slayden of Muleshoe, Texas. Both Travis and Julie attend Texas A & M University College of Veterinary Medicine. Travis will graduate in May, 2004. Julie is a candidate for May 2005 graduation. The couple will wed May 29, 2004, in Robert Lee.

female arrested by the Attorney General's Fugitive Unit, was convicted of indecency with a 14-year-old female in Rockwall County.

*Rogelio Guerra, 51, was arrested in San Antonio on February 13th. In 1993, Guerra was convicted of indecency with a 12-year-old girl.

*Ricardo Cesar Chapa, 32, was arrested by the Laredo Police Department on February 13th after receiving information from the Fugitive Unit. In 1995, Chapa was convicted of indecency with a 12-year-old female in Webb County.

Attorney General Abbott started the Fugitive Unit in early August after the Texas Department of Criminal Justice reported nearly 200 child sex offenders on parole could not be located. Abbott's investigators have now arrested 57 sexual predators in six months.

"Though I'm proud of the diligence of my investigators, we are not going to stop," said Abbott. "By arresting convicted pedophiles who aren't meeting the conditions of their parole, we are making it impossible for them to continue victimizing our children."

If you have information on any of the fugitives listed on

the Attorney General's website, call 1 (800) 252-TIPS (8477).

Texas Folklife Festival slated for June

What better way to travel the world in four days than to visit the 33rd annual Texas Folklife Festival! Mark your calendar for June 10-13, 2004, at the Institute of Texan Cultures in downtown San Antonio; savor authentic international cuisine, delight in the music and colorful costumes of the finest entertainers, and browse through the arts and crafts market.

The Festival runs 5-11 p.m., Thursday, June 10, and Friday, June 11; noon-11 p.m., Saturday, June 12; and noon-9 p.m., Sunday, June 13.

Group and other discounts are also available. To order advance tickets (May 1-June 1) visit www.texasfolklifefestival.org, or write to Texas Folklife Festival, 801 S. Bowie St., San Antonio, Texas, 78205-3296, or for more information call 210-458-2390.



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I PLEDGE to obtain knowledge and training required for the job.

I PLEDGE to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with those contacted in the course of work.

I PLEDGE to represent Precinct 1 in a friendly, professional manner.

[For duties and responsibilities of County Commissioner, go to www.co.coke.tx.us. Click on Commissioners Court and scroll down to bottom of page.]

Thank you for your vote of confidence at the polls.

paid pol. adv. by Jimmie Byrne, Wes Washam - Treasurer

Spain-McGowen vows announced

Miss Shannon Lee McGowen of Waco and Mr. Wade Morgan Spain of Waco were united in a double ring ceremony the 11th of October 2003 at six o'clock in the evening. The bride's family hosted the ceremony under the oak trees at the McGowens' Live Oak Valley Ranch. Stan Reid, former minister of Granbury Church of Christ, performed the ceremony. Music was provided by The Brazos String Quartet. Dinner and dancing followed at a tented reception on the grounds of the ranch. On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the groom entertained at a rehearsal dinner at the Silverado Steakhouse in Weatherford.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sally Davis McGowen of Falls Church, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ray McGowen of Weatherford and London, England. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Everett Davis and the late Colonel Davis of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Barna Ray McGowen of Granbury. She graduated from The University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts in Classics degree where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and she graduated from Baylor University with a Masters of Business Administration. The bride is currently employed as a program analyst at L-3 Communications.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Davis of Round Rock, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell Spain Jr. of Robert Lee. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Vivian Morgan of Sonora, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell Spain Sr. of Haskell. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. The groom is currently employed as a branch manager with Wells Fargo Financial.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant sheath gown of soft, white organza, which gracefully fell to a chapel length train. The bride's ensemble was completed with a ribbon edged fingertip veil of soft illusion. She carried a bouquet of country French style, which was composed of freesia, stock, ranunculus, lisianthus, calcynia, white majolica spray roses and snowy jewel roses.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister Stacey Lynne McGowen of Charlottesville, Virginia. Bridesmaids were Angela McCorkle DeConti of Alexandria, Virginia, Toni Margaret Hanson, cousin of the groom, of Sterling, Colorado, Megan Lorraine McGowen, cousin of the bride, of Granbury, and Christi Spain-Savage, sister of the groom, of New York City, New York. House party attendants were Melissa Jane Delp of Waco, and Kim Thi Nguyen of Arlington. Serving as flower girl and ring bearer were the bride and groom's faithful dogs, Maddie and Sam.

Best man was Craig Russell Idol of Dallas. Groomsmen were Matt Wesley McGowen, cousin of the bride, of Granbury, George

Barham "Trey" Sisco III of Iraan, Clay Alan Whitten, cousin of the groom, of Eldorado, and William Travis Whitten, cousin of the groom, of Dallas. Serving as ushers were Michael Patrick Kehoe of Switzerland and Derek Andrew Sollberger of Tyler.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple is residing in Waco.

City Wide Garage Sale scheduled

The Sorosis Study Club will be sponsoring the City Wide Garage Sale Saturday, May 1st. It has been a huge success in years past, and we would encourage everyone to participate in the City Wide Garage Sale.

If you are planning to have a garage sale on May 1st, you need to call Pat Martindale at City Hall 473-3501, or Marilyn Bivins at 473-6791.

If you have a few items that you would like to donate to the Sorosis Club's Garage Sale, we would truly appreciate it. All of our proceeds goes to Friends Of The Pool and to high school scholarships. Remember to mark your calendars for May 1st.

Historical Commission offers alternatives to traditional spring break

If fighting hordes of rowdy teenagers for a few inches of sand isn't your idea of a dream vacation, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) offers an alternative.

Before your spring break this year, call the THC for free travel guides to cultural destinations around Texas that inspire and educate.

These driving trails guide visitors through such places as the Texas Forts Trail Region in West Central Texas where travelers can experience first-hand the western frontier. The Los Caminos del Rio brochure highlights Spanish Colonial villages, unique architecture and natural beauty in the Lower Rio Grande of Texas and Mexico.

"The heritage travel guides offered by the THC are ideal for spring break vacationers interested in escaping crowds and learning about Texas roots," said Janie Headrick, director of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program.

The THC works to protect, preserve and promote historic and cultural resources across the state by offering free travel guides that highlight Texas' rich heritage. These brochures showcase one-of-a-kind festivals, historic sites, shopping and Texas

cuisine. They give families and individuals a valuable opportunity to see, up close, what makes the state unique.

The THC offers eight themed travel guides -- Texas Forts Trail Region, Texas Independence Trail Region, Texas Forest Trail Region, Texas Lakes Trail Region, African Americans in Texas: Historical and Cultural Legacies, The Chisholm Trail, Texas in the Civil War and Los Caminos del Rio: Legacies of the Borderlands. To request a free copy, call toll-free at 866/276-6219 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us/travel.

Deadline approaching for courthouse grant awards

Counties interested in receiving financial assistance for restoration of their historic county courthouse must submit their application to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) by April 1 to be considered in the next round of grant awards.

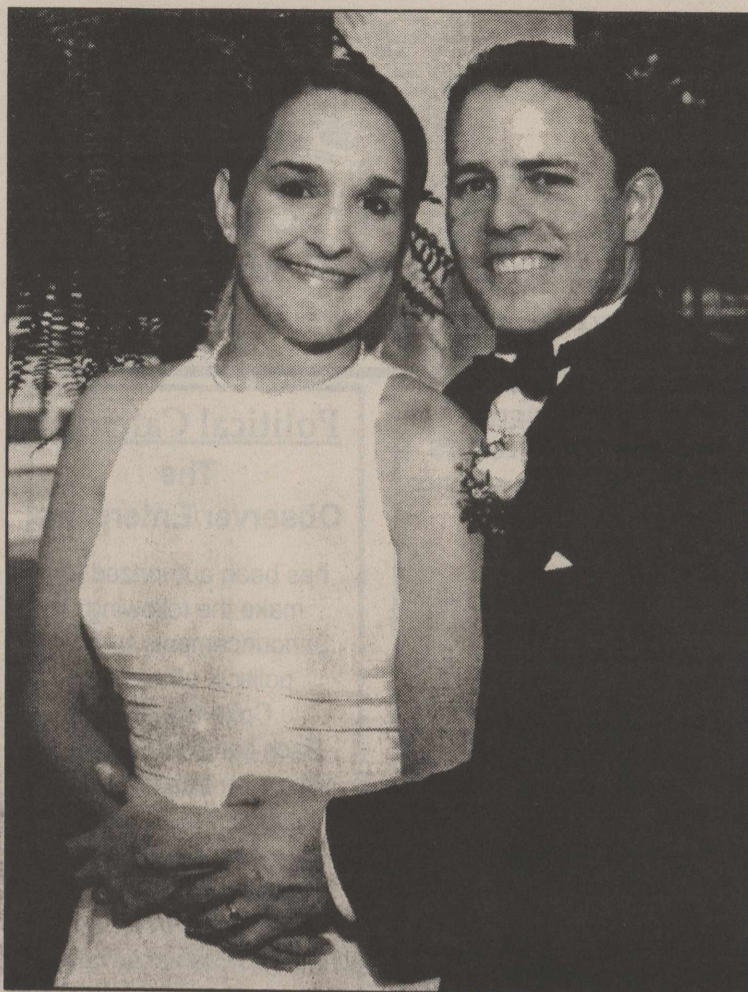
New this year, grant awards for the 2004-05 biennium will be based on a single round of applications due April 1 as the THC's Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program moves into Round IV. The THC must also receive updated individual sections of previous applications by this date.

Prior applications not receiving major construction funding in earlier rounds will automatically be considered "as is" in Round IV, unless counties need to update their applications, which is encouraged.

The program's 15 percent standard county match requirements are the same as in previous rounds. The matching contributions can include master plan expenses, in-kind services or capital expenditures incurred within 30 months prior to the grant application. As in previous rounds, applications will be scored on a point system including categories such as age, architectural integrity, historic designations and scope of work.

The grants are made possible with the approval of \$45 million in bond sales for courthouse preservation projects from the 78th Texas Legislature. Grant awards will be announced at the THC's Annual Historic Preservation Conference, "Recognizing Resources, Preserving Places," May 4-6 at the Radisson Hotel in Fort Worth.

For more information about the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512/463-6094 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.



Mr. and Mrs. Wade Spain

Texas First Lady to tour 2004 Main Street cities

Texas First Lady Anita Perry will join Texas Historical Commission members and staff for the Texas Main Street Program's 2004 First Lady's Tour. The tour celebrates the designation of the 2004 Official Texas Main Street Cities in Pecos and Pharr on March 30 and McKinney and Grand Saline on March 31.

The THC's Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown commercial districts. Implemented in 1981, the program has assisted more than 140 communities throughout the state and is one of the most successful in the nation.

For more information about the Texas Main Street Program, call 512/463-6092 or visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

We, the citizens of Coke County

Thank Sheriff Rick Styles

For a better, safer county - all done with a smile in his quiet, easy way.

Since taking office, Rick

- Serves Coke County as a full time Sheriff.
- Has asked for and implemented full-time Deputies.
- Saves us tax money through good management.
- Has cleaned up drugs in our county.
- Gives our kids a second chance.
- Serves as a director in the Concho Valley Drug Enforcement Agency.
- Works with County and City officials without hesitation.

When has Coke County been a safer place than it is now under the supervision of Sheriff Rick Styles?

Get out and Vote to Maintain the Integrity in Coke County.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Brenda Williams, 201 W. 16th, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

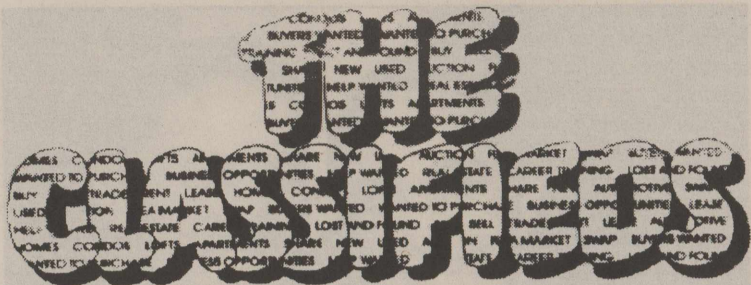
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Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

COKE COUNTY SHERIFF
 Rick Styles
 Marshall Millican
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FOR RENT

BRONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY
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 is accepting applications for a full time janitor to work in the high school area. Contact Rick Howell, Principal, 325-473-2521. Applications may be picked up in the Superintendent's Office.
 32-1tc

Maintenance Position Available

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an opening for a Maintenance Worker at E.V. Spence Reservoir. A CDL license and mechanical experience are helpful. District benefits include paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, & group insurance. The District is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are available at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, or by calling 432-267-6341 or 325-453-2811.

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CARD OF THANKS

WE WANT TO GIVE
 a huge thanks to everyone that helped us. We can't express in words what the compassionate response of the CCJC employees, the ambulance crew, and the fire department means to us. The prayers have definitely been felt. The visits, hugs and stories shared will long be treasured. We appreciate all the food and supplies brought to our home and to the church. The flowers were overwhelming. If you have a story, memory, or way James touched your life, we'd love for you to write it down for us to remember later. Thanks for making Bronte the greatest place to raise a family.
 The Family of James Graves
 32-1tp

THANK YOU CAN'T EXPRESS
 the gratitude that we feel for all of those who have helped us during and since the fire. The fire department, friends, church family, strangers, and people just passing by saved our house and belongings. We know if it hadn't been for all of you, we would have lost it all. We are blessed to live in Bronte where people like you make the difference.
 Sincerely,
 The Ackers
 32-1tc

NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES
 The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 15, 2004 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 14, 2004 and March 15, 2004. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.
 32-2tc

INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS
 El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Oeste De Coke hacen saber que el dia final para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada tres (3) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 14 de Febrero, 2004 hasta el 15 de Marzo, 2004 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 9 am - 5 pm en el Robert Lee Care Center. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador Roger Alexander.
 32-2tc

THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE
 will hold a public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005. This hearing is for input into the budget process. The hearing will be held at the Robert Lee City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:00 pm.
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El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Este De Coke hacen saber que el dia 15 de Mayo, 2004 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada tres (3) directores seran elegidos para un termino de tres (3) anos. El dia 14 de Febrero, 2004 hasta el 15 de Marzo, 2004 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtelidas de las 8 am - 5 pm en en Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 Al Sur Estudio Calle, Bronte, Texas 76933. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador Mary Ann Choat.

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Social Security news

by Fredi Franki
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There are now about 10 million Americans who are blind or visually impaired. Most of these people are older Americans who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits. And the National Federation of the Blind estimates that the number of older Americans who are blind or visually impaired will double in just the next 10 years.

Last year, President Bush said that he is committed to having the federal government "make more of its electronic and information technology resources, including government websites, accessible to people with disabilities." And he called on public officials, librarians and other Americans to "join with me in ensuring that all the benefits and privileges of life in our great Nation are available to blind and visually impaired individuals."

That is why I am pleased to tell you that Social Security is working hard to make information available on our website for the blind and visually impaired. Many of our webpages are accessible to people who use screen reading software. And our website also offers large print reader capability for visitors.

We also provide many Social Security publications in alternative formats, such as Braille, audio cassette tape or enlarged print for people who are blind or visually impaired. The Social Security website that lists publications for blind or visually impaired people is www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/alt-pubs.html. To get a copy of a publication in the format you want, contact Social Security by calling toll-free, 1-800-772-1213 or visit a local

Social Security office.

While our agency has received many service awards over the years, I was especially pleased that our website received praise from the National Federation of the Blind last year. It named Social Security one of only three national recipients of its first "Nonvisual Accessibility Web Application Certification." We also were the only federal agency honored.

Be assured that we will not rest on our laurels but will continue to work hard to ensure that our award-winning website remains one of the best in government for all Americans.

Medicare reforms benefit rural hospitals/patients

Newly enacted Medicare reforms will bring much needed relief to small and rural hospitals throughout Texas, and the additional funding will enhance patient access to quality health care and prescription drugs, the Texas Hospital Association announced recently.

Rural hospital provisions included in the recently passed legislation will bring approximately \$87 million per year to Texas, helping many struggling hospitals keep their doors open for patients.

Nationally, the new law will provide about \$20 billion in added federal funding for rural health, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Sciences. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the reforms could mean nearly \$17 billion in additional hospital payments in rural areas throughout the country.

"The new Medicare reforms will provide far-reaching benefits to small and rural hospitals and clinics throughout Texas," said Gregg Knaupe, J.D., THA's vice president of public affairs. "This will mean improved access to care and services for millions of older Texans, who otherwise would have to travel far from home to receive care."

The Medicare Act signed into law in December by President George W. Bush targets additional federal funds at small and rural hospitals. The law increases the amount Medicare reimburses these hospitals and makes it easier for some hospitals to qualify for special funding assistance. The new law also increases federal funds for small and rural hospitals that provide care to a disproportionate share of low-income Medicare recipients.

Some 168 Texas hospitals are classified as rural. In 2002, these hospitals admitted more than 280,000 inpatients, treated nearly

6 million outpatients, and had more than 1.1 million emergency room visits. Because they tend to serve a more elderly population, rural hospitals treat more Medicare patients (50.7 percent of total admissions) than their urban counterparts (35.7 percent).

Prior to these reforms, Medicare was paying rural hospitals at a much lower rate than urban hospitals - for the very same services," noted Knaupe. "Medicare is making great progress in addressing the growing need for care among seniors, and these reforms will allow small and rural hospitals to continue providing Medicare recipients and low-income seniors with quality health care close to home."

Founded in 1930, the Texas Hospital Association is the leadership organization and principal advocate for the state's hospitals and health care systems. Based in Austin, THA enhances its members' abilities to improve accessibility, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for all Texans. One of the largest hospital associations in the country, THA represents more than 85 percent of the state's hospitals and health care systems, which employ some 300,000 health care professionals statewide.

Texas responds to BSE crisis

Texas, the nation's largest beef producing state, informed millions of consumers that U.S. beef is safe following the Dec. 23 discover of a single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Washington state. The Texas beef checkoff provided the framework for all Texas beef and cattle organizations and state agencies to deliver a coordinated message to consumers during the event. The Texas beef industry assured consumers that they are protected through strong industry and government safeguards and through the U.S. system of surveillance and testing for BSE.

Counterfeit cashier's check scam

by Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

An Internet scam that is frequently reported to our office is the so-called Nigerian Fraud, also known as Advance Fee Fraud and 419 Fraud.

In this particular scheme you receive an e-mail purporting to be from a government official in Nigeria, who says he is in possession of a large sum of money. The person claims to need your

help in accessing the funds, but the only way to do this is to first deposit the money in a bank account in the United States - your bank account.

The writer offers to pay you a certain percentage for assisting with the transfer and deposit of the funds. He then asks for your personal financial information, so he can transfer the money to your bank account. The truth is, your account is likely to be drained if you give him your personal financial information.

There are numerous variations on this theme. Sometimes the writer is a woman claiming to be the widow of a deposed president. Or the writer may be from a country other than Nigeria. The tip-off is that you are going to allow your account to be used to facilitate the transfer of a huge sum of money. Supposedly, you'll get a percentage as a fee. But you won't.

A more recent, related fraud involves the use of counterfeit cashier's checks. The target is usually a person selling a relatively expensive item on the Internet, or possibly even in newspaper classified ads.

The seller is approached by an individual, usually from a foreign country, who wants to buy the item and pay with a cashier's check. The buyer then says that he or she can only send a cashier's check for an amount greater than the price of the item, and asks the seller to mail back a check for the difference. The difference may be several thousand dollars. The unsuspecting victim sends the buyer the difference and only later finds out the cashier's check was counterfeit.

What makes this plot work is that most people place great confidence in cashier's checks. Cashier's checks are generally considered much safer than personal checks, since they are issued by financial institutions that have already verified the existence of sufficient funds. Personal checks can "bounce" when there are insufficient funds in the check writer's account; cashier's checks do not bounce. The counterfeits are generally of excellent quality and may even fool the bank initially.

Unfortunately, this scam can harm innocent citizens twice. Under Texas law, the bank may be considered the actual victim of the crime, while the citizen may be viewed as the perpetrator for passing the counterfeit check.

Adding further to the deviousness of the scheme is the fact that the criminal does not ask for an advance fee. More and more people are savvy enough to recognize the request for an advance fee as the tell-tale sign of the so-called Nigerian fraud. The counterfeit cashier's check scam has found a way to disguise this red flag. The consumer is offered a large sum to deposit, so the refund check seems to be covered.

Both Nigerian and cashier's check frauds usually originate in foreign countries, well beyond the reach of Texas law and law enforcement. As criminals continue to devise new ways to defraud citizens, consumers must educate themselves. Be alert, and when in doubt, call us or visit our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us and read our Consumer Alert page.

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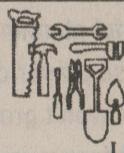
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When you can't pay your income tax

Tax season is often a time when families reap the benefits of a large tax refund. Down payments for cars arrive from Uncle Sam, flat-screen televisions become a reality and the family vacation budget grows a bit larger. But for many Americans the months leading up to April 15th are filled with worrying, praying and dread.

"A large tax bill is often a surprise for many people that can throw their financial lives off course," said Pam Rhode, president of Myvesta, a non-profit consumer education organization. "Many people expect to get a refund this time of year and don't have the necessary cash to pay a large tax bill. That's when panic sets in."

According to Rhode, it's important to act quickly to explore your options when you are faced with a daunting tax burden.

"While the Internal Revenue Service doesn't have a reputation for being lenient when you owe back taxes, as long as you inform them of your situation before you are past due, there is a good possibility you can work out a payment plan," Rhode said.

While a payment plan set up through the IRS is an effective way to pay your taxes over time, it's not ideal for everyone.

"If your source of income is interrupted and you cannot make your regular payments, the IRS can take collections actions almost immediately," Rhode said. "Credit card companies don't have the collections power that the IRS does, so if you think you might be at risk to default on an IRS payment plan, it's a better idea to charge your taxes."

More options for paying a tax bill are outlined in the Myvesta publication "How to Deal with the IRS if You Can't Pay Your Taxes." For \$5 it can be downloaded online from Myvesta.org, or for a printed copy send \$5, payable to Myvesta, to IRS Publication, Myvesta, P.O. Box 7153, Gaithersburg, MD, 20898-7153.

Prepare for improved Medicare benefits

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins is encouraging senior Texans - especially low-income seniors - to learn more about improved federal Medicare benefits, including prescription drug discounts. Starting in less than 90 days, Medicare-endorsed drug discount cards good at most Texas pharmacies will be

available to all Medicare participants.

"The new federal Medicare law provides significant benefits for Texas seniors who need prescription drug discounts," Hawkins said. "For low-income seniors, the new Medicare law could make the difference between rationing or going without needed medicine and being able to afford full prescriptions."

Starting in June 2004, and lasting until the comprehensive Medicare drug coverage begins in January 2006, drug discount cards good at most pharmacies will be available to all Medicare participants. The cards will offer all Medicare enrollees discounts of 10 to 25 percent off the retail price of prescription drugs and will provide added benefits for low-income people.

In addition to the discounts, low-income seniors can use their cards to get \$600 a year in direct Medicare assistance with drug purchases in 2004 and 2005. This new benefit does not require a new application or enrollment fee. The direct federal assistance is applied to qualified seniors'

prescription bills when they present their discount cards at the pharmacy. The federal government pays the discount card enrollment fees for low-income people.

For this program, low-income is defined as Texans with incomes less than \$12,123 for individuals and \$16,362 for couples, who have no prescription drug coverage from Medicaid or a private source. Seniors who meet the income requirements will not have to pay the monthly insurance premiums charged to other participants in the prescription drug insurance program.

Low-income seniors will never make more than a \$5 co-payment for any prescription and as little as \$2 for generic prescriptions.

"I encourage Texas seniors who do not have prescription drug coverage, especially low-income seniors, to enroll in the new Medicare prescription drug program," Hawkins said. "The new Medicare bill preserves consumer choice, enhances prescription drug benefits, and saves Texas tax dollars."

HHCS is currently analyzing the new Medicare prescription

drug law and determining how much savings the state will incur from the program.

Hawkins also noted that Medicare prescription drug coverage is strictly voluntary and the decision to participate won't affect eligibility for other Medicare coverage. In both the drug discount and full prescription programs, participants can choose from a variety of Medicare-endorsed plans, according to individual needs.

For more information about improved federal Medicare benefits, including prescription drug discounts, visit <http://www.medicare.gov/MedicareReform> or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Do you live in a Preserve America Community?

Nominate your city or town for a Preserve America Community designation. The designation recognizes communities that protect and recognize their local heritage, use historic assets for economic development and encourage people to experience local historic resources through education and heri-

tage tourism programs. Nomination forms are available on the Preserve America web site at www.preserveamerica.gov.

The Preserve America Community designation is a function of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), chaired by Texas Historical Commission (THC) Chair John L. Nau, III. Nominations are accepted year-round.

First Lady Laura Bush recently designated Castroville in the Texas Hill Country as one of the first Preserve America Communities in the nation. The THC recognized the historic significance of the small Alsatian community in 2001 when it became a pilot community in the agency's Visionaries in Preservation program. The Visionaries program empowers Texas communities to develop their own preservation goals and provides assistance to achieve them.

For more information, contact the ACHP at 202/606-8513. For more information on the THC's Visionaries program, call 512/463-6092 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

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