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Spring Turkey season opens tomorrow

by Joan Davis

Spring turkey season opens in Coke County on Saturday, April 3, and will run through Sunday, May 9. The gobbler-only season has a bag limit of 4 birds (all seasons combined). Remember, you must have a turkey stamp endorsement (\$5.00) in addition to your Texas Hunting License.

Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. No fair shooting turkeys off of the roost. Baiting is legal for turkeys and artificial decoys may be used.

Since this county is a gobbler-only Spring season, proof of sex must remain with the carcass to its final destination. Acceptable proof of sex can be either one leg with spur attached or the bird accompanied by a patch of skin with breast feathers and beard attached.

Coke County Game Warden Jim Allen reports that a fine season is expected in our area. Bird populations are good with a number of young turkeys and also plenty of long-beards to keep the hunters' heart rates up. Recent rains have contributed to good conditions, including nice weather.

To match wits with a magnificent strutting tom is a great thrill, so bring your turkey calls, camo, decoys, and get out there!

For complete info, read your free TPW Outdoor Annual available wherever sports supplies are sold - pages 61-76.

Daylight Savings Time

It's that "time" already! On Sunday, April 4, at 2:00 am Daylight Savings Time will return. Texas, and the rest of the nation, will spring forward one hour.

Gospel singing slated for Sunday

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

Good Friday closure

The Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed on Friday, April 9, in observance of Good Friday, prior to the Easter holiday. Business will resume on Monday at 8:00 am.

Holiday Closing

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed Friday, April 9, 2004, in observance of the Good Friday Holiday.

Notice to Maverick and Norton area residents

Residents of the Maverick and Norton area are hereby notified that the fire phone at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center (473-2311) has been disconnected.

In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

"The Last Supper" is set for April 8

"The Last Supper" will be presented by the men of the First United Methodist Church in Bronte, on Maundy Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. Communion will be offered. The public is invited.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt slated for April 6

The Annual Coke County Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the courthouse grounds in Robert Lee on Tuesday, April 6, at 10 am.

All county children through 1st grade are welcome to come. The huge number of eggs and prizes for special eggs are donated each year by generous individuals and businesses.

A special guest at the annual hunt will be the big Easter Bunny. Refreshments will be served in front of the courthouse.

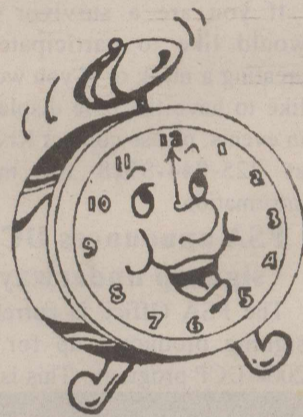
Red Hat Mamas set April 6 meeting

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 6th at Nana's in Robert Lee. You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life.

Daylight Savings Time BEGINS this weekend!

Spring Forward

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



RLVFD fund-raiser drawing slated for Monday, April 5

Time's running short. Find a fireman and get a chance to win the Night-On-The-Town raffle being offered by the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. This includes dinner for two at Zentner's Daughter Steak House and two tickets to the Southwest Plaza movie theatre. Tickets are \$1 for a full night of food and fun.

Tickets are available until the drawing Monday, April 5, at City Hall, the library, and from any member of the fire department.

Funds will be used to help match the \$45,000 grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation to be used to build a new fire station at the junction of Highways 208 and 158 in Robert Lee.

Only a few more days to find a fireman and get a \$33 value evening on the town and support a good cause at the same time.

Tennyson Baptist Church Easter activities set

A Good Friday service will be held on April 9, 2004, at 6 am at the Tennyson Baptist Church. All are welcome.

Two Easter Sunrise services will be held between 6 am and 7 am (depending on the time of sunrise following the daylight savings time change) on April 11, 2004. One service will be held at the Tennyson Baptist Church for those who cannot climb. Brother Jeff Gibson will

bring the sermon at the church. The other service will be held on top of Mount Margaret as the sunrise starts. Please allow yourselves plenty of time to climb the mountain before the service begins. You will need to bring flashlights. The path leading to Mount Margaret begins behind the Tennyson Community Center. Pastor Joe Hodges will conduct the service on Mount Margaret.

A Free Breakfast will be served at the Tennyson Baptist Church for all who participate in the sunrise services and anyone else who wishes to come starting at about 7:30 a.m.

Come at your leisure as your service is finished or after your descent from Mount Margaret.

Sunday Morning Worship service will be held at the church at 11 am on April 11, 2004. There will be no Sunday School or Evening Worship service on Easter Sunday.

Tennyson Baptist Church is located 10 miles south of Bronte and about 25 miles north of San Angelo on U. S. Highway 277.

Out of the Ordinary

By Jane Austin Bruckner

How about throwing the General a birthday party? Since Robert Lee is the only town in the United States named for Civil War General Robert E. Lee it seems fitting the town should throw a Birthday Party with Cook Off, Golf Tournament and great western music celebrating his birthday. How about it? Who will step up to the plate to

plan a two day affair to honor and celebrate the General?

Robert Edward Lee was born January 19, 1807 in his ancestral home Stratford Hall near Montross, Virginia. In 2007 we will celebrate the 200th anniversary of his birth, so there is time to start next year, practicing for the big 200th. The County Jail Museum renovation might be near completion and Fort Chadbourne will have more buildings completed by 2007. There could be a Generals Golf Tournament. Everyone could paint their house and clean up the streets, fill the potholes (do you have them there or is it just in Fort Worth?)...plant some big trees along Main Street...advertise well in advance and extend a big welcome for the General's birthday. You hold the enjoyable Street Affair every year...so you know how to the give the General a birthday.

While I am full of ideas, I want Coke County artists to decide who should do the official painting of the General to hang in the Court House and how to fund it. I am unaware of a large painting of him in our town.

Also, there needs to be a sculpture of the General and his horse, Traveller, on the Court House grounds. Maybe someone living out of state would enjoy contributing such a work honoring their Coke County families. E-mail me at jane@janebruckner.com and I will pass your ideas along to Mayor Davis and the Coke County Historical Society.

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Death Notices

Payne

W. A. "Lonnie" Payne, Jr., 86, died Tuesday, March 23, in the 6th floor nursing wing in the Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring. Mr. Payne, longtime resident of Robert Lee, had lived in the facility since June, 2003.

Military graveside service was held in Robert Lee Cemetery at 3:00 on Saturday, March 27, conducted by Johnson's Funeral Home. Tommy Williams, minister of Northside Church of Christ, was the officiant.

Survivors include one son, Terry Payne and wife, Phyllis of San Angelo, stepson, Ronald Hester, also of San Angelo; three stepdaughters, Sharon Arnold of San Angelo; Carol Whittington of Granbury; and Judith Brock of Carlsbad, New Mexico; several grandchildren and stepgrandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Varnadore

Lt. Col. Clell Varnadore died March 18, 2004 and was buried in the Ft. Smith, Arkansas Camp Chaffe Military Cemetery.

Family members who attended were Mr. & Mrs. Royce Smith of Robert Lee; their children, James Smith of Dallas, Debbie Gleghorn of Ballinger and Edwin Smith of San Angelo.

Personal

Billie and Dubb Wallace of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her sister, Joan Davis, of Robert Lee. On Sunday afternoon, the trio met other cousins in the San Angelo home of Kenneth and Nita Hester to cele-

brate early birthdays for Weldon Hester of Weatherford, and Joan. Snacks and birthday cake were served on the hosts' lovely patio.

Present to help Weldon celebrate his 80th birthday were Kenneth and Nita's daughter, Shelley and husband, Joy of North Richard Hills; Armilda and Steve; and Janice and Larry, all of San Angelo.

Angels have wheels

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare.

For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

Totem Pole Project to recognize sexual assault victims

The words sexual assault can evoke many emotions from fear to anger. For a survivor, those words can be devastating and immobilizing. The road to recovery after an assault can be a trying journey, and much support is needed.

In recognition of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Assault Victim Services, along with the help of many sexual assault survivors, will be creating "The Many Faces of Sexual Assault" totem pole. The totem pole is made of masks created by survivors. The project enables a survivor to tell her/his story and allows for an expression of the wide range of emotions that is felt through the healing power of art. The totem pole will be displayed throughout the month of April at outreach activities. The goal in displaying the pole is two-fold. First, it lets survivors know they are not alone and there is hope that there is an end to the recovery journey.

If you are a survivor and would like to participate in creating a mask or if you would like to have the pole displayed in events, please contact Krystal at 325-944-8728 for more information.

FSA announces DCP sign-up underway

The FSA Office is currently signing producers up for the 2004 DCP program. This is the



Anita McDuffie (left) was named Certified Nurse Assistant of the Year by the Texas and New Mexico Hospice Organization at their annual conference in Dallas. Anita, a Bronte resident for 9 years, works with Hospice of San Angelo, which serves the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green. San Angelo's Executive Director David McBride (right) was named Executive Director of the Year at the conference.

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.

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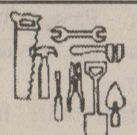
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(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
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11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
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Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
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10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
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Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
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5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
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(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
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(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
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Wed. 7 pm
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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
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Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
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(325) 453-2176
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Tennyson Baptist Church
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Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 468-0014
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
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Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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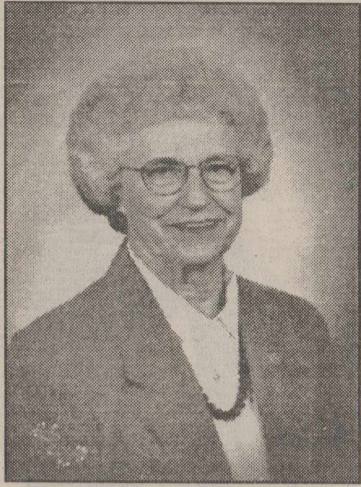
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Jeffie Roberts
Deputy Grand Matron

Eastern Star "Concho Valley County Fair" set for April 1

The Eastern Star "Concho Valley County Fair" School of Instruction for District 5 Section 1 will be held in San Angelo April 1, 2004. Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee is the Deputy Grand Matron in charge of the school with members from Robert Lee, Bronte, Ballinger, Brady, San Angelo, Concho, Winters and Paint Rock Chapters assisting her. Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, of Beeville, Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, of Jacksonville, Betty Martin, Grand Examiner, of New Braunfels, Lori Goldman, District Deputy Grand Matron, of Cuero, and Jeffie Roberts, Deputy Grand Matron are the School Officers.

Mrs. Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, has many worthwhile projects which are being carried out over the State of Texas. Projects that generate money for Cancer and Huntington's Disease Research. Quilts, caps, and blankets are being made by the Eastern Star members to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Kritters for Kids Committee members collect stuffed animals to be given to the fire departments and EMS for children they treat in emergencies. The members give money to the Education Fund of which 42 - \$1000.00 scholarships are being given this year alone, to young people who are enrolled in college. Thousands



Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Worthy Grand Matron

of dollars are given each year to those who get training in the religious field (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership).

Relay for Life Easter Bake Sale slated

Robert Lee Relay for Life teams will be having an Easter Bake Sale on Friday, April 9, at Robert Lee State Bank.

If you would like to donate your delicious baked goods or place an order, please contact Dee Anna Harmon at 453-2804 or Cindy Bessent at 453-2393.

Pancake Supper set for Sterling City

A Pancake Supper, with donations benefiting the Sterling City Senior Citizens Center, will be held Saturday, April 3, 2004, from 6 to 8 pm at the Sterling Community Center.

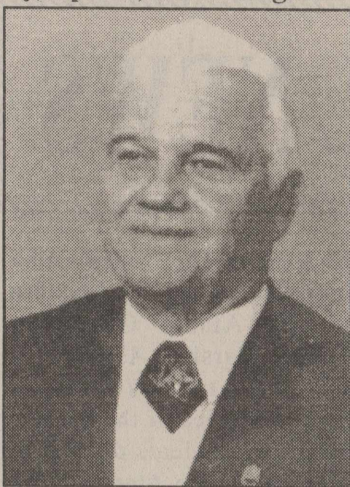
Other activities set for the event include Bingo from 3 to 6 pm; a Pancake Eating Contest at 5:30; and presentation and raffle drawing at 8 pm.

Music will be provided by D. J. Tracey Potcox of Brady. On the griddle will be the "Pancake Kid", Wesley Turner.

Call Nell Castro at 325-277-9137 or 325-378-4400 for more information.

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



Jack Guy
Worthy Grand Patron

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 1.

Spring City arts & crafts show set

The 15th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show will be held April 3-4 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College in Big Spring.

Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. There is no admission charge.

Examples of bird talk
by Bill Cox

Hen party, jaywalking, like a duck on a June bug, mad as a wet hen, my little chickadee, naked as a jay bird, nest egg, runs around like a chicken with its head cut off, struts like a rooster, stuffed like a Christmas goose, that's just ducky, watches like a hawk, and is the eagle flying today? or "The Eagle flies on Friday."

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte girls named to All District Basketball Team

The District 9-A girls basketball All District Team from Bronte for the 2003-2004 season were:

- Defensive MVP - Lillian McMullan - Sophomore
- 1st Team All District - Britney McCutchen - Senior
- 2nd Team All District - Ashley Denton - Senior
- All District Defensive Team - Kanah Coalson - Senior

Bronte girls Shorthorn track results

Bronte Jr. High girls placed 2nd in the Bronte Jr. High Meet on Thursday, March 11th.

- 400 M relay - 1st - Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Emily McMullan, Holly Huskerson
- 800 M run - 1st - Jessi England - 2nd - Carolann Wheless
- 100 M hurdles - 1st - Emily McMullan - 4th - Beth Sanchez
- 800 M relay - 5th - Emily Austin, Terrah Macon, Beth Sanchez, Savannah Martinez
- 400 M dash - 3rd - Jessi England - 5th - Ariel Coalson
- 1600 M relay - Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Emily McMullan, Holly Huskerson
- Shot put - 2nd - Casey Harris

Triple jump - 5th - Emily McMullan

On Thursday, March 25, the Bronte girls again placed 2nd in the Water Valley Jr. High Meet.

- Long jump - 6th - Emily McMullan
- High jump - 5th - Holly Huskerson
- Triple jump - 3rd - Holly Huskerson - 5th - Emily McMullan
- Shot put - 3rd - Casey Harris
- 400 M relay - 2nd - Ariel Coalson, Beth Sanchez, Emily McMullan, Holly Huskerson
- 800 M run - 2nd - Jessi England - 4th - Carolann Wheless
- 100 M hurdles - 2nd - Emily McMullan
- 100 M dash - 6th - Beth Sanchez
- 400 M dash - 1st - Jessi England - 3rd - Ariel Coalson
- 800 M relay - 5th - Emily Austin, Beth Sanchez, Lora Martinez, Savannah Martinez
- 300 M hurdles - 1st - Holly Huskerson
- 1600 M run - 3rd - Carolann Wheless
- 1600 M relay - 3rd - Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Emily McMullan, Holly Huskerson

Bronte 4th graders to visit Alamo

Mrs. Arrott and Mrs. Bearden's 4th grade classes have been studying the Alamo in Social Studies. They have studied what events took place prior to, during, and after the Battle of

the Alamo. The students also enjoyed reading *The Mystery of the Alamo Ghost* by Carole Marsh. As part of this unit students were to create a replica of the Alamo. All of the students did a fabulous job! The Alamos were judged by Mr. Marrs and Mrs. Poehls, as well as the 7th grade history class.

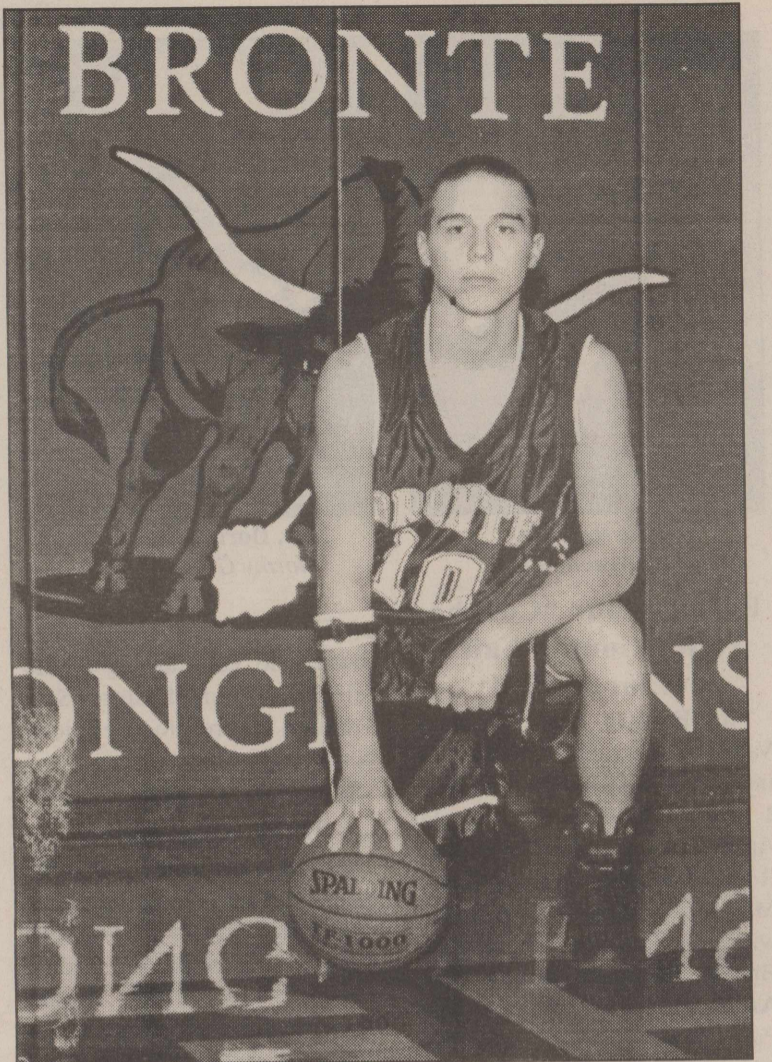
In addition to studying the Alamo, the 4th grade class along with the 3rd graders will be visiting the Alamo on April 15th. They will be able to see "The Alamo. The Price of Freedom" at the IMAX theater and then eat lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe. Then they will take a tour of the Alamo and participate in a Scavenger Hunt while on the Alamo grounds.

ASU "College Days" slated April 3

Angelo State University is inviting prospective students to participate in "College Days" April 3 for a close look at various aspects of university life, ranging from academic programs to social and cultural opportunities.

In addition to sampling the various academic and extracurricular programs available at the university, students and their families will also be treated to lunch compliments of the university and offered complimentary tickets to a Rambelle softball double-header against Texas Woman's University

Activities will begin at 9:30 am with check-in at the C.J. "Red" Davidson



B. J. Hall, a 2004 Bronte High School senior, was named to the 1st Team All Region and to the All West Texas Basketball Team for this season. B. J. is the son of Kerry Hall of Bronte and Donna Hall of Terrell, Texas.

Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont. The program will begin at 10 am in the Davidson Center with a welcome by ASU President James Hindman. Tours of the campus will then be conducted, including a stop at the Food Service Center for the complimentary lunch.

After lunch students and their families will return to

the Davidson Conference Center for the ASU Expo, where information will be available on academic programs, student organizations, extracurricular activities, financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, residence halls and other areas of interest to prospective students and their parents.

For more information, contact the ASU Office of Admissions at (325) 942-2058.

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, April 5**
Cereal, trail mix, cinnamon toast, milk
- Tuesday, April 6**
Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk
- Wed., April 7**
Scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, jelly, milk
- Thurs., April 8**
Apple cinnamon muffin, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Friday, April 9**
Holiday - No school
- Lunch**
- Monday, April 5**
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, brownies, milk
- Tuesday, April 6**
Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, roll, milk
- Wed., April 7**
Tacos with cheese, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, Spanish rice, taco shells, chocolate cake, milk
- Thurs., April 8**
Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tator tots, bun, ice cream cups, milk
- Friday, April 9**
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RL PTO slates Book Fair

The Robert Lee PTO is sponsoring a book fair from Monday, April 5, through Thursday, April 8. Family Night is slated for Tuesday, April 6, from 5 pm to 7 pm in the RLHS Library.

RL 3rd graders Meet the Standard

For the second consecutive year, all Robert Lee Elementary School third graders Met the Standard on the Reading TAKS. On Wednesday, March 3, Mrs. Devoll's third graders greeted the test day with a confident smile. This was the day for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in Reading.

Each day following the test, the students would stop in the office to ask whether or not the results were back. Finally while the students were enjoying Spring Break, the results were posted. Students and their parents were notified by mail of the exciting news.

For more information about the TAKS or the Student Success Initiative, contact Janet Wallace at 453-4555.

Robert Lee golf results

The Lady Steers placed 1st in the Forsan Golf tournament held in Big Spring on March 23rd. They had a team total of 411.

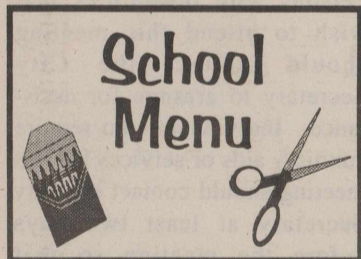
Individual scores were Julie Riley 97, Lindsey Roe 102, Kyla Millican 107, Kelsy Duncan 105, and Sara Philley 108.

The Steers finished 3rd in the Forsan tournament with a 348 team total in a 13 team field.

Individual scores were Jonathan Pagan 91, Omar Saucedo 88, Josh Alexander 89, Cody Bridges 86 and Evan Braswell 85.

RLJH track results

In the Water Valley Jr. High track meet held on March 25th, the Robert Lee Jr. High girls placed 4th with 61 points.



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, April 5
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, April 6
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
- Wed., April 7
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Thurs., April 8
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Friday, April 9
Holiday

Lunch

- Monday, April 5
Burrito, salad, tator tots, peaches, pudding, milk
- Tuesday, April 6
Pizza, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Wed., April 7
Steakfingers, creamed potatoes, English peas, bread, pears, milk
- Thurs., April 8
Hamburger, salad, pickles, potato wedges, pineapple, milk
- Friday, April 9
Holiday

Field events

- Discus - 1st - Molly Burns - 69' 8 1/2"
- Long jump - 1st - Megan Percifull - 15' 1 1/4"
- High jump - 4th - Megan Percifull - 4' 4"

Shot put - 6th - Molly Burns - 21' 5 1/2"

Pole vault - 1st - Allison Millican - 6'

Running events

400 M relay - 5th - 58.68 - Percifull, Rojas, A., Millican, Pineda

100 M dash - 1st - 13.10 - Megan Percifull

800 M relay - 3rd - 2:07.74 - Percifull, Rojas, A., Skinner, Pineda

Robert Lee T-ball registration set

Monday, April 5th is the last date you may register your child to play T-ball. You may register by calling 453-4629. Children who will be 4 years old by July 31st are eligible to play T-ball.

On Sunday, April 4th at 2:00, there will be a work day at the baseball field. If your child is playing, please make an effort to help get the field ready for games. Bring your gloves, rakes, weed eaters, etc. and let's get ready for some baseball.

If you are interested in umpiring this year, please contact Scotty Jackson, Adam Minjarez or Cody Hinderliter.

Former RL resident named to Dean's List

Carson Clanton has been named to the Dean's List of Academic Excellence at the University of Texas at Arlington for the 2nd year in a row with a 4.0 GPA and is listed in the Who's Who Among American

College Students. Carson graduated Cum Laude with a double degree in Math and Psychology and is currently working on a Master of Science in Pure Mathematics. He is also a Student Teaching Associate at the University teaching Calculus I and II.

Carson is an active member of the Mathematics Honor Society and the founding President of the UTA math club which he and fellow students organized two years ago. This organization is currently up for the Outstanding Student Organization Award.

Carson has helped host several fundraisers for the club including a faculty versus students softball game and UTA Calculus Bowl, which now gives the group financial means to offer scholarships to promising undergraduates majoring in math.

In 2002, Carson was awarded the James Baerwaldt Award for Psychology and received a Letter of Appreciation from the U. S. Department of the Treasury for help in a study on the perception of counterfeit currency at UTA.

Carson has recently been selected by the Provost to sit on the Dean of Science search committee for the University of Texas at Arlington. He is the only graduate student on the team which includes distinguished professors and deans from various colleges within the university system.

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Carson is the son of Waunice and Tony Abalos of Amarillo (formerly of Robert Lee). He is the grandson of Maurice and Jo-Nell Yarbrough of Abilene (former longtime residents of Robert Lee) and Minnie Bonnier of Spring, Texas.

Working together for higher education

More students are attending college today than ever before, and this rise in attendance is accompanied by rising costs in higher education. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports that the average annual tuition and fees at public universities have more than doubled from \$1,883 in 1980 to \$4,231 in 2001. And these costs don't include room, board, textbooks, transportation, and additional expenses.

In general, higher education costs are paid by the student, his or her parents, and non-family contributions, such as school-funded scholarships and federal and/or state financial aid (which may include grants and/or low-interest, federally-insured loans).

Although any increase in the cost of education can put a financial strain on families, there is help available to assist students in completing a college

degree. Students and their families may be eligible to receive several different types of government-funded financial aid. The types and amounts available depend on a family's income and the family's expected contribution, but could come in the form of:

*Federal PELL grants and SEOG grants targeted toward students from lower-income families.

*Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits targeted toward middle-income families.

*Subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans, Perkins loans and PLUS loans. Upper-income families usually receive the bulk of federal aid in the form of unsubsidized student loans. Hence, the CBO found that students from lower-income families take less aid in the form of student loans than their counterparts from higher-income families, and thus graduate college with less student loan debt.

More information about sources of financial aid for college-bound students and their families is available on TG's public service Web site at www.AdventuresInEducation.org, or by calling the Texas Financial Aid Information Center at (888) 311-8881.

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For City of Robert Lee Residents

Tuesday Route - 7:00 am

Saturday - April 17

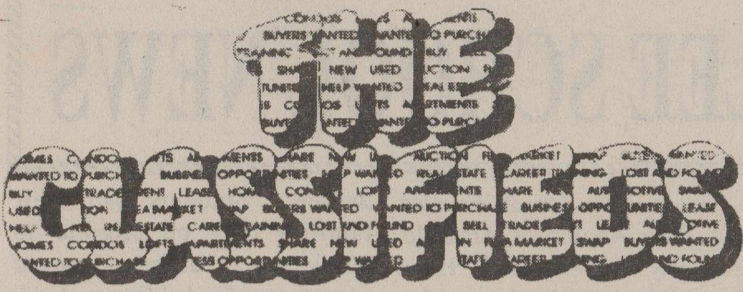
Friday Route - 7:00 am

Saturday - April 24

* Please provide assistance loading any item over 50 pounds.

* Please haul brush and lumber material to the City Landfill

* **Absolutely No Household trash, tires, batteries, wet paint or chemicals.**



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 All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.
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 New and Used. Repairs, upgrades, internet service. Ed Martindale, 473-3004.
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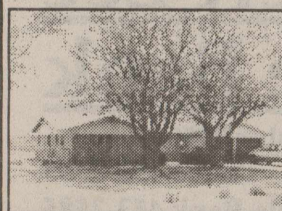
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Political Calendar

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
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OWN A PART OF HISTORY!
 Robert Lee movie theater seats for sale. Call 453-2848 or 453-2292.
 36-2tp

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 33 ft. 1987 GM Motor Home. Low mileage. Onan generator. Will trade for comparable tongue pull trailer or 9,500.00. Ray Aldridge 453-2360.
 36-3tc

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FOR RENT
 Lease w/option to buy. \$325 mo. Deposit. Near RLHS. 906 Childress. Apply at 655-9141.
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HOUSE FOR RENT
 \$350 month. 312 S. State, Bronte. Hoyt 473-7703.
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FOR RENT
 Bronte Mini Storage has storage buildings for rent. Call 473-2221.
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MISCELLANEOUS

FIESTA FUN JUMPS
 + Easter weekend = Fun! Castle & Sports arena, Jeff & Kim Lee, 473-2075, Bronte.
 36-1tc

LOST
 Black female Pomeranian, starting to gray. Has ID tattoo. She needs her medicine. Answers to name of Roxie. Wandered off in vicinity of 6th street in Robert Lee. 453-4510.
 36-1tc

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 34-4tp

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 33-tnc

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New Listing, 3 BR, 1 BA home. Beautifully painted interior, ceramic tile and hardwood floors, 16 x 32 shed with pens
 2 BR, 1 BA Nice starter home, close to school, \$12,000
 Extra Nice 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, 1470 +/- sq. ft. on four lots with water well
Robert Lee
New Listing, 4 BR, 3 BA Brick home on 2 acres. Horse pens, 3 overhead door 40 x 50 shop with 50 x 60 attached shed.
Office Exclusive, 3 BR, 3 BA, 2570 +/- sq. ft., Spacious Kitchen and Dining Area, Hardwood Floors, Fireplace, Beautiful Yard with Large Trees, Detached 17' x 17' finished game room
Country Living in the City Over 8 acres with beautifully updated 2 BR/2 BA brick home with 3rd BR or office. 2 Living Areas with fireplace, dining room and large utility/mudroom. 2 car attached garage. Land has working pens, barn and large concrete floor shop. Two fields with sheep/goat proof fence.
 2 BR, 2 BA, Very nice mobile home, Metal roof, Landscaped, Workshop, 2 car carport and RV cover.
New Listing on 2 acres Very nice 4 BR, 2 BA, **Under Contract** place & room with hot tub
 Very Nice, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA Brick home, fireplace, single garage, close to school

Watch the wildlife from the front porch, 2 BR, 1 BA Brick veneer home, \$20's
Priced to Sell, 4 BR, 2 bth, large den with second living area. CA/CH over 2100 sq. ft.
Price reduced, 2 BR, 1 bth, CA/CH, sunroom of **Under Contract** kitchen, single garage, over 1800 sf, large storage/shop
3 BR, 2 BA home with screened-in porch with view, Possible Owner Finance \$20's
Acreage
636 +/- Acres, Rolling to mountainous area, 2 water wells, electricity & rural water available, good hunting
567 +/- Acres, All pasture, good water well, nice hunting cabin
315 +/- AC. with 1/2 Mile of Colorado River frontage, 4 Stock Tanks, Pens and Barn. Choice Hunting.
314 +/- AC. Live Oak trees on Yellow Wolf Creek, good water well, 230 ac. cultivation, good hunting.
147 +/- AC. All Pasture. Convenient to Robert Lee. Flat to rolling terrain. Good hunting.
130 +/- AC. Convenient to Bronte. 3 BR, 2 BA home with 30x40 Shop.
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80 +/- Acres, Very nice ranch style home with 3 BR, 2 BA 2 Living Areas. All Steel Horse and Cattle Pens. 3 Large Barns.
Other Listings Available

HELP WANTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Coke County, Robert Lee Park is accepting applications for lifeguards. Applications can be picked up in the Judge's office. For further information, contact Curtis Walker at 453-2714. All applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Coke County is an equal opportunity employer.
 35-2tc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
 Sat. April 3rd, 8-?. 710 Westwood Lane, Bronte.
 36-1tp

GARAGE SALE BRONTE

April 2 & 3, 8-4. 713 SE Railroad. 4 families. Ironstone ware, crystal, 2 loveseats, 2 chairs, old Avon bottles, heaters, lamps, antiques, shoes, clothes L to 3X, picket shelves & frames, Lane cedar chest, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, and more. Follow signs. Will be held even if it rains. Everything under cover in big carport.
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Pick your books as you would your friends.
 —Fiorello H. LaGuardia

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF JACK BREWER

Jack would have been so pleased that so many of you were present when the Upper Colorado River Authority Board honored him with a plaque and resolution. You have been so gracious and loving to both of us during his illness and to me since his death. I am blessed to call you our friends.
 Nina
 36-1tp

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRONTE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Bronte will hold a Public Hearing at 6:45 pm on April 8th at the City Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for final public comments regarding the completion of the Texas Community Development Program - Water System Improvements (Contract Number 721116). The general public is invited to attend and participate.

Should any non-English speaking citizens desire to address the City during the public hearing and needs the assistance of an interpreter, the City will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Martin Lee
 Mayor, City of Bronte
 36-1tc

A PUBLIC HEARING

shall be held on the proposition to be included on the May 15, 2004 ballot. The proposition would authorize the Bronte 4A Economic Development Corporation to transfer funds to the Bronte 4B Economic Development Corporation to participate in the renovation of the park swimming pool and the paving of city streets. The Hearing will be held on April 29, 2004, at 5:00 pm at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.
 35-5tc

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NOTICES

UNA VISTA PUBLICA

sera aguantada la proposicion para ser incluida en el el 15 de mayo de 2004 la votacion. La proposicion autorizaria el Bronte 4A la Corporacion Economica del Desarrollo a transferir los fondos al Bronte 4B la Corporacion Economica del Desarrollo para tomar parte en la renovacion del piscina del parque y el pavimentar de las calles de la ciudad.

La Vista se tendra en el 29 de abril de 2004 en 5:00 de la tarde en el municipalidad, 114 Washington del sur.

35-5tc

EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND BRONTE NURSING HOME OPEN ADMISSIONS POLICY

It is the policy of the East Coke County Hospital District and Bronte Health & Rehab Center to admit and to treat all patients without regard to race, color, or national origin. The same requirements for all admissions are applied to all, and patients are assigned within the Bronte Health & Rehab Center without regard to race, color, or national origin. There is no distinction in eligibility for, or in this manner of providing patient services provided by or through the Bronte Health & Rehab Center. All the facilities of the Bronte Health & Rehab Center are available without distinction to all patients and visitors regardless of race, color, or national origin. All persons and organizations that have either occasion to refer patients for admission or recommend the East Coke County Hospital District and Bronte Health & Rehab Center are advised to do so without regard to the patient's race, color, or national origin.

East Coke County Hospital District dba Bronte Health & Rehab Center observes Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity or employment.

This policy applies to all resident/recipients, personnel, or any other individual having contracts or doing business with the facilities of East Coke County Hospital District.

36-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Invited to Attend 2nd Stakeholders, Meeting on TMDL Project on April 12, 2004 in Ballinger

This 2nd stakeholders' meeting will provide citizens of Coke and Rannels counties with an opportunity to be informed and offer input on the current Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) project.

A 66-mile portion of the Upper Colorado below E.V. Spence Reservoir has high concentrations of chloride and

total dissolved solids. The state environmental agency - the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) - has contracted EA Engineering, Science & Technology, Inc. (EA) to initiate the TMDL study.

A public meeting on the project will be held on Monday April 12, 2004, from 7-9 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall 700 Railroad Avenue, Ballinger, Texas.

At the meeting, EA and their subcontractor Louis Berger Group, Inc will review the sources assessment and discuss the technical approach to modeling. A data results presentation will be given and an overview of the next phase will be discussed. The TCEQ and EA will formally discuss the data results and modeling with the Stakeholder Group, and encourage comments and input from the public.

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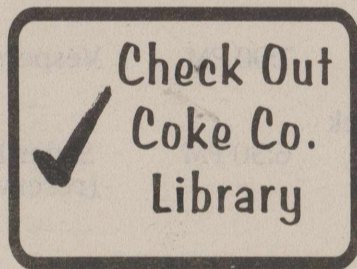
RLBC Activity Calendar

The youth will be having a Bowl A Thon Fundraiser on Saturday, April 3rd. Sponsors may contact Youth Minister, Cory DeVivo, to find out names of youth to be sponsored or to make donations. All monies raised will benefit the upcoming DiscipleNOW event on April 23-25.

Sunday, April 4th - Palm Sunday morning worship service will emphasize the "Laying of the Palms", with participation of our children in a palm processional and singing.

Friday, April 9th - Special Good Friday service will be held at 6:30 pm, "Shadows of the Cross", with observance of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, April 11th - Community wide Easter Sunrise Service, Robert Lee Amphitheater, 7 am. Robert Lee Baptist Church Choir will present "Jesus Christ Is Lord", and Easter Celebration Cantata for the morning worship service.



All first graders, Head Start and Story Hour children will be treated to an Easter egg hunt on the Coke County courthouse lawn on Tuesday, April 6th at 10:00 am. The Easter Rabbit will be there and special eggs with prizes will be on the grounds. Refreshments will also be served to everyone after the hunt.

Baskets or sacks should be brought for the children. Story Hour and Head Start students will meet at the library just before 10:00 am.

This event has become a tradition for the youngest citizens of Coke County. It is a way for adults to let kids know they are special and that spring brings its own good times and that the

Easter season is soon to come. The Coke County Courthouse lawn will be a good place to stop by on the way to the post office on April 6.

The Coke County Library has received a video on applying for federal funds for college. There are two versions, one in English and one in Spanish. The video is part of the Know Before You Go program. The videos are available for check out for a one week period.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00 am. Head Start story hour is Wednesday at 9:30 am. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market.

Support the American Dream by celebrating Fair Housing Month

A place to call home is a big part of the American dream, and fair-housing laws help make that dream come true.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the federal Fair Housing Act, prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status or disability.

The law covers most types of housing and prohibits:

- *Refusing to rent or sell housing.
- *Refusing to negotiate for housing.
- *Making housing unavailable.
- *Denying a dwelling.
- *Setting different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling.
- *Providing different housing services or facilities.
- *Falsely denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rental.
- *Denying access to - or membership in - a facility or service (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing.

It's also illegal for anyone to threaten, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising a fair-housing right or assisting others who exercise that right.

April is national Fair Housing Month, and Texas Realtors are gearing up for it.

"The 60,000 members of the Texas Association of Realtors and their partnering 91 local Realtor organizations encourage all Texans to join in celebrating the diversity of our great state," said Dave Dalzell, chairman, Texas Association of Realtors. "Together, we can embrace our differences and protect the American dream for everyone."

All real estate brokers and agents must follow the fair-housing law, which covers specific classes of people. Those who choose to be Realtors pledge to abide by a code of ethics, keeping issues of fairness to everyone at the forefront of their business.

What if there's a problem?

Those who think their fair-housing rights have been violated should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and complete a Housing Discrimination Complaint Form (HUD-903.1). It's available for

download on HUD's Web site (www.hud.gov), or contact the HUD office nearest you. Consumers have one year to file.

For more information on fair housing and other issues, visit the Texas Association of Realtors' Web site at www.TexasRealEstate.com.

Coke County Trappers Association dues

For interested landowners that would like to join the Coke County Trappers Association that helps fund the Coke County trapper, you can contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461 or come by the courthouse. Dues for the Association are figured on seven cents per acre per year. These can be mailed to Coke County Extension office, Box 170, Robert Lee.

Having an animal damage control officer (trapper) for the county is very important, not only for the livestock producer but also for wildlife enthusiast. Predation of wildlife, our deer, quail and turkeys can cause a major reduction in these species besides what livestock animals are predated on each year. It is in the best interest of all landowners, whether you run livestock or own the land for wildlife, to be able to manage predators through animal damage control.

Our county trapper, Javan Vosburg, can be reached at 653-7452. We also have an area trouble shooter that can assist Javan during peak predation

problems.

FSA producer signup for DCP slated

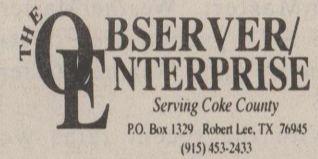
Producers who wish to participate in the farm program (DCP) for the 2004 crop year are encouraged to visit the office and sign up. Producers who signed up for 2002 and 2003 MUST sign up for 2004. This will be an every year sign up until the DCP program ends in 2007. Sign up will be much quicker than 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.

Editorial & Advertising Deadline is 2 pm on Tuesday preceding publication.



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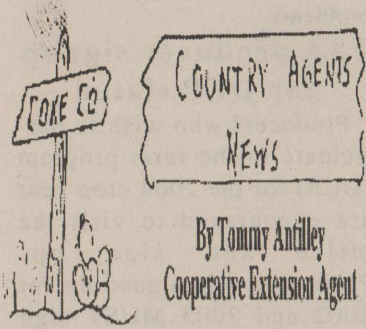
2001 Ford Mustang Coupe	\$10,495
<i>Red with Tan Cloth • 27,000 Miles</i>	
2003 F-350 Crew Cab Dually XLT	\$29,995
<i>Power Stroke • White • 32,000 Miles • Just Like New!</i>	
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1998 F-150 Super Cab Lariat 4x4	\$13,495
<i>Pacific Green w/gold trim • tan leather interior Excellent Condition!</i>	
2003 Ford F-350 Crew Cab XLT	\$22,495
<i>Powerstroke • Automatic • White with Tan Cloth</i>	
2003 Ford F-150 Crew Cab	\$16,995
<i>White • 4 Door • XLT</i>	
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<i>White • 17,000 Miles • Leather</i>	
2003 Ford Explorer XLT	\$21,495
<i>Silver Burch w/Gray Cloth Interior • 14,000 Miles 3rd Row Seat • Just Like New!</i>	
2002 Ford F-150 Super Crew XLT	\$16,995
<i>Dark Blue Metallic w/silver accent • 65,000 Miles • Nice!</i>	
2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4	\$18,995
<i>Black • Excellent Condition</i>	

Come by for a free wiper blade inspection before the spring storm season gets here!

453-4561

Ask For:

Randy Flanagan • Buck Duncan • Billy Wayne Roe



Wheat Variety Tests Performed

For interested wheat farmers, we have established a wheat variety trial utilizing eleven of the newer wheat varieties. These tests will be monitored and yields determined at harvest for each variety for comparison.

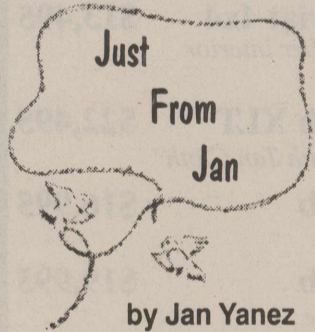
The test plot planted on Phelan Wrinkle's field is located just north of Robert Lee on the Sanco Road. The plot is on the west side of the road. Signs identifying each variety are placed on the plots. The test was established on November 6, 2003, with eleven varieties sowed at seventy pounds per acre rate and two drill widths for each variety.

The varieties include: Lockett; Jagalene; Coronado; Cutter; Hardeman Grain-9; TAM 111; Abilene Ag-Exp. 03; Thunderbolt; WinMaster; WeatherMaster 135 S.T. (gaucho seed treatment); and WeatherMaster 135.

With the recent rains we have received this spring, the plots look good and a comparison of the varieties can be determined by not only visual appraisal but grain yields at harvest.

Also, on December 2, thirty pounds of 21-0-0 fertilizer was top dressed on part of the varieties. This comparison will also be tested.

Phelan Wrinkle allowed us to use her field for the test and John Stephens, Bobbie Roberts and Sudduth Page assisted in establishing the test plot.



Easter's on its way Easter Eggs - Safe Handling

For those planning an Easter Egg Hunt, the best - and the safest - place to start is in the supermarket. Most people ordinarily open cartons to check eggs before they buy them, but it helps to make the inspection a careful one.

Make sure all the eggs are clean and free of cracks. If cracked eggs are accidentally purchased, throw them away. Cracks allow microorganisms such as Salmonella to enter and contaminate the eggs.

Cooking eggs thoroughly will kill Salmonella, but raw or undercooked eggs can transmit this bacterium, notorious for causing food-borne illness. Those highly susceptible to such illnesses are the very young, the elderly, pregnant women and people with weak immune systems.

Eggs should be refrigerated in their cartons. Although many refrigerators have egg slots on the doors, they are not the best place to put eggs because the temperature may fluctuate as the door is opened. Store eggs in a section of the refrigerator where the temperature is constant. Use within 4-5 weeks of purchase.

For a safer Easter Egg Hunt follow these steps when preparing eggs:

*Keep eggs refrigerated until you are ready to prepare them. Do not let them sit at room temperature for more than two hours before or after cooking.

*Hard-cooked eggs have a recommended maximum storage time of five to seven days. Plan to hard-cook and color eggs only a day or two before the event. To hard-cook eggs safely, place eggs in a single layer in a pan. Add water to cover eggs at least an inch. Cover pan and bring to a rapid boil. Turn off heat or reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Let eggs remain in the pan for 15 to 20 minutes to assure doneness. When done, run cold water over eggs to cool quickly.

*Place the cooked eggs in the refrigerator until it's time to decorate them. Once they are decorated, put them back in the refrigerator until time for the hunt. Don't leave at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

*Be sure eggs are hidden and gathered in a short period of time. Hard-boiled eggs are still perishable and should not be left at room temperature for more than two hours.

*Those eggs that are not eaten immediately after the hunt should be discarded. Eggs not used in the hunt can be stored in the refrigerator up to one week.

*If you plan to eat eggs that have been decorated, use only food coloring or specially made food-grade egg dyes.

*Don't color or hide cracked eggs. The cracks allow contamination of eggs from an outside source such as dye or dirt.

*Consider hiding places carefully. Avoid places that may come into contact with pets or other animals, lawn chemicals or insects.

*A good practice is to wash Easter eggs that have been in the hunt before eating them.

*Avoid handling eggs as much as possible. Each step in handling provides an opportunity for contamination.

Capitol Comments

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
The Alamo

This weekend the excitement and glamour of Hollywood shone on San Antonio as the yellow carpet was rolled out for the world premiere of Disney's newest film, *The Alamo*. Yes, the movie premiered with a 1,500 foot yellow carpet, instead of the traditional red one, paying homage to the famed yellow rose of Texas. Actor Dennis Quaid, touched by the outpouring of people who lined the streets to welcome the Hollywood visitors said, "This is like the Beatles came to town." I was privileged to join in the festivities and pay tribute to the storied stone edifice that so defines the fight for freedom waged by Texas in 1835-36.

This isn't the first movie made about the Alamo, but it is the grandest. With a budget of more than \$100 million, six months of shooting, Hollywood stars like Mr. Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton, and a movie set believed to be one of the largest ever built, the film goes to great visual, cinematic and theatrical lengths to recall the mystique of the legendary battle.

The fact that, after nearly two hundred years, this story is still being retold is testament to the significance of our state's heritage. We Texans know the importance the Alamo played in shaping that history. From our earliest years we are taught the legacy of bravery, heroism and sacrifice that is held within the hallowed walls of the old mission. In fact, Texas history is a requirement for all 7th grade students in our public schools. Our children grow up learning the tales of their ancestors and understanding the challenges and sacrifices they overcame to pave the way for the Lone Star state we know and love today.


For me as a youngster, Texas history was something personal since my family helped to form it. My great-great-grandfather, Charles S. Taylor, signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, for which the battle at the Alamo paved the way. I hope to pass on that love of history to my children and keep the stories of our past alive for generations to come.


Though historians are always wary of any attempt to breathe life back into ancient stories, and Texans don't like the idea of anyone messing with our history, Disney's take on the saga is engrossing, adding color, flair and personality for entertainment value as seen in the official plot synopsis:

"Where myth meets history ... where legend meets reality ... the roads cross at San Antonio de Bexar and the small, ruined mission there: The Alamo. In the spring of 1836, nearly 200 Texans - men of all races who believed in the future of Texas - held the fort for 13 days under siege by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, ruler of Mexico and commander of its forces. Led by three men - the young, brash Col. William Travis; the violent, passionate James Bowie; and the larger-than-life legend David Crockett - the Texans and their deeds at the Alamo would pass into history as General Sam Houston's rallying cry for Texas independence and into legend for their symbolic significance."

To many, the character of Davy Crockett will forever be recalled with the image of John Wayne complete with a raccoon skin cap and a rifle slung over his shoulder in the 1960 version of *The Alamo*. But perhaps the 2004 version of the film with all of its special effects and modern technology will bring this tale to a new generation. In my unprofessional opinion - it is an absorbing movie ... very interesting. It is my hope that all Americans who see this film will appreciate the deep history that inspired it, and be encouraged to preserve and pass down their own stories.

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and the Catholic Churches of Coke County
invite you to join us for
Holy Week Services**



Passion (Palm) Sunday April 3rd	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	St. Mary, Ballinger Our Lady of Guadalupe Robert Lee
Monday of Holy Week April 5th	7:00 PM	Vespers & Mass at St. Mary's
Tuesday of Holy Week April 6th	7:00 PM	Vespers & Mass at St. Mary's
Wednesday of Holy Week April 7th	6:30 PM	Seder Meal (reservations required)
Holy Thursday April 8th	7:00 PM	Mass and washing of feet Followed by Adoration until Midnight
Good Friday April 9th	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	From the Cross to the Church Stations of the Cross and Rosary followed by liturgy. (Begins at the Cross) Liturgy of Good Friday
		
Easter Vigil April 10th	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday April 11th	8:45 AM 11:15 AM 5:00 PM	Mass of the Resurrection Mass of the Resurrection Mass of the Resurrection St. James, Bronte

(NOTE: All services are at St. Mary's, Ballinger unless otherwise noted.)