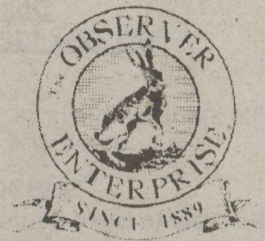


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O/E to provide newspaper coverage in Sterling County

By Hal Spain, Publisher

We are pleased to announce that the *Observer/Enterprise* is extending its coverage area to include Sterling County. The new addition to the O/E family of Bronte and Robert Lee and surrounding communities will begin immediately, with subscription mailings and newsstand papers being available in Sterling City this week.

Our staff has monitored the Sterling City situation since they ceased publishing the *Sterling City News Record* back in the spring. As a result, their high school senior class didn't have a graduation edition of the newspaper, as well as many more regrettable occurrences as a result of not having a local newspaper. We felt this was a tragic loss for the community, and vowed to help if no one came forward to start up the newspaper.

As time went by, it was obvious that nothing was going to happen by the time school started. After much discussion with local officials, the decision was made for us by the pressing need for a local publication in which to publish legal notices

for local taxing entities. This also corresponded with the beginning of school, local football, and the fall hunting season, which is an important source of income for both Coke and Sterling counties.

We hope you enjoy this initial installment of the *Observer/Enterprise*, serving Coke and Sterling counties. Many residents in both counties will benefit from this expanded coverage by being able to read about their friends and family in the other communities.

I would encourage all the new Sterling County readers to send in your news. We don't hire many investigative reporters around here; so to read it about it in the paper, you're probably going to have to send something in. Besides, the old saying has never been more true concerning your local newspaper, and it goes like this: "you get out of something only as much as you put into it". So send us your news and read all about it in the paper.

Additionally, we are looking for someone in the Sterling City area who would like to earn a little parttime



Sterling County Commissioners Court! *Observer/Enterprise* representatives, including publisher Hal Spain (right), met with the Sterling County Commissioners Court Monday morning, August 9, 2004. Members of the court include (from left) Skeete Foster, Russell Noletubby, Patsy Bynum, Bob Browne, and Bill Blair.

money and gather up news from the school, city, county, community, etc..., bring it over to Robert Lee, and help us put the paper together and mail it out. Typing and good people skills are a must for this job.

Don't forget that you can always mail your news in, and it will get here usually overnight. You may also want to fax us the informa-

tion at (325) 453-4643, or if you are a computer type, email us your news at www.CokeCoObserver@aol.com.

We would also like to suggest a central location such as City Hall, or another downtown location, which would serve as a drop-off location for your news items. We will let you know how that is progressing as we make more contacts in the area.

Complimentary issues of the newspaper will be mailed for several weeks to Sterling City addresses to give you an idea whether or not you want to subscribe. Although we will pay out-of-county postage rates to Sterling City, we don't think it's fair to charge more for Sterling City than for Bronte and Robert Lee; so your subscriptions will cost \$20/year, the same as our in-county subscribers.

In addition to our post office mailings, we are working on sending some newsstand papers to the Hitchin' Post and Town & Country at Sterling City; so if you know somebody who's not getting a paper in the mail, they can pick one up on the newsstand.

The bottom line is that we are committed to being your hometown newspaper in Sterling City. I had the privilege of knowing Jack and

Evelyn Douthit when they started printing the *News Record* in San Angelo.

After knowing these two wonderful people, our best effort to attempt to follow in their footsteps and serve your needs as your hometown newspaper is warranted and required.

Conaway to visit Coke County

Mike Conaway, Republican candidate for U. S. Congressional District 11, will be in Robert Lee Wednesday, August 25, 2004. Conaway will meet with the public at the courthouse from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

All interested citizens are invited to meet and discuss the issues with the candidate.

4-H and FFA Lamb and Goat Validation deadline set

Any county 4-H or FFA exhibitor who plans to exhibit their lamb or goat at the major stock shows, including Odessa, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, or Star of Texas must have them validated. Validation tags must be ordered by August 18. If you need validation tags, contact the County Extension office or your Ag Science teacher. Tags cannot be ordered after this deadline.



Area receives much-needed rainfall! Local communities received a great deal of rain this past week, with Silver coming in as the big winner with over 6 inches. Robert Lee received approximately 2.5 inches as evidenced by this picture of #9 green at Mt. Creek Golf Course; Bronte reported at least 3 inches; and Sterling City came in with 2 inches. Current weather reports show a chance of rain through early next week.

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Obituaries

Yackley

Cora Lou Yackley, 91, of San Angelo, passed away August 7, 2004, in Bronte, Texas. She was born March 16, 1913; in Vernon, Texas, to Samuel Thomas and Anna Rodgers Reeder. Cora married March 25, 1934, in Wichita Falls to Joseph Fredrick Yackley who preceded her in death in 1955. She retired from the American Lung Association where she was the office manager. She was an avid Texas wildflower enthusiast; she had many kinds of wildflowers that she planted in her yard and loved the beautiful colors each and every year.

Cora is survived by her son, Joseph Christopher Yackley and wife, Rennea of Bronte; her two daughters, Mary Ann Diemer and husband, Edward of Anchorage, Alaska, Rose Marie Eggemeyer and husband, James of Miles; 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary services were held at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm, Thursday, August 12, 2004, at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart with Father Maurice Voity officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Bronte Health and Rehab Center, Hospice of San Angelo, or your favorite charity.

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WCC EMS

**Memorials for
July 2004**

Helen Mathers

Pam, Brent & Wayne Hawkins

L.E. Higgins

North Side Church of Christ

Mrs. Eddie Patterson

Nola Harmon

**WCC EMS runs
for July 2004**

07-05 - trauma - no transport

07-13 - medical

07-13 - medical

07-15 - medical

07-25 - medical

What If

What if you or your love one had a heart attack and no one came? Scary thought, isn't it. Coke County is moving toward limited or no EMS service. The people who are members of the EMS services in our county have a great desire to help those who are in need of medical care. However, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year takes its toll.

When the load is spread among many, then it becomes less of a burden. Will you consider taking the Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) class that is beginning Sept. 6th at 6:30 pm? The class will be held in Robert Lee at the EMS facility. If you are interested, please contact any member of the Bronte EMS or you may call Mary Bessent, 453-2492, or Shell Williams, 453-2088.

**WCCEMS to sponsor
Emergency Care
Attendants class**

The West Coke County EMS will sponsor an Emergency Care Attendants class. Classes will begin on September 6th and will run

until November 15th. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 until 9:30. Students participating in an ECA class do not have to do any clinical rotations.

The tuition for the class will be \$100.00. After completing the class and receiving certification, those who join the West Coke County EMS and fulfill the requirements of active membership will be reimbursed for their tuition. East Coke County EMS also has reimbursement plans. If tuition is a problem, please let them know and they will work with you concerning the tuition.

At this time, West Coke County EMS has only 6 certified people on the service. The State of Texas requires that two certified people be in the ambulance anytime it is used to transport a patient. It has become especially hard to fulfill these requirements during the day.

If you believe that having EMS service in our county is important, then please consider taking the class. For more information, call Mary Bessent, 453-2492, or Shell Williams, 453-2088, or any member of the Bronte EMS.

Medicare Hospice sunrise breakfast slated

Did you know that only one in three eligible people in the United States use the hospice benefit, which is 100% covered by Medicare and includes payment for prescriptions, equipment and other medical needs related to the life-limiting illness? Come find out how hospice works and the ways it can help patients and families. The breakfast will be held August 24 at the Golden Corral Restaurant located on 1601 Knickerbocker Road. It



Robert Lee Care Center Fish Fry! Paul Burns fried all the fish and hushpuppies for the Robert Lee Care Center Fish Fry held in June. He was assisted by Sid Burns, Joan Burns, Joe White, Marilyn White, and Joe and Marilyn's grandson from Lubbock.

will start at 8:00 am and run for an hour until 9:00 am. The breakfast will be free for all attendees.

VistaCare, a local hospice provider, will be sponsoring the event. For more information, contact Gina Valles at 947-0123.

**Robert Lee VFD
Memorials**

Carlton Fields

Joe and Dee Anna Harmon

Bob Boren

Wilbern and Charlotte Millican, Mary May Wylie, Mike and Fran Lomas, Prescilla Davis

L. E. Higgins

Joe and Dee Anna Harmon, Robert and Mona Mathers

Doris Price

Wilbern and Charlotte Millican

R. C. Patterson

Mike and Fran Lomas, Jamie and Robert Boren, Wilbern and Charlotte Millican, Bobby and Joyce Walker

Sue McBurnett

Larry and Barbara Jameson, Glyn and Nita Jameson

Tom Reeves

Jamie and Robert Boren, Wilbern and Charlotte Millican, Bobby and Joyce Walker

Minnie Waldrop

Jamie and Robert Boren, Wilbern and Charlotte Millican, Bobby and Joyce Walker

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Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
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

424 S. 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. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 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
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Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 7574 which would authorize continued operation of a Conger Sales Facility. The applicant has provided the following driving directions: at the intersection of Highway 158 and Ranch Road 33 go 16 miles east on Highway 158, then 7 miles south, Sterling City, Sterling County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

Runnels Baptists to meet August 16

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, August 16, at First Baptist Church in Ballinger for a Celebration of Fellowship. The Executive Board and WMU will meet at 5:30 pm, with the evening meal to be served beginning at 6:00 pm.

The Celebration of Fellowship will begin at 7:00 pm. Pastor Morris Johnson is in charge of the program. The public is invited to attend.

USDA Rural Development to hold outreach in Coke County

Representatives of the USDA Rural Development will be in Robert Lee on Tuesday, August 17, 2004, at the USDA Service Center, located at 214 E. 7th Street, from 10 am to 2 pm. They will assist persons interested in home ownership loans and home repair loans and grants. Customers will be assisted on a first come - first served basis.

There are several programs available to provide assistance to very-low, low, and moderate-income applicants. Loans are available depending on repayment ability, acceptable credit, and the location of the home or building site.

All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements such as being unable to obtain a loan from other conventional lending sources on terms they can afford; being without ownership of decent, safe and sanitary housing; have sufficient and dependable income for loan repayment, taxes, insurance, living expenses and other existing debts; possess the legal capacity to incur debt; and have an acceptable credit history.

For more information regarding the upcoming outreach program, or other USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Abilene Local Office at (325) 690-



Bolding engagement announced! Bobby and Gayle Bolding of Robert Lee are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their son, Brady Bolding, to Jessica Wilke, daughter of Craig and Karen Wilke of Wilson. The couple, both of Slaton, will exchange vows September 25, 2004, in a 6:30 pm ceremony at Grace Lutheran Church in Slaton. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Maudie Conley of Robert Lee, the late John Conley, and Leota Bolding of Granbury. He attended Robert Lee High School and is employed at Quest in Lubbock. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Curtis and Linda Wilke and Loyd and Onida Hagens, all of Slaton. She is a graduate of Wilson High School and is currently employed at Smith Ford in Slaton.

6162, Ext. 4.

Beef seminar, meal set for August 24

Pioneer Vet Clinic and Fort Dodge Laboratories are hosting a seminar and meal for beef producers on Thursday, August 24, at 7:00 pm at The Shed in Wingate. The speaker will cover livestock vaccination along with indepth discussions of why vaccines sometimes fail.

Please RSVP to Pioneer Vet Clinic by 5:00 pm August 17, at (325) 754-5487.

Coke-Sterling FSA office closed for training

The Coke County FSA office will be closed all day Wednesday, August 25, 2004. All employees will be at a CRP training session.

The office will re-open Thursday, August 26, at the usual time for regular business.

For more information regarding FSA programs, contact the Coke-Sterling FSA office at (325) 453-2751.

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Orange Juice

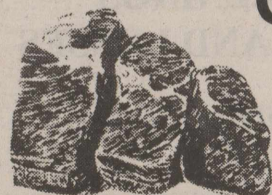
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 1-inexpensive drawing or sketch pad
 1-colored pencil set
 Markers and water color paint set (optional)
 1 box 24 count crayons
 1-Click eraser

3rd grade

Pencils-1 package (20 count, #2 type)
 Crayons-1 box (24 count, no fluorescent)
 Glue-1 bottle (large size)
 Pencil eraser-1 large size
 Pencil sharpener-1 (small individual type)
 Pocket folders-3 with brads
 Marking pen-1 red
 Poster board-1 piece (white)
 Notebook paper-2 packages (200 count, wide ruled)
 Scissors-1 pair (Fiskar brand)
 Kleenex-2 boxes (300 ct.)
 Spiral notebook- 1 (70 page, plain cover)
 Markers-broad tip-1 box
 Supply box-1 (plastic, cigar box size)
 Highlighter-1
 1 package of construction paper
 1 set Flashcards (multiplication)

4th grade

Notebook-1 three ring hard-back (no trapperkeepers)
 Subject dividers-2 packages of 8
 Notebook paper-3 packages of 200 count, wide ruled
 #2 pencils-mechanical or wooden
 Pentel Clic eraser
 Wooden ruler
 Fiskars pointed scissors
 Bottle of glue
 2 red pens or pencils
 Crayons-24 count box
 Map colors
 Markers-8 count box
 Hole puncher
 Tissues-2 large boxes
 2 Sharpie markers - 1 fine

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Aug. 16
 Cereal, toast, juice
Tuesday, Aug. 17
 French toast, cereal, pears
Wed., Aug. 18
 Sausage, biscuits, cereal, peaches
Thurs., Aug. 19
 Pancake on stick, cereal, mixed fruit
Friday, Aug. 20
 Breakfast pizza, cereal, applesauce

Lunch

Monday, Aug. 16
 Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls
Tuesday, Aug. 17
 Tacos, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, grapes
Wed., Aug. 18
 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, hot rolls, cantaloupe
Thurs., Aug. 19
 Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cooked carrots, hot roll, pears
Friday, Aug. 20
 Cheeseburger on bun, lettuce/tomato, pickle chips, French fries, cookie

and 1 ultra fine line
 2 yellow highlighters
 Multiplication flash cards
 Small Spacemaker pencil box-approximately 8.5"x 5" x 2.5"

5th grade

Three ringed notebook
 2 glue sticks
 Markers 8 count box
 2 Highlighters yellow
 Regular or mechanical pencils
 2 red ink pens
 Blue or black ink pens
 2-spiral notebooks
 2 boxes Kleenex
 3 packages wide ruled, notebook paper
 1-box 24 count crayons
 3 bradded folders with pockets
 2 gum erasers
 Fiskar scissors pointed
 Small pencil box or zipper pencil pouch
 Subject dividers-2 packages of 8
 Notebook paper-3 pkg. of 200 count wide ruled
 Map colors
 2 black sharpie markers
 1 package notecards
 1-5 subject spiral notebook (180 pages)

6th grade

2-1 inch binders w/3 rings (hard cover)
 1-2 inch binder w/3 rings

2-folders with brads and pockets
 2-folders with pockets only
 2-Hi liters
 4-boxes of Kleenex
 2-pkgs. of regular notebook paper (no college rule)
 Regular black/blue pens (no turquoise)-non erasable
 2-red pens
 #2 pencils
 Map colors
 1-6 inch ruler
 1-package of dividers
 1-single subject spiral
 2-3 spirals w/plastic covers
 7th & 8th grade

1-1 inch binder w/3 rings (hard cover)
 2 pkgs. of regular notebook paper-no college ruled
 2-single subject spirals
 2-3 subject spirals w/plastic covers
 5-folders with pockets and brads
 2-folders w/pockets only
 2-Hi liters
 Map colors
 1-6 inch ruler
 #2 pencils
 2-red pens
 4-boxes of Kleenex
 Black/blue pens (no turquoise) non-erasable

6th, 7th and 8th grade for Home-Math supplies

Pencils -#2
 1-ruler (metric and

customary)
 1-Protractor
 1-compass (metal or plastic)
 1-package of graph paper (4 squares per inch or larger)
 Notebook paper-wide ruled
 Map colors
 Pens-black or blue
 These items are necessary for the students to have at home to do their homework. Please contact Debbie Tomerlin if you have problems getting supplies (378-5821 ext. 223 or home 465-8053).

New ACT website devoted to students

ACT recently launched <http://www.actstudent.org>, a new website for students taking the college admissions exam. The site features information that changes according to the needs the student has during the school year.

"Students need clear information when preparing for college and for admissions tests," said Jon Erickson, vice president of educational services.

"We have worked to make the information friendly and easy-to-find. We know that this time is stressful for students and we want to make sure that they have access to information that will make

the process as easy as possible."

ACT has organized the material on the website based on experience with students' website visits and knowledge of the questions they ask ACT staff. The information at www.actstudent.org will change, anticipating students' needs as they register for the test, prepare for the test and use the test scores after taking the test.

"Students ask a lot of questions, like what kind of calculator can be used. We've put the answers to these popular questions in easy-to-find locations," Erickson says.

Services and information at www.actstudent.org include:

- Online registration, early scores and score reporting
- Information about the ACT (test dates, deadlines, content of the test, etc.)
- Free test prep questions and information
- College search and online applications
- Financial aid need estimator
- The ACT Store, which features electronic and paper test prep products
- Additional college planning information, including Student Stories

2004 Property Tax Rates in Sterling County

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for Sterling County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	1,829,841	
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-	
Last year's total taxes	\$	1,829,841	
Last year's tax base	\$	276,954,930	
Last year's total tax rate	\$	.6607	/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	1,829,841	
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	348,692,080	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	.52477	/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$	.54051	/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	1,829,841	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	348,692,080	
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	.52477	/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$	.56675	/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0-	/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$	.56675	/\$100

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Sterling County Appraisal District, 616 Fourth, Sterling City, TX.

Name of person preparing this notice Linda Low
 Title Chief Appraiser
 Date prepared July 27, 2004

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Meet the Steers follows first six-man scrimmage

In the first scrimmage of its inaugural six-man season, the Steers will meet May on Saturday, August 14, 2004. Slated to begin at 6 pm at the Robert Lee football stadium, the scrimmage will be followed by the traditional, "Meet the Steers". Hosted by the RLHS Boosters Club, the event will introduce the Dogie and Steer teams to Robert Lee football fans and friends.

The New Tradition Begins

Are you ready for some football? The Robert Lee Steers will scrimmage the May ISD squad at 6 pm this Saturday, August 14. After a couple of weeks of two-a-days, the Steers and coaches are geared up for the 2004 football season. The Saturday scrimmage will give Steer fans their first look at Robert Lee six-man football as "The New Tradition Begins".

The annual "Meet the Steers" event will follow the workout with introduction of Steers, Dogies, cheerleaders and Robert Lee High School Band members. While the Steers football team, coaches, managers, and cheerleaders will be on hand, Dogies team members, coaches, managers, and cheerleaders, as well as band members should be at the football field by 7:30 for the presentation.

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club will have hot dogs and drinks for students and fans at "Meet the Steers" with donations very much appreciated.



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Aug. 16**
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 17**
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Wed., Aug. 18**
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
- Thurs., Aug. 19**
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Friday, Aug. 20**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Aug. 16**
Salisbury steak, scallop potatoes, broccoli & cheese, roll, peaches, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 17**
Pizza, corn, salad, applesauce, milk
- Wed., Aug. 18**
Chicken O's, Mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk
- Thurs., Aug. 19**
Bean chalupa, cheese, salad, Spanish rice, fresh fruit, milk
- Friday, Aug. 20**
Hamburger, salad, pickles, tator tots, pears, milk

The group will also be promoting membership in the booster club. Your backing and attendance support the fine young ladies and gentlemen who represent our school and community.

Come join the "New Tradition" with the "Old" Sports Booster Club. Meet us at the football field on Saturday, August 14. Wear you ORANGE AND BLACK. Let's fill the stadium with the color orange at every sporting event this year.

RL PTO sets Open House

The Robert Lee PTO has set Thursday, August 19, as the date for the annual Open House event. There will be an informational session for the parents in the school auditorium from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms to meet parents from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria.

PTO Cookbooks and 2004-2005 STEER cards will be available for purchase at this event. For more information, please contact PTO President Laura Bell at 453-4565.

Steer Discount Cards available Saturday

The Robert Lee PTO will begin selling the Robert Lee Steer Cards Saturday, August 14, 2004, at the Meet the Steers Night. The cards will sell for \$10 and offer a wide variety of discounts to the cardholder.

Local businesses included on the cards are Nana's Kitchen, Cathy's Flowers, DJ's Merle Norman, This 'n That, Cindy's, and Key Feed Store. There are also nine San Angelo businesses offering discounts or special offers included on the card. The cards are valid for one year.

The PTO will use the money to purchase a marquee sign for the school. The cards will also be available at Meet the Teacher Night (August 19) and letters will be sent home with the students the first week of school.

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RL school picture date set for Aug. 19

RLISD school pictures will be taken on August 19. Dress appropriately. Football and cheerleading pictures will also be taken on that date.

RL school board meets in special session

On Thursday, August 5, 2004, a special meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School library of the public school building at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gray.

Members present were Gray, Washam, Hill, Roe, Sawyer and Supt. Wallace. Members absent were President Riley and Ms. McCabe.

Vice-President Gray called the meeting to order. Tom Sawyer, Jr. was sworn in as a new board member. The board held a budget workshop.

The board entered closed session at 7:51 pm and returned to open session at 8:15 pm.

Resignation from Cynthia Bessent was accepted. Ron Hill made a motion to accept seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Supt. Wallace recommended Donna L. Poye to enter into a professional employment contract for 2004-2005. Wes Washam made a motion to hire Donna Poye seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

THANKS TO FRAN LOMAS

for all the great RLHS class reunions. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

The Classes of 1950-1970

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
8/14	May*	Home	TBA
8/20	Parish Creek*	Away	8:00pm
8/27	Midland Trinity	Away	7:30pm
9/4	Fort Davis	Away	5:30pm
9/10	Santa Anna (HC)	Home	7:30pm
9/17	Strawn	Home	7:30pm
9/25	Trent	Away	TBA
10/8	Garden City**	Home	7:30pm
10/15	Point Rock**	Away	7:30pm
10/22	Blackwell**	Home	7:30pm
10/29	Veribestq	Home	7:30pm
11/5	(Senior Recognition Night)		
	Water Valley**	Away	7:30pm
	*Scrimmage		
	**District Game		

ROBERT LEE STEERS
CARD EXPIRES 8/14/05

Discounts available at the following businesses:

- Nana's Kitchen • Cathy's Flowers • DJ's Merle Norman • This 'N That • Cindy's • Key Feed Store • McDonalds • Subway • Quiznos Sub • IHOP • Pizza Hut • Rink & Links • Domino's Pizza • Sonic • Cotton Patch

For more information on how to get your card:

Katie Drennan, 453-2343
Laura Bell, 453-4565

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the bid from Gandy's Dairies, Inc. for the 2004-2005 school year. Seconded by Ron Hill. All for.

School board convention was discussed.

The next regular board meeting is set for August 19, 2004 at 7:00 pm. The next special meeting will be August 26, 2004 at 7:00 pm to adopt 2004-2005 Budget and Tax Rate.

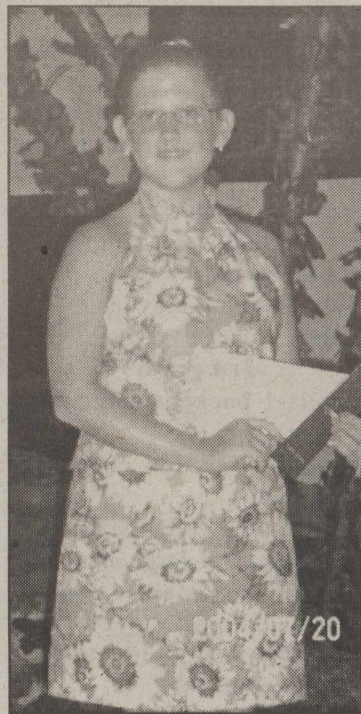
Motion to adjourn made by Ron Hill seconded by Wes Washam. All for. Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm.

RLHS class of 1941 reunion set for October 2, 2004

The second class reunion for the RLHS class of 1941 will be held October 2, 2004, starting at 3 pm for pow-wow with dinner served at 5 pm in the small rec hall in Robert Lee. Finis and Sue have made arrangements for the rec-hall and the dinner.

Dale Fields provided the information list on all the graduates and their families. Please send any changes that you would like to make.

Anyone interested in an invitation, cost for attendance, or anyone connected with Robert Lee's school, board members, teachers, ex-teachers, librarians, janitors, bus drivers, etc., contact Finis and Sue Millican, 14641 West State Hwy. 158, Robert Lee; Dale Fields of Robert Lee; or Garlan Green, PO Box 8133, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657 (830) 598-2135.



4-H Fashion Show winner! Meagan Ross, daughter of Ricky & Becky Ross of Robert Lee, models her winning entry during the Annual District 7 Fashion Show in San Angelo July 20. Meagan's tailoring skills earned her a 2nd place Cotton award. The young 4-H member was among 80 boys and girls from the 23 county district competing in the annual event whose theme was "Runway to Fashion." The show has been sponsored for the past 49 years by American Electric Power and Texas Cooperative Extension. Rolling Plains Cotton Association sponsored the cash awards for Natural Fiber/Cotton entries.

The employees of Robert Lee State Bank would like to thank the Coke County Community for their attendance at the ROBERT LEE STATE BANK CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!

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RLHS Classes of 1950 - 1970 Reunion held

The reunion of former classmates from Robert Lee High School's graduating classes, 1950 - 1970, was held August 7 & 8, 2004, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in San Angelo. A reception was held during the afternoon hours, followed by a banquet, program, and dance.

The school song was led by Connie Weathers Hobaugh and Dr. Don Weathers. Fran Wylie Lomas introduced former band director, Jack Gray. Also presented were former classmates who in recent years have married - Jim Caraway and Kay Humphrey Caraway, from the class of 1963 and Larry Brock and Johnnie McDonald Brock, class of 1967. Speakers were Glenn Roach and Edwin "Butch" Davis. Special tribute was paid to deceased members by Garland Davis. In closing, Ms. Lomas thanked all who had assisted her in the preparations. Clark Godwin was recognized as traveling the greatest distance, from Vancouver, Washington. T.C. Brown was second place, coming from Ponderay, Idaho. Nancy Fulkerson Duncan was presented with a fiddle pendant on a chain for the contributions of her late husband, Sammie Duncan. Music for the evening was provided by Clearwater.

Special guests attending were Jack Gray, his son and his wife, Johnnie and Joyce Gray.

The class of 1950: Janet Bilbo Rathmel and Barbara Harwell Billings.

The class of 1951: Bobbie Davidson Box, Waymond Davis and wife Jean, Dean Richards Percifull, Lynn Doris Varnadore Smith, and Stanley Austin.

The class of 1953: Milburn Wink, Garland Davis, Joyce King Walker, Bobby Roberts.

The class of 1954: Dale Wojtek, Dorene Harmon Mashburn and husband Wayne, Thomas Lee, Melva Dean Gartman Winkler and son Dan.

The class of 1955: Leslie Nell Wink Hanky, Bonita Robertson Hester and husband Kenneth, Ben Bessent, C. Brown and wife Gertrude, Jeffie Harmon Roberts.

The class of 1956: Wanda Walker Caulder, Voleta Harwell Dixon, Rose Marie Sawyer Davis,

Robert Lee Junior Varsity Football Schedule

September 4	Fort Davis	There	2:00
September 9	Santa Anna	There	TBA
September 16	Garden City	Here	6:30
September 23	Trent	Here	TBA
September 30	Open		
October 7	Garden City	There	6:30
October 28	Veribest	There	6:30
November 4	Water Valley	Here	6:30

Jerrel Harmon and wife Lavelle.

The class of 1957: Butch Davis, Donald Walker and wife Janis, Nancy Fulkerson Duncan, Sharon Buchanan Dorsey, Jo Alice McDonald Hufstedler, Mary Vaughan Bessent, Joe Harmon and wife Julia Ann, Delton Chatham and wife Jackie, Sharon Hester Arnold, Mary Beth Schooler Snyder, June McGinley Gulley, Robbie Don Godwin, Sue Henson Wojtek, Richard Johnson.

The class of 1958: Frankie Wojtek and wife Betty, Eunice Brown Laul, Dale Dean, Nettie Bob Bell Roberts and husband Wayne, Diane Mitchell Hambright and husband Elwood, Doris Sparks Fox, Tommy Gibson and wife Kathy, Tom Sawyer, Gay Hollis Sawyer.

The class of 1959: Sandra Baker Denman, Jamie Schooler and wife Jeri, Johnnie Jones and wife Karon, Marlow Wojtek and wife Paaula, Curtis Walker, Annice Gartman Walker, Mike Lomas, Fran Wylie Lomas.

The class of 1960: Pat Fowler Taft, Jimmy Bell, Martha Humphrey McElroy and husband Larry, Don Weathers and wife Mary, John Walker and wife Linda, Terry Bryan and wife Jeanne, Kenneth Wink and wife Betty, David Waldrop, Doris Mayfield Waldrop.

The class of 1961: Brenda Cowley LaPier and husband Al, Connie/Marilyn Weathers Hobaugh and husband Al, Gayle Lewis Mosley and husband Joe, David Drennan, Louise Sparks Drennan, Mack Tubb and wife Cindy, Sue Parker Laughter and husband Dan, Rocky Counts, Carolyn Johnson Davis, Doris Mayfield Waldrop.

The class of 1962: Mike Hollis, Bill Ledbetter and wife Roni, Betty McGinley Drennan and husband Bill, Glenda Blair Hammond and

daughter Kim Lomas Hodge, Joe Roe and wife Brenda, Royce Hood, Kay Wink Ledbetter and husband Charlie, Phoebe Casey Heffeman.

The class of 1963: Carol Hester Whittington, Jim Caraway, Kay Humphrey Caraway, Clark Godwin, Lexie Lewis Hollway and husband Robert, Dwain Walker and wife Beth, Prescilla Wylie Davis, Beverly Higginbotham Bell, Phil Lowder, Ann White Lowder, Frankie Millican Hood.

The class of 1964: Bill Roach, Bobby Blaylock and wife Melissa, Elwanda Sparks Jones, John Jacobs, Jeanette Higginbotham Jacobs, Lynn White, Elaine Robertson Bennet.

The class of 1965: Ronnie Walker and wife Linda, Mary Wojtek Hollis.

The class of 1967: Glenn Roach, Rhea Jean McCutchen Irish and husband Mike, Rinda Wojtek, Kathy Preslar Butler and husband James, Suzann Burns Johnson, Carl Bloodworth, Larry Brock, Johnnie McDonald Brock.

Robert Lee High School Football Schedule

August 14	May Scrimmage	Here	6:00
August 20	Panther Creek Scrimmage	There	6:00
August 27	Midland Trinity	There	7:30
September 4	Fort Davis	There	5:30
**September 10	Santa Anna	Here	7:30
September 17	Strawn	Here	7:30
September 25	Trent	There	7:30
October 1	Open		
*October 8	Garden City	Here	7:30
*October 15	Paint Rock	There	7:30
*October 22	Blackwell	Here	7:30
***October 29	Veribest	Here	7:30
*November 5	Water Valley	There	7:30
* District Games	** Homecoming	***Senior Night	

Robert Lee Junior High Football Schedule

September 9	Santa Anna	There	TBA
September 16	Garden City	Here	5:00
September 23	Trent	Here	TBA
September 30	Open		
October 7	Garden City	There	5:00
October 14	Paint Rock	Here	5:00
October 21	Blackwell	There	5:00
October 28	Veribest	There	5:00
November 4	Water Valley	Here	5:00

The class of 1968: Nancy Trimble Davee.

The class of 1969: Barbara Steelman-Sutton.

The class of 1970: A. J. Roe.

The class of 1971: Deone Derrick Roe, Patti Lynn Ivey Petersen and husband Terry.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The ROBERT LEE ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 26, 2004 in the ROBERT LEE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, 1323 HAMILTON, ROBERT LEE TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50000	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.50000	\$ 5,794	\$ 3,651
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.48747	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.48747	\$ 5,984	\$ 2,617
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50000	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.50000	\$ 6,369	\$ 2,640

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 40,658	\$ 43,433
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 17,526	\$ 19,641
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50000	\$ 1.50000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 262.89	\$ 294.62
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 31.73

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.72488. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.72488.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Class of 1964! Members of the Bronte High School Class of 1964 attending the recent reunion includes Glenn Sims, Roy Broussard, Jimmy Wells, Barry Curlee, Georgia Owen, Shirley Caulder Turner, LaJan Kiker Walter, Janice Hester Johnson, Marilyn Glenn Bivins, Gale Mackey Sartain, Jan Wilkins Phillips, and Jeanna Denman Lee. See related story on page 9.

Meet the Longhorns set for August 19

Meet the Longhorns will be held on Thursday, August 19th at the Bronte Park. There will be a hamburger supper beginning at 6:00 pm. The 2004 football and volleyball teams will be introduced

beginning around 7:00 pm. The Longhorn Marching Band will perform and this year's cheerleaders will also be introduced.

All high school band members are asked to bring a freezer of homemade ice cream, and high school athletes will need to bring a dessert. Come and meet this season's Longhorn teams.

The Longhorn football team will scrimmage Hermleigh on Saturday, August 14th at 10:00 am in Bronte. The Lady Longhorn volleyball teams will travel to Sweetwater on Saturday, August 14th.

The next All-Sports Booster meeting will be Monday, August 16th at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please come and help support our Bronte athletes.

BISD news

The 2004-2005 school year will begin for Bronte Independent School District on Monday, August 16, 2004, at 8 am.

BHS band summer schedule announced

Thursday, Aug. 12 - Instrument checkout, 9:00 - 11:30 am; rehearsal 1:30 - 2:30 pm; Friday, Aug. 13, - rehearsal 9:00 - 10:30 am.

Bronte Elementary open house set

Bronte elementary will hold an open house on Sunday, August 15, from 3-4 pm. You are invited to come and meet your child's teacher for the '04-'05 school year.

BHS class of '55 plans 50th reunion

A 50th reunion is being

planned for the Bronte High School Class of 1955. June 4, 2005, has been set to gather in San Angelo with more details to be finalized.

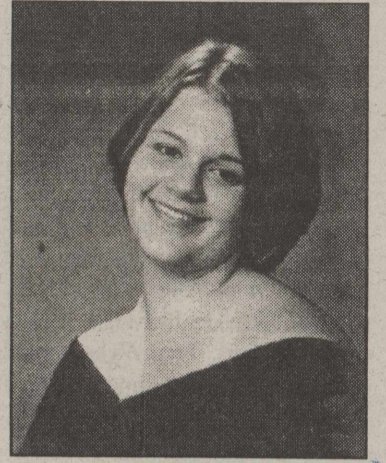
If anyone has an address or phone number for Alma Pearl Evett and Murlene Markham, please contact R.J. Millican, 325/692-8306, C.B. (Buck) James, 325/653-6927, or Harold McCutchen, 325/473-5201. It is hoped that many can attend.

Marrs awarded scholarship

Ariel Samantha Marrs, a 2004 graduate of Bronte High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Marrs received a Spalding Sports Worldwide award in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. The Spalding Sports award was awarded to 40 students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 307 new awards and will renew approximately 200 awards for a total of more than 500 scholarships for 2004-05, with an approximate value of \$1,025,000.



Ariel Marrs

Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Marrs competed in spelling and vocabulary at the 2002 and 2004 UIL Academic State Meets. She also participated in UIL poetry interpretation, headline writing, feature writing, editorial writing, one-act play, solo and ensemble contests and tennis. She was a member of National Honor Society and Student Council, and served her community through various service projects. In addition, she was the valedictorian of her graduating class.

Marrs plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in pre-medicine & biochemistry.

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Aug. 16

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 17

Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Aug. 18

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Thurs., Aug. 19

Sausage, applesauce, biscuit, jelly, milk

Friday, Aug. 20

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, teddy grams, milk

Lunch

Monday, Aug. 16

Pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 17

Chicken nuggets with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk

Wed., Aug. 18

Taco salad, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, Noy's rice, red grapes, tortilla chips, milk

Thurs., Aug. 19

Spud day, chili & cheese, baked potato, broccoli, apple half, crackers & cornbread, milk

Friday, Aug. 20

Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baked fries, bun, pink panther cake, milk



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Robert Lee ISD

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Robert Lee, TX 76945
325/453-4557

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San Angelo, TX 76904
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San Angelo, TX 76903
325/658-6571



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Bronte class reunion is big success

The 1964 class of Bronte High School had a big reunion that was a huge success. Classes present included 1960 through 1968 and teachers present were Billie Jean Fancher, Diane Luckett, Clint Lowe, Bob Bingham, Coach Bob Howard, Cecil Toliver and C.B. and Wanda Barbee.

The reunion was dedicated to Mr. C.B. Barbee, a man who has dedicated so many years of his life to caring for and improving education for children.

The classes present were: (1960) Steve Baggett Hines, Armilda (Hester) Colvin, D.W. Sims and Steve Colvin; (1961) Betty (Blackmon) McCutchen, Jerry McCutchen, Donald Spiller and Alonzo Robbins; (1962) Charles Lee, Tommy Lee, Jimmy Foreman, Jackie Corley, Eddie Spiller and Buddy Walker; (1963) Phelan (Parker) Wrinkle, Victor Ivey, Jerry Roach and Sue (Blackmon) Spiller; (1964) Marilyn (Glenn) Bivins, Gale (Mackey) Sartain, Jan (Wilkins) Phillips, Jeanna (Denman) Lee, Georgia Owen, Shirley (Caulder) Turner, Lajan (Kiker) Walter, Janice (Hester) Johnson, Glenn Sims, Weldon Roy Broussard, Jimmy Wells and Barry Curlee; (1965) Margi (Oglesby) Koranek, Marla (Reese) Brockett, Mike

Bronte Junior High Football Schedule

September 2	Christoval	There	5:00
September 9	Rotan	Here	5:00
September 16	Rankin	Here	5:00
September 23	Hermleigh	Here	5:00
September 30	Roby	There	5:00
October 7	Forsan	Here	5:00
October 14	Winters	There	6:30
October 21	Sterling City	Here	5:00
October 28	Open		
November 4	Roscoe	There	5:00

McKown, Beth (Ivey) Ward, Ann Harris, Ronnie Sims, Ronnie Lee, Ron Johns, Jim Morrow, Trish (Andrews) DuBoise, Gerald Parker and Mary (Corley) Morrow; (1966) Trish (Robinson) Martindale, Sharon (Mackey) Ewing, Laura (Morrow) Foreman and Janet (Caperton) Hickman; (1967) Gary Don Allen, Brenda (Scott) Hines and Frances (Glenn) Crumpler; (1968) Kreta (Kiker) Lee, Don Hageman and Merritt Scott.

Besides all spouses that were present, Dottie Simpson, Sherri and Little Joe Simpson were special guests along with Lana Lowe and several parents that came out to visit. Also as a guest was Mary Robbins and her husband, trying to locate pictures and information on past students of Bronte High.

The reunion was a true success and joy.



Look Who's New!

Chelsea Brienne Rainwater

Chelsea Brienne Rainwater was born on July 30, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs. and 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Chase and Marina Rainwater of Abilene. Her grandparents are Randy and Toni Rainwater of Robert Lee and Myrna and Eliseo Tarango of Andrews, Texas.

Cates to receive degree from ASU

Daniel Cates, a 2000 graduate of Robert Lee High School, is graduating Saturday, August 14, 2004, from Angelo State University

Bronte High School Football Schedule

August 14	Scrimmage-Irion County	Here	10:00
August 20	Scrimmage-Miles	There	6:00
August 27	Cross Plains	Here	7:30
September 3	Christoval	Here	7:30
September 10	Rotan	There	7:30
September 17	Rankin	There	7:30
*September 24	Hermleigh	There	7:30
*October 1	Roby	Here	7:30
*October 8	Forsan	There	7:30
*October 15	Winters	Here	7:30
*October 22	Sterling City	There	7:30
October 29	Open		
*November 5	Roscoe	Here	7:30

* District Games

with a degree in Kinesiology.

He will be teaching and coaching at Rockspring ISD in the 2004-2005 school year.

Daniel is the son of Paula Cates and Louis Clark of Robert Lee.

School Bells



will ring Monday.

August 16th!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 31, 2004 in the Board Room, Bronte ISD, 210 South Jefferson, Bronte Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.450000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.450000	\$ 1,643	\$ 7,305
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.390979	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.390979	\$ 1,615	\$ 7,333
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.450000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.450000	\$ 1,641	\$ 7,445

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 43,800	\$ 47,059
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,040	\$ 22,443
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.450000	\$ 1.450000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 290.58	\$ 325.42
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 34.84

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.666346. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.666346.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

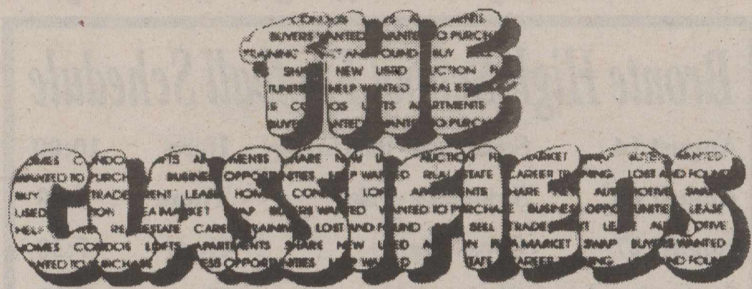
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$469,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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 This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.


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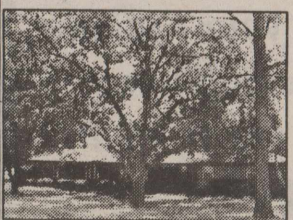
FOR SALE
COMPUTERS
 New and Used. Repairs, upgrades, internet service. Ed Martindale, 473-3004.
 22-tnc
FOR SALE TO BE MOVED
 2 bedroom, 1 bath 14'x 56' mobile home. Completely remodeled. All electric. Central heat & air. New hot water heater. Call 473-4441 after 6 pm.
 03-tnc

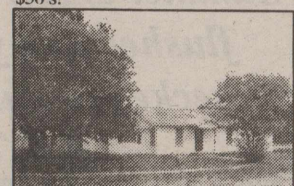
Concho Realty
 Office 653-4535
 Home 453-4748


 Becky Clendennen



Compare rent prices to the LOW, LOW Payment you may have if you BUY!!!


CUSTOM BUILT HOME! 3 Bedroom Home with Formal Living & Dining Rooms! Updated Carpet & Paint! Near Golf Course & Park! Price Reduced!


HILLCREST ADDITION! 4 Bedroom Home with Huge Den and Formal Living Room! Corner Lot! Covered Patio! Fenced Yard! \$40's!

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
 George Brickey

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
 Troy Gene
 Montgomery


FOR RENT
FOR RENT
 4 BR House in Robert Lee. \$400/month. Call 453-2819.
 04-2tp

TAKING APPLICATIONS
 for one, two & three bedroom apartments. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.
 29-EOW

rSj Expressions
 "Quality Video, Affordable Price"
 Weddings • Birthdays • Graduations • Anniversaries • Quinceaneras • Photo Montage
 Home: 325.651.7968
 Cell: 325.656.4050

Bob Frazer's 944-0010 473-6603

Texas Best
 Deflooding & Carpet Cleaning


 24 hr. Emergency Water Damage Service

NICE! NEW! BRICK!
 3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths
 2 bedroom 2 baths
 Now Available!
 Call: 915-473-3105
 for information or 915-473-9548
Santa Fe Crossing Duplexes
 320 SE Railroad
 Bronte, Texas 76933
 44-51tp

MISCELLANEOUS

BONANZA CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING
 Additions, patios, decks, repair work. Darryl Robinson 473-7061.
 01-4tp

OILFIELD BUYER
 Aggressive Oilfield Buyer Always Seeking Used Equipment. We Buy: Norrisal, Kimray & Fisher Valves, Fisher Wizards & Norrisal Controllers, High-Low Pilots (most brands), Texsteam 5000's & 5100's, Western Dff's, Glycol Pumps, Meter runs & Barton Recorders, Regulators, Gate Valves, Flanged Orbits, Separators, Line Heaters & Dehy. Units, Well Service & Drilling Equipment. Sterling Oilfield @ (325) 650-3036. Ask for Doyle.
 01-4tc

THE "BARBER" SHOP
 Debora England, 223 N Lombard, Bronte. 473-4026. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm.
 33-tnc

ANYONE INTERESTED
 in a DVD or VHS copy of the Bronte High School Graduation and/or the Bronte Kindergarten Graduation, please call 325-656-4050.
 51-6tc

FIESTA FUN JUMPS
 Sports Arena & Castle
 Jeff & Kim Lee, 473-2075
 38-tnc

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

LOOKING TO START
 or expand your business? Having trouble getting a loan? We can help!! Guaranteed approval w/proof of employment. All types of loans available. Call financial managers toll-free (866) 796-2917.
 01-4tp

ASH-MILLICAN-CARSON REAL ESTATE
 453-5144 OFFICE • 5 E 6TH STREET • ROBERT LEE, TX
 JOE ASH www.amcwesttexasranches.com MARSHALL MILLICAN
 473-0164 MOBILE • 453-2554 HOME 473-0437 MOBILE • 453-9002 HOME

Bronte	Acreeage
New Listing. Brick home with 2+/- ac., 3 BR, 3 BA, 2 Living Areas, Fireplace, Workshop and orchard Ready to Move In 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 Oak Creek Lake 3 BR, 1 BA, Nice lake house, Possible owner finance Robert Lee New Listing. Beautiful Austin Stone home, 2556 sq. ft. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 Living Areas or 4th BR. Large attached single garage, 12 x 25 workshop with 1/2 bath, 14 x 25 partially enclosed carport, beautiful lawn w/sprinkler system. On Lake Spence, with scenic views from this two story 3 BR, 2 BA lake home with a 2 car garage. Watch the wildlife from the front porch, 2 BR, 1 BA Brick veneer home with metal carport, \$20's 3 BR, 2 BA home with screened-in porch with view, Possible Owner Finance \$20's Nice 2 BR, 1.5 BA mobile home, carport and storage building, large trees.	1263 +/- Acres, Large Metal Barn, 4 tanks, water well, wildlife food plots. Great Hunting 1129 +/- Acres, All pasture and flat to rolling terrain with deep creeks and rough headers, 3 water wells and electricity, excellent deer hunting with turkey and quail 567 +/- Acres Under Contract good water well, nice hunt, joins large ranch, excellent hunting 320 +/- AC. Secluded, rolling terrain with hills and mountainous views, older rock home. Two water wells, crossed fenced. Good hunting. 314 +/- AC. Live Oak trees on Yellow Wolf Creek, good water well, 230 ac. cultivation, good hunting. 200 +/- AC. w/3 BR, 2 BA Brick home. 2 car garage, 40 x 40 all steel barn, good well, 87 ac. in cultivation. Great hunting. 147 +/- AC. MAKE OFFER! 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. 93 +/- AC Under Contract ontage, water well, 81 ac. 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

HANDYMAN CONSTRUCTION
 LICENSED ELECTRICIAN • INSURED & BONDABLE ANY TYPE OF JOB
TOMMY WILLIAMS
 ROBERT LEE, TX
 325-453-4477
 MOBILE: 325-277-7370

FREE! FREE! FREE!
 Free complimentary facials. New **MARY KAY** Independent Beauty Consultant in town. For all your **MARY KAY** needs, booking for a free facial, or any questions you may have about our cosmetic line ... please call **Katrina Rodriguez** at **453-4564** or **650-6379**. Thank You and God Bless!
 04-tnp

Come visit us at **WILDCAT MARINA.**
 Gene and Bob are here to serve you. New hours for your convenience:
 Mon., Tues., & Thurs. 3 pm to 6 pm
 Closed Wednesday
 Friday, 12 noon to 8 pm
 Saturday, 7 am to 8 pm
 Sunday, 7 am to 5 pm
 Trailer Hookups, Cabanas, Motel Accommodations. Also, mobile homes for sale as low as \$500 down. Reasonable payments. We carry the contract. **Call us at 325/453-2801.**
 01-tnc

HELP WANTED
WANTED
 Someone to keep a small dog. Most weeks 2 or 3 days/nights. Will pay \$10 a day and furnish food. Call 473-2146.
 04-1tc

NEEDED IN STERLING CITY
 Part-time newspaper position. Involves clerical work, ad sales, some physical (lifting), etc. Good typing skills, spelling, and people skills a must. Must have vehicle for travel between Sterling City and Robert Lee. Contact Hal Spain at the Observer/Enterprise, (325) 453-2433.
 04-tnc

NEED A YOUNGER AGED
 married couple that are on Social Security. Wife will help my wife with housework and man will help me with livestock & yardwork and must have valid drivers license. No drinking or smoking. Would need to live close to Robert Lee. FMI, call 453-2433 M-F.
 01-tnc

ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER
 now hiring for
Full Time DON
 Requires Texas RN License
 Must have experience in management and nursing home regulatory compliance.
 Salary DOE
 Great Work Environment
 Call Personnel at 453-2511 or come by 712 Washington to fill out application. EOE

GARAGE SALES
Garage Sale
 Downtown Robert Lee
 Friday & Saturday
 August 13th & 14th
 9 am to 4 pm



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
 is accepting applications for the following positions at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. Positions available on 9/01/04. Successful candidate will be required to pass security clearance.
 Correctional Nurse (RN) Fulltime
 Sr. Correctional LVN (2 yrs. exp.) Fulltime
 Shift Incentive for 2nd, 3rd, and Weekends
 Great State Benefit Package
 Contact Barbara Smith, DON @ 325/473-5700
 For additional information and to apply Log on to <http://jobs.texastech.edu>
TTUHSC IS AN EEO/AA EMPLOYER

...More Classifieds

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE

3 family garage sale. Friday only, 8-5. Adult and children clothes, some furniture and lots of good junk. Tavarez house, corner of 13th and Washington, Robert Lee.

04-1tp

MOVING SALE

310 17th Street, Robert Lee. Saturday, Aug. 14, 8-?. A little bit of everything.

04-1tc

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

A little bit of everything & burritos too! Sat., Aug. 14, 8-?. 501 W. 12th, Robert Lee.

04-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

THANKS TO ALL

who attended Saturday night and especially the committee for the tribute you paid me. I serve as chairman because of the love I have for the school and all those who have ever attended it. See you in 5 years, Fran Lomas.

04-1tp

DEAR FRIENDS,

We would like to say thanks to all of you for the prayers, phone calls, and visits during Nicole's surgery and recovery after her accident. We are so very blessed to have such wonderful friends. The Lord truly heard each and every prayer; Nicole's quick recovery is proof of answered prayer.

Cliffy, Deana,

Natasha, Natalee, and Nicole Reed

04-1tc

NOTICES

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 5:00 pm on August 24, 2004 at Robert Lee Care Center, 307 W. 8th St., Robert Lee, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2004. The proposed tax rate is 0.250000 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT by 1.33% percent.

04-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

To: All qualified voters of Coke County, Texas
A petition for a local option election to legalize "The sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only" will be circulated, for a period not to exceed 60 days from issuance, for the signatures of those qualified voters who desire that a local option election be called in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

04-1tc

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

ON the 1st day of August 2004, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of animal: Bovine
Breed: Longhorn
Color: 1-red & white, 1-tan & white, 1 white
Sex: Female
Age: Aged
Size: 800 to 1000 pounds
Brand, mark, and identifying characteristics: On tan and white - multiple brands on left side; On red

and white - 79 branded on left hip; On white - no marks

and, on the 3rd day of August 2004, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Coke County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of register of recorded brands in Coke County, Texas, for the owner of said Estrays, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estrays is not determined by the 18th day of August 2004, said estrays will be sold at public auction at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo, Texas.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of August, 2004.

Rick Styles

Coke County Sheriff

By Adam Richter, Deputy Sheriff

Coke County Sheriff's Department

03-2tc

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. 7574

APPLICATION Chevron U.S.A. Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 7574 which would authorize continued operation of their Conger Sales Facility. The applicant has provided the following driving directions: at the intersection of Highway 158 and Ranch Road 33 go 16 miles east on Highway 158, then 7 miles south, Sterling City, Sterling County, Texas. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, and particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

The TCEQ received this application on July 19, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ San Angelo regional office, and the Sterling County Public Library, 301 Main Street, Sterling City, Sterling County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the San Angelo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in

the permit process. After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act subsection 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case

hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application. **INFORMATION** Written public comments and requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Chevron U.S.A. Inc., 15 Smith Road, Midland, Texas 79705 or by calling Mr. Peter J. Botes, P.E., Air Environmental Specialist at (432) 687-7297. Issuance Date: August 2, 2004

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE

2002 Chevy Trailblazer, Indigo Blue Metallic, 53k, loaded. Excellent Condition. \$17,500. 453-4420.

04-1tc

Volunteer Training Academy slated

Just a reminder about Assault Victim Service's Spring 2004 Volunteer Training. Training for new volunteer advocates will begin on September 21, 2004.

Training is open to men and women, 18 and up, who are interested in becoming an advocate for victims of sexual assault and other violent crime in the Concho Valley. Trainees will complete a 40-hour curriculum covering topics as the medical and legal aspects of sexual assault/abuse and crisis intervention techniques.

For more information, please call Kyra Swindall, Volunteer Coordinator, at 325-944-8728.

2004 Property Tax Rates in EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 306,582
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 87,717
Last year's total taxes	\$ 394,299
Last year's tax base	\$ 75,965,514
Last year's total tax rate	0.51905 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 391,763
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 79,557,130
= This year's effective tax rate	0.49242 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.50719 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 304,610
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 79,557,130
= This year's effective operating rate	0.38288 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.41351 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.10669 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.52020 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.49242 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$2,631.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance

Schedule B - 2004 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Construction Bond	\$75,000	\$9,145	\$0	\$84,145
Total Required for 2004 Debt Service				\$84,145
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$1,581
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2004				\$82,564
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 2004				\$3,440
= Total Debt Levy				\$86,004

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 13 E 7TH ST (COURTHOUSE) ROBERT LEE TEXAS.

Name of person preparing this notice: GAYLE SISEMORE

Title: TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

Date Prepared: July 29, 2004

Coke County FSA Seeks Nominations

The Coke County FSA County Committee is actively seeking individuals who are interested in running for the County Committee. This year, the area which is up for election is the part of Coke County east of Highway 208. Nominations are strongly encouraged from all socially disadvantaged groups: Farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of legal voting age who have a farming interest in this area of the County (L.A.A #3) are eligible to serve on the COC if elected.

Nominating petitions must be received in the Coke County FSA Office no later than September 3, 2004.

Persons interested in serving may contact the County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick up a nominating petition or ask questions concerning the election process.

For more information regarding FSA programs, contact the Coke-Sterling FSA office at (325) 453-2751.



Look Who's New!

Keeley June Westbrook

Carrie and Bobby Westbrook of San Angelo are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Keeley June Westbrook. Keeley was born at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, Texas, Wednesday, June 23, 2004. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Carolyn and Butch Davis of San Angelo. Paternal grandparents are Mary Lou Westbrook and the late Finis Westbrook of San Angelo. Her sister, Emily Westbrook, welcomed Keeley home.

Millican receives scholarship

Cayla Millican, a 2004 graduate of Sterling City, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Ivey Motor Co., Inc., and Ford Motor Company. Millican's parents are Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City, and Cayla plans to study Dental Hygiene - Pre Dental at South Plains College (TX).

The scholarship is one of 626 awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and the Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2004. The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program recently celebrated its seventh full year.

621 scholarships are being awarded on behalf of individ-

ual participating Ford Dealers. Additionally, five \$1,000 national scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Division. The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their past and future academic achievement. Built Ford Tough Trucks and Ford Motor Company Fund sponsor these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ivey Motor Co., Inc. is proud to support FFA and the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program. For 55 years Ford has supported FFA, and for more than 50 years, people all over America have been putting Built Ford Tough Trucks to work. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. That's why Ford has increased the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Fund each year

since its inception. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

FFA is a national youth organization of over 460,000 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with approximately 7,300 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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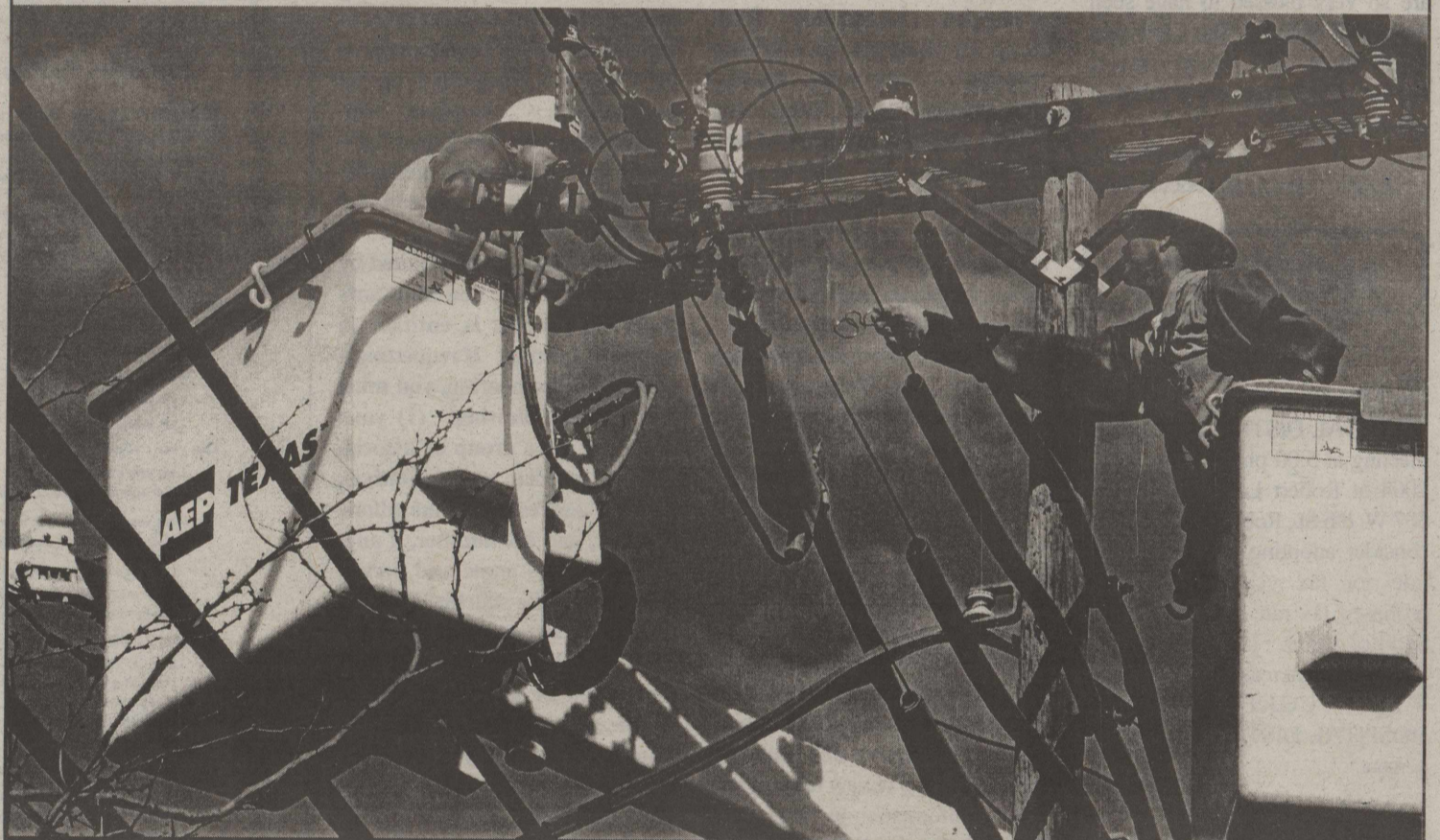
CokeCoObserver@aol.com

Please send articles in the body of the email and photos as a jpeg attachment.



Millican receives scholarship! Billy Wayne Roe, owner of Ivey Motor Company, Inc., presents Cayla Millican with a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is sponsored by Ivey Motor Company, Inc., and Ford Motor Company. Cayla, a 2004 graduate of Sterling City High School, is the daughter of Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City.

1:27 p.m. Monday



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