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RLCC administrator, office manager's fate to be decided

by Hal Spain, Publisher

A special meeting has been set for this Thursday, August 19, 5:00 pm, at the nursing home, that could mean the termination of services of the nursing home administrator and the business office manager. This is according to a notice posted by Judy Williams, president of the board of directors of the West Coke County Hospital District.

The first two items under new business include: a. termination of care center administrator -- discussion/action; and b. termination of care center business office manager -- discussion/action. Following that, the board will go into executive session relating to personnel matters, and the meeting will be adjourned.

What this all means to you and me is that they are discussing the future of Roger and Della Alexander and their employment at the nursing home. It is my understanding that no comments from the audience will be allowed. However, as concerned citizens, taxpayers, and friends, it is our right to be at this meeting.

Time is short. The meeting will be held before many have a chance to see the paper. So, in the words of Patti Ivey, "telephone, telegraph, tell a female", and let everybody know about this

important meeting.

Football Pages slated

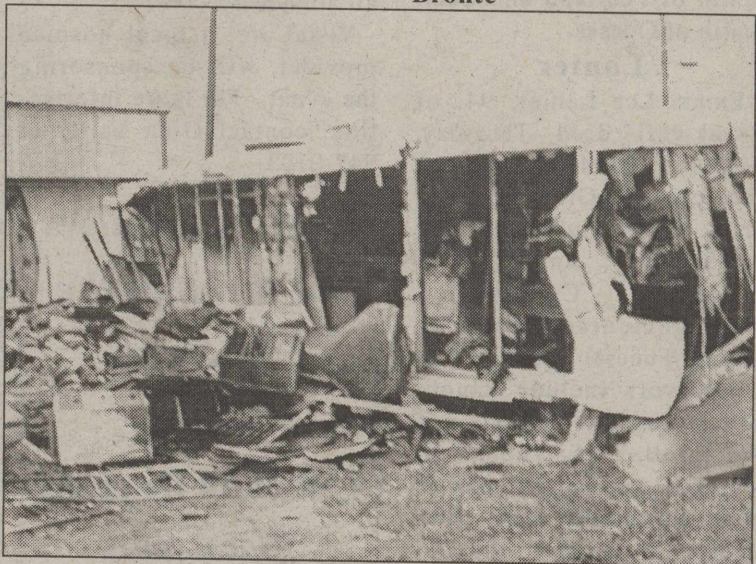
Football season in Coke and Sterling Counties officially begins August 27 when the Bronte Longhorns will face Cross Plains at home, the Sterling City Eagles will meet Eden on the road, and the Robert Lee Steers will travel to Midland to face Midland Trinity.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the August 27 issue of the *Observer/Enterprise*.

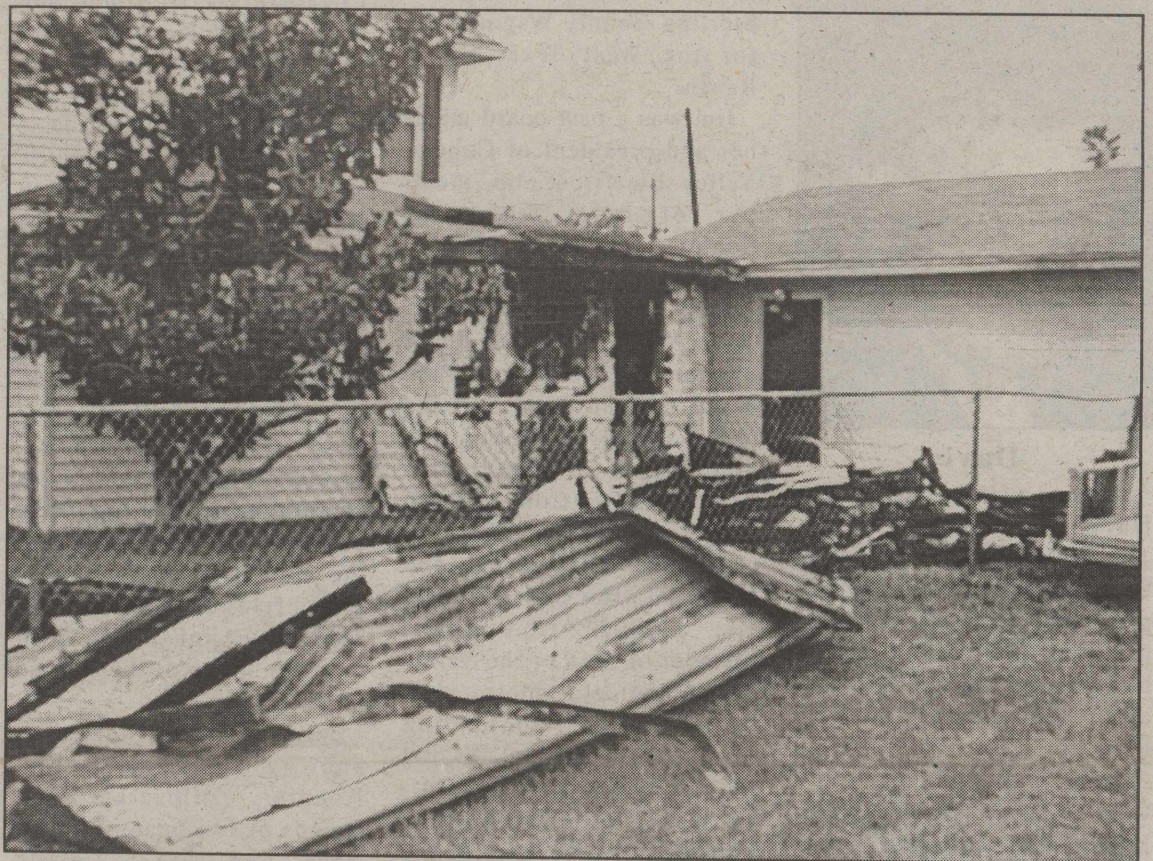
All 2003 sponsors will be included on the 2004 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call the office at 453-2433 by 2 pm, Tuesday, Aug. 24.

For our Sterling City readers, this is something new. However, the signature pages provide a great deal of information each week about the football games. In one easy glance, you can determine who the Eagles will be playing, where they will be playing, and at what time. You can also check the scores of each of this season's games. A miniature example is shown on page 7 of this issue, along with all information on how to become a signature page sponsor.

A complete list of 2003 sponsors is included below.
Bronte



Second Robert Lee Structure Fire! This storage travel trailer at 209 E. 1st in Robert Lee burned Monday evening, August 16, 2004. The trailer is owned by Teresa Fernandez. The cause of the fire, reported at 9:30 pm that evening, is listed as unknown.



Robert Lee Structure Fire! The above home, owned by W. D. and Judy Gibbs, caught fire at approximately 3 am Monday morning, August 16, 2004. The storage building and garage of the home located at 1023 Bishop in Robert Lee received considerable damage. The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical.

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Robert Lee

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RL Street Affair promises to be fun

The Third Annual Robert Lee Street Affair promises to be a day set aside to just have fun. This year's event will be held Saturday, October 2nd.

That is the first Saturday in October when the weather is sure to cooperate, and it will be just in time to shop the booths for Christmas presents.

Chairmen have been busy putting together the crowd-pleasing events. An art show, a dessert bake-off, a brisket/ribs cook-off, an antique car show, the quilt show, a tour of the old jail, an air carnival, children's rides, a Little Miss/Mr. event, and some other happenings that are still in the works, will provide entertainment for everyone.

A genuine chicken roping will be held -- maybe twice during the day to give everyone a chance to participate.

The street dance will begin around 7 pm, but there promises to be some music during the day, too.

Craft booths and food booths will provide fundraising opportunities for booth holders and eating and shopping opportunities for the Street Affair visitors.

A Street Affair meeting will be held at 5 pm, Thursday, August 26, in the Library. Chairmen should have all plans ready to be publicized.

For information, call 453-2831, or 453-2495, or 453-4642.

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Obituaries



Davis

James (Jim) McKnight Davis passed away August 15, 2004, at his home in Sterling City. It is appropriate that Jim end his life on the same home soil where he had his beginning 64 years ago. Jim had the deepest love and respect for Sterling County and his family heritage. Jim's grandparents, Henry and Frances Kellis Davis, were one of the earliest families to settle Sterling County in 1889. This pioneer spirit and their devotion to family lives on in all the Davis descendants.

Jim was born January 4, 1940, and attended schools in Sterling City. In 1963, he graduated from Texas Christian University. He married Kay Woodward in 1969, and even though she was a Tennessee girl, she was quickly drawn into the Davis clan and their love of Texas. Kay and Jim lived at the homeplace of his parents, Jeff and Gladie Davis, and continued the family traditions together. Jim ranched in Sterling County for over 40 years. As a couple, Jim and Kay always welcomed family and carried on the gatherings of "Daddy Jeff" and "Mama Lady".

Jim was a faithful member of the Sterling City Church of Christ. Love for his community kept him involved and you could always count on Jim when a challenge was to be met. He served as president of the Sterling County Centennial Association and as chairman of the Old Settlers Reunion. As a member of the Sterling County Historical Association, he worked diligently as a committee member in compiling "Milling Around Sterling City", the historical book of

the area. Jim received "Sterling County Outstanding Citizen" in 1991, was a member and past president of the Lion's Club, and served as Sterling County Wagon Boss for the West Texas Boys' Ranch.

Jim was a past board member and president of Concho Valley Electric Coop, member of both Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association and of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and a past board member and president of the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District, from which he received the "Outstanding Conservation Rancher" award in 1987.

An avid outdoorsman and historian, Jim had lived his life "digging". He became a member of the Concho Valley Archeological Society. His father had started hunting arrowheads in the 1920's and his collection of Indian artifacts became well-known, considered to be "one of the finest private collections in the whole state." Jim continued to expand his findings of artifacts with his undying passion. These endeavors were truly his zeal in life, and he was so dedicated to preserving these treasures of history.

Two additional treasures in his life were Rob and Treg Manning. "Uncle Jim" counted these nephews as his sons. He was their mentor and great source of joyfulness for them, and they for him. This bond will be ageless.

The family has been immensely blessed by Jacob Tindell, great-nephew, in the past months. Thank you for your unending assistance, day and night, for Uncle Jim and Aunt Kay. You were always there for us.

For Jim's exceptional care, we sincerely thank our physicians and friends, Dr. Charles Marsh, Dr. Luis Duarte, Dr. Raj Cheruku, Dr. Chris Barnett, and Dr. Philip Bechtel. Our love and gratitude go out to Joy Manning, Jim's sister-in-law, for her devotion and diligence in assisting us in every way and also to niece Corky Elkins for her compassionate care for Uncle Jim. Thank you to the Rios family for their reliable support. Deepest appreciation also goes to our Hospice family of caregivers.

And for the unending care and concerns of all our wonderful friends, we cannot thank you enough. You are steadfast in the eye of the storm.

Preceding Jim in death were his parents, Jeff and Gladie Davis. He is survived by his wife, Kay, of Sterling City; brother, Tom D. Davis and wife, Marjorie of Ruidoso, NM; sisters, Nell Campbell and husband, George of Colleyville, Mary Hurt and husband, Bill of Grandview, and Jenny Dorsey and husband, Bill of Colleyville; sister-in-law, Joy Manning of Sterling City; special nephews and nieces, Jeff and Janis Davis, John and Mitzi Davis, Joe and Elizabeth Davis, Diane and Butch Tindell, Gary and Doris Campbell, Corky and Ted Elkins, Stephen and Lynn Campbell, Jan and Dale Putrino, Terri Hurt, Valerie and Scott McGregor, Beth Dorsey, Jenny and Greg Johnson, Peggy Dorsey, Rob and Debbie Manning, and Treg Manning.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at 2:30 pm at the Sterling City Church of Christ. Ministers Don Davis, Rick Cunningham, and Jim Petty conducted the memorial services. Visitation for family and friends was held Tuesday, August 17, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Church of Christ.

Pallbearers were nephews and husbands of nieces. Honorary pallbearers were friends of Jim, many lifelong ones and others made throughout his lifetime.

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness. Nothing is so gentle as real strength." This speaks of Jim. Memorials to Hospice of San Angelo, Sterling City Church of Christ, or your charity of choice will be deeply appreciated in his honor.

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Taft

Robert Bowen Taft, 64, of Robert Lee, died Tuesday, August 17, 2004, in the Robert Lee Care Center. Robert was born in Sweetwater, Texas, on January 7, 1940. Before retiring at age 62, Robert worked his last 10 years for Hirschfeld Steel in San Angelo.

Services will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Saturday, August 21, at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at Sanco Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Thursday and Friday at Shaffer's.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, brother, John Wesley, sister Helen and son, Roy.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, of Robert Lee; daughter and son-in-law, Robbie and Danny Ruff of San Angelo; daughter, Tammy Taft of Abilene; son, Sam Taft and

wife, Sondra of Robert Lee. Three brothers, Harry of Guthrie, Oklahoma, George of Robert Lee and Gerald of Bronte; one sister, Imogene Nixon of Bronte; six grandchildren, Brandon, Brittany, Jonathan, Nathan, Makenzie, Breanna, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers include Bobby Taft, Charlie Fowler II, Sam Taft, Danny Ruff, Jonathan Taft and Jason Bauer.

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Death Notices

Hord

Ronald Ian Hord, 21, died Tuesday, August 17, 2004. Service will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include his parents, Ronny and Karen Hord of San Angelo; and brothers, Shea Hord and Jason Hord, both of San Angelo.

Bates

Robert Michael "Mike" Bates was killed in a motorcycle accident Wednesday, August 4, 2004, in Odessa, Texas. Mike was born June 4, 1959, in Odessa.

Funeral services were scheduled for 3 pm Saturday, August 7, 2004, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with Jeff Sweeten of Eisenhower Church of Christ officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mike is survived by his wife, Joni Bates; daughter, Tisha Bates; and father, Frank Bates, all of Odessa; and mother, Glenda Mathers of Robert Lee.

Donaley

Aleene L. Donaley, 84, died Thursday, August 12, 2004, in a San Angelo hospital. Graveside service was held at 3 pm Sunday in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Donaley of San Angelo; sons, Dean Williams of Eldorado and Ronnie Williams of Alpine; sister, Margaret Jones of Robert Lee; and brothers, Wayne Smith of Pearland and Cecil Smith of Odessa.

Lanier

Emma Lee Lanier, 94, of Blackwell died Thursday, August 5, 2004, in a Roscoe care center. Graveside services were conducted at 11 am Saturday, August 7, in Decker Cemetery. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughters, Virginia Harris of Blackwell, Rudy Thomas of Maryneal and Patty Lanier of New Braunfels; son, Bob Lanier of Snyder; sisters, Ella Mae Sedberry of Sweetwater and Eppie Crain of Bronte; and brother, Watus Walden of The Colony. She is also survived by a daughter-in-law, Jackie Lanier of

Edith.

**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 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.

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Clark's celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Bob and Pat Davis Clark were married on August 21, 1954, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Monahans.

Bob is the son of the late John and Georgia Clark of Tennyson, and Pat is the daughter of the late Elmer and Lelia Davis of Monahans.

Their lives were blessed with 3 daughters; Jo Ann, wife of Bob Bullard of Odessa, Angelia, wife of Mike Beene of Somerville, and Brenda Clark of Danbury.

The apples of their eyes are their grandchildren, Jason Bullard of Odessa, Justin Bullard of Odessa, with wife Tami and children Kamryn and Preston, Bambi Nee'Cole Sargent Munoz of Wharton, with husband, Joe Munoz; James Sargent IV of Dover, Delaware with Debra and daughter Gianna Nee'Cole, Bryan Beene of Somerville and the late Amber Norsworthy of Wharton, and great-grandson, Junior.

Bob worked in the oilfield for 14 years as a driller and tool pusher in the West Texas area, then went to work at Rexene in Odessa in 1965 and worked there for 27 years. Pat worked at North Plaza Beauty Salon for 10 years then worked at Walgreens Pharmacy for 4 years. They retired to Oak Creek Lake near Blackwell on April 1, 1992, and have been active in volunteer work with the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and the Shrine Temple. They both are members of First Baptist Church in Blackwell.

Their daughters hosted the celebration of their 50th anniversary at the Shrine Temple in San Angelo. The couple arrived in a horse drawn carriage and the guests released 200 balloons upon their arrival. The couple renewed their vows with Bro. John Curry of Blackwell officiating and Nelson Coulter of Girard, Texas, singing. Granddaughter Bambi Munoz registered guests. A catered dinner by Kenny Blanek and a dance followed.

A special presentation was made in honor of their 50th with a donation made to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Foundation and the Shriner's Hospital for Children. These donations were raised by James Dexter Sargent IV riding his bicycle from Dover Delaware Air Force Base to Houston. The entire family and friends supported James and helped raise money and awareness by various means including asking their employers and employees to "brown bag it for a day" and put the money they would have spent in a donation box. These donations to the three foundations that are dear to Bob and Pat's heart were made by the family and friends as a way to give the gift that keeps on giving. Pat is a Breast Cancer survivor and Bob lives with Diabetes and they both volunteer in



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark

raising money for the Shriner's Hospitals on a regular basis.

On this special occasion, their daughters and son-in-law, and grandchildren want to express their heartfelt gratitude for all the love and sacrifice the couple has shown to them through the years. Their devotion to their family and love for each other has been an inspiration.

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 vacci-

nation 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.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

Since we have always had beer and wine in Coke County, wouldn't it be nice if we had the sales and taxes, also!

Name withheld by request

Churches of Coke County Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
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
Wed. 7 pm Choir

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) 453-0014
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Imperial Sugar
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Minute Maid
64 oz. carton **\$.69**

All Rims
Blue Bell Ice Cream
2 1/2 Gal. Round **/\$7.50**

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Braves Win District! The Bronte Braves Baseball Team earned 1st place honors at the District Tournament in the Freshman Division (ages 10, 11, and 12). The team played in Winters the week of June 12-16, 2004. Team members include (back row, from left) Coach Wyndell Brosh, Haydan White, Coach Rocky Rawls, Alzado Rodriguez, Beau Gonzales, Jacob Scott, Kerwin Rawls, Bill Miller, Coach Kenny White, (front row, from left) Tyler Riney, Cody Brosh, Dakota Rawls, Hadley Holland, Michael Manley (not pictured), Heath Richey, Jonathan Reyes, Brent Kelly, Logan McGlothlin, and Vaughn Stillely.

Bronte ISD Board of Trustees meet in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on August 10, 2004, at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, Bob Frazee,

Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, and Superintendent Alan Richey. Gary Acker and David Scott were absent. Also present were Rick Howell and Terry Marrs, Principals, and Michael Bohensky, CCJJC Principal.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alan Richey.

Reports were given by the principals, Rick Howell, Terry Marrs, and Michael Bohensky, CCJJC Principal.

The Board approved the 2004-2005 student handbooks, student code of conduct, and the employee handbook. The Bronte ISD nutrition program and the 2004-2005 WADA contract was approved.

Superintendent Alan Richey gave a facilities update including an update on the new gym floor.

The Board hired Cory Prew, Lyn Porter, Pete Maldonado, Kathy Beachamp, and Sandra Spradley as CCJJC teachers. Rosa Long was hired as a Special Ed Clerk for CCJJC. The resignations of Steven Pyburn and Terri Blair were accepted.

The Board reviewed the 2003-2004 budget and the 2004-2005 budget. The public hearing on the 2004-2005 proposed budget and tax rate will be at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 31 in the board room. A special board meeting will follow.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 10:15 pm.

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.

"The Longhorn" Bronte All-Sports Booster Club

by Randy Springer

On Monday, August 16, 2004, at 7:00 pm, the Bronte All-Sports Booster Club met for their regular weekly meeting. Regular meetings are held every Monday night at 7:00 pm in the school library. Your participation is needed at the meetings to help build school pride and spirit for all our athletes and coaches. There is truly something for everyone, as all the coaches are at every meeting, even with their busy schedules, making themselves available for questions.

The primary topics Monday night were planning for MEET THE LONGHORNS NIGHT on August 19th at the park at 6:00 pm with hamburgers provided by Project Graduation. The program will begin at 7:00 pm. As a reminder, parents of varsity athletes are to provide a dessert, and parents of band members are to provide homemade ice cream.

Also, the cheerleaders are selling t-shirts and BASB will be taking orders for the

maroon jackets. BASB is also selling memberships, and each person who joins will also be entered in a drawing for a free jacket to be given away at half-time of our first home game on September 21, along with some other treats for each member who signs up. You know it's going to be an exciting year; so, as we say, "if you ain't there, you ain't the sharpest tool in the tool shed".

The varsity Longhorns traveled to Miles Friday evening for a 5:00 scrimmage, and if you missed Saturday's scrimmage against Irion County, then you haven't seen the "Maroon Fire Ant" defense (you hit them with a weed eater after a rain, and you'll have whelps in places you forgot you had), and the "smooth as a baby's behind" offense. I highly suggest you check this team out.

The varsity Lady Longhorns travel to the annual Wink Tournament (24 to 28 teams) this weekend, and they are a pleasure to watch because of their enthusiasm, hard work, and grittiness. Though young (only one Senior), this will be a team to keep your eye on.

The new officers are: Randy Springer, Pres. (though desperately in need of a brain transplant will still be around), Kenny White, VP (Concessions, oldest son soon to be married labor day weekend, and I just don't think medically we can provide the treatment he will need), Tammy Royall VP (Fall Festival, although as my neighbor, may be on the transplant list by the end of October), Gloria Allen VP (Fundraising, another neighbor who left her job at home helping build fence to attend the meeting I thought was at 6:00 but really was at 7:00 may need a marriage counselor, but Donny, she's a keeper), Mickey (Mic) Ehl, Secretary (now we are getting to the real workers), Ann Bennett/Alisa Webb, Treasurer (ditto here, the rest of us try to check their pulse occasionally).

Your BASB Club is seeking new and creative ideas to encourage attendance at meetings, as well as the reasons for non-participation. Your input is vital to our KIDS. Let's "git 'er done".

Tomes enters cadet training at Air Force Academy

Jonathan A. Tomes has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program trains men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges of a cadet.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life, and learn proper wear of the uniform, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

During phase two, cadets train outdoors, living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Team work, cohesion and learning to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations are practiced. Trainees complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

Tomes is the son of George and Cynthia Tomes of Bronte. He is a 2003 graduate of Bronte High School.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, August 23

Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, jelly and milk

Tuesday, August 24

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, and milk

Wednesday, August 25

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, August 26

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Friday, August 27

Pop tart, orange half, biscuit, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, August 23

Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls, milk

Tuesday, August 24

Frito Pie, chili, cheese, tossed salad, sweet corn, mixed fruit, fritos, milk

Wednesday, August 25

Barbecue sausage links, macaroni salad, blackeyed peas, cantaloupe, hot rolls, milk

Thursday, August 26

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef and vegetable soup, carrot sticks, cornbread, milk

Friday, August 27

Chick-Fil-Lay sandwich, baked fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk

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

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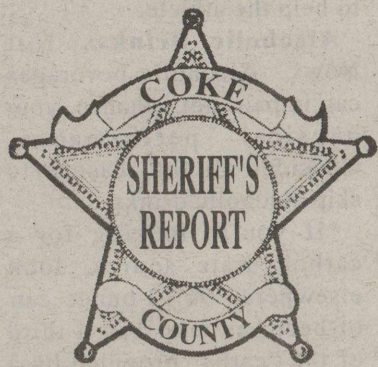
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End of Summer Fun! A group of youth from Bronte's First Baptist Church celebrated the end of summer by going to Fiesta Texas in San Antonio on Wednesday, August 11th.

Youth Minister Myron Halford and his wife Jodie served as sponsors for the group of 20 teenagers. A safe and good time was enjoyed by all. The group is now getting started with new meetings and studies on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



July 2004 Arrests, Charges filed and dispositions

Terry Gene Benson, DWLS, 7-3-04

Beatrix Montoria, False Identification to a Peace Officer, 7-4-04

Anthony Daniel, DWI 1st, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Assault of a Family Member (Tom Green Co), 7-4-04

Angela Lynnette Tedford, DWI 2nd, 7-10-04

Pablo Martinez, Possession of Controlled Substance PG <1 gram, Theft by Check (Taylor County), 7-9-04

Ricardo Mancibais Jr., Driving while license is suspended, 7-31-04

51st District Court Dispositions 07-21-04

The State of Texas vs. Chaddrick Sherodde Williams, Charge: Failure to Identify, Plea: Dismissed

The State of Texas vs. Chaddrick Sherodde Williams, Charge: Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, Plea: Dismissed

County Court Plea Hearing 7-28-04

The State of Texas vs. Margaret Hall, Charge: Driving While License is suspended, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$236.00, Attorney Fee \$250.00, Probated 12 Months.

Rosson earns Master's degree

Leah Rosson graduated with a Master of Science degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas on August 7, 2004. She is married to Kerry Rosson, and is the daughter of C.B. and Wanda Barbee. Leah lives in Bronte and is librarian of Central High

School in San Angelo.

Hunters may now buy new license

August 16 was the first day for purchasing your Texas Hunting and Fishing License. Although your 2004 license (last year's) does not expire until August 31, you may now buy it two weeks early. Then you are good to go for dove season on September 1 when you need the new one, says Texas Game Warden Jim Allen. Avoid long lines on August 31 and purchase your new license now.

Allen issued a reminder to hunters buying licenses to ask for the HIP certification to hunt doves.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

As concerned citizens in Coke County, we would like to express some concerns. According to the state of Texas, a person who owns land in excess of 10 acres does not have to have a permit to have a septic system installed. On October 12, 2002, the Coke County Commissioners' Court took this privilege away from residents of Coke County and voted that ALL septic systems had to be permitted. On April 12, 2004, a large group of concerned citizens attended the commissioners' court meeting and addressed this topic. At that time, the designated representative (the person to inspect septic systems) and the 10-acre rule were rescinded. On May 24, 2004, at the commissioners' court meeting the designated representative was re-instated with local, certified representatives and the 10-acre rule was still given back to landowners. Then, on August 9, 2004, the commissioners voted to remove the 10-acre rule, which means that every septic system in Coke County must be inspected. This was

on the agenda listed as "state contract", and we were not aware of what was to be discussed. We appreciate George Snapp for listening to his constituents and casting the only vote against the motion.

We realize that unscrupulous people will sometimes abuse the rule and install septic systems that do not meet state requirements, but wouldn't those same people install a system without a permit? Can we continue to encourage people to move to Coke County and then place restrictions on them?

If you agree with us, please contact the Coke County Commissioners and County Judge Roy Blair with your concerns.

Sincerely,
Lee and Janet Wommack
502 Lake Dam Road
Blackwell, TX 79506
(325) 743-2087



Look Who's New!

Kendall Taylor Blackburn

Kendall Taylor Blackburn was born July 10, 2004. Proud parents are Amber (Roe) and Greg Blackburn of Edenton, North Carolina. Her sister, Leann Whitney Blackburn, is 27 months old. Kendall weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Greg is the youth minister at Rocky Hock Baptist Church in Edenton, North Carolina.

The grandparents are Larry and Helen Blackburn of Troy, North Carolina; Ralph and Jean Ashley of Lexington, North Carolina; Deone and A.J. (Pete) Roe and Fay Roe, all of Robert Lee.

Wanted

People who are willing to give of themselves and their time to help those who have a need for emergency care in Coke County. West Coke County EMS is sponsoring an Emergency Care Attendant class in Robert Lee for anyone in Coke County that is interested in seeing that



Engagement Announced! Mr. and Mrs. Arnold "Red" Guzman are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Olivia Ann Guzman, to Edward Lee Carrasco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carrasco of Sonora, Texas.

Olivia is a 1997 graduate of Bronte High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio. She received a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies, specializing in Early Childhood. The bride-elect is currently pursuing her teacher certification at the University of Texas at San Antonio, while being employed with Jefferson Bank as an Internet Banking Specialist.

Edward is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio. He received a BBA in Business, along with a minor in Economics. The prospective groom is employed with Guaranty Bank as a Personal Investment Banker. The couple is planning an October 23, 2004, wedding in San Antonio, Texas.

there is a continuation of emergency medical care in our county. emergency care available for those you love?

Have you stopped to think that at this time the ambulance services in Robert Lee and Bronte are the only medical care available? There are no doctors or clinics now operating in Coke County. The ambulance services are the lifeline for emergency care. How important is it to you to have service.

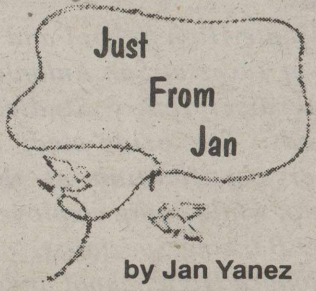
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STERLING CITY SCHOOL NEWS

Sterling City High School Volleyball Schedule

August 20/21	Wink Tourney	Wink	TBA	V
August 20/21	Sterling JV Tourney	Home	TBA	JV
August 24	Midland Trinity	Midland Trinity	TBA	JV,V
August 24	Midland Lee Soph.	Midland Trinity	TBA	JV,V
August 27/28	Central Tourney	Central	TBA	V
August 31	Colorado City	Colorado City	5:00	JV,V
September 3/4	Midland Tourney	Midland	TBA	V
September 4	Central/Grape Creek/ Water Valley	Home	10:00	JV
September 7	Kermit/McCamey	Home	5:00	JV,V
September 11	OPEN			
September 14	Andrews/Greenwood	Andrews	5:00	JV,V
September 21	McCamey/Cornerstone	Home	10:00	JV,V
September 25	Midland Trinity	Midland Trinity	1:00	V
September 25	Bronte JV Tourney	Bronte	TBA	JV
September 28	Miles	Miles	5:30	JV,V
October 2	Bronte	Home	1:00	JV,V
October 5	Water Valley	Home	5:30	JV,V
October 9	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	1:00	JV,V
October 12	Veribest	Veribest	5:30	JV,V
October 16	Miles	Home	1:00	JV,V
October 19	Bronte	Bronte	5:30	JV,V
October 23	Water Valley	Water Valley	1:00	JV,V
October 26	Santa Anna	Home	5:30	JV,V
November 1/2	District Tie Dates			
November 4/5	Bi-District			
November 9	Area			
November 12/13	Regional Tournament			
November 19/20	State Tournament			

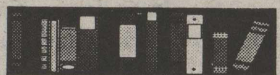


by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Athletes and Fluids

What should you drink before, during, and after rigorous activity? Try water, fruit juices, sports drinks, or other beverages. For workouts of less than thirty

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Aug. 23**
Scrambled eggs, biscuits, cereal, pineapple
- Tuesday, August. 24**
Blueberry muffin, cereal, orange
- Wed., August 25**
Sausage-n-blanket, cereal, juice
- Thurs., August 26**
Cinnamon or cheese toast, cereal, pears
- Friday, August 27**
Waffles, cereal, peaches
- Lunch**
- Monday, Aug. 23**
Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, apple
- Tuesday, Aug. 24**
Chicken spaghetti, sweet potatoes, fried okra, hot rolls
- Wed., Aug. 25**
Lasagna, salad, green beans, garlic stick, pears
- Thurs., Aug. 26**
Chalupas, refried beans, salad, cornbread, orange
- Friday, Aug. 27**
Sloppy Joe on bun, pickle chips, pork 'n beans, fritos

Sterling City Junior High Volleyball Schedule

August 26	Veribest	Home	4:30, 5:30
August 30	Miles	Miles	4:30, 5:30
September 9	Bronte	Home	4:30, 5:30
September 11	Big Spring Tourney	Big Spring	4:30, 5:30
September 13	Water Valley	Home	4:30, 5:30
September 20	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	4:30, 5:30
September 27	Veribest	Veribest	4:30, 5:30
October 4	Miles	Home	4:30, 5:30
October 11	Bronte	Bronte	4:30, 5:30
October 18	Water Valley	Water Valley	4:30, 5:30
October 25	Grape Creek	Home	4:30, 5:30

minutes of continuous activity and recreational walking, sports drinks, juices, and water are all good choices. For fluid replacers for other sports, keep reading.

Water: The Best Choice. Cool water is preferred by most exercisers; in fact, water has been described as an athlete's best ergogenic aid!

Water helps lower and normalize your body's core temperature from inside when you're hot, and it moves quickly from your digestive tract to your tissues.

Cold water is a fine choice. Contrary to popular myth, drinking cold water during exercise doesn't cause stomach cramps for most athletes; stomach cramps may come from dehydration, but not drinking cold water. For outside activity in cold weather, drink water that's warm or at room temperature to help protect you from hypothermia, or low body temperature.

Sports Drinks: Often marketed as "power drinks," sports drinks can benefit some athletes under a variety of circumstances, especially in hot, humid conditions. In fact, sports drinks with 6 to 8 percent carbohydrate (14 to 19 grams of carbohydrate per 8 ounces) may be better than water or diluted fruit juice for fluid replacement.

For activities lasting longer

than an hour, try sports drinks. If you're a long-distance runner or long-distance bicyclist, or involved in other endurance events (longer than ninety minutes), sports drinks may offer some performance benefits. New research shows a benefit for high-intensity activity (perhaps sprinting or playing hockey) lasting 30 minutes or more.

The simple form of carbohydrate, called glucose, in sports drinks is a more immediate fuel, or energy, source for working muscles. It may help prevent muscle glycogen from being depleted too fast and so help lengthen performance time. (Muscle glycogen is carbohydrate that is stored in muscle.) Glucose in sports drinks also helps the fluid move through the digestive system and into the bloodstream.

Compared to juice or soft drinks, sports drinks are more diluted. This means that the fluid and glucose supplied by a sports drink can be absorbed and used more readily by the body. If you'd like to see if a drink falls in the 6 to 8 percent carbohydrate range, use this formula:

*Find the grams of carbohydrate and the serving size (in milliliters--ml) on the label (8 ounces is about 240 ml).

*Divide the grams of carbohydrate by the serving size (in ml) and multiply by 100

to determine the percent of carbohydrate.

*Example: 14 grams carbohydrate/240 ml x 100 = 6%

Besides fluid and energy, sports drinks supply electrolytes. As you perspire, your body loses very small amounts of sodium and other electrolytes. For most athletes, a normal diet replaces what is lost. But endurance athletes perspire much more, so they're at greater risk for sodium depletion. Sodium and other electrolytes in sports drinks may be beneficial. During exercise that's longer than 60 minutes, or for exercise performed in high heat or humidity, drinks with electrolytes help to enhance fluid absorption.

You don't lose vitamins when you sweat, so you don't need sports drinks with extra vitamins. The extra food you eat for more food energy also provides any extra B vitamins you need for energy production.

If you're an endurance athlete, experiment with sports drinks and other fluids during practices and low-key competition. Drink them early enough so you don't get dehydrated. Then, any fluid may upset your stomach.

If the appealing flavor of sports drinks encourages you to drink more fluids--or if they give you a psychological boost--enjoy them, but don't overdo. If you're watching your weight, remember that

they supply calories.

Fruit Juice or Soft Drinks: Compared with sports drinks, sugars in soft drinks and fruit juice are more concentrated: 10 to 15 percent carbohydrate. They aren't recommended during exercise because of their high sugar content and, for soft drinks, their carbonation. Drinks with a lot of sugar take longer to be absorbed, and they may cause cramps, diarrhea, or nausea. Carbonation can make you feel full and make your throat burn, so you drink less fluid.

You can dilute fruit juice--if you like the flavor. Unlike sports drinks, diluted fruit juice doesn't provide any sodium; depending on how much it's diluted, it may not contain enough carbohydrates to help the athlete.

Alcoholic Drinks: Not Now! Alcoholic beverages can impair, not enhance, your physical performance. Consider all the reasons to skip alcoholic drinks.

*If you're looking for a carbohydrate source, look elsewhere. A 12-ounce can of beer has less than a third of the "carbs" provided by a 12-ounce serving of orange juice. Calories from alcohol don't fuel muscle work.

*Alcohol is a diuretic, which promotes water loss and dehydration. It works as

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Family Land Heritage Program seeks historic farms and ranches for recognition

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program is seeking farms and ranches for recognition by the Family Land Heritage Program, which marks its 30th anniversary this year. Since the first ceremony on Oct. 14, 1974, the program has honored almost 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties for being kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family.

"These families have nurtured life from the land to make a future for their children, all the while making their mark in Texas history," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It also chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications:

- * The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives, marriage or adoption.

- * The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

- * Owners(s) must be actively managing the everyday operation of the property.

- * If all the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.

- * Deadline to submit applications for properties established in 1904 or before is Nov. 15, 2004.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March 2005. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in a registry, and honorees can obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges, and on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair,

Texas Dept. of Agriculture, PO Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

King family reunion held in Robert Lee

The descendants of the late Sam and Anna King gathered for their annual reunion on Saturday, July 31, 2004, at the Robert Lee Community Center. Sam and Anna (Benson) King were long time residents of Coke County. They were married on January 1, 1890, in the home of W. C. Benson in Edith.

One hundred and twenty-nine family members and friends were registered. The day was spent visiting, swimming, eating, and trying to stay cool. In the evening, Don King recognized Anna Mae Hartsell as the oldest living grandchild and Vivian King as the last surviving aunt. Loucille Middleton retired as reunion coordinator after 35 years, and Darlene Gower was elected as the new coordinator.

Attending the event were:

Thomas (T.L.) King family: Lorraine Brooks, and Angela and Mike Wade, of Artesia, New Mexico, Anna Mae Hartsell; Kathy and Larry Hartsell of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Lafayette Brooks of Bosque Farms, New Mexico, Kay and David Hall, and Shannon King of Arlington, Texas, Lavette Brooks, Lacey and Sidney Wheeler of Los Lunas, New Mexico, Carolyn, Buddy, and Tiffany Brockett of Bellville.

Will (W.S.) King family: Don and Dorothy King, and Andrew King of Stanley, New Mexico, A. J. Beach of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Beulah King Gaines family: Randy Gaines, Jess and Dorothy Gaines of Dallas, Texas, Alene and David Key, Joe David and Teri Key and Dee Anna and Joe Harmon of Robert Lee, Jason and Jennifer Key of Irving, Texas, Rena Dee and Garland Gaines, and Loucille Middleton of San Angelo, Annie Faye and Jimmie King of Wingate, James, Rachel, Brittney and Ryan Glaze, all of Hawley, Lauri, Jim, Robert, and Dusty Hall of Hamlin, Joe and Sharon Glaze of Merkel.

Vela King Davis Plumlee family: Eugenia Smith, Sam and June Plumlee of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Bessie Brice and Adrienne Fortune of Robert Lee, Trudi Green of Sunlakes, Arizona, Pam, Aaron and Sarah Gandy, Shirley Strakos, Melvin, Crystal, and Gavin Freeman, and Frank Smith all of San Angelo, Darlene Gower of Ballinger, Judy Snowden of Odessa, Brent, Christa, Emil and Gracie McClellan of Midland, Amy

and Justin Gunn, Joshua and Dennis Ellis of Austin, Marcia and James Hester, and David, Melanie, Sierra, and Jonathan Neal of Joshua, Texas, Scott Summers of Denver, Colorado, Mary, Julia, Chanelle and Michaela Baker of Merkel, Josie, A.J., Krystal, Jacquelynn, and R.J. Barnes of Jacksonville, Arkansas.

Ottis Frank King family: Jimmy and Olivia King of Robert Lee.

George King family: None
Lillie Belle King Gaines family: Bertie and Forrest Wanker of Fairview, Oklahoma, Willie and Jesse Eads, Jr. and Jesse Eads IV of Robert Lee, and Larry, Joyce, and Michele Allen, and Shane, Stephanie, and Kailey Allen of Lubbock, Kayla and John Eads of Midland.

Dave King family: Vivian King of Robert Lee, Bobby and Joyce Walker and Dave, Donna, and Meredith Walker of Odessa, Dan and Helen Hall of Columbus, Ohio.

Mae King Blair family: Delle Thomas of Arlington, Sam and Judy Keel, Vivian Keel of San Angelo, and Carl and Pauline Blair of Bronte.

R. B. King family: Burt and Lavelta McVicker of Burnet, Texas, and Eldon King of Malakoff, Texas.

Friends joining them for the day were Timothy Kelly of Dubuque, Iowa, Jewel Puckett of Mission, Texas, Mario Gonzales of Los Lunas, Texas, Helene Birdwell of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Tim Mayhall of Lubbock, Michael Guthrie of Hamlin, Harrison Hayes of Irving, J.D. Livingstone of Arlington, James and Nell Robertson of Brownfield, Texas, and Samantha Robertson of Robert Lee.

Foster, Meadows exchange wedding vows in Midland

Angela Foster and Joshua Stewart Meadows were married at 7:00 pm on August 14, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Gene Hilburn officiated the beautiful and moving service.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Debra Foster of Midland and the late Wayland Foster. She is the granddaughter of June Foster and the late William Foster of Sterling City, and Winn McClure and the late Jacque McClure, also of Sterling City.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Jan Meadows and the late Robert Meadows of Elgin. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. James Hultberg of New Orleans, and the late Henry and Read Meadows of Midland.

Brenna Belew, childhood friend, served as Angela's Maid of Honor. She was also attended by her cousins, Erica Foster and Robbie Knittel, along with friends, Lauri Rector and Jill Sanders, and sister of the groom, Erin Meadows. Her honorable attendants were Leslie Haas, Kristi Stalvey, Julie Smith and Brittney Hicks. The bell ringers and flower girls were



Mrs. Joshua Stewart Meadows

Ashtin Knittel, Angela's cousin, and Amanda and Rachel Rayburn, Josh's cousins.

Patrick Meadows, Josh's cousin, served as Best Man. His groomsmen were Leland Foster, brother of the bride, Jordan and Richard Hultberg, Ted Meadows and John Meadows, all cousins. Ushers were J. T. Unrich, Jason Morales, Will Foster, Garrett McClure, Zack Belew, Charlie Luton, and Scott Gordon. The ring bearers were Nicholas Brocato and Luke Lakenmacher, cousins of Josh.

The service ended with a formal military salute to the bride and the groom by a United States Marine Corps sword detail. A reception followed the ceremony at the Museum of the Southwest.

Following a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, the couple

will reside in San Diego, California, where Josh is stationed now serving as a Marine Corps aviator at Camp Pendleton.

... Just From Jan
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a depressant, affecting your brain's ability to reason and make judgments. It also may affect your reaction time. And it may impair your coordination, balance, muscle reflexes, and visual perception.

*For the endurance athlete it has another effect: When you drink a beer, wine, or mixed drink, your liver works to detoxify and metabolize the alcohol. This process can interfere with the liver's job of forming extra blood glucose for prolonged physical activity. The possible result? Early fatigue.

STERLING CITY EAGLES FOOTBALL

Friday, August 27, 7:30 pm, Eden

Shaffer Monument Company, Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club, Rock Solid Communications, Roy & Judy Blair, Mountain Creek Lodge, Jackie Walker, West Coke County Community Development, Skinner's Gro. & Station, Jim & Geanette Skinner, W.E.B. Construction, Edwin, Wyndell & Family, Bell Auto Body Shop, Doug Bell, Ivey Motor Company, Inc., Robert Lee State Bank, Member FDIC, Ben Bennett Chevrolet, Robert Lee Care Center, Daryl's Body Shop, Wackenhut Corporation, Supports the Steers, Joan Davis, Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Paul Burns, Coke Co. Commissioner Prec. #1, The Best Connection, The Wayland Drennan Family, Ernest Clendanner, Inc., Storage Rental & Sales & Vacuum Truck Services, Super "H" IGA, Dave & Betty Hughes, Massage by Darrell, D.J.'s Merle, Norman Studio, Debbie McCabe

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August 27 Eden There 6:00
September 3 Irwin County Here 6:00
September 10 Chetlevol There 6:00
September 17 Mearns There 6:00
September 24 Baby There 7:30
October 1 Forgan Here 7:30
October 8 Winters There 7:30
October 15 Open Here 7:30
October 22 Bronte Here 7:30
October 29 Rome There 7:30
November 5 Heraldigh Here 7:30
District Games * Homecoming

Handwritten notes and signatures are present at the bottom of the page.

To become a sponsor for the Sterling City, Robert Lee, or Bronte Football Pages, please call 453-2433 by Tuesday at 2 pm. Cost of the sponsorship is \$7/week for the 11 week season.

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Class of 2005! The Robert Lee High School Senior Class recently enjoyed a back-to-school swimming party at Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe's pool. The event was sponsored by their parents.

Robert Lee Booster News

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club enjoyed a first taste of six man football, Saturday, August 14, at Griffith Stadium as the Steers scrimmaged the May Tigers. RLHS colors of orange, black and white filled the stands as supportive fans cheered for the Steers.

Introductions of Robert Lee Steer coaches and managers, Steer and Dogie football players, Stomper, and cheerleaders followed the scrimmage. The evening included a hot dog supper sponsored and prepared by booster club

members. "Meet the Steers" has officially kicked off the school year and 2004 Steer Football season.

Spirit buttons featuring pictures of football players, managers, cheerleaders, Stomper, etc. will be available for purchase at the first home game on September 10. As in the past, special request buttons will also be made. So support your team, your kids, your community. Attend the games, wear your school colors, join the various organizations and booster groups, buy a button, buy two buttons. Awesome Orange, Big Black, Go Steers, Go Lady Steers, Go Band!

Steer Discount Cards

The Robert Lee PTO has begun selling the Robert Lee Steer Cards. The cards will sell for \$10 and offer a wide variety of discounts to the cardholder.

Local businesses included on the card 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 be available at Meet The Teacher Night (August 19) and letters will be sent home with the students the first week of school.

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.

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.

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 Garland Green, PO Box 8133, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657 (830) 598-2135.

Big Country Wheat Conference Set In Abilene

Fall wheat planting is only a month away in many areas, and with it comes Texas

Cooperative Extension's 2004 Big Country Wheat Conference on August 19. The biennial conference starts with registration at 7:30 a.m. in the Big Country Hall at the Taylor County Expo Center grounds in Abilene. Three (3) hours of CEU's for Pesticide License given. Registration received by August 13, 2004 is free by contacting the Extension office in Taylor County at (325) 672-6048. After that date and at the door, the registration is \$15.00.

RLHS class of '57 reunion held

Butch and Carolyn Davis hosted the RLHS class of 1957 on Friday, August 7, in their new home in The Bluffs in San Angelo. Eleven class members, spouses, and other guests attended. Those class members attending were Butch Davis, Van Schooler, Joe Harmon, Donald Walker, Rob Godwin, Nancy Duncan, Sharon Arnold, Jo Alice Hufstедler, June Gulley, Mary Bessent, and Mary Beth Snyder. Special guests were their Senior Class Sponsors, Rosie and Garland Davis who were in their first year of teaching in 1957. Pictures, new and old, were shared and tall tales were told.

Davis named Wylie Elementary principal

Nadine Davis of Abilene has been named principal of Wylie Elementary School for the upcoming year. She will also remain principal at Wylie Butterfield School campus where she has served for eight years. This will more than double her responsibilities in student and teacher numbers. She will be dividing time as needed between campuses.

The goal for Wylie ISD in the next two years will be to consolidate those Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade classes into other school locations, which will require extensive construction projects.

Nadine, a Robert Lee High School graduate, received her Bachelor's degree, her Masters, and mid-manage-



Amanda Thurman

ment certificate from ASU in San Angelo. She is the daughter of Add Davis and Joan Davis, both of Robert Lee.

Thurman continues study on sports injury

In June, Amanda Thurman attended the Sports Medicine Camp at Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos. This was her second year to study sports medicine during the summer. She continued her studies on sports injuries, including how to help prevent the injuries, and how to treat them if they occur.

She will continue to be the trainer for RLHS and a member of the support team that aids the coaches in keeping the athletes healthy.

Amanda is the daughter of Jana Thurman and the granddaughter of Harrell and Janice Foshee.

ASU lists local graduates

Angelo State University has reported its graduation list for area students who received degrees during the 2004 summer commencement ceremony on Saturday, August 14. The exercises were held in the Junell Center on campus.

Graduates from surrounding areas who gave their chosen hometowns include: Blackwell, Shalene C. McWhorter, B.S.; Sterling City, Misti M. Michulka, B.A.; and Robert Lee, Chad W. Helwig, B.A., cum laude; Brandy Rae Martin, B.A.; and Brittanie Allison Perez, B.A., cum laude.



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Aug. 23**
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 24**
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Wed., Aug. 25**
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
- Thurs., Aug. 26**
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Friday, Aug. 27**
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Aug. 23**
Burrito, salad, corn, peaches, milk
- Tuesday, Aug. 24**
Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, pears, milk
- Wed., Aug. 25**
Corn dog, pork & beans, broccoli & carrots w/Ranch dip, fresh fruit, milk
- Thurs., Aug. 26**
Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, roll, applesauce, milk
- Friday, Aug. 27**
Barbecue on bun, pickles, chili beans, French fries, fruit cocktail, milk

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
8/14	May*	Home	TBA
8/20	Panther Creek*	Away	6:00pm
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	Paint Rock**	Away	7:30pm
10/22	Blackwell**	Home	7:30pm
10/29	Veribest*	Home	7:30pm
11/5	(Senior Recognition Night) Water Valley**	Away	7:30pm

*Scrimmage
**District Game

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Laura Bell, 453-4565

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson
Secretary

Thirteen members of the fire department attended the business meeting on August 2nd. President Lew Millegan presided. The minutes and treasury report were accepted.

Bud Thompson gave the monthly report for July. One business meeting, 4 training classes with work nights, including Live Fire Training, 109 hours of activities, (not including the hours Rick Drennan put in on truck 3), 3 fire calls (all in-county), 27 1/2 man hours, 3 1/2 truck hours, 30 truck miles one way - 2 were motor vehicle accidents and 1 was a grass fire on the Water Valley Highway which was canceled in route.

The group held annual elections for the coming year. Officers are: President-Lewis Millegan, Vice-President-Curtis Walker, Secretary/Treasurer-Marian Thompson, Asst. Secretary-Perry Kehrer, Chaplain-Mike Poye, Communications-Bud Thompson, Chief-Rick Drennan, Asst. Chief-Larry Martin, Training-Larry Martin/Rick Drennan, Captain-Brian Hamrick, Lt.-Bucky Sparks, Standing Committee-Rick Drennan, Brian Hamrick and Bud Thompson.

The group discussed the progress of the new building, the recent motor vehicle accidents and the grant for Wildland Bunker Gear. Five members plan to go to Abilene for Specialized Training Classes this month.

The current fundraisers the men are working on are the 911 reflective house number signs and the Cajun Clean all cloths. They can be purchased from any fireman.

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

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings and Training Classes are held each Monday at 7 pm at the fire station.



Look Who's New!

Kelly Lyn Millegan

Kelly Lyn Millegan was welcomed into the world by 10 month old brother, Justin July 23, 2004, at Poutmouth, Virginia. Kelly Lyn weighed 6 lbs, 9 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Matt and Jamie Millegan. Matt is sta-

tioned at Norfolk with the Navy, and he and Jamie live at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Grandparents are John Service of Higgins, Texas, and Truda Service of Victoria; also Lewis and Susan Millegan of Robert Lee.

Great-grandparents are Gene and Gloria Alexander of Ganada, Texas, and J.W. and Idabell Service of Robert Lee. She also has a great, great aunt, Loreen Pace of Peoria, Arizona.

Union Texas reunion held in RL

The fourth annual Union Texas Petroleum former employees and retirees' reunion was held in the Recreation Hall in the Coke County Park in Robert Lee, Saturday, August 14, 2004. A delicious meal was catered by Kenny Blanek to a group of 51. Bobby Roberts led the group in prayer.

A short business meeting was conducted by Winton Milliff as Jeffie Roberts served as secretary. Winton welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Winton and Jeffie reported on telephone calls and correspondence from Kathryn Knaell, Chester Wilson, Estalene Kennedy, Rick Morrish, Frank Crawford, and Forrest Wanker. Jeffie read the minutes of the August 9, 2003, reunion. Treasurer Virginia Milliff gave the treasurer's report.

The group voted to have the 2005 Reunion in Robert Lee August 13 if possible. The same committee members (Winton and Virginia Milliff, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts), were elected to organize the reunion.

Bobby and Winton prepared a table of Union Texas Petroleum memorabilia that was enjoyed by those present. Jeffie decorated the tables and room with wildflowers, coke glasses, small horses, and a garden with watermelons, tomato vines, windmill, and animals as the focal point.

Those present for the 2004 reunion were Albert and Rose Husers, Jr. of Vinton, Louisiana; Frank Jackson of Eldorado; Buddy and Gayna Eldred of Blackwell; Charles and Stella Webb of Ballinger; Bo and Ann Rose of Lawn; Charlie and Donna Stephens of Novice; Bill and Louise Richey of Goldsboro; Joe Tarter, Emmett Banks, and Bill and Georgia Barnes of Colorado City; and Jerry Wilkes and Raymond Bloodworth of Silver.

Also present were Ettie Hubbard, Kenneth and Bernice Pruitt and Steve and Brenda Hines, all of Bronte; Garlon Freeman of Grape Creek; Joe and Sharon Young of The Colony; M.C. Hendry of Sterling City; Joann Meadows, David Fernandez and Donald Walker of San Angelo; Joe and Faye Wilson



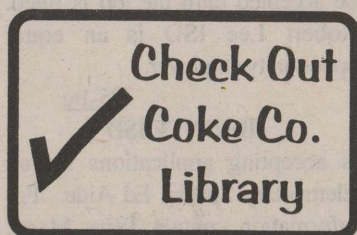
RLHS Cheerleading Mini-Camp! The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders sponsored a mini-camp recently for students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. They taught new cheers, chants and dances. The cheerleaders are excited about cheering on the Steers this year!

of Early; Totsy and Betty Hargrove of Whitesboro; Elisa Salas of Del Rio; Ronnie Walker and J.L. Johnson of Rankin; and Dan and Sue (Parker) Laughter of Abilene.

Others presents were Winnie Pitcock, Cova Sparks, Jackie Walker, D.J. and Nelia Walker, Pete and Emmalee Prentice, Winton and Virginia Milliff, and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, all of Robert Lee.

Twenty-seven retirees, four widows, and one daughter of retirees were present to introduce themselves and spouses, and tell where they worked and when they retired. Several good stories about experiences were told by retirees.

Winton and Virginia Milliff were surprised with a 50th Wedding Anniversary cake, and a card with money, signed by everyone present. The Milliffs will celebrate their 50th anniversary August 19, 2004.



The Coke County Library Story Hour will begin Tuesday, September 14, at 10:00 am. Volunteer Story Hour leader, Mrs. Trish Rowe, will be back with stories, crafts, and treats for all three to five year old children in the area. Story Hour will continue throughout the school year at 10:00 am on Tuesdays.

The Berenstain Bears' creators, Jan and Stan Berenstain, will be featured at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature in Abilene. The NCCIL is located at 102 Cedar Street. The illustrations were first assembled by the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and the collection offers a career retrospective of Stan and Jan

Berenstain who are now in their early 80's. The collection will be on display through October 20, 2004.

For those still seeking college information, two websites have been recommended: College for Texans (www.collegefortexans.com) and Wirescholar (www.woredscholar.com) both give financial aid information for attending college.

Some websites that might be helpful for school reports are: www.texasindians.com which features articles on Texas Indian tribes, bands, cultures; www.legends.dm.net includes information on fairy tales, legends, and myths; www.seds.org/billa is an overview of the history and scientific knowledge of each of the planets and moons and other objects in the solar system. Also, www.wordcentral.com is the Merriam-Webster Dictionary site for kids.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-10; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte, and to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the Library.

4-H Members Win at Winters Summer Classic

Several members of the Coke County 4-H program participated during the Winters Summer Classic project show. In the steer show, Clay Antilley placed his light

heavy Simmental first and Reserve European Cross Champion. His heavy American Breeds steer was second and Reserve Breed.

In the lamb show, lightweight Finewool class had Briana Brisbin third and Cody Bridges fourth. In the heavy Finewool class, Cody Bridges placed fourth. In the lightweight Finewool Cross class, Dawson Brisbin was third and Cody Bridges fifth. Briana Brisbin exhibited the third place heavyweight Medium Wool lamb and Dawson Brisbin exhibited the second place light Southdown.

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.

Prospective volunteers must schedule an interview and fill out an application prior to entrance into the training program. For more information, or to schedule an interview, please call Kyra Swindall, Volunteer Coordinator, at 325-944-8728.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

is hereby given that on April 16, 2004, Kathey Cole was issued letters of administration in the Estate of Lex Kent Cole, Deceased. All claims against the Estate of Lex Kent Cole, Deceased, should be presented to the Independent Administrator of said Estate, in care of the Law Offices of Kosub & Griffin, attention Chad M. Elkins, PO Box 460, Eldorado, Texas, 76939, attorney for the Estate of Lex Kent Cole, Deceased.

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ORDINANCE #1133

AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #1130 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #1115 IS HEREBY AMENDED AS TO SECTION G AND TO SECTION I TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION G: COLLECTION CHARGES

- (a) Premises inside city limits for private residences, shall be charged \$11.26 per month, with one collection per week,
- (b) Premises outside city limits for private residences, shall be charged \$12.26 per month, with one collection per week,
- (c) Premises used for commercial, business, and/or public purposes, not receiving sanitation container service, shall be charged \$11.26 per month with one collection per week.
- (d) Charge for additional carts shall be \$7.87 per month, with one collection per week.

SECTION I: CONTAINERIZED SYSTEM

1. Public, private, business and/or commercial locations, shall receive sanitation container system service. The following fees shall be charged:

- 3 yard: once per week pickup \$34.33, twice per week \$55.13
- 4 yard: once per week pickup \$39.39, twice per week \$62.45
- 6 yard: once per week pickup \$93.84

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that said Amendment shall be effective August 1, 2004. Passed and approved this the 12th day of July, 2004.

Joe V. White, Mayor
ATTEST:

Kay Torres, City Secretary
05-1tc

A One Hundred Year Journey

Saturday, July 17, 2004, Ella Leona Warner Pruitt's family gave her a party for her 100th birthday. About 80 friends and relatives attended. The church hall was beautifully decorated in red roses, lace and crystal. On one table, there was a white cake iced with cream and chocolate wishing her a happy birthday. It was served on crystal with mints, nuts and punch. A table

in the middle of the room, also graced with roses, held the cards from people who could not come and some photo albums. On the third table, were many pictures of the family showing how it grew over the years. There was much visiting, renewing old acquaintances, love and hugs for Miss Ella and some singing. Miss Ella and her sister, Pearlie Mae Andrews, sang a lovely duet.

While the party was going on, a tape of Miss Ella telling her life story was playing. She started by saying that she had lived from Hubbard wagon days to seeing a rocket to the moon. She was there when electricity came to Bronte and saw the first train come through. Her dad took her in a wagon to watch them putting in the rails earlier. She was born on July 15, 1904, on a farm about five miles from Bronte. Her parents were JC Warner and Martha Darden Warner.

Her Story

I was a tomboy who liked to play with marbles and tops, fly homemade kites, and play basketball and baseball. We never had much money, but we had much love and lots of cousins to play with. We all had to do chores and we walked to school. I liked to walk because I had lots of friends who walked with me. We had to pick cotton so we did not start to school until late, sometimes after Christmas.

At Christmas, I always got a doll. Once I got a doll with a China head and black hair. We always got fruit and candy, which was a great treat because we didn't get it very often. We always had dogs and cats, but they stayed outside.

I thought I would be a school-teacher. Back then, after one finished high school, he or she would study what they had learned and take a test. If she passed, she could get a teaching certificate.

The girls all wore bonnets to keep from getting freckles. All the young people went to gospel singings, neighborhood parties, and played ring games. They are called square dancing now. Many of the young men had buggies pulled by one horse to take them to the gatherings.

I remember that Collie Warner, my brother, went to WWI in 1918.

When I met my future husband, Noah Pruitt, I thought he was the best-looking man I ever saw and it was love at first sight. I heard later that he (Noah) pointed at me and said, "I'm gonna marry that girl some day."

We were married on January 28, 1922, and set up housekeeping with very little furniture. The house had no closets. We hung our clothes on hooks behind the doors or folded them in a trunk. I still have that trunk in the bedroom. I did the ironing with flat irons on the kitchen table until the kids were grown. It was great when we finally got an ironing board (\$1.98) and a new iron. I ironed at least 24 shirts and 21 pairs of khaki pants every week. Two nephews stayed with us a lot.

A year after we married, I delivered a little boy and named

him Noah Jr. A year later I had another boy, Donald Francis, and 17 months later a boy, Kenneth Dwain. The only girl was born about two years later, named Maxine. Dr. Leonard delivered all four children at home. All new mothers had to stay in bed for 10 days. The babies slept with me when they were little.

We always went to church. I love the Lord and was saved when I was 13-years-old. It was just between my Lord and me. I did not declare it publicly and get baptized until 1926.

Papa was a deacon at the Kickapoo Baptist Church. Over the years, nearly all the men in the family were deacons. For a long time, we only had a preacher once a month. When he came, he stayed with church members. I must have fed more preachers than anyone. Since the preacher only came once a month, there were services on Saturday night and all day Sunday with what was called "Dinner on the Ground". We had some trees beside the church with tables under them. All brought food and there was always plenty. After dinner, we sang and had preaching again. If we didn't have much money to pay the preacher, we gave him a "pounding" of food - a pound of this and a pound of that!

I am very proud of my family. They never cause much trouble and to this day are active in the church. In high school, Noah Jr. played football and all the boys played basketball. Maxine played volleyball.

World War II took a lot out of me. Donald Francis was drafted and Jr. went with him hoping they would be together. Before Francis went overseas, he flew over the house where we lived in Bronte and dropped a helmet with a letter in it - Air Mail Special Delivery! He flew 36 successful missions during the war. Kenneth Dwain was farming but he had to go a little later. He was in the field artillery. They were all good to write so when I received a letter that Noah Jr. was wounded, I went without a letter for six long weeks, praying and wondering if he was still alive. Finally, I heard that he was in the hospital in Australia. Kenneth came back traumatized.

During the war, the schools started serving lunches to the school children. I was asked to work there. I started out shelling peas and ended up as the manager. I worked there for many years. I had several other jobs over the years and was always active in church. I taught Sunday school a long time. I sang in the choir and my family and I sang special songs at the services.

A week before her birthday, the pastor asked the congregation and the family to write a short tribute to Miss Ella telling her what she meant to them. Below are some excerpts from those tributes.

- We love you and want to thank you for having a Christian influence on our lives and our children's lives.
- Miss Ella speaks of Christ in all she says and sets a good



Ella Pruitt

example to all.

- You have accomplished incredible things in your life and we honor you.
- Aunt Ella, I remember most the "family" get together after church. The good times we had with those five families and at Grandpa and Grandma's will be etched in my memory forever.
- Dear GranElla, I love you because you always love me. I love your green beans and corn-bread. I love you because you always keep up with what I am doing. You helped make me a Christian by the way you were always there to help me at church.
- You and Pearlie Mae were the first ones to visit me when I moved to town. I won't forget the warm, secure feelings you gave me.
- I love you because your faithfulness to God's work has helped make the church grow.
- My mom and dad took me to church, but it was you who taught me what Christ can do, will do, and has done.
- You are a sweet person and always faithful.
- Your life is like a history book. You have always been a wonderful Christian and mother. Because of you, your children, grandchildren, and great-

grandchildren came to love the Lord at an early age. Thank you for your love and faithfulness.

- I love you for your unselfishness. You go to church even when you don't feel like it and always keep up with your tithes. I love you because you kept the faith during great sadness. You always do what is right.

- I love you because your love is strong and powerful, unselfish, and nonjudgmental. I love to hear stories so I can better understand the way you are and the hardships you have overcome.

- I consider your faith the precursor for my faith. Your faith in God showed all of us how to be faithful. I thank you for all the childhood memories I have of visiting you in Bronte.

A final tribute from Wm. Ross Wallace:

They say that man is mighty,
He governs land and sea,
He wields a mighty scepter, 'oer
lesser powers that be.
But a mightier power and
stronger

Man from his throne has hurled
For the hand that rocks the
cradle

Is the hand that rules the world.
Happy Birthday GrandElla

-Loretha Knight

Watch our children

as they

head

BACK to
School

Bell Auto Body Shop

Robert Lee 453-2640

Page 12 Friday, August 20, 2004 The Observer/Enterprise
**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.

**Coke County FSA
 Seeks Nominations**

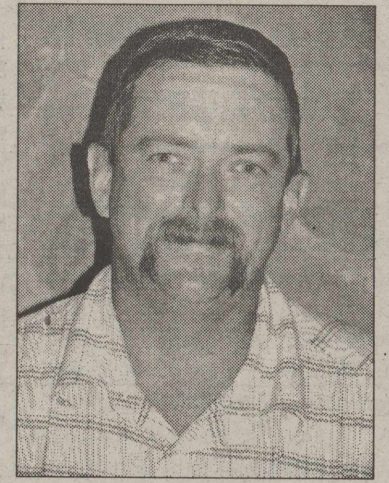
The Coke County FSA County Committee is actively seeking individuals who are interested in running for the County Committee. This year, the area which is up for election is the part of Coke County east of Highway 208. Nominations are strongly encouraged from all socially disadvantaged groups. Farm owners, 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

Brisbin honored by 4-H!
 Jeff Brisbin was honored last week as one of the 26 outstanding 4-H volunteers during the 37th annual Texas Cooperative Extension Silver Clover Award banquet. Jeff was recognized for his outstanding work with the Coke County 4-H program.



Jeff Brisbin

the election process.

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

Consumer Confidence Report 2003

(Drinking Water Quality Report)

CITY OF STERLING CITY

Phone No: (325) 378-2811

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

En Espanol

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Si tiene preguntas o discusiones sobre este reporte en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. (325) 378-2811 par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: September 13, 2004
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 616 Fourth Street Sterling City TX
Phone No: (325) 378-2811

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored constituents which have been found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents.

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concerns. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Treatment Technique (TT) -

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL) -

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

pCi/l picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

Inorganics

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2003	Arsenic	4	2.7000-4.0000	50	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2003	Barium	0.0569	0.0569-0.0569	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Fluoride	0.8	0.8000-0.8000	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2003	Nitrate	2.21	1.0100-2.2100	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Selenium	5.6	5.6000-5.6000	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
2003	Gross alpha adjusted	4.5	2.9000-4.5000	15	0	pci/l	Erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Gross beta emitters	2.1	0.0000-2.1000	50	0	pci/l	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

NA = MCL not applicable - not regulated. Special Monitoring Requirement.

Organics NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Disinfection By-Products

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2003	Total Haloacetic Acids	0.35	1.40-1.40	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
2003	Total Trihalomethanes	0.525	2.10-2.10	100	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

Unregulated Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Unit of Measure	Reason for Monitoring
2000-2002	Bromoform	0.6667	0.0000-1.4000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to

determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

Lead and Copper

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1999	Lead	1.6000	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
1999	Copper	0.1310	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

Total Coliform NOT DETECTED

Fecal Coliform NOT DETECTED

Where do we get our drinking water? Our drinking water is obtained from Ground water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: DOCKUM. The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water source(s). This report describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in this assessment will allow us to focus our source water protection activities.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).