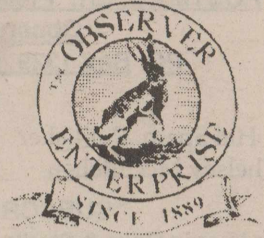


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Texas Midwest reps visit State Capitol

More than 150 people representing rural cities in the Texas Midwest region traveled to Austin for "Texas Midwest Day" on Feb. 16th to honor legislators and demonstrate a unified voice for rural Texas.

Texas Midwest Community Network sponsored its sixth biennial visit to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. Resolutions were passed in the House and Senate commending the regional organization and recognizing the public-spirited community leaders who work together to enhance economic development and quality of life in the region.

"Texas Midwest Day gives a message to the 181 legislators that community leaders in rural Texas work together and merit their attention," says TMCN President Don Henry. "Our presence in Austin is especially significant this year with concerns about school finance and natural resources. We want urban lawmakers to be familiar with rural issues."

The large Texas Midwest delegation gathered on the Capitol steps for a photo session with State Representatives and Senators serving the region. The day included visits to Legislative offices to meet with staff and a presentation by state agencies on rural issues and filed legislation.

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Roping Club to meet Sunday

The Coke County Roping Club will hold an organizational meeting this Sunday, February 27. All those interested will meet at the arena at 3 pm to elect officers, set dues, and discuss upcoming important events and issues affecting the club.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. In case of inclement weather, meeting will be held at Cindy Saunders' home just south of Bronte on Hwy. 277. For more information contact Hal Spain at 453-2433 or Wayne McCutchen at 473-3201.



Texas Midwest! Three Coke County gentlemen were among the group who delivered a basket of items from Texas Midwest to our State Representative, Scott Campbell. Included are (from left) Sue Young of Colorado City, Scott Campbell, Sue Lowrance of Colorado City, Bronte Mayor Martin Lee, and Coke County Commissioner Precinct 4 George Snapp.

Red Hat Mamas set meeting

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat

Society) will meet at 11 am Tuesday, March 1, at the First Baptist Church, 400 N. 8th Street, in Ballinger. For those members who would like to travel together to Ballinger, meet at the First National Bank parking lot in Bronte at 10:15 am.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be held at 7 pm Tuesday, March 1, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Bird & Wildlife

Association meeting set

The Caliche Loop Bird and Wildlife Association will meet Wednesday, March 2. The meeting will be held at the Cotton Patch restaurant in San Angelo at 7 pm. Each attendee is responsible for the cost of their meal.

Tally sheets for the February 18-21 bird count are available at Robert Lee City Hall.

Local election filing continues

Filing for a place on the ballot for local elections to be held in May is continuing through March 7, 2005.

Bronte ISD will elect two 3 year trustees. These offices are

currently held by Kendall Gibbs and Scott Frasier. Currently, no one has filed.

Robert Lee ISD will need to elect three trustees. The 3 year term of Mark Riley is expiring, as are the two 3 year unexpired terms with 2 years remaining currently held by Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Tod Reed. Tod Reed, appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy, has filed for election.

Filing continues in the school administration offices.

West Coke County Hospital District will also need to elect two trustees for 2 year terms. These offices are currently held by Doug Wilkes and Judy Williams. Interested candidates may pick up and file their application in the administration office of Robert Lee Care Center. Currently, Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall have filed applications.

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Sterling City Lady Eagles! The Sterling City Lady Eagles were named Bi-District Basketball Champions after defeating Eula 49-47 at Sweetwater on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. They captured the Area Championship on Friday, February 18, at Brownwood by defeating Hubbard 63-59. The Ladies ended their season Tuesday evening, February 22, in Merkel when they fell to Windthorst 39-56 in the Regional Semi-finals.

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Death Notices

Foster

Clyde Ross Foster passed away at his home on Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, in Sterling City. Funeral service was held at 2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Sterling City, with a Masonic Graveside Service following in the Foster Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer-Pioneer Funeral Home of Grape Creek.

He is survived by his children, Rosanne Jameson and her husband Tooter of Colorado City, Charlotte Sisco and her husband Barney of Water Valley, Skeete Foster and his wife Nancy of Sterling City. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

RLBC to host care center afternoon services

The Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting the afternoon services at the Robert Lee Care Center this Sunday, February 27. Services begin at 3:30 pm, and all are welcome to join in the worship service.

CSP meetings scheduled for Upper Colorado Watershed

The Upper Colorado Watershed, located in portions of Coke, Runnels, Nolan, Sterling, and Mitchell counties in Texas, was selected as one of the 202 watersheds nationwide to participate in the 2005 Conservation Security Program (CSP) signup. The signup for CSP will be in February/March 2005 pending publication of the final CSP rule in the Federal Register.

The Conservation Security Program is a stewardship program providing payments to producers who maintain and enhance their natural resources. Producers may be eligible for one of three tiered payments depending on the amount of conservation already applied on the land.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service NRCS will administer CSP. Only producers practicing the highest levels of conservation will be eligible to participate. A

self assessment must be completed by producers documenting their benchmark conservation level prior to visiting the NRCS office to apply for CSP.

CSP public meetings have been scheduled in the Upper Colorado Watershed to inform farmers and ranchers about the eligibility requirements and application process.

The Robert Lee meeting will be held at 9 am on Tuesday, March 8, at the Courthouse in Robert Lee.

The meeting for Maryneal is at 2 pm Tuesday, March 8, in the Maryneal Community Center.

CSP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other natural resources on private working lands. Working lands include cropland, grassland, and improved pasture, as well as forested land that is an incidental part of an agriculture operation.

For more information or to obtain a workbook visit the Upper Colorado Watershed CSP website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/program/csp or contact your local NRCS office.

Courthouse program receives award

The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers recently awarded a New Initiatives award to the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program for excellence in historic preservation.

The New Initiatives award recognizes an exemplary role in

the creation and successful implementation of a new state-wide project or program benefiting historic preservation.

The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, the first of its kind in the nation, was cited in the nomination as achieving spectacular results in its first five years of existence, pointing out that other states now look to Texas for leadership in preserving their historic courthouses.

To date, 22 historic courthouses have been restored and rededicated through the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Texas has more historic courthouses than any other state, of which 234 are eligible for the program. Currently 112 courthouses are participating in the program.

"This is one of the most expansive historic preservation projects undertaken by state government," said Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Director Stan Graves.

"We are grateful to the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for recognizing the breadth and detail of our work. It is an honor to receive this award from a national organization dedicated to historic preservation."

The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers is the professional association of state government officials who carry out the national historic preservation program as delegates of the Secretary of the Interior.

"Texas is setting a standard in historic preservation," said THC Executive Director Larry Oaks. "Along with preservation, we are discovering the benefit of economic development in these communities and a renewed pride and community participation among the residents."

The THC recently received the National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. The Association for Preservation Technology International and the Texas Society of Architects both awarded a Citation of Honor to the program for its contributions to the built environment of Texas.

For more information, contact



Phillip David Ratliff, Jr. and Heather Mae Trietsch

the THC's Architecture Division at 512/463-6094.

Ratliff/Trietsch announce engagement

Jim and Lana Trietsch of Abilene and Phillip and Martha Ratliff Sr., of Bronte are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Heather Mae and Phillip David Jr.

The bride elect is a 1997 Abilene High graduate and attended Abilene Christian University where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in 2001. She also received a Master of Accounting in 2002 from ACU. She is employed by BDO Seidman, LLP in Dallas.

The groom elect is a 1995

graduate of Bronte High School and attended Texas Tech University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Spt Science in 1999. He also received a Master of Education in Curriculum Development and Instruction in 2001. He is employed by the Mesquite ISD.

The bride is the granddaughter of Howard and Lanita Smith of Abilene, and Gladys and the late Ruben Trietsch of Tullahoma, Tenn.

The groom is the grandson of Ezequiel and Angelita Palma Sr. of San Angelo and Dixie and the late Adrian Ratliff of Bronte.

The couple are planning a June 4, 2005, wedding at the Chapel on the Hill at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

**Area Churches
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. 6 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. Larry Tianen

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

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on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston

Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson

Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 468-0014
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston

Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Copeland/Crutcher

announce engagement

Daryl and Myna Kay Copeland announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Dawn, to Gregory Ryan Crutcher. Ryan is the son of Grég and Delane Crutcher of Brownfield.

The couple plans to wed April 9, 2005 at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Holly is a 1999 graduate of Robert Lee High School and attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech University. Holly is employed by Capital Plains Bank in Lubbock.

Ryan is a 1997 graduate of Brownfield High School and attended Howard Junior College and is employed by Short's Electric.

Holly is the granddaughter of Margaret Jones and Bonita Copeland of Robert Lee and the late Lowell Roane and Leslie Copeland. Ryan is the grandson of Billy and Cecilia Franks and Lillian Crutcher of Brownfield and the late Raymond Crutcher.



Holly Copeland and Ryan Crutcher

... Texas Midwest

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The day concluded with a Texas Midwest Tailgate reception at which Governor Rick Perry made a special guest appearance.

State Senators for TMCN include Dist. 24-Troy Fraser, Dist. 28-Robert Duncan and Dist. 30-Craig Estes. State Representatives include Dist. 53-Harvey Hilderbran, Dist. 59-Sid Miller, Dist. 60-Jim Keffer, Dist. 68-Rick Hardcastle, Dist. 71-Bob Hunter, Dist. 72-Scott Campbell, and Dist. 85-Pete Laney.

TMCN includes 43 member cities in 25 counties: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network visit the web site at www.TexasMidwest.org.

... Local Elections

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Two 2 year terms currently held by Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins are expiring in the East Coke County Hospital District. Filing will be held in the administration office of Bronte Health & Rehab Center. The incumbents have filed for re-election.

The City of Bronte will be conducting an election for City Council positions for two (2) full-term and one (1) one-year due to a vacancy. Those members terms expiring are Gerald Sandusky and Elton Moore. Both gentlemen have filed for re-election. Jimmie Guthrie has filed for the one-year unexpired term.

The City of Robert Lee will be conducting an election for City

Council positions for three (3) full-term members. Those members' terms expiring are: Nita Stovall-Duncan, Jayson Treadaway, and John Carver. Brian Hamrick has filed for a place on the ballot.

Filing continues at both City Halls.

FSA Holding Lamb Referendum

The Lamb Checkoff Program Referendum is being held from January 31, 2005, through close of business February 28, 2005. To be eligible to participate, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as sales receipt or remittance form, that show they have been engaged in the production, feeding or slaughtering of lambs during the

period January 1 through December 31, 2004.

From now through February 28, persons may obtain form LS-86 to vote in the referendum from the County FSA Offices. Forms may also be obtained at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-lamb.htm>.

Voting will be held at the County Office where their administrative farm records as maintained. Form LS-86 and documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than February 28 and received in the County Office by March 7, 2005.

Producers may come by the office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

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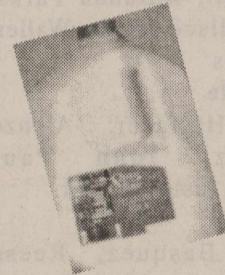
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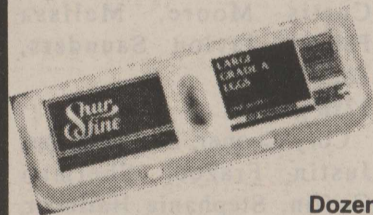


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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte ISD reduces employee injuries

Bronte ISD, one of more than 472 participating schools, received the Resourceful Award for savings to the district of \$230,362. Bronte ISD, represented by Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 15,542 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$184 million dollars through lower cost to the school.

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

At CAS, our number one



- Breakfast**
Monday, Feb. 28
 Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, jelly, milk
Tuesday, March 1
 Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk
Wed., March 2
 Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
Thurs., March 3
 French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk
Friday, March 4
 Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk
- Lunch**
Monday, Feb. 28
 Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, mixed fruit, milk
Tuesday, March 1
 Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, apricots, bread sticks, milk
Wed., March 2
 Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, taco shell, apple crisp, milk
Thurs., March 3
 Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, roll, peanut butter cookies, milk
Friday, March 4
 Sub sandwiches, sliced turkey and cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, orange half, bun, chips, vanilla pudding, milk

priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum.

Bronte School Awards 4th Six weeks A Honor Roll

- 7th grade**
 Chelsea Cook, Emily Fiveash, Bill Miller, Rob Rosson, Jacob Scott
8th grade
 Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Samuel Rawlings, Reece Springer
9th grade
 Casey Harris, Holly Huskerson, Lora Martinez, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders
10th grade
 Eric Hendrickson, Phillip Rawlings, Logan Rawls
11th grade
 Garrett Acker, Lilly McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Cheyenne Webb
12th grade
 Garrett Jackson, Ashleigh Kelly, Ashley McCutchen, Monica DeLaGarza

"AB" Honor Roll

- 7th grade**
 Katie Aguirre, Case Braswell, Samantha Coffey, Ali Cortez, Stephanie Frasier, Kasey Glover, Matt Halfacer, Crawford James, Louie Martinez, Chelsea Meek, Tyler Riney, Jackson Rowan, Ashley Royall, Wesley Suter, Shelbi Waller
8th grade
 Matt Allen, Callan Clark, Ty Mackey, Eddie May, Johnnye Michael, Nicole Reed, Miranda Riney
9th grade
 Emily Austin, John Basquez, Blaze Coffey, Estephanie Flores, Kyler Lee, Terrah Macon, Paul McConnell, Miranda Parks, Cody Wallace, Cody Waller, Brett Wills
10th grade
 Adam Halfacer, Alonzo Martinez, John Paul Martinez, Justin Taylor
11th grade
 Sarah Basquez, Reese Braswell, Lindsey Butler, Riley Coalson, Ambra Cole, Megan Gibbs, C.T. Lloyd, Curtis Moore, Melissa Palmer, Jaylon Saunders, Zach White
12th grade
 Cory Cooper, Blaine Dyess, Justin Frazee, Sherman Griffin, Stephanie Halfacer, Romana Hoover, Calli Johnson, Jasmine Kresta, Ryan Martinez, Desiree Mirelez, Cody Moore, Aaron Nixon, Salena Soto, Stephen Tomes, Monica Whipple, Ashley Wilcox
- Pre-K**
Perfect Attendance
 Anallyn Bohensky, Shawn Puen-ez, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres

Kindergarten Perfect Attendance

Whitney Boyd, Ismael Cecilio, Jessie Ehl, Garrett Jones, Darin Munsey, Justin Reed, Katyln Reeves, Sarah Stevens-Smith

1st grade Met AR goal

Sarah Sanchez, Hailey Bennett, Kyler Richards, Jerica Davis, Ean Ward, Austin Parker, Rafael Ruezga, Cami White, Jayden Baumann, Kevin Charles, Tucker McMullan

Achieved Independant Reader Certification in Accelerated Reader

Jayden Baumann, Hailey Bennett, Kevin Charles, Jerica Davis, Chris James, Tucker McMullan, Austin Parker, Rafael Ruezga, Ean Ward

Achieved Rising Reader Certificaion in Accelerated Reader

Sarah Sanchez
Super Citizen Award
 Hailey Bennett, Ashley Betts, Jerica Davis, Chris James, Tucker McMullan, Kyler Richards, Zachary Rosales, Rafael Ruezga, Kellie Thorn, Ean Ward

Perfect Attendance Award
 Jayden Baumann, Ashley Betts, Kevin Charles, Payton Cutting, Austin Parker, Rafael Ruezga, Sarah Sanchez, Brant Smith, Kellie Thorn

**2nd grade-Mrs. Rawls
Super Citizens**
 Amber Betts, Charissa Caston, Oscar Pena

A/B Honor Roll
 Dakota Arthur, Jessica Arthur, Amber Betts, Sydney Breeding, Charissa Caston, Stacia Emfinger, Kourtney Kelton, Kolby Lee, Oscar Pena, Dakota Pullen, Addie Rosson

Met AR Reading Goal
 Dakota Arthur, Jessica Arthur, Amber Betts, Sydney Breeding, Heriberto Cecilio, Stacia Emfinger, Kolby Lee, Joshua Means, Oscar Pena, Addie Rosson, Moriah Royall

Perfect Attendance
 Dakota Arthur, Jessica Arthur, Amber Betts, Charissa Caston, Heriberto Cecilio, Stacia Emfinger, Kourtney Kelton, Kolby Lee, Oscar Pena, Moriah Royall

**2nd grade - Angela Davis
Super Longhorn
Citizenship Awards**
 Jensen Reed, Maria Franco, Esmeralda Ruezga, Marley Braswell, Madison Harris, Joshua Puentez

Reading Goal met
 Tyler Mayo, Joshua Puentez, Esmeralda Ruezga, Maria Franco, Jensen Reed, Madison Harris

A Honor Roll
 Esmeralda Ruezga, Maria Franco, Jensen Reed
B Honor Roll
 Madison Harris, Jared



BISD Receives Award! Bronte Secondary Principal Rick Howell (right) accepts the Resourceful Award from West Texas Education Insurance Association. The district was recognized for implementing safety programs to reduce employee injuries.

Scott, Tyler Mayo, Joshua Puentez, Savannah Arthur

Perfect Attendance
 Savannah Arthur, Joshua Puentez, Dalton Ogle, Esmeralda Ruezga

**3rd grade
AR Reading Goal**
 Stetsen Emfinger, Ty Lee, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley Bailey McGlothlin, Fred Arthur

All "AB" Honor Roll
 Lindsay Hargrave, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, Johnathan Moore, Kristen Price, Kaleb Reyes, Nathaniel Rosales, Marisa Sanchez, Mason Smith, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley

Super Citizen
 Lauren Allen, Trinity Demry, Kaleb Edwards, Tammie Halfacer, Brandon Harris, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, Bailey McGlothlin, Johnathan Moore, Kristen Price, Kaleb Reyes, Nathaniel Rosales, Marisa Sanchez, Megan Yackley

**4th grade
A-Honor Roll**

Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Kyle Kelton, Erika Puentez, Caleb Rosson, Jael Williams

**Super Longhorns
(Citizenship)**
 Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Thoren Charles, Cindy Davilla, Michael Harris, Carson James, Kyle Kelton, Paige Royall, Zachary Taylor, Jael Williams

Perfect Attendance
 Brooke Bedford, Tomas Flores, Erika Puentez, Zachary Taylor, Kaitlyn Braswell, Erika Hargrave, Caleb Rosson, Thoren Charles, Brayde Knight, Paige Royall

Met A/R Goal
 Brooke Bedford, Erika Puentez, Jael Williams, Erika Hargrave, Caleb Rosson, Brayde Knight, Paige Royall

**5th grade-Mrs. Lee
A Honor Roll**
 Mackenzie Gibbs, Kimber Lee, Jaylon Seales

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL Little League seeking donations

Robert Lee Little League Baseball will be soliciting donations and sponsorships in Robert Lee for improvements to the field. FMI or to make a donation, call Frankie Gartman, 453-4629, Laura Bell, 453-4565, or Robin Munoz, 453-4480.

RLISD Board meets in regular session

Thursday, the 17th day of February 2005, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee School Library of the public school building at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hill.

Members present: Messrs: Roe, Washam, Hill, Sawyer, and Supt. Wallace. Members absent: Pres. Riley, Ms. McCabe, Reed

Comments for the public were from Karla Hamrick regarding an after school program for the youth.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2005 board meeting as read, seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

Kevin Roe motioned to approve the bills listed, seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept engagement letter from Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston & Barr, auditors for year ending August 31, 2005, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Motion to approve members of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) by Tom Sawyer, seconded by Wes Washam. All for. Members are: Jill Lankford, Janet Wallace, Carla Reed, Charles Blount, Mary Tinkler, Lisa Jackson and Janet Woods.

Supt. Wallace gave report on 2003-2004 School Report Card.

Motion was made by Tom Sawyer to accept recommendation to seek to hire K-12 music teacher who will be able to lead a K-12 music program that will consist of both choral and instrumental music, seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

The principals gave their respective reports.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the 2004-2005 Textbook Conforming List for implementation in 2005-2006 depending on legislative funding, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Motion made by Kevin Roe to accept bid for 1989 Chevrolet Van in the amount of \$260 submitted by Diesel Roe, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Supt. Wallace gave his superintendent's report on office/district activities.

The board took a five minute recess at 8:27 pm and went into closed session at 8:33 pm. The board resumed into open session at 10:17 pm.

Supt. Wallace made recommendation to extend the two year contract for both high school and elementary principals through summer of 2007. Wes Washam made a motion to table the principals' contract until full board is present, seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

The next board meeting was set for Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 7 pm. Yearbook pictures will be taken at 6:45 pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Sawyer, seconded by Kevin Roe. All for. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

RLISD reduces employee injuries

Robert Lee ISD, one of more than 472 participating schools, received the Resourceful Award for savings to the district of \$235,053. Robert Lee ISD, represented by Mr. Lindsey Wallace, Superintendent was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 15,542 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$184 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

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

At CAS, our number one priority is providing the saf-

est possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum.

Discover ASU schedule set for Spring

Angelo State University's Admissions Office will host four Saturday sessions of "Discover ASU" this spring to allow high school seniors and others considering college careers to get a closer look at what ASU has to offer in the way of programs, scholarships, housing, financial aid and extracurricular activities.

Discover ASU programs are scheduled for March 5, April 9 and April 23 on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo. Each program will begin with registration at 8:30 am, followed at 9:15 am with a welcome from ASU President James Hindman and an overview of the university. Tours and a special program will follow the opening session. The university will provide a complimentary lunch for students and their families.

The March 5 program will be in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont Drive. The April 9 and April 23 sessions are planned for the Center for Human Performance, 2050 S. Johnson St.

General information will be available on financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, student organizations, residence halls and extracurricular activities. Special sessions will cover academic and pre-professional programs.

For more information on Discover ASU, which was previously known as "College Days," contact the ASU Admissions Office at (325) 942-2058 or visit the university Web site at www.angelo.edu.

ACT test registration deadline set March 4

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 9, 2005, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 4. Late registration postmark deadline is March 18 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

The ACT Assessment now contains an optional Writing Test. Some colleges will require writing scores from students entering college in the fall of 2006. Students should check the admissions requirements of colleges they are considering before deciding whether to register for the ACT with or without the Writing Test.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's website at www.act-student.org. The website also features test tips, practice

tests, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT encourages eleventh graders to examine their ACT scores for academic weaknesses and take more challenging courses to receive extra help to grow strong in important academic areas. The ACT Assessment includes four tests; English, reading, math, and science. Students who opt to take the Writing Test will add 30 minutes to the 3-hour normal testing time.

School board candidate workshop offers information

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Monday, February 28, 7-9 pm at the Region 15 Education Service Center (612 S. Irene St., San Angelo).

The workshop will provide interested community mem-

bers and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is free and open to anyone. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org.

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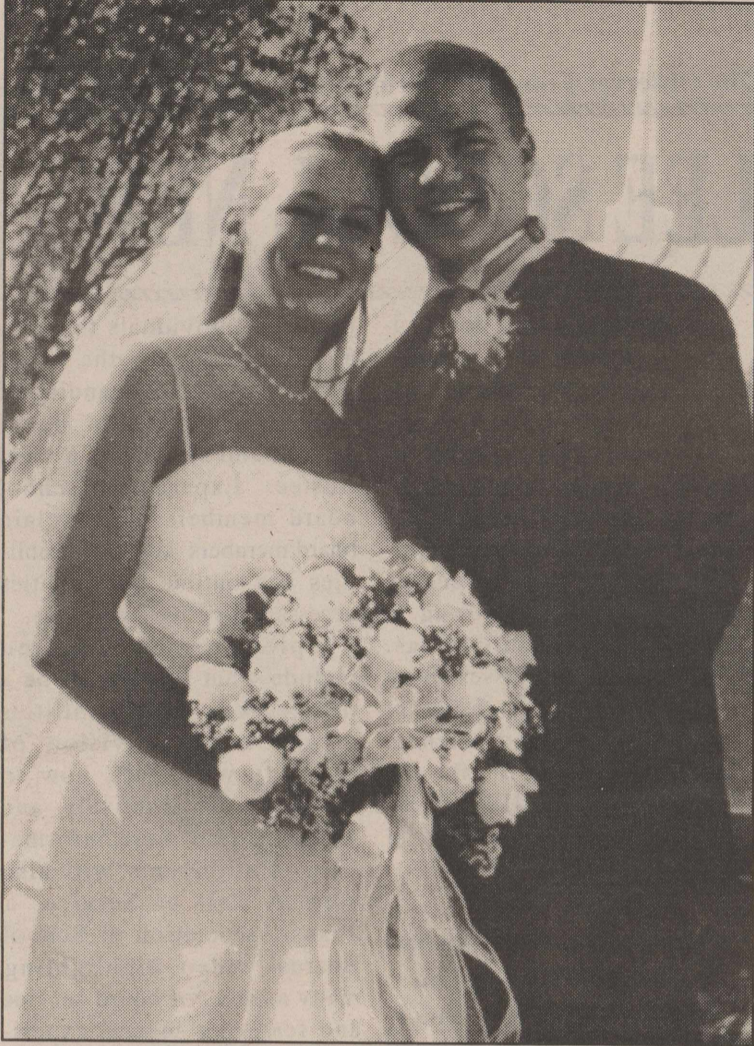
School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Feb. 28**
Holiday
- Tuesday, March 1**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Wed., March 2**
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Thurs., March 3**
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Friday, March 4**
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Feb. 28**
Holiday
- Tuesday, March 1**
Burrito, salad, corn, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wed., March 2**
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, roll, pineapple, peanut butter, milk
- Thurs., March 3**
Fish nuggets, tartar sauce, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, applesauce, milk
- Friday, March 4**
Hamburger, salad, pickles, tator tots, pears, milk



Mr. and Mrs. Jerrod Copeland

Trook-Copeland exchange vows

Karen Leslie Trook and Jerrod Daryl Copeland, both of Lubbock, were married Saturday, Nov. 27, at Broadview Baptist Church in Lubbock. The Rev. Sammy Nuckles of Olive Branch, Miss., officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Marilyn and Gary Trook of Amarillo. Grandparents of the bride are Dorothy and Dr. Holley Reed and Irene Trook, all of Amarillo, all of whom attended the wedding, and the late Dale Trook.

Groom's parents are Myna Kay and Daryl Copeland of Robert Lee. Grandparents of the groom are Bonita and Leslie Copeland and Margaret Jones, all of Robert Lee, all of whom attended the wedding, and the late Lowell Roane.

Maid of honor was Janet Trook of Amarillo, sister of the bride. Matron of honor was Stephanie Trook of Ropesville, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridal attendants were Jennifer Holmes and Stephanie Chaumont, both of Lubbock, and Allison George of Amarillo.

Best man was Chad Helwig of San Angelo. Groom's attendants were John Williams of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, cousin of the groom, Nick Tidwell of Knoxville, Tennessee, Preston Amend of Willis and Brad Parlin of Flower Mound.

Flower girl was Lillian Aiken of Montgomery, Alabama, cousin of the groom. Ring bearer was Wesley Trook of Ropesville, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Jason Trook of Ropesville and Michael Trook of Amarillo, both brothers of the bride, Joel Gallegos of Lubbock and Lance Martin of Fort Worth.

Special guests were the Clark family of Littleton, Colorado, the Bryan family of Houston, the Wood family of Denver, the Trook family of Lincoln, Nebraska, and the Molpus family of Collierville, Tennessee.

Guest register and program attendants were Tiffany Copeland and Holly Copeland, both of Lubbock, both sisters of the groom.

Special music was performed by Melanie Coleman and Larry Landusky, both of Lubbock.

The bride wore a gown of white delustered satin designed with a snug hand-beaded bodice featuring dainty, narrow straps. The empire midriff was accented with V-shaped beaded bands, which accented the bouffant A-line skirt. A wide-banded split edged with beads adorned the front of the skirt, and the hem was edged in a beaded band, flowing into a semi-cathedral train.

The colors of the wedding were platinum, silver and black. The bride chose stephanotis and white roses.

The bride carried a white lace handkerchief with sentimental value given to her by the groom's mother.

The reception was in the activity center of the church. Reception attendants were Kendall Todd, Kyla Shannon, Casey Mullins and Misty Childress, all of Lubbock.

The bride graduated from Amarillo High in 2000. She is a cum laude candidate for graduation in December from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She will earn a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and a secondary teaching certificate. She is a math teacher at Shallowater High School in Shallowater.

The groom graduated in 2001 from Stephen F. Austin State University in

Nacogdoches with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. He received a master of science degree in sports management in 2004 from Texas Tech University. He is pursuing a teaching certification at Texas Tech.

The couple plan a honeymoon trip to Pagosa Springs, Colorado. They will reside in Lubbock.

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Women and Investing: Your Special Financial Considerations

It's unfortunate, but still true, that if you're a woman, you face a variety of challenges in the workplace. And these issues translate into potentially serious problems for you as you save for retirement. To avoid these difficulties, you need to take action - now.

Let's consider some of the facts that underline and illuminate the formidable tasks that women face:

*Lower earnings - Over the past decades, women have made great strides in the quest to achieve earnings equality - but they're not there yet. Women currently earn, on the average, about 80 percent as much as men, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Less time on the job - Women are more likely than

men to take time away from their careers to rear children or care for aging parents. Consequently, women typically work 32 years, compared with men's 44, according to a study by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

*Lower income in retirement - The total median annual income for women 65 and older is 43% less than the median income for men of similar ages, according to the Older Women's League, a research and advocacy group.

*Longer life spans - Women live an average of seven years longer than men, so they are more likely to outlive their financial assets.

So, there you have it: Lower earnings, extended time away from work, lower retirement income and longer life spans. Together, these factors point to a huge need for women - whether married or single - to do some serious financial planning. Fortunately, there are many steps you can take. Here are just a few:

Pay Yourself First

Every time you get paid, turn around and write out a check to whatever savings or investment vehicle you have chosen - before you pay any other bills. Better yet, take advantage of payroll deduction, bank authorization or systematic investment plans so that your money is automatically invested before you even receive it. Such a plan, however, does not assure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets.

Invest for Growth

Many studies have shown that women tend to invest more conservatively than men. Yet, to achieve your retirement goals, you may need to put some of your investment dollars into "growth" vehicles, such as stocks or mutual funds. Historically, stocks have appreciated more than other types of investments. More importantly, other types of investments, such as CDs or Treasury bills, may not even keep up with inflation, so you could end up losing purchasing power if your portfolio is not well diversified.

Take Full Advantage of Available Retirement Plans

Save on a pre-tax basis through your employer's 401 (k) or by making IRA contributions. If you can't deduct an IRA contribution, consider a Roth IRA. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not deductible, but a Roth does offer tax-free income at retirement under certain circumstances. If you are self-employed, consider opening a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP) or other qualified retirement plan that may offer you a business tax deduction.

You're In Control

By following the steps described above, along with any others that make sense for your individual situation, you can take charge of your own financial future. It will take some time and effort - but the ultimate goal is well worth it.

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2005 Sterling County Stock Show



Carly Horwood placed first in Middle Weight Fine Wool lambs and went on to take the Championship in Fine Wool. She also placed first in the Middle Weight Medium Wool Lambs and went on to have the Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb. She rounded out the show with a second place in Light Weight Crossbred Lambs.



Colton Long placed first and second in the Middle Weight Crossbred Lambs and first place in Heavy Weight Crossbred Lambs. He went on to take both the Championship and Reserve Championship in Crossbred Lambs. He also placed first in the Heavy Weight Medium Wool Lambs and ended the show with the Champion Medium Wool Lamb.

- Sterling County Stock Show results**
- Lambs**
- Southdown Lambs**
1. Mason Long
 2. Mason Long
 3. Mason Long
- Champion Southdown**
Mason Long
- Reserve Champion Southdown**
Mason Long
- Light Weight, Fine Wool Lambs**
1. Katlin Horwood
 2. Trisha Horwood
 3. Hunter Aycock
- Middle Weight Fine Wool Lambs**
1. Carly Horwood
 2. Mason Long
3. Mason Long
- Heavy Weight Fine Wool Lambs**
1. Clayton Long
 2. Erin McCaleb
 3. Clayton Long
- Champion Fine Wool**
Carly Horwood
- Reserve Champion Fine Wool**
Clayton Long
- Light Weight Crossbred Lambs**
1. Katlin Horwood
 2. Carly Horwood
 3. Trisha Horwood
- Middle Weight Crossbred Lambs**
1. Colton Long
 2. Colton Long
 3. Travis Frey

Heavy Weight Crossbred Lambs

1. Colton Long
2. Mason Long
3. Mason Long

Champion Crossbred
Colton Long

Reserve Champion Crossbred
Colton Long

Light Weight Medium Wool Lambs

1. Tate Horwood
2. Craig Mayfield
3. Tyler Gibson

Middle Weight Medium Wool Lambs

1. Carly Horwood
2. Tyler Gibson
3. Caleb Gressett

Heavy Weight Medium Wool Lambs

1. Colton Long
2. Courtney Hodges
3. Kayln Hodges

Champion Medium Wool Lambs

Colton Long

Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lambs

Carly Horwood

Breeding Sheep

Royal White Rams and Lambs

1. Kade Hodges
2. Garrett McClure
3. Kade Hodges

Royal White Ram

1. Kade Hodges

Royal White Ewe Lambs

1. Garrett McClure
2. Garrett McClure
3. Kalyn Hodges

Royal White Ewes

1. Kalyn Hodges

Hampshire Ewes

1. Courtney Hodges

Suffolk Rams

1. Kalyn Hodges

Delaine Rams

1. Courtney Hodges

Rambouillet Ewes

1. Willy Phillips

Delaine Ewes

1. Willy Phillips

Overall Breeding Sheep

Champion
Courtney Hodges

Reserve Champion

Breeding Sheep
Courtney Hodges

Swine

Light Weight OPB Hog

1. Garrett McClure
2. Lyle Horwood
3. Hunter Hughes

Middle Weight OPB Hog

1. Taylor Davis
2. Hunter Hughes
3. Michael Hasty

Light Heavy Weight OPB Hog

1. Hunter Hughes
2. Willy Phillips
3. Seth Havlak

Heavy Weight OPB Hog

1. Lane Horwood
2. Garrett McClure
3. Erin Havlak

Champion OPB Hog

Hunter Hughes

Reserve Champion OPB Hog

Taylor Davis

Light Weight Crossbred Hog

1. Hunter Hughes
2. Garrett McClure
3. Lane Horwood



Courtney Hodges ruled in the Breeding Sheep Show by taking home both the Overall Breeding Sheep Championship and Overall Breeding Sheep Reserve Championship. She also placed first in Delaine Rams, first in Hampshire Ewes and second in Heavy Weight Medium Wool Lambs.



Hunter Hughes won the Championship in Crossbred Hogs and OPB Hogs. He also placed first in Light Heavy Weight OPB Hogs, first in Heavy Weight Crossbred Hogs, second in Middle Weight OPB Hogs, and third in Light Weight OPB Hogs.

Middle Weight Crossbred Hog

1. Lane Horwood
2. Lyle Horwood
3. Willy Phillips

Heavy Weight Crossbred Hog

1. Hunter Hughes
2. Shauna Vallejo
3. Lyle Horwood

Champion Crossbred Hog

Hunter Hughes

Reserve Champion Crossbred Hog

Lane Horwood

Steers

Champion Steer

Jill Halfmann

Reserve Champion Steer

Katlin Horwood

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Kayln Hodges placed her Heavy Weight Medium Wool Lamb third in the Lamb Show. She won the Royal White Ewe class and the Suffolk Ram class in the Breeding Sheep Show. Kayln also took a third in Royal White Ewe Lambs in the Breeding Sheep Show.



Mason Long showed his Southdown lambs to the Championship and Reserve Championship. He placed first, second and third in the Southdown Lambs class. He also placed second and third in the Middle Weight Fine Wool Lamb class and in the Heavy Weight Crossbred Lamb class.



Willy Phillips placed first in the Rambouillet Ewe class and the Delaine Ewe class in the Breeding Sheep Show.

- Goats**
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Light Weight Goats-Class 1 | 2. Tate Horwood |
| 1. Shelby Colvert | 3. Quinton Foster |
| | Light Weight Goats-Class 2 |

- Zachary Foster
 - Kelsie McCaleb
 - Tate Horwood
- Champion Light Weight Goat**
Zachary Foster
- Reserve Champion Light Weight Goat**
Shelby Colvert
- Middle Weight Goats-Class 3**
- Tyler Gibson
 - Shelby Colvert
 - Trey Arp
- Middle Weight Goats-Class 4**
- Shelby Colvert
 - Shelby Colvert
 - Shelby Colvert
- Champion Middle Weight Goat**
Tyler Gibson
- Reserve Champion Medium Weight Goat**
Shelby Colvert
- Heavy Weight Goats-Class 5**
- Kelsie McCaleb
 - Shelby Colvert
 - Trey Arp
- Heavy Weight Goats-Class 6**
- Shelby Colvert
 - Tyler Gibson
 - Shelby Colvert

- Champion Heavy Weight Goat**
Kelsie McCaleb
- Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Goat**
Shelby Colvert
- ...Bronte Awards**

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Super Citizens
Mackenzie Gibbs, Amy Godinez, Beau Grigg, Kimber Lee, Dustin Minjarez

Perfect Attendance
Austin Brackeen, Conner Clark, Randon Eubanks, Amy Godinez, Beau Grigg, Kimber Lee, Dustin Minjarez, Kaitlin Moore, Jaylon Seales

Accelerated Reader Goals met
Kimber Lee

5th grade-Mrs. Strack Super Longhorn Award
Maria Fuentez, Jill Scott, Vaughn Stilley, Leticia Pena, Harley Wallace

A Honor Roll
Katie Austin, Harley Wallace, Madison Price

Perfect Attendance
Creed Coalson, Maria Fuentez, Leticia Pena, Jonathan Reyes, Jill Scott, Harley Wallace, Jordan Baumann

AR Goal
Harley Wallace

6th grade A Honor Roll
Cheyenne Boyd, Ally Franco, Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Kimberly Nixon, Heath Richey

Super Longhorn Award
Kendyl Adams, Kaycee Baker, Terron Charles, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Kelsey Sedden

Perfect Attendance
Kendyl Adams, Cheyenne Boyd, Ginny Caston, Terron Charles, Reid Clark, Peyton Eubanks, Ally Franco, Joshua Hargrave, Chase Harris, Rex Knight, Arlis McMullan, Kelsey Sedden, Shandee Vaughn

Students who met AR Reading Goal
Kendyl Adams, Cheyenne Boyd, Terron Charles, Chase Harris, Hadley Holland, Arlis



Shelby Colvert took all three Reserve Championships, Light Weight Goat, Medium Weight Goat and Heavy Weight Goat, in the Goat Show. He placed first in Light Weight Goats - Class 1, second in Middle Weight Goats - Class 3, first, second, and third in Middle Weight Goats - Class 4, second in Heavy Weight Goats - Class 5, and first and third in Heavy Weight Goats - Class 6.



Taylor Davis won the Reserve Championship with his OPB Hog in the Swine Show. He also placed first in Middle Weight OPB Hog.

McMullan, Kimberly Nixon, Caston, Terron Charles, Reid Kerwin Rawls, Heath Richey, Clark, Hadley Holland, Kelsey Sedden, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin

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 A very special thank you to Hall's Super Save for their donation of meat. Also, thanks to the 4-H and FFA mothers who worked in the concession stand, and Ron Cooper & Stefan Jameson for announcing during the show and sale.

... More Classifieds!

NOTICES

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT by TOWN & COUNTRY FOOD STORES, INC. dba TOWN & COUNTRY FOOD STORES, to be located at 101 S. STATE STREET, City of BRONTE, County of COKE, Texas. Officers of said corporation are: DAVID LLOYD NORRIS, CHAIRMAN; WYLIE ALVIN NEW, PRESIDENT/SECRETARY; DEVIN LEE BATES, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/TREASURER; JAMES RANDAL BROOKS, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT; AND PATRICIA ANN RUSH, VICE PRESIDENT.

30-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

To: All qualified voters of Justice Of the Peace, Pct. #2, Coke County, Texas

A petition for a local option election to prohibit "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 signatures of those qualified voters in Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2 who desire that a local option election be called in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

31-1tc

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 7, 2005 Election. Two (2) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 7, 2005 and March 7, 2005. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Terri Tedford, Administrator.

29-3tc

LA NOTA DE LA CLASIFICACION LAS FECHAS TOPES

La Junta directiva Occidental del Distrito del Hospital del Condado del Coque por la presente avisa de la clasificacion las fechas topes para el mayo 7, 2005 Eleccion. Dos (2) Directores seran elegidos para un termino de dos (2) anos cada. Los candidatos pueden archivar las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion entre el 7 de febrero de 2005 y el 7 de marzo de 2005. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en el Centro del Ciudado de Sotavento de Robert Lee durante horas de oficina normales, 9 am - 5 pm, el lunes por el viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Terri Tedford, el Administrador.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDot until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 6126-84-001 for METAL BEAM GUARDFENCE REPAIRS & UPGRADES in COKE County, etc will be received on March 31, 2005 until 1:00 pm and opened on March 31, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$219,566.80.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pequalification materials may be requested from the State office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 15749

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

30-2tc

HELP WANTED

Persons interested in cemetery grounds maintenance on an as needed basis, please contact Jeanna Lee at 473-3811 or Susan Graves at 473-7521.

31-3tc

Check Out Coke Co. Library

Researching Western writers whose books are available at the Coke County Library has turned up some interesting information. Once a British author wrote a Western about a flying coyote. From that time on British author's books have been called "coyote-in-the-sky" Westerns.

J.T. Edson is a British writer. He is also a "meticulous researcher" and his books cover the post Civil

War era in Texas and Arizona. Ed Gorman writes one story every six months. Besides Westerns he also writes crime, mystery, horror, and fantasy stories. His stories are about "outsiders trying to find peace with the world." He is currently battling cancer. Terry Johnston was born in 1947 on the plains of Kansas and was a history teacher, printer, paramedic, dog catcher and car salesman. He died in 2001 of colon cancer.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00 am. Head Start Story Time is Wednesday at 9:30 am.

The Library appreciates the Main Street Market for serving as the book drop in Bronte and for providing a box for donors to contribute books to the library.

Be a part of Explore UT, the biggest Open House in Texas

By Larry R. Faulkner

Wonders are part of our daily life at The University of Texas at Austin. On March 5, we invite citizens of all ages, from every corner of Texas, to experience those wonders for themselves at Explore UT.

I hope you and your families will attend "the biggest open house in Texas," which will showcase many of the things that make our campus a special place. More than 300 free activities, performances and demonstrations will allow visitors to unravel scientific mysteries, unleash creative energies and uncover the wealth of educational opportunity at the university.

At Explore UT, you're encouraged to participate, not just observe. You can march with the Longhorn Band, perform chemistry experiments, build a fort, or replicate ancient Egyptian tomb drawings. Adults can learn the basics of trading stocks while their children make a robotic hand or preside over a court of law. And the UT Tower observation deck, 27 stories above campus, will be open to everyone.

We want you to come and have fun, discovering the ways that UT is a treasure trove of knowledge not only for our students, but for the entire state. K-12 teachers will have access to a number of special programs and can earn professional development credit. We will offer some sessions entirely in Spanish and will feature lively music workshops with "Mariachi Vargas," one of the most renowned mariachi ensembles in the world.

Our goal is for every participant to leave Explore UT with a sense of ownership of the university. In the six years we have hosted the event, we have been amazed by the number of young people who have visited our campus and left knowing for the first time that college was in their future.

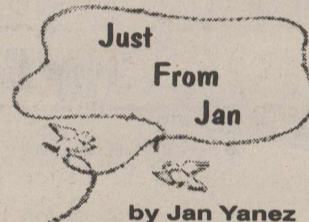
Last year James D. Rankin, a science teacher at Sidney Lanier High School in San Antonio, brought students

from his anatomy class to Explore UT. His students loved visiting a Harry Potter Hogwarts Potions class and learning to take their blood pressure. This year, he has arranged for additional buses so that he can bring even more students.

"We were treated like royalty," Mr. Rankin said. "People went above and beyond the call of duty in making us feel welcome and special. The visit gave students a sense of what they may want to do with their lives after high school."

Mr. Rankin's students also participated in the grand finale of Explore UT, the living star photograph. At the base of the Tower, a giant Lone Star is formed by our students, faculty, staff and many of the thousands of visitors who come to campus that day. People from all over Texas stand side-by-side to create a living symbol of our great state. We hope you'll visit our campus on March 5 and help us create another Lone Star. This is your university. Come, take part in its wonders, and see how we're shaping the future of Texas.

Larry R. Faulkner is the president of The University of Texas at Austin.



Nutrition for flu/colds

Diet

If you don't feel like eating, do not force yourself. For a day or two, consume only liquids-water, juices, teas, and soups. Digesting liquids requires a lot less energy than digesting foods. This means that your body has more energy to fight the flu. Consume easily digested foods such as juices, lemonade (hot or cold), herbal teas, applesauce, and lots of nourishing broth and homemade soups. Miso and chicken soup are good choices.

Getting plenty of fluids, including soups, is particularly important. Drink at least six to eight glasses of liquid daily. Fluids help to thin secretions, making it easier for the body to clear them, and also help to prevent constipation and flush toxins from the body. When there is fever, take liquids only.

*Recommended liquids: Warm broth, vegetable juices and herb teas. Avoid dairy products and sugar. They increase and thicken mucus. Avoid a milky drink at night if you have chest problems, since this can contribute to congestion of the chest by morning. Red beet juice makes the flu virus inactive. Condensed grape juice strengthens the heart muscles. Parsley, celery, watercress, garlic, lemon, carrot and coconut juices are nourishing and help to cleanse and promote healing. Drink fruit juices after diluting. Limit the intake of sugars.

Increase the proportion of vitamin C-rich foods in the diet, such as tomatoes, raw green peppers, carrots, strawberries and citrus fruit. This vitamin is easily destroyed by the process of oxidation, so do not leave peeled, chopped fruit or vegetables to stand for a long time before eating.

Overcooking also leads to loss of vitamin C, especially if fruit or vegetables are boiled. Vegetables and fruit are best eaten raw, and if vegetables must be cooked, steam them, which preserves essential nutrients. Eat fresh, raw fruit and vegetables, whole grains, garlic, pulses, beans, small helpings of fish, nuts and seeds. These foods appear to increase resistance to infection and improve vitality.

*Garlic is very beneficial especially at the beginning of a cold. It warms the body and acts as an antiviral and antibacterial. Garlic can also ward off a cold by inhibiting the growth of staphylococcus and streptococcus bacteria.

*Avoid food and drinks that put extra strain on the liver. The liver is responsible for efficient detoxification of the body. The foods to avoid include convenience foods containing substantial amounts of chemicals such as colorings and preservatives, and alcohol, which also depletes the body of vitamin C.

Nutritional Supplements

** Vitamin C, Vitamin A and Bioflavonoids

*Vitamin C is well-known for treating and preventing colds. Studies show that vitamin C can shorten the duration of common colds and flu and even prevent them. Taken in large enough doses, vitamin C can boost your immune system by pumping enough fuel into white blood cells to destroy invading viruses and bacteria.

*Vitamin A is a nutrient vital to the mucous membranes throughout the respiratory system during a cold or flu. It is known as the anti-infection vitamin. It battles viruses and bacteria in two ways. By keeping the cells healthy all along your respiratory tract, it provides a barrier that resists microorganisms. If some invading microorganisms manage to breach the barrier, you want to have antibodies and lymphocytes ready to destroy them. Vitamin A helps your body provide those reinforcements.

*Zinc supplementation is recommended for immune system support. Zinc lozenges soothe a sore throat and help fend off a cold before it takes hold. Zinc stimulates the immune system by generating new white blood cells and whipping them into shape to battle viruses. If you have too little zinc, your production of white blood cells may drop, and that can increase your risk of catching a cold, flu, or other upper respiratory infection.

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Tornado Warning Drill for schools set March 3

Submitted by: National Weather Service Office in San Angelo
Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have a way to receive a warning? Do you know what to do?

At approximately 10:05 am on March 3rd, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. We will transmit this warning through NOAA Weather Radio. Some of your local Radio and TV stations and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. We will cancel this practice tornado warning at 10:20 am.

We will issue the warning for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

For more information, please contact Hector Guerrero at (325) 944-0526 ext. 223 or you can e-mail hector at hector.guerrero@noaa.gov. You may also contact your local Emergency Manager.

Last year on March 3rd a practice tornado warning drill was conducted. Then on the following day, March 4th, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

Tornado safety rules

If at home:

If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter go there immediately.

Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.

If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

Get away from the windows.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:

Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest

floor without windows.

Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

Get down low and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:

If possible, get inside a building.

If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:

Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of

the potential for flooding.

Sign-up period for 2005 EQIP funding to end March 18

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) must sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and

Surface Water EQIP funds.

"These funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures."

Butler explained, "Using national and state EQIP priorities, counties working through a Local Work Group chaired by the local Soil and Water Conservation District recommended local resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and cost-share rates and/or incentive payments. This group also

recommended cost-share rates for beginning farmers. In 2005, producers who meet the criteria as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher can receive 90 percent cost share for eligible practices. The group also recommended an application ranking process to prioritize applications for funding. We have reviewed and concurred in all of their recommendations."

Beginning immediately after March 18, 2005, all applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county.

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/

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