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## Special Easter holiday services set for Coke County this weekend

Coke County churches have planned a variety of activities surrounding the Easter weekend. Some of the services are listed in greater detail in advertisements in this issue.

#### Tennyson

The Tennyson Baptist Church starts out the weekend with Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ, which is set for Good Friday, March 25, at 6:00 pm. A free Passion New Testament will be given to the first 150 in attendance.

The Tennyson Baptist Church Easter Services will begin with a SONrise Service on Mt. Margaret at 6:45 am. Pastor Joe Hodges will bring the message. Participants should meet behind the Tennyson Community Center, with their flashlights, by 6:00-6:15 am to begin the climb. A second service will be held at the Tennyson Baptist Church at 6:45 am for those who cannot climb the mountain. Bro. Jeff Gibson will bring the message. The regular morning worship service will be held at 11:00 am. Directly following the SONrise Service, a free community breakfast will be served to all who wish to attend at approximately 8:00 am in the fellowship hall of the church.

is located just 18 miles north of evening service this Sunday. San Angelo and 10 miles south of Bronte on Hwy. 277. For Children/PreTeens at Robert Lee more information, call 473-2040 Baptist will present "Stomp & or 473-3710.

#### Bronte

in Bronte is having Holy ments afterwards. For more Thursday and Good Friday ser- information, contact 453-2724. vices at the church at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunrise Services will be held at the Jeff McGlothlin Ranch at 6:30 am and Easter Service at the church at 11:00 tact 473-3281.

## Robert Lee

invite you to attend a Community-wide Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday at 7:00 am at and planning the Sanco Mt. Creek Amphitheater. In the Homecoming are encourged to event of bad weather, the servic- attend. A few attended the meetes will be held at the United ing held on the 5th, but not Methodist Church, 9th and enough to make decisions on all Chadbourne in Robert Lee. For the topics in discussion. Mark more information, contact 453-

Good Friday Service at Robert ant meeting. Lee Baptist Church will be held at 6:30 pm with the observance of the Lord's Supper. Easter morning services (following the sunrise service at Mt. Creek

Amphitheatre), will be held at The Tennyson Baptist Church the church at 11:00 am, with no

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On Wednesday, March 30, the Praise", an exciting new praise experience with "stomp" instru-First United Methodist Church ments at 7:00 pm, with refresh-

## Sanco Village Association meeting set

The Sanco Village Association am. For more information con- will be holding another meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at The churches of Robert Lee Elaine & Cuin Norvell's, 410 W. 10th, Robert Lee.

> Anyone interested in Sanco your calendars now to make plans to attend this very import-

## Good Friday closings noted

The Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls and the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed on March 25 for Good Friday in honor of the Easter holiday. Business will resume at 8 am on Monday, the 28th.

## **BHRC** to host Easter Egg hunt today

Bronte Health and Rehab Center will host a Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, March 25, at 3 pm for ages 1-6. The Easter Bunny will be present for pictures.

## Glenn Sims chosen as 2004 Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal Award winner

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-TX), NRCC Chairman Tom Reynolds (R-NY) and the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) announced recently that Mr. Thomas Glenn Sims has been chosen as a 2004 Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal Award winner.

Mr. Sims was selected based on unyielding support of the



Isn't This Supposed to be Fun?! This cute little girl didn't get that message or maybe she's just scared of Coke County's version of the Easter Bunny. Coke County Appraisal District Employee Kris Hall ("aka" the Easter Bunny) did a great job with the huge group of children who came to hunt eggs on the Coke County Courthouse lawn Tuesday morning, March 22, 2005.

President Ronald Reagan's vision for an entrepreneurial America.

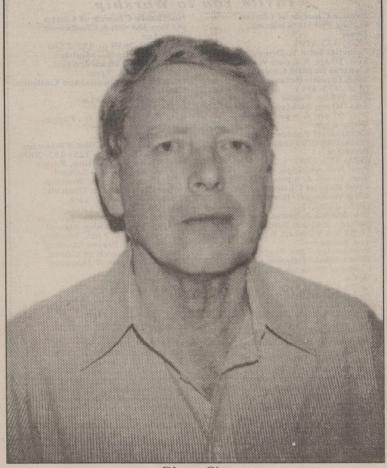
Only an elite group of business and professional people were nominated to receive the award before the awards selection committee reached a final decision.

Commenting on the selection, Congressman Tom Reynolds, Chairman of the NRCC, said, "Mr. Sims has served as an Honorary Chairman of the

Republican Party, outstanding Business Advisory Council and leadership in business and for has provided much needed supdisplaying a commitment to port. This award could not have gone to a more deserving candidate.

> Glenn Sims is the son of the late T.F. (Tuffy) & Pauline Sims. He graduated from Bronte High School in 1964 and from Baylor University in 1968 with a BBA degree in Mgt. and Marketing.

> Sims moved to Abilene from San Angelo in 1995 and opened the first Discount Tobacco Store in Abilene. He now has 2 stores in Abilene.



Glenn Sims



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## **Obituaries**



#### Brasuel

Patricia Joyce Brasuel went to be with the Lord, her Savior, on Wednesday, March 16, 2005. She passed on peacefully in her sleep at her home surrounded by those who loved her.

A service celebrating the life of this devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother was held at 2 pm Saturday, March 19, 2005, at Robert Lee Baptist Church. Pastor Frank Daniels of the Southside Church of Christ officiated. Burial was at the Robert Lee Cemetery, in Robert Lee, Texas. Visitation was held from 6-8 pm on Friday evening, March 18, 2005, at Shaffer Funeral Home.

Patricia Joyce "Pat" Preston was born on November 30, 1932, in Gilmer, Texas, to Bill and Thelma Preston. At age fifteen, the family moved from the oilfields of East Texas to the oilfields of West Texas, and ended up in Silver, Texas.

She graduated from Colorado City High School in 1950 and went to college at San Angelo, Texas. Pat was one of the first women to sign in at "Carr Hall" at what was then "San Angelo Junior College".

Pat married the love of her life, Gerald Ray Brasuel, on June 24, 1951, in Silver, Texas, with the Reverend Horace Bloodworth officiating. They were together for 53 years.

Pat was a hard worker. She spent seventeen years as an employee of West Coke County Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald, son Mike and wife Mary Kay of Midland, Texas, daughter Janet Maxwell of Arlington, Texas, and son Ardie and wife Joy of Odessa, Texas. There are also seven grandchildren of whom she dearly loved and was very proud. They are: Eddie Brasuel, of Austin, Texas, Melissa Brasuel of San Angelo, Texas, Clint Brasuel of Lubbock

Texas, Cody Allison of Columbus, Ohio, Cade Allison and wife Kristi of Midland, Texas, Casey Maxwell of Lubbock, Texas, and Justin Boroff of Richland Hills, Texas. There are lastly, two greatgrandchildren that were her greatest joy during the last year of her life, and they are Cade and Kristi Allison's twins, Brayden and Braxten Allison of Midland, Texas.

Pat had three brothers. She is survived by two; Billy Preston and wife Claudine of Union City, Louisiana, and Kenneth Preston and wife Cecelia of Parks, Arkansas. Her baby brother Danny Preston was tragically killed when they were all growing up in Silver, Texas.

Pat is also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents William Arden and Thelma Preston, and little brother, Danny.

The family request that any memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo, P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Pallbearers were grandsons Cody Allison, Cade Allison, Casey Maxwell, Clint Brasuel, and Justin Boroff.

Momma, we will miss you with all our hearts, for you were the "light" for us kids. We'll never forget being your "kids" and how you selflessly gave to us. Your love sustained us through it all. It is said: "Well done is better than well said". Momma you did well.

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Bronte Health & Rehab Center Happenings! On February 15, Bronte Health and Rehab Center residents honored the dietary staff members with a planned cookout. Hamburgers were cooked on the grill by administrator Mary Ann Choat, residents Royce Lee and Maynard Rogers. Mrs. Reed and Bonnie Taylor kept everyone in line and made sure all went right. The other residents helped with other preparations. The weather was perfect and the residents enjoyed being outside immensely. Bronte Health and Rehab Resident Council Officers are pictured with the dietary staff (from left) Randy Long, Frankie Arnold, Resident Council Secretary Royce Lee, Angelita Hernandez, Donna Duke, Nellie Gloria, Bonnie Taylor, Resident Council Vice President, Clemis Reed, Resident Council President, Maynard Rogers, Resident Council Chaplain, and Joyce Knight.

#### Evans

Floryne Preslar Evans went to be with her Lord and Savior March 20, 2005.

She was born in Sanco, Texas on December 20, 1922 to Green and Alice (Gartman) Preslar.

On February 2, 1946, she married John B. Evans of Pecos, Texas. They were married 53 years before he passed away in September 1999 in Mason, Texas.

She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She served others in the communities in which she resided through many ways; such as selling Avon, being a compassionate caretaker at the Cross Plains Nursing Homes, and working many years alongside her husband while ranching in Robert Lee, Texas, and then managing the golf course in Pioneer, Texas.

She is survived by her son, Max Evans and wife Norma of Cross Plains; daughter Jo Partin and husband Jimmy of Abilene. She is also survived by 4 stepchildren, Bill Evans and wife Karen of Wolfforth; Bonnie Shakelford of Austin, Bob Evans and wife Beverly of Alamogordo, NM; and Sue McBeth and husband Bobby of Plainview; and one sister Louise

Whiteside of Evant. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to her caregivers for 3 years at Elm Creek Alternative Care and the loving and caring Hospice Group.

Visitation was held the evening of Tuesday, March 22, 2005, with services held at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains, TX on Wednesday at 11:00 am, March 23, 2005. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery. Pallbearers were some of her beloved grandsons, with the service officiated by her son Max Evans.

### 35-1tc Clark

Brenda Jean Clark of Angleton passed away March 15, 2005, in a nursing home at the age of 46.

She is survived by her parents, Bob and Pat Clark of Blackwell, Texas, one daughter, Bambi Munoz of Sugarland, and one son, James Sargent of Dover, Delaware. She is also survived by two sisters, Jo Ann Ballard of Odessa and Angie Beene of Summerville.

Memorial services are pend-Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

#### Living with Grief

Hospice Foundation of America's live-via-satellite teleconference will examine issues regarding the social perspectives of medical ethics and how various health care settings may influence ethical decisions in hospitals, nursing homes and hospices.

The teleconference will be hosted by Hospice of San Angelo, Inc. on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm at Shannon Medical Center, 2nd floor in the Legacy I & II rooms.

Three CEU's are available for

This program is free of charge. To reserve a place or for more information, please call Hospice of San Angelo, Jeanne Miller (325) 658-6524.

## Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ-PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson

PODOS-30 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 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 & Holme 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

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& 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

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on Sterling City Hwy\* (325) 453-2004
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship
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(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

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) 473-2040 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

PO Box 638 of the A Housten 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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## **Tennyson Baptist Church**

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## Cowboy banker retiring after more than 40 years

[Editor's Note: Fred Myers is the father of Robert Lee State Bank President Stephen Myers. The following article appeared in the Slaton Slatonite.]

Slatonite Fred Myers is an unlikely banker.

But the tall, lean cowboywith the scars of a calf roper to show for it-will soon be retiring from a profession that stretches back 44 years to a choice between teaching and a bank job.

Later this month, he will be retiring as the senior vice president/branch manager of Citizens-BANK's Post branch.

He will be ending a career that began in Post in 1961.

But, he said he's not even exactly ending the career. Working from his home near Slaton, he said he plans to continue working as an agriculture loan appraiser and he intends to keep on cowboying.

Born in Stonewall County, Myers, then five years old, moved with the family to the Southland area in 1945.

He went on to graduate from Southland High School in 1957 and earn a BBA degree from Sul Ross University in 1961. While at the Alpine college, he met and married. He and wife, Anita, had their one son, Stephen, in 1960.

Back in Post in 1961, he said, he was about to move to Hereford and a teaching job when the president of First National Bank in Post suggested he just come to work at the bank instead.

Interrupted only by a brief stint out of banking in the mid 1970's, the years that followed took him to Slaton Savings and Loan, First National Bank of Lamesa, and in 1985 to CitizensBank to work as an agriculture loan officer for then president Jeff Wilson.

Along the way, Anita taught school. She finished her career at Slaton's Stephen F. Austin Elementary School;



Engagement Announced! Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Williams are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Dunn to Fred Sales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sales. The couple will wed April 23, 2005, at the Pentecostal Church with Ray Aldridge officiating.

their son Stephen graduated from Slaton High School in 1978 and, Myers said, he hit what he considers the high point of his banking life.

Over a three-year period in the early 1970s, he said, he attended and completed the banking school at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. The SMU school is considered one of the premier banking schools in the country.

Myers said the school that drew young bankers from all backgrounds was frequently asking for finance problems to be solved.

Most of the problems involved business and industry, he said, but one asked the students to solve the financial

intricacies of getting a herd of cattle from Mexico into Texas.

That, Mevers said, "was when I stood up."

Myers joined CitizensBANK in Slaton in 1985. He moved to Post to lead that branch operation when it opened in 1993.

On March 22, Keith Williams will assume the reins in Post. Myers will stay on briefly to help Williams, who is moving from First National Bank of Tahoka, get acclimated before retiring to his home here.

"I've enjoyed it," he said of his long career.

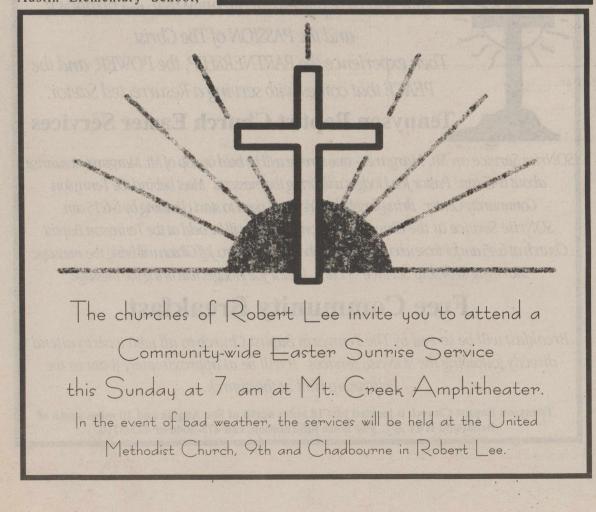
It's really been good to see and meet a lot of people...you hope you've helped someone.'

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Bronte girls' track results posted

In the track meet held at Winters, the Bronte girls track team placed 1st with 121 points.

Discus - 1st - Melissa Palmer

High jump - 3rd - Katie Cooper

Long jump - 2nd - Mary McMorris

Pole vault - 2nd - Katie Cooper; 4th - Marcy McMorris

Shot put - 2nd - Melissa Palmer

Triple jump - 3rd - Holly Huskerson

400 m relay - 1st -Holly Huskerson, Sarah Basquez, Lindsey Butler, Calli Johnson

100 m dash - 1st - Calli Johnson; 3rd - Sarah Basquez

800 m relay - 3rd - Katie Cooper, Lindsey Butler, Marcy McMorris, Calli Johnson

300 m hurdles - 3rd -Katie Cooper; 4th - Holly Huskerson

1600 m - 6th - Crystal Wallar

1600 m relay - 3rd - Sarah Basquez, Katie Cooper, Marcy McMorris, Holly Huskerson

In the girl's track meet held at Menard, Bronte girls placed 1st with 125 points.

Discus - 4th - Melissa Palmer

High jump - 2nd - Katie Cooper

Long jump - 3rd - Holly Huskerson; 4th - Marcy



**Breakfast** Monday, March 28 Holiday

Tuesday, March 29 Breakfast pizza, assorted

juice, milk Wed., March 30

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, milk Thurs., March 31

French toast sticks, ssorted juice, syrup, milk Friday, April 1

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice,

Lunch Monday, March 28 Holiday

Tuesday, March 29 Fried chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced apricots, roll,

Wed., March 30

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), broccoli, sliced peaches, crackers, rice krispie bars, milk

Thurs., March 31 Lasagna, corn on the cob, tossed salad, mixed fruit,

bread sticks, milk Friday, April 1

Hot dogs, chili & cheese, tator tots, pork & beans, orange half, bun, sugar cookies, milk

**McMorris** 

Pole vault - 1st - Marcy McMorris

Shot put - 3rd - Melissa Palmer

Triple jump - 3rd - Holly Huskerson

400 m relay - 1st - Calli Johnson, Cheyenne Webb, Lindsey Butler, Sarah Basquez

100 m hurdles - 2nd -Holly Huskerson

100 m dash - 2nd - Calli Johnson

800 m relay - 2nd - Calli Johnson, Cheyenne Webb, Marcy McMorris, Lindsey Butler

300 m hurdles - 2nd -Katie Cooper; 3rd - Holly Huskerson

200 m - 5th - Sarah

1600 m - 6th - Lora

1600 m relay - 3rd - Sarah Basquez, Katie Cooper, Melissa Palmer, Holly Huskerson

## Bronte HS track results posted

Results posted from the Eden Track Meet.

#### Varsity

100 meter - 4th -Brett Wills; 3rd -Jaylon Saunders

200 meter - 1st - Brett Wills; 3rd - Garrett Jackson

300 hurdles - 1st - Jaylon Saunders

High jump - 1st - Jaylon

Saunders 1600 meters - 6th -

Stephen Tomes 4x400 relay - 1st -Brett Wills, Garrett Jackson, Paul

## McConnell, Jaylon Saunders **Junior Varsity**

Shot put - 1st - Adam Halfacre; 2nd - C.J. McClure Discus - 1st - C.J. McClure; 3rd - Adam

200 meter - 5th - Cody Wallace

## Bronte tennis results posted

Results from the Santa Anna Tournament held on 3-

## Girls Doubles

Martin/Rives (Early) defeated Stephanie Flores/Lara Martinez (Bronte) 6-3

Fernandez-Ruiz (Paint Rock) defeated Monica Delagarza/Bailey Saunders (Bronte) 6-3

DeLaRosa/Guerrero (Santa Anna) defeated Delagarza/Saunders (Bronte)

## **Boys Singles**

Eric Hendrickson (Bronte) defeated Ebarb (Early) 6-0 2nd Round

Hendrickson (Bronte) defeated Townsend (Cornerstone) 6-0

Sherman Griffin (Bronte) defeated Hambric (Early) 6-1 3rd Round

Green (Baird) defeated

Hendrickson (Bronte) 6-0

Griffin (Bronte) defeated Llanes (Miles) 8-4

4th Round

Kirckland (Cornerstone) defeated Griffin 8-6 3rd Place

Griffin (Bronte) defeated Vasquez (Santa Anna) 8-5

## **Boys Doubles**

Ruiz/Bignall (Paint Rock) defeated Phillip Rawlings/Garrett Acker (Bronte) 6-2

Lavy/Musick (Ballinger) defeated Gus Saunders/Curtis Moore (Bronte) 6-1

## Consolation

Fellers/Rankin (Santa Anna) defeated Saunders/Moore (Bronte) 6-0 Rawlings/Acker (Bronte) defeated Dobbins/Davis (Coleman) 6-1

Rawlings/Acker (Bronte) defeated Fox/Couch (Richland Springs) 6-0

Fellers/Rankin (Santa Anna) defeated Rawlings/Acker (Bronte) 6-1 Results from the Irion County Tournament held 3-

## Girls Singles

Bates (Irion County) defeated Monica Delegarza (Bronte) 6-0, 6-1

Lenard (Grape Creek) defeated Delagarza 6-0, 6-0

#### **Boys Singles**

1st Round Sherman Griffin (Bronte)

defeated Llanes (Miles) 6-1, 6-1

## 2nd Round

Griffin (Bronte) defeated Miller (Irion County) 6-0, 6-0

## Semi finals

Griffin (Bronte) defeated Maxie (Garden City) 6-1, 6-0

Griffin (Bronte) defeated Gomez (Grape Creek) 7-6, 7-1, 7-6, 7-1



Easter Hunt FUN??! Mason "Peanut" Aguirri looks like searching for all those eggs wore him out as he sits on the Coke County Courthouse steps eating a cookie after the annual Coke County Easter Egg Hunt Tuesday morning, March 22, 2005. Mason is the son of Marti and Keith Aguirri of San Angelo and the grandson of Rick and Kay Styles of Bronte.

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PEACE that comes with serving a Resurrected Savior.

**Tennyson Baptist Church Easter Services** 

SONrise Service on Mt. Margaret - one service will be held on top of Mt. Margaret at sunrise, about 6:45 am. Pastor Joe Hodges will bring the message. Meet behind the Tennyson Community Center. Bring flashlights. You will need to start climbing by 6-6:15 am. SONrise Service at the Church - a second service will be held at the Tennyson Baptist Church at 6:45 am for those who cannot climb the mountain. Bro. Jeff Gibson will bring the message. Morning Worship Service - 11 am - Pastor Joe Hodges will bring the message.

## Free Community Breakfast

Breakfast will be served by The Tennyson Baptist Church to all who wish to attend directly following the SONrise services. It will be at approximately 8 am in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

Tennyson Baptist Church is located just 18 miles north of San Angelo and 10 miles south of Bronte on Hwy 277. For more information, call 473-2040 or 473-3710.

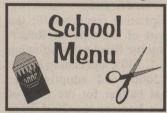
## RL students are rounding 2nd base and headed for 3rd

The San Angelo Colts. together with Concho Valley Partnership and Say Baseball, joined Verizon Super Pages in bringing a reading incentive program to the elementary schools in the Concho Valley. Students receive rewards for meeting their reading goals. The students move along the bases, from first base to home plate, until the program culminates in a night of Colts the program will help to build baseball at Foster Field. The the lifelong love of reading San Angelo Colts are only the second minor league ball club to receive support from Verizon Super Pages for this reading program.

A total of 137 Concho Valley teachers implemented the program in January. Robert Lee Elementary school joined the project in February. Total number of books read by the students in Robert Lee totaled 1,550 during the 4th six weeks that ended on February 15th. This fantastic number of books includes books read to the Pre-K class, but it also includes many library books read by all the students. For his or her efforts, each student reaching first base received a Colts Baseball sticker.

As of March 11th, over 1,000 books had been read in the first 3 weeks of the 5th marking period. Those students reaching 2nd base received a special bookmark.

Cynthia Lackey, Executive Director of Concho Valley Partnership, is thrilled with these results. "In creating the Grand Slam Reading Jam,



**Breakfast** Monday, March 28 Juice, donut, cereal, milk Tuesday, March 29

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk Wed., March 30

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Thurs., March 31 Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Friday, April 1 Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Lunch Monday, March 28

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, roll, peaches, milk

Tuesday, March 29 Frito pie, cheese, corn, salad, vanilla pudding, milk

Wed., March 30 Grilled cheese, soup, crackers, pickles, fresh fruit,

milk Thurs., March 31

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, English peas, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk

Friday, April 1 BBQ on bun, pickles, French fries, chili beans, pears, milk

our hope was to motivate students to read. Students have illustrated their motivation by reading much more than we had ever expected just to reach their first base goal."

With the results of the first and second reporting periods so positive, there is much cause to be optimistic about the future of the program and about the future of the students. It is the hope of everyone involved that, by getting children excited about books, and learning for all students.

## 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.



## **Dyeing Easter Eggs** is great family fun

Easter is coming fast upon us. With that said, it's time to bring out the eggs and dye.

There are a never-ending amount of options for making the dyes and for decorating the eggs.

If you are a nature enthusiast, natural egg-dyeing is exactly the technique for you. Almost any natural ingredient that you can think of (that has a vibrant color which will release in hot water) will work perfectly. When using natural dyes, it is a good idea to use distilled water.

Working with natural dyes may take longer than working with the store-bought kind, depending on how intense you want the colors of your eggs to be.

In order to get the natural dyes to stain the eggs a dark color, you will need to let the eggs sit in the dyes overnight in the refrigerator. If you let the eggs sit in the natural dves for only a few hours, they will turn out a pastel color.

A few natural dyes to enjoy: Purple: 1 (15 oz.) can sliced beets; or cup grape juice concentrate

Yellow: cup ground safflower; or cup ground turmeric

Light Yellow: orange or lemon peels, carrot tops, celery seed or ground cumin

Blue: 1 cup canned blueberries (with syrup) or red cabbage leaves

Brown: strong brewed coffee Red: 1 cup canned cherries (with syrup)

Pale Red: fresh beets or cranberries, frozen raspberries

Green-gold: yellow Delicious apple peels

Pale green: spinach leaves Orange: yellow onion skins If you don't have the patience to experiment with natural dyes, but want to make Easter egg dye from scratch, dyes made with food coloring are a super simple and fun method. To make food-coloring dye: Drip (liquid, paste or gel) food coloring into bowls of water, and stir until the water reaches your desired hue.

Try combining different colors to make original colors. Place the hard-cooked eggs into the colored water and let them sit until the eggs reach the hue you desire. Remove the eggs from the dye and let them air-dry.

While coloring your eggs, use a few of these awesome decorating tips:

Marbleized Easter Eggs

Dye eggs according to package directions on store bought dye (food coloring + vinegar works well).

\* Add 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil to each color you want to marbleize.

Place eggs in dye.

\* When you remove the eggs, the oil will have caused a very nifty marbleized

Stone Easter Eggs

- \* Mix dye according to package directions.
- \* Cover the eggs tightly with cheese cloth or nylons. Tie with string or twist tie.

\* Dye eggs. Let dry.

\* When you remove the nylons, you'll have a stripey stone look to the eggs.

**Tissue Paper Eggs** 

\* Spritz or dip hard boiled eggs in water - get it all wet.

\* Pick up squares of tissue



Sawyer Wins Again! Ashley Sawyer received her 2004 State sweepstakes trophy at the annual Texas Rabbit Breeders Association banquet held in Belton, Texas, Saturday, March 19, 2005. She has won the state award three years in a row and is currently in first place for the 2005 year which will end in December. She attended 25 shows around the state, compiling 4736 points to lead the Mini Lop rabbit class. Ashley is a member of the Coke County 4-H and Robert Lee FFA and belongs to numerous rabbit organizations. To read and learn more about her many awards, check out her website at www.sawyersrabbitry.com.

paper one at a time and lay overlap them.

\* Spritz with water again if the tissue paper didn't get completely wet.

\* Set aside in a bowl.

\* When the egg dries, the tissue paper will fall off, but the pretty colors will stay behind. It gives something of a stained glass look to the

Striped Eggs

Wrapping electric tape all over the egg. Feel free to around an egg won't make a use different colors and to clear stripe, but it can make a really cool design! Take one or two pieces and wrap them around or stick them in various places. Then dye your egg. The dye will seep in along the edges of the tape and make great patterns.

> Swirled Eggs \* Dye eggs.

\* Pour about cup of rubber cement into cup. Do not use

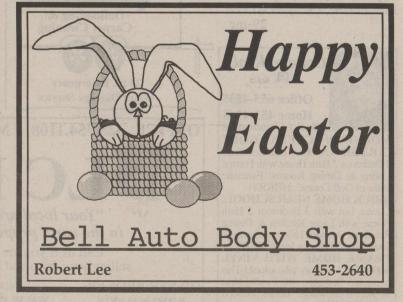
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to express our thanks to the ambulance crew that assisted Gary during his accident on 02-22-05. Thanks to Bronte Baptist Church and all those who expressed their concerns and prayers for us.

Gary and Andra Hubbard 35-1tc

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Sterling County Commissioners Court will accept sealed bids for sale of Used ambulance until 12:00 noon April 8, 2005. Bids will be opened during the regular term of Commissioners Court at 10:00 a.m. April 11, 2005. Bids should be sealed and clearly marked ambulance bid. Bids should be mailed or delivered to Sterling County Judge, P.O. Box 819, Sterling County

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35-2tc ROBERT LEE ISD

Robert Lee ISD will hold a Public Hearing on March 29, 2005. The Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm in the High School Library. The Hearing is for the purpose of reporting the results of the Academic Excellence Indicator System for Robert Lee

34-2tc

## **ORDINANCE # 1136**

An ordinance making appropriating resources for the support of the City of Robert Lee for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2005, and ending March 31, 2006; and adopting the annual budget for the City of Robert Lee for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of March, 2005.

APPROVED: Joe V. White, Mayor ATTEST: Kay Torres, City Secretary 35-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Coke County Commissioners Court is taking applications for someone (adults) to operate and manage the Bronte and Robert Lee Swimming Pools for the summer of 2005. If you are interested in Robert Lee, contact Commissioners Montgomery or Gaylon Pitcock or Curtis Walker, the Robert Lee Park Caretaker. If you are interested in Bronte, contact Commissioners Bill Wheat or George Snapp or Jason Wilson, the Bronte Park Caretaker. Life Guards are needed in Robert Lee and Bronte. You must be 16 years old or older, you must be a Certified Life Guard, Certified in CPR and First Aid also. Salary for Life Guards is \$7.00 per hour. Contact Curtis Walker in Robert Lee or Jason Wilson in

Stover Taylor, County Auditor 34-2tc

## County youth place well at Houston Stock Show

Several youth from Bronte and Robert Lee recently participated at the Houston Livestock Show, the largest stock show in the world. In the Market Goat show Michele Sanchez placed her light heavyweight goat second and Zachary Sanchez made the top twenty five finalists with his lightweight goat. In the Market Steer show, Clay Antilley placed his medium weight Simmental steer fifth, Chelsea Cook placed her lightweight Chianina steer eighth and Reese Braswell placed his lightweight Simmental steer fourteenth. During the Market Lamb show, Cody Bridges placed his lightweight Finewool lamb thirteenth and Clay Antilley placed his lightweight Finewool Cross lamb twenty-seventh. These county youth should be commended for their accomplishments against some of the toughest competition in the country.



Region II high school rodeo contestants from Coke County continued their pursuit for the Texas State High School Rodeo finals by competing at Fort Stockton, Texas on March 5, 6, 12 & 13.

After Saturday's competition on March 5, résults showed that Lillian McMullan placed 2nd in the barrels, 3rd in the breakaway roping, 7th in the goat tying and 4th in the pole bending events. Jake McCabe of Robert Lee, won the boys cutting contest, and 4th in the tie-down calf roping. Cody McCabe and Lance Millican placed 11th and 14th places respectively in the calf roping. On Sunday, March 6th, again the cutting was won by Jake McCabe. Millican placed 2nd in the calf roping. Jake McCabe placed 6th and Cody McCabe finished 12th in the calf roping. Lillian placed 2nd in the breakaway roping, 1st in the goat tying and 2nd in the pole bending events.

The following weekend at the 13th and 14th qualifying rodeo that was held in Ft. Stockton, Robert Lee's Lance Millican and Jake McCabe gave commanding performances in the tie-down calf roping and boys cutting events. Lance won both days in the tie-down roping and Jake won 1st on Saturday and 2nd on Sunday of the cutting event. Cody McCabe placed

7th in the tie-down on Saturday with Jake placing 9th and both brothers teaming up with a 9th place finish in the team roping event. Bronte's Lillian McMullan placed 4th in the barrels, 3rd in the goat tying and 2nd in the pole bending events for the Saturday rodeo. On Sunday, Lillian split first and second in the barrels, 4th in the breakaway, and 2nd in the goat tying events. Jake McCabe placed 6th in the tiedown calf roping on Sunday along with a 10th place finish in the team roping with brother Cody.

One qualifying rodeo remains to complete their high school rodeo season for Region II. On April 9, 2005 at the Spur Arena in San Angelo, Texas, the final Region II rodeo will be held. Rodeo performance will begin at 7 pm. If you haven't been able to go and watch these rodeo athletes compete, this would be a great opportunity.



## Workshop, 'Turning Blue Quail to Green,' set for March 31 in Big Spring

Cooperative Extension and Howard College at Big Spring are teaming up to present a blue quail workshop on March 31. The meeting, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., will be in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 11th and Birdwell streets in Big Spring.

"Turning Blue Quail To Green: Enhancing Quail-Hunting Revenue for West Texas Economies, focuses on scaled quail \* also called blue quail, an important game bird in parts of West Texas.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, said the workshop promotes marketing of blue quail hunting across West

"I define this area as roughly Snyder west to Andrews, southwest to the Big Bend, east to San Angelo, and then back to Snyder," Rollins said. "We want to convene various players at this meeting as a means of promoting blue quail hunting, an important, but often overlooked revenue source for landowners.

"Blue quail populations have rebounded nicely in the past two years, and they offer a unique kind of quail hunting, but it's something that traditional bobwhite hunters just don't appreciate. We hope to change that."

Rollins said the program will be of interest to landowners, hunters, and local entities promoting tourism and rural economic development in West Texas.

Extension specialists and landowners who have successful blue quail management programs will share their expertise.

Morning topics will be: "Components of Marketing Blue Quail," "Needs From the Supply Side," "Needs From the Consumer Side," and "Comments From Related Service Providers."

Afternoon talks will cover: "Business Plans 101," "Management Needs," "Information Needs?" and "Where To From Here?"

Cost for the workshop is \$10 if pre-registered by March 28 and \$15 at the door. Registration includes lunch.

The Extension / Howard College partnership's task is to convert available technology into rural economic development across Howard College's 13-county service

For more information contact Howard County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater at (432) 264-2236, or Dr. Dale Rollins at (325) 653-4576. Program updates and registration details are available at the TeamQuail Web site at http://teamquail.tamu.edu.

... Dyeing Eggs (Continued from page 5) the type called one-coat rubber cement, it is too sticky.)

\* Cut a strip of construction paper and staple it into a circle. This will make a stand for the egg. Set the egg on top. Dip a popsicle stick into the rubber cement and dribble it onto the egg. Let it dry for about 15 minutes, then turn over and dribble the bottom.

\* With a spoon, place the egg into the dye, and you'll start to see your patterns.

\* Remove egg from the dye with a spoon. Gently pat the egg with a paper towel. Let it dry for about 30 minutes.

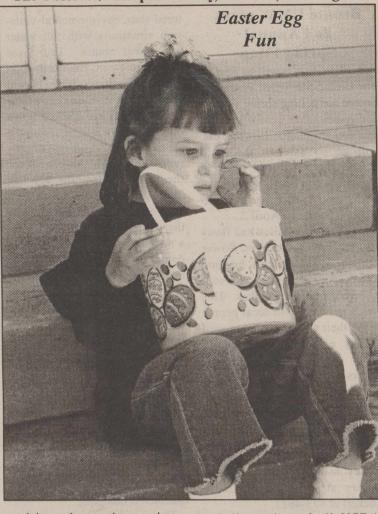
\* Rub the rubber cement with your fingers. It will come right off, leaving pretty squiggly designs. Don't eat these special eggs, they are for decoration only.

**Sponge Painted Eggs** 

Place hard boiled or blown eggs in egg cups. Partially fill paper cups with different colors of tempra paint. Clip a piece of sponge to a clothes pin and dip into paper cups, use the clothes pin as a handle. Lightly dab the sponge over the top half of the egg. Let dry. Turn egg over and repeat procedure. Let the egg dry completely. If using brown eggs, spray with acrylic spray or a permanent

## **USDA** Rural Development to hold forum

Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development, announced recently that a series of forums will be conducted for rural communities throughout the state of Texas. The forum is free to the public and speakers will provide information to all interested individuals and The Observer/Enterprise Friday, March 25, 2005 Page 7



entities about the various housing, community, and business and industry programs available through USDA Rural Development.

The forum for Coke, Irion, Runnels, Sterling, and Tom Green Counties will be held Wednesday, April 13, 10 am, at the Ballinger Community Center, 200 Crosson Avenue, in Ballinger. The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single and multi-family housing.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations, please call USDA Rural Development in Abilene at (325) 690-6162, Ext. 4.

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## **Bronte UMW plans** 2nd Annual Spring Fling

In a few days it will be Spring. The United Methodist Women of Bronte are getting spring flowers and vegetables ready to sell. The tomato plants, flowers, etc. will go on sale on the patio behind the Methodist Church. The hours will be from 3 pm to 6 pm Friday, April 1, and 8 am to 12 noon Saturday, April 2.

Last year, the ladies had flowers, vegetables, fertilizer, flower containers, garden tools, hanging baskets for sale. They also sold casseroles, pies, and cakes. This was a good way for local people to get their spring plants, as well as buy a home-cooked family meal. We also had master gardeners available to answer your questions.

If you have questions concerning the Spring Fling, call Glenda Draper at 473-2050, Nancy Adams at 473-7010, Joyce Bailey at 473- 4951, Juanette Gentry at 473-9764 or Diane Luckett at 473-4821.

## Bronte swimming pool to open for summer

The Bronte swimming pool will be open this summer. Commissioners had originally considered leaving the pool closed for the summer for renovations.

## Robert Lee City water rate change being considered

Current water rates for the City of Robert Lee were set in 1999. The average residential water rate for cities the size of Robert Lee is \$24.18 for 5,000 gallons of water. By comparison, Robert Lee pays \$13.80. The City is considering raising the base water rate \$3.00. This base rate includes up to 3,000 gallons. Additionally, the city is considering a change in the rate structure of the "per thousand" charge. The rate will increase ten cents per thousand on consumption charges of 4,000 to 9,000 gallons. Consumption of 10,000 gallons and thereafter will have a charge of an additional ten cents per thousand gallons.

For many years environmental inspections of the city water system were mainly city friendly. Changes that might have been enforced were not, and "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" was the rule of thumb. If a city was making an honest effort to provide safe water, state and federal agencies were not likely to create an emergency by stringent enforcement.

In the last several years, the City of Robert Lee has encoun-

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tered state environmental violation situations with the water and sewer plants. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (formerly Texas Natual Resources Conservation Commission) has cracked down on city water systems across the state of Texas. A change of attitude came with the change of the name. Also, the bar has been raised on both federal and state environmental laws. Now there is no "wiggle" room within a mandate from TCEQ. By not complying totally with TCEQ mandates, a city faces high dollar fines. There is no distinction between laws (or fines) set for Dallas or for Robert Lee. The fines and mandates set by the state assume a city has a high dollar budget.

In the last two years, the City of Robert Lee's water and sewer equipment has been upgraded. It was the only way to comply with TCEQ mandates. The demands were not conditional, nor could they be prolonged, nor could there be an extension of deadlines.

These upgrades have cost more than \$80,000. Each new TCEQ regulation required immediate action which had been unforeseeable. Because the city's system was aging, as are all small community water systems, each new demand meant considerable repair to existing equipment before anything could be added to meet new demand.

Following is a list of upgrades made to the city water and sewer plants as a result of recent mandates:

\*Phase I electric system

\*Lift station at plant for return on backwash (to lift the backwash water from holding ponds to wastewater treatment plant to avoid overflow of holding ponds into river).

\*A change of disinfectant protocol from chlorine to liquid

amonia sulfate; \*A fence around new water

stoage tank \*Pump repairs

\*Turbidity meters

Still to be installed are the following:

\*Breathing apparatus

\*Further equipment and electrical repairs

At the sewer plant the following installations have been

\*Force Main - Phase I -

Jordan Brown (left) of Rice, Texas, and Andra Braswell of

Former RLHS Students!

Caddo Mills, Texas, met up at the Region III Powerlifting Meet at Canton, Texas, recently. Both of these former Robert Lee students advanced to the State Meet in Killeen. Andra is the daughter of Van and Stacy Braswell of Caddo Mills, and the granddaughter of Rocky and Phebe Heffernan of Bronte and Eddie and Carolyn Braswell of College Station. Jordan is the daughter of Coach Ray and Sheri Brown of Rice.

Overland Trail sewer services

\*Hauling sludge to San Angelo for disposal

Needs at the sewer plant include an electric blower system, more drying beds, and an SCBA breathing apparatus.

A budget hearing on the proposed 2005-2006 changes is scheduled for March 21 at 7:00 pm and will be held at City Hall. Diabetes Extravaganza

set April 9th Mark your calendars early! Tamara Hargett, RD, LD, CDE and The Juvenile Diabetes Support Group personally invite you to attend the Diabetes Extravaganza. This is a special event designed for adults and children on insulin.

The extravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2005, from 9 am - 12 noon at the PaulAnn Baptist Church, 2531 Smith Blvd. in San RSVP 325-481-Angelo.

## City-wide garage sale scheduled for May 7th

It's that time again! It's time for the annual Bronte City-Wide garage sale. The garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 8 am. So clean out those closets. Clear the clutter in your garage. And don't forget to call Pat or Kim at City Hall (473-6791) to get your name and address on the city-wide garage sale map to be distributed that Saturday.

And for those of you who are not having a garage sale, make sure to mark your calendars down for Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 8 am.

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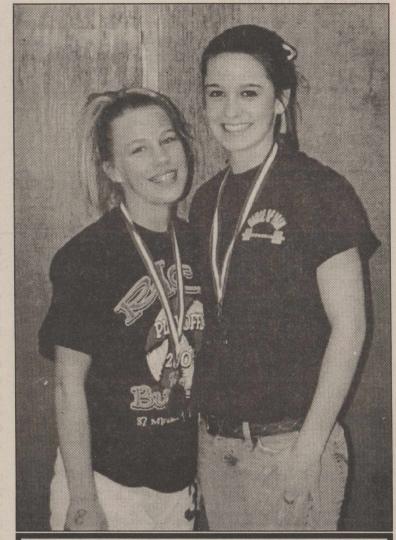
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