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Courthouse to be closed Tuesday

The Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee is the polling location for Precinct 3 therefore will be closed all day Tuesday, March 7, 2006, for the election.

Commissioner requests input on possible Benefit Auction

Gene Montgomery, Coke County Commissioner Pct. 1, is requesting input from county residents regarding an annual county consignment auction. The proposed auction would benefit various charitable organizations in Coke County. To contact Commissioner Montgomery, call 473-0146.

Roping Club meeting set

The Coke County Roping Club will have their annual organizational meeting this Sunday, March 5. All those interested are asked to assemble at the arena in Bronte at 3 pm. For more information, contact Wayne McCutchen at 473-3201.

Friends of the Pool to sponsor Tourney

Friends of the Pool is sponsoring a 12 and under Basketball Tournament Saturday, March 4, at the Bronte School. All money earned will be used to help build the dressing rooms/concession stand at the new Bronte swimming pool.

Donations of baked goods, drinks, or money to purchase items for the basketball concession stand are needed.

Please contact Jeanna Lee at 473-3811, Fran Crumpler at 473-2911 or Joni Frasier at 473-3704. We need your help!

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be held from 7:00-10:30 pm Tuesday, March 7, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

SWCD has pine trees now

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District has Afghanistan Pine trees ready for planting. Pick them up today at the Coke County SWCD Office located at 214 East 7th Street in Robert Lee. For more information, call 453-2623 ext. 3.

Pioneer Vet Clinic slates horse meeting

Pioneer Vet Clinic and Fort Dodge Animal Health would like to invite you to attend their meeting concerning Vaccination and General Care of the Horse.

Dr. Dave Ellefson will be the guest speaker at the meeting. It will be held at The Shed in Wingate on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:30 pm. A free meal will be provided.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Pioneer Vet Clinic at 325-754-5487 by March 17 at 5 pm. We hope you all can attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Mountain Creek Golf Club sets general meeting

The next meeting scheduled for the Mountain Creek Golf Club is a general membership meeting on Monday, March 6th at 6 pm. We want to encourage anyone interested in the future of the course to make an attempt to show your support by attending the meeting. Also, you may notice that there are several teen golfers on the course lately. The golf season has begun for Robert Lee High School. Drop by the course and encourage these young players as they face tournaments each week. The school tournament will be held at our course on March 21st and 22nd.

Red Hat Mamas to meet in Ballinger

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11 am Tuesday, March 7, at First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

The Red Hat Mamas will be supporting the Ballinger Women's Club by participating in their annual Baked Potato/Salad Dinner. The cost of lunch is \$5.

Additionally, this month the ladies will be competing for the "Most Outrageous Red Hat." The Red Hat Mamas in Ballinger will provide judges, with fun prizes and surprises. If you want to carpool to Ballinger, meet at the bank in Bronte between 10:00 and 10:15 am.

Join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life.

Art Extravaganza set March 3-5

One hundred sixty artists and artisans will display more than 300 works in various mediums at the seventh annual Stribling Art Extravaganza March 3-5 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo. The event benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Displayed works will range from oils, acrylics, watercolors and bronzes to metal works, ceramics, fabric and wood-all of which will be for sale.

Please Exercise Your Right to

VOTE

Tuesday, March 7th!

Location for the event is at Fort Concho's Commissary, Quartermaster and Barracks 6 Buildings, located off South Oakes Street.

Hours are 10 am to 7 pm, Friday, March 3; 10 am to 7 pm, Saturday, March 4 and 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, March 5. Admission is free.

The Young Artists Display, exhibited in Barracks 6, will feature the works of local and area high school students.

More event information is available by calling WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.

Primary election set for Tuesday

The primary election is set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

The Democratic and Republican Primaries will be held in the same locations. Polling locations include Precinct 1 - Senior Citizen Building in Robert Lee; Precinct 2 - Senior Citizen Building in Bronte; Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee; and Precinct 4 - City Hall in Bronte.

Early voting concludes today, March 3, and as of Wednesday morning, approximately 100 early votes had been cast, according to Coke County Clerk Mary Grim.

On the ballot in the Democratic Primary are Roy Blair, Incumbent County Judge; Mary Grim, Incumbent County/District Clerk; Phelan Wrinkle, Incumbent County Treasurer; Bill Wheat, Incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 2; George Snapp, Incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 4;

Bobby Blaylock, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Joan Davis, Incumbent Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Grady Coulter, Incumbent Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; Marshall Millican, Constable, Precinct 1, unexpired term; Josie Dean, Tax Assessor-Collector, unexpired term; Robert Feil, County Commissioner, Precinct 2; and Clint Porter, County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

In the Republican Primary, Hal Spain is a candidate for County Judge and Andra Arrott for County Treasurer. One of the most controversial, or at least the most highly advertised, race is the Republican Primary race for State Representative, District 72. Incumbent Scott Campbell will be facing Drew Darby and Kevin Housley.

Filing for May 13 local elections

began February 13

Monday, February 13, 2006, was the first day to file for inclusion on the ballot for the May 13 local elections.

West Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Mike Lomas, Rick Sanchez, and Gayland Hurst are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Robert Lee Care Center.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Ed Cumbie, Lee Wommack, and Mark Duncan are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's

office at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill the position of Mayor - two year term, Two (2) Council Members - two year terms, and One (1) Council Member - One Year Unexpired Term. City Officials terms expiring are: Mayor, Joe White, Council Members, Beth Prather, Bonita Copeland, and Gary Payne. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Robert Lee City Hall through 5 pm March 13, 2006.

The city of Bronte will have to fill three 2 year council seats currently held by Martha Ratliff, Charles Sonnenburg, and Jim Guthrie. Mayor Martin Lee's term is also expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Bronte City Hall.

Three 3 year terms will be on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. The terms of Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, and Bob Frazee are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Superintendent's office at Bronte ISD.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on three 3 year terms and one unexpired term with 2 years remaining. The terms of Wes Washam, Fredda McCabe, and Tom Sawyer are expiring. Mark Riley formerly held the unexpired term. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administration office at Robert Lee ISD.

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Death Notices

Wanker

Forrest LeRoy Wanker, formerly of Robert Lee, passed away February 23, 2006, at O.U. Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Funeral service was held at 1:30 pm, Monday, February 27, 2006, at the Assembly of God Church in Fairview, Oklahoma. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery with the Reverend Jim Veal officiating. Arrangements were by Fairview Funeral Home, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Bertie, of Fairview; two sons, Fred L. Wanker and wife Debbie of Chester, Oklahoma and Dr. Frank L. Wanker of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two brothers, Ray Wanker and wife Lavonne of Arizona and Bob Wanker of Hill City, Kansas; one grandchild; five step grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Baggett

Mabel Gladys Fendley Hines Baggett, 87, went to be with Jesus on February 16, 2006.

Mabel is preceded in death by her husband, Theron Chester Baggett, son of Monroe and Leona Baggett, her parents Robert Lee Fendley and Allie Fendley, siblings Lola Seaborn, Ethel Bennett, George Fendley, Robert Fendley, Harding Fendley, Mildred Lynch, and her son Jack Hines.

Mabel is survived by her sisters Lois Turner and Jean Hobbs; her brother Jim Fendley, her daughters Carolyn Hines Gray and Barbara Baggett Huggins, sons Steve (Brenda) Hines, Jimmy Baggett, David (Susan) Baggett, Dale (Marjorie) Baggett, fourteen grandchildren Mickey Gray, Mark (Tiffany) Gray, Angela Jones, Tina (Shane) Sanders, John (Mary) Huggins, Jennifer (C.D.) Corbin, Jenni Baggett, Chris (Emily) deMilliano, Jessi Baggett, Sam, Noah, Jonathan, Grace, and Jake Baggett, thirteen great-grandchildren Kyle, Cody, and Niki Gray, Malcom, Lily, and Jacob Gray, Adam and Clint Jones, Summer Sanders, Amanda, Kate, Myra, and Stephen Huggins, Abby Baggett, one

great-great-grandchild Coby Jones, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kitchen's Funeral Home in Breckenridge, Texas, were in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were her grandsons. Burial was at Gunsight, Texas, February 22, 2006.

Ballinger Ministerial Alliance sponsoring Lenten lunches

The Ballinger Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the Wednesday noon lunches and devotionals at various churches in Ballinger during the Lenten Season. Lent began with Ash Wednesday on March 1, and several churches in the area had special services on that day.

The next six Wednesdays, different churches will host a noon luncheon. A devotional will be presented on the Easter preparation theme. Lent will end on Easter Sunday, as the Christian Community meets at the cross at 7 am on Easter morning, April 16.

Following is the schedule for the lunches: March 8 will be at the First United Methodist Church; March 15 at St. Mary's Catholic Church; March 22 at First Presbyterian Church; March 29 at 9th Street Church of Christ; April 5 at Avenue B Church of Christ; and April 12 at First Baptist Church.

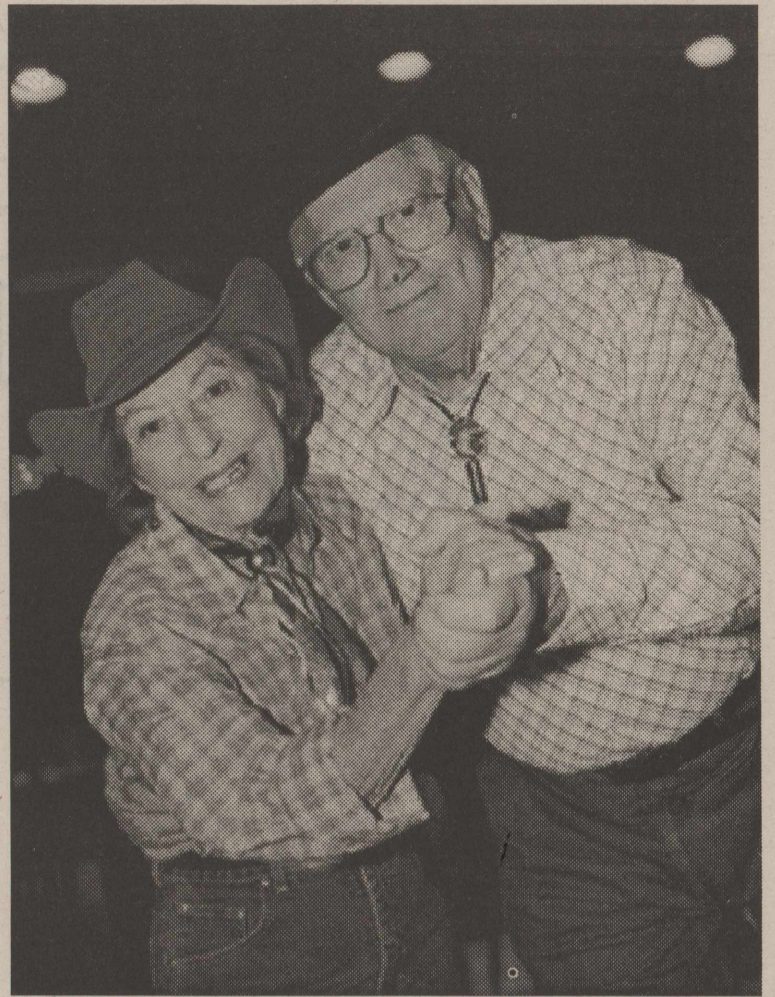
Sweetwater dance set for March 6

It's been a fixture at the Nolan County Coliseum Annex the first Monday of each month for as long as most people can remember. And for many of those who scout a boot at the Big Country Dance, they gladly drive from as far away as Odessa and Lubbock to enjoy some of the best country music this side of Mickey Gilley's.

"Our folks really enjoy themselves because it's a good, clean environment," says Warren Martindale, coordinator of the Big Country Dance for the past 15 years. "The people love to dance to live music, and we have some really good bands who have been playing for us for a long time. The bands are what keep the people coming back each month."

Bands from Abilene, San Angelo and Robert Lee have called the Big Country Dance their second home, and attract some 200 dancers the first Monday of each month. Junior Pelzel and the Country Showmen are scheduled to play for the March 6 dance.

In addition to providing a wholesome atmosphere for an evening of enjoying friends old and new, the Big Country



Dance is also a smoke-free environment. Refreshments are available, and reservations are not required. "We've got plenty of room," Martindale says, "so the more the merrier."

Admission for the Big Country Dance is \$4 per person. The dance begins at 7:30 pm, and ends at 10 pm.

The Nolan County Coliseum Annex is located on the north side of Sweetwater in Newman Park near the intersection of FM 419 (Elm Street) and FM 1544. For directions or more information, call the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, 800/658-6757.

Craft session set for Robert Lee

On Tuesday, March 28, 2006, from two to five pm there will be a craft session at the Senior Citizen building in Robert Lee; refreshments will be provided. The purpose of this group is to make items to be sold at the Street Affair in the fall. The group plans to meet once a month between now and the fundraiser.

The proceeds will be divided between the Senior Center, the Food Bank, and the Robert Lee VFD. For more information or to donate craft items, contact Susan Millegan at 453-4790 or Karla Hamrick at 453-4780.

When your phone didn't ring...



...it was the Kevin Housley campaign.

Early on in this election, we learned how many pollsters and phone banks were going to be in operation.

We value our time at home with our families and know you do too, so we opted not to call and bother you.

However, this doesn't mean we don't want to talk to you and learn what matters to you. If you wish to speak with us, please call our campaign line at (325)656-9799, or go to our website and send us your phone number and we'll call you!

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 for State Representative

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Area Churches

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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) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
 on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
 Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
 Sun. 10 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) 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
 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

Housley to donate Colorado City author's books to District 72 school districts.

In a ceremony Monday at Christoval Elementary School library at 11am, 72nd District State Representative Candidate Kevin Housley will donate copies of local author Doris McClellan's books, Baxter Badger's Home and An Angel on my Shoulder, to each of district 72's school districts.

The Colorado City resident's books were recently added to the approved list for A/R for all Texas schools. Students read and test on A/R books for points and recognition.

"All down the line I've said this will be a different kind of campaign," says Housley, "We wanted to draw attention to the fact we are serious about educational issues, but do so in a unique way. So much money has been spent by all the candidates in this election-from signs and ads to even breath mints, but these dollars have been well spent, as these books will be here for these kids to enjoy long after the election results are tallied."

Hayrick Mountain Cemetery meeting slated
Mark your calendars for March 4, 2006, 10:00 am, for the next Hayrick Mountain Cemetery meeting.

This past summer and fall several individuals and organizations supported the clean-up of the west side of the cemetery. This combined effort included clearing brush, building a new fence and entry gate. Also, a new sign was placed on the top rail of the fence near the entry gate.

Work that remains is brush pile removal along the northwest fence, cleaning the grave sites on the east side and formulating a plan for future care. These will



Kevin Housley and Doris McClellan

be the topics we will discuss at the meeting on March 4. Please plan to attend and assist with the long-term maintenance of the cemetery.

Bronte Cemetery Memorials

Carl Blair
Eula Maude McCutchen family
Jeanna & Wendell Lee
Dot Collins
Jeanna & Wendell Lee
Memorials & donations may be mailed to Box 594, Bronte, Texas 76933.

Robert Lee Cemetery news

By Jeffie Roberts
The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association (Robert Lee Cemetery) met Monday, February 20, 2006, at 5:30 pm in the Hayrick Masonic Lodge Hall in Robert Lee. Jeanette Jacobs-Vice-President and Beverly Bell-President presided.

The attendance was great with 14 present. Dolores Roe, secretary, read the minutes of the October, 2005, meeting. Jeffie Roberts, treasurer, gave the treasurer and financial reports. Reports were given by George

Grim-caretaker, Linda Burns-maintenance director, and John Jacobs-Worshipful Master of Hayrick Lodge.

The annual DONATION LETTERS were prepared for mailing. These letters were mailed this week. If you did not get one, please call any one of the officers. Everyone present helped prepare the letters. Those present were members of the Robert Lee '64 Study Club (Dale Fields-President, Jennie Tinkler, Peggy Davis, Melba Gray, and Carol Hardaway), Masons (John Jacobs and Bobby Roberts), George Grim, Lawana Perry, and the Cemetery Association Officers (Beverly Bell, Jeanette Jacobs, Dolores Roe, Linda Burns, and Jeffie Roberts).

SA Museum of Fine Arts presents Art Talk

The Collectors Society of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts is pleased to present a talk by Rebecca Cohen, author of Art Guide Texas. Ms. Cohen will speak at the art museum on Thursday evening, March 9th starting at 5:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

TO THE VOTERS OF COKE COUNTY

I would like to inform you of an opportunity available to you as a voter in Coke County. As you know, we have contested races in the Democratic Primary on the east side of the county, and I will not ask you to vote in the Republican Primary election, as most of you will be involved in the important process of selecting your county commissioners for the next term.

However, voters on the west side are in a different political situation. There are no contested races in the Democratic Primary on the west side.

I am therefore asking West Coke County Voters to consider voting in the Republican Primary. As you well know, we have a hotly contested race for State Representative in the Republican Primary which involves incumbent Scott Campbell, Drew Darby, and Kevin Housley. You on the west side can make a difference in our representation in Austin by casting your ballot for your choice of state representative in the Republican Primary election.

West Coke County voters -- you can cast your ballot in the Democratic Primary, and your vote will be inconsequential -- or you can vote in the Republican Primary and possibly make a difference in our district's representation in Austin.

Every voter must make his or her own decision concerning the upcoming primary elections. Whatever you decide will be the right choice, as long as you vote. Remember the old adage -- you can't gripe if you don't vote.

**Hal Spain
Candidate for Coke County Judge**

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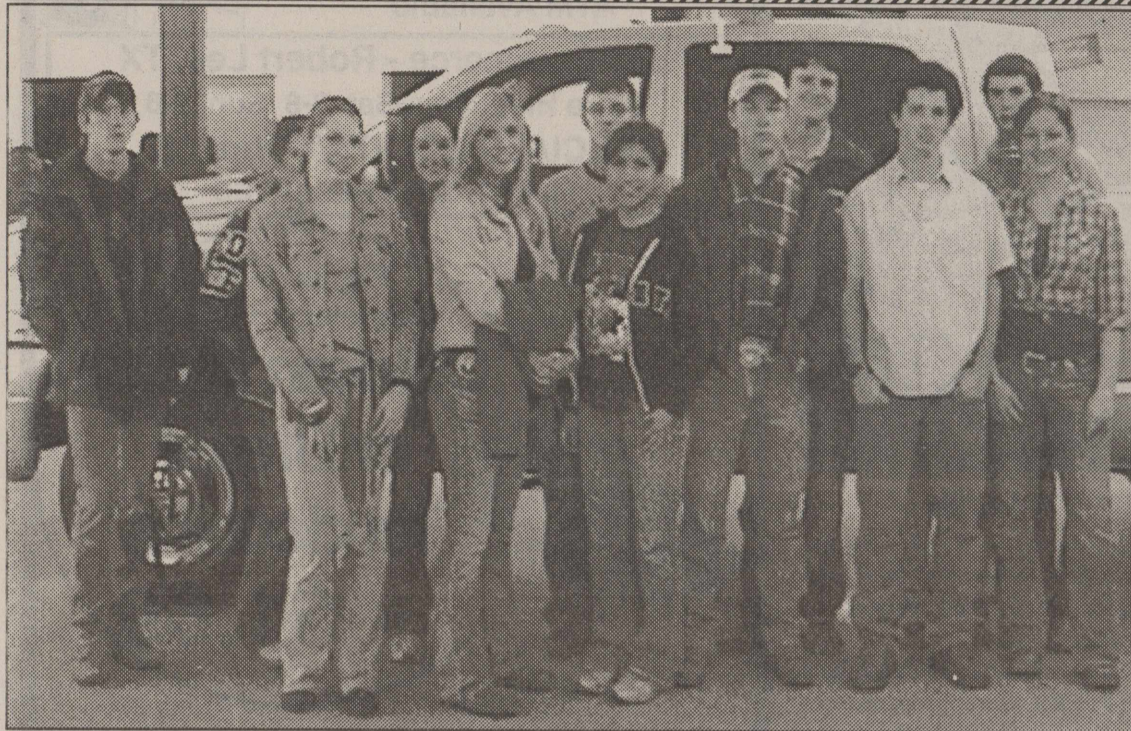
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Budweiser Beer
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Natural Light 24 pack **\$12.79**

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte NHS assists Sonrisas! *The Bronte High School National Honor Society participated in the 6th Annual Sonrisas Special Rodeo that took place February 23 at the San Angelo Coliseum. The Bronte students volunteered their assistance to Sonrisas riders in various rodeo events which were specially adapted for children with challenges. Participating were (front row, from left) Ambra Cole, Cheyenne Webb, Sarah Basquez, Philip Rawlings, Garrett Acker, Rebecca Rawlings, (back row, from left) Juston Taylor, Megan Gibbs, Lillian McMullan, Jaylon Saunders, Eric Henderickson, Logan Rawls and (not pictured) Jonathan Marrs.*

Longhorns fall to Throckmorton in Area Basketball championship

The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Eden Bulldogs in a very close game by a score of 48-47 on February 21st. Bronte stats: Riley Coalson 8 pts.; Zach White 2 pts.; Logan Rawls 18 pts., 4 assists, 3 steals; Eric Hendrickson 6 pts., 9 rebounds, 4 assists; Albert Force 8 pts.; Philip Rawlings 2 pts.; and Brett Wills 4 pts.

On February 24th in Area Championship, the Bronte Longhorns defeated Fort Davis by a score of 44-34. Bronte stats: Riley Coalson 7 pts., 7 rebounds; Zach White 4 pts.; Logan Rawls 8 pts., 8 rebounds; Eric Hendrickson 10 pts., 10 rebounds; Albert Force 11 pts.; and Brett Wills 4 pts.

The Longhorns fell to the Throckmorton Greyhounds 27-51 in the Area Championship game Tuesday evening, February 28, in Eula. The Greyhounds are fast and confident following their recent Six-man Football State Championship.

Scoring for the Horns were Eric Hendrickson 9, Riley Coalson 8, Logan Rawls 5, Brett Wills 3, and Jaylon Saunders 2.

The Longhorns deserve to be congratulated on a great season of basketball.

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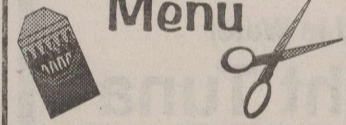


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School Menu



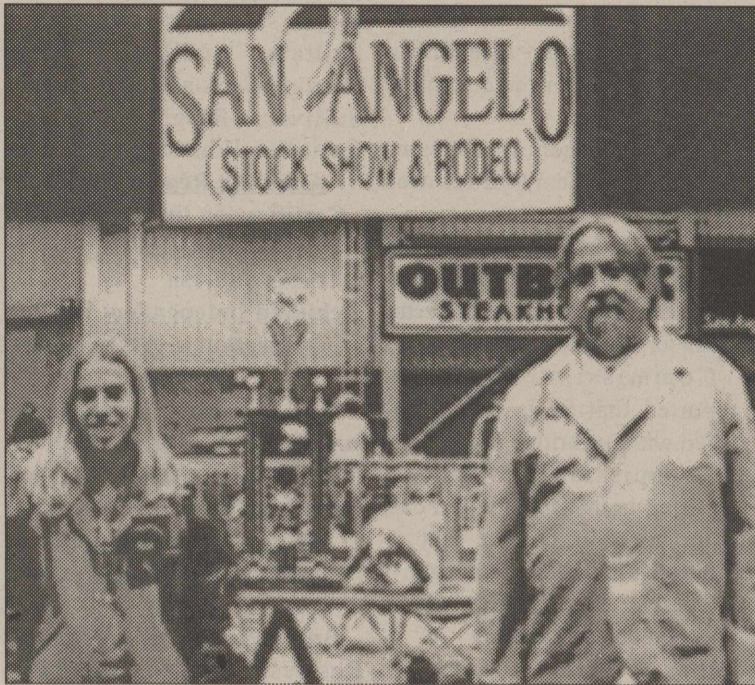
Breakfast

- Monday, March 6**
Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, March 7**
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk
- Wed., March 8**
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
- Thurs., March 9**
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Friday, March 10**
Honey bun, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

- Monday, March 6**
Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rosey applesauce, milk
- Tuesday, March 7**
Nacho grande, lettuce & tomatoes, refried beans, assorted fruit, nacho chips, cinnamon rolls, milk
- Wed., March 8**
Chicken strip, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, roll, milk
- Thurs., March 9**
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, baby carrots, corn bread, fruit jello, milk
- Friday, March 10**
Cheese burgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit cup, bun, brownies, milk

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Sawyer Wins! In the rabbit show at San Angelo, Ashlee Sawyer placed her meat pen of rabbits 3rd, 7th, 9th and 11th. She also exhibited the Grand Champion Fancy Rabbit with a Sr. Broken Mini Lop Doe and a 1st place Sr. New Zealand Buck. In the creative arts youth needlework division, Ashlee placed 1st and Best in Show with a red, white and blue pillow she made.

RL sets meeting for baseball, t-ball and softball

Registration for Robert Lee's baseball, t-ball & softball teams will be on March 2nd at 7:00 pm in the high school library. Children must be 4 years old by July 31, 2006 in order to play.

Registration forms will be sent home in your child's backpack. Please return the completed form along with your check by March 2nd.

New officers for the year were elected and are as follows: Michael Munoz (President), Tina Arellano (Vice-President), Sabrina Cowart (Secretary/Treasurer), and Becky Brown (Concession Stand).

RL boys golf results

The Robert Lee boys golf teams traveled to Colorado City on Wednesday, February 22nd.

The Black team finished 2nd with a 349 behind Denver City's 336 total. Scores: Taylor

Percifull 83, Kevin Honse 83, Branden Phillips 91, Kaden Duncan 92, and Taylor Williams 127.

The Orange team finished 3rd with a 352 total. Scores: Johnathan Pagan 85, Brandon Soliz 88, Brody Dillard 89, Cameron Hodge 90 and Mason Ross 96.

Abalos named to Texas A&M Kingsville Honor Roll

Charles G. Abalos of Robert Lee was named to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Honor Roll which requires a grade point average of 3.5 while taking at least 12 semester hours.

4-H Youth Win At San Antonio and San Angelo Stock Shows

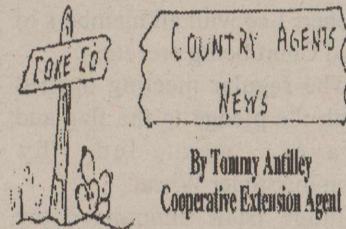
Over the last couple of weeks, members of the Coke County 4-H clubs exhibited their animals at the San Antonio and San Angelo stock shows. In San Antonio during the lamb show, Dawson Brisbin placed his light Southdown 10th, Clay Antilley placed his light American Breed steer 9th and Cara Eaton placed her medium cross barrow 9th. During the San Angelo Stock Show, Brettie Reed placed 15th in the light meat goats, Clay Antilley placed his light American steer 2nd and his light hamp barrow 6th.

Girl Scout cookie sales

Junior Girl Scout Troop #194 and Brownie Troop #193 recently pre-sold Girl Scout cookies. The girls filled out individual goal cards and are working for prizes associated with those goals. The sixteen girls pre-sold about 1400 boxes of cookies in 2 weeks time.

The girls will begin delivering the cookies beginning Saturday, March 4, 2006. Both groups

will also host sales at local businesses in Bronte and Robert Lee in the next couple of weeks. If the girls missed you and you would like to purchase cookies, please contact one of the leaders: Karla Hamrick (453-4780), Mary Tinkler (453-5227), Cynthia Skipworth (453-9411), or Katie Drennan (453-2343). The Girl Scouts appreciate your help.



By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Livestock & Wildlife...Maximizing Profit, Minimizing Conflict

Landowners or producers that are interested in developing or maintaining wildlife income as

part of the total ranch efforts can attend a seminar that will be held May 10 and 11 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in San Angelo for a two day program sponsored by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers and the Texas Wildlife Association.

The meeting will begin on Wednesday afternoon with check-in at the TAMU Center in San Angelo at 12:30 pm. Afternoon topics discussed will include Landowner Perspectives; Setting the Stage: Camouflage Cowboy Hat; Watershed Walk; tour of S Ranch on Life Lessons from the Livestock; Plant ID; social and catered dinner with topics on

"Show Me The Money"; and Maximizing Profit-Minimizing Conflict.

The meeting will continue Thursday morning at 7:30 am with refreshments at the TAMUCenter and a tour of Clark Ranch with topics that include: Comparative anatomy necropsies; Water For Texas and Texans; Up In Smoke; Management Dilemmas following Wildfire and catered lunch with closing comments.

There will be 4 CEU's given with 2 in general and 2 in IPM. Cost of the seminar will be \$50 for members of the Association and \$75 for non-members. The first 150 participants will be taken.

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3) National Drop Out Prevention Center. 4) My own experience as a School Board Trustee Pd. Pol.Ad, Kevin Housley Campaign, Freeman Pickett, Treas.

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, March 6

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Tuesday, March 7

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Wed., March 8

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Thurs., March 9

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Friday, March 10

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 6

Burrito, salad, corn, peaches, chocolate pudding, milk

Tuesday, March 7

Salsibury steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, pineapple, milk

Wed., March 8

Oven baked chicken, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk

Thurs., March 9

Grilled cheese sandwich, pickles, soup w/crackers, pears, milk

Friday, March 10

Chicken patty on bun, pickles, French fries, sliced apples, milk

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Carwile Takes Grand Championship! Shay Carwile (right) exhibited the Grand Champion Finewool Lamb at the San Angelo Stock Show recently. Shay is the son of Randy and Kari Carwile and the grandson of Bill and Pat Carwile. The lamb was sold in the Premium Sale for \$9,000. Shown with Shay are his parents.

Bronte students exhibit livestock

Members of the Bronte Schools have exhibited livestock at the Fort Worth, San Antonio, and San Angelo Stock Shows.

At the Fort Worth Show, steers were exhibited by Creed Coalson, Riley Coalson, Chelsea Cook, Reese Braswell, Casey Harris, and Chase Harris.

At the San Antonio Show, in the gilt show, Ashley Royall had the first place class two york. Also in the gilt show, Paige Royall had the seventh place class ten york, and Jonathan Marrs exhibited a hamp and duroc gilt. Exhibiting barrows were Jonathan Marrs and Chelsea Cook. In the steer show, Chelsea Cook had the sixth place lt. simmental and Creed Coalson had the eighth place lt. hvy. chianina. Also exhibiting steers were Reese Braswell and Riley Coalson.

At the San Angelo Show, exhibiting goats were Mason Jackson, Paul McConnell, Philip Rawlings, and Samuel Rawlings. In the duroc gilt show, Samuel had the second place class one, and Megan Gibbs had the third class one. In the york gilt show, Paige Royall had an eighth place class one, and Ashley Royall had an eighth place class three. In the class one exotic steer show, Chelsea Cook had a first place, and Reese Braswell had a sixth place. In the lt. wt. British breed steers, Casey Harris had a fifth place. Also exhibiting steers were Kaitlynn Braswell, Creed Coalson, Riley Coalson, and Chase Harris.

Commissioner's Court minutes

On this the 23rd day of January, 2006, the Coke County Commissioners' Court met in regular session in the courthouse in Robert Lee with all members present. The Court conducted a public hearing at 8:45 am for the purpose of adopting the HB 1117 County Road Map. There were no comments from the public. HB

day contract.

A resolution regarding Ft. Chadbourne Foundation's application to TxDOT for the Visitors Center Project was approved.

A Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for a Joint Primary was approved.

Action was taken on a resolution for DRE Voting System and bills were paid.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting.

On this the 13th day of February, 2006, the Coke County Court met in regular session in the courthouse in Robert Lee with all members of said Court being present.

The regular meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was led by Commissioner Wheat.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

The following actions were taken:

Minutes for January 23, 2006 were approved.

The Treasurer's Affidavit was approved.

Judge Blair presented the Extension Reports for Agents Tommy Antilley and Jan Yanez.

Sheriff Styles presented his report.

Tax A/C Josie Dean presented her report.

The D.R. Report was presented to Judge Blair.

The Trapper's Report was not available.

A rate increase for Reagan County Jail Expense from \$30.00 per day to \$33.00 per day was approved.

The Court approved a line

item transfer for the Bronte Park and a budget amendment was approved for the electronic voting machines.

The Emergency Disaster Declaration for Wildfires was extended.

Judge Blair reported that the pad for the generator has been poured and he is working on a Femi Grant for the fire department.

Commissioner Wheat reported that he is about finished with his bridge project.

Commissioner Pitcock reported he had received a call from a fly-in Doctor that is interested in building a hanger.

County Clerk Mary Grim reported on early voting.

Bills were paid.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting.

Bronte School Awards 4th Six Weeks Super Longhorn

Kindergarten

Tanner Bedford, Mercedes DaLaCerde, Darby Duncan, Shawn Puentez, Madie Rowan, JL Solis, Savina Ornelaz, Kristen Stille, Bailey Torres, Kaily Torres, Jack Corley, Jaqui Davila, Maria Zamorra, Melissa Perez

1st grade

Met Accelerated Reading goal

Justin Reed, Tristin Minjarez, Evan Ferguson, Alejandro

Rosales, Emily Whitehurst, Brittany Bedford, Katlyn Reeves, Carson Kelso, Tristan Sullivan, Reighlyn Baken, Jessie Ehl, Whitney Boyd

Achieved Reader Ready Certification in Accelerated Reader

Tristan Sullivan

Achieved Independent Reader Certification in Accelerated Reader

Evan Ferguson, Carson Kelso, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Sarah Smith, Destiny Lyon, Darin Munsey, Adrian Salazar

Achieved Rising Reader Certification in Accelerated Reader

Brittany Bedford, Alejandro Rosales, Emily Whitehurst, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen

Achieved Rising Reader 2 Certification in Accelerated Reader

Jessie Ehl

Super Citizen Award

Brittany Bedford, Tristin Minjarez, Tristan Sullivan, Justin Reed, Alejandro Rosales, Emily Whitehurst, Chase Wynne, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Jessie Ehl

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As a result of the recent cold weather, I came "under the weather" and have not been able to visit with as many folks as I had planned. Please know that I am still wanting to work for you and with you as County Commissioner. Please vote March 7th.

Bobby Blaylock
Candidate for Pct. 4 Commissioner

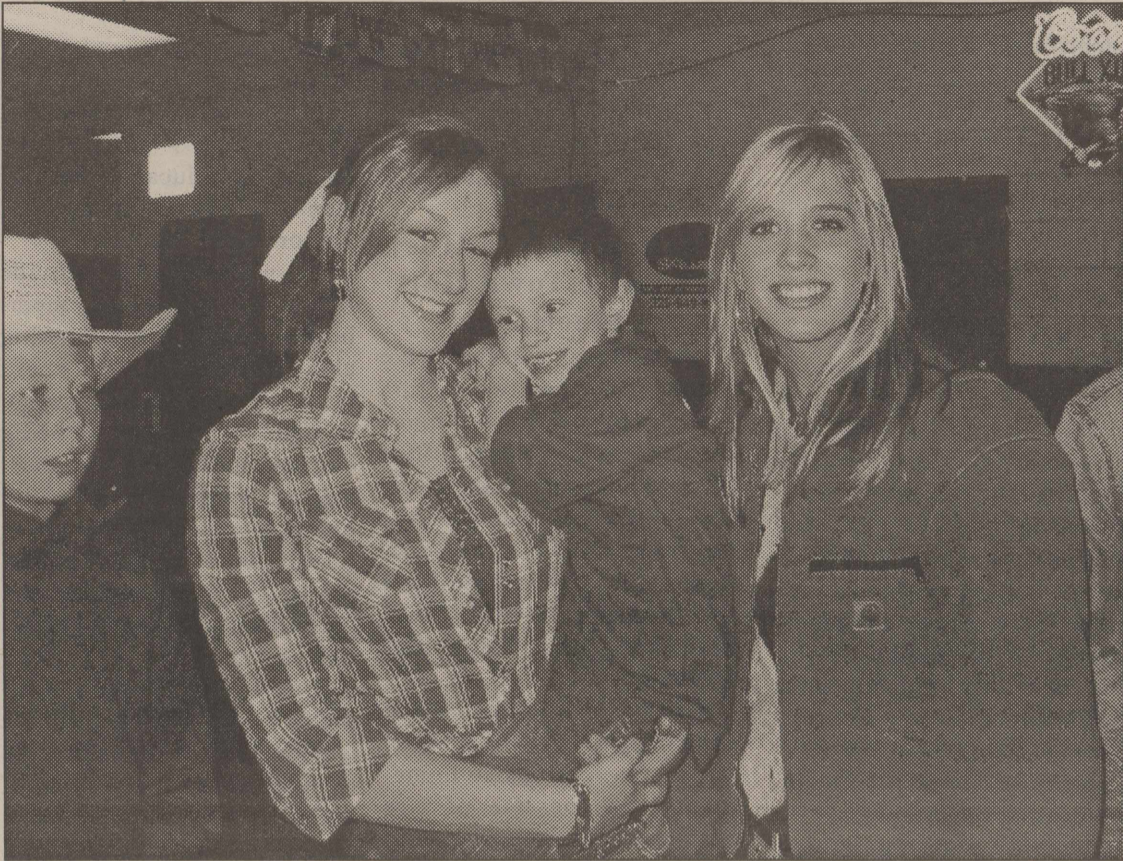
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Bronte NHS assists Sonrisas! The Bronte High School National Honor Society participated in the 6th Annual Sonrisas Special Rodeo that took place February 23 at the San Angelo Coliseum. The Bronte students volunteered their assistance to Sonrisas riders in various rodeo events which were specially adapted for children with challenges. Participating were (left photo) Rebecca Rawlings, Cheyenne Webb, (above photo) Garrett Acker and Philip Rawlings.

2nd grade

Super Citizens

Hailey Bennett, Jerica Davis, Chris James, Tucker McMullan, Kyler Richards, Zachary Rosales, Sarah Sanchez, Kellie Thorn

"A" Honor Roll

Chris James, Sarah Sanchez, Kellie Thorn, Ean Reyes

Perfect Attendance

Kevin Charles, Jerica Davis, Emmerly Morgan, Austin Parker, Rafael Ruezga, Brant Smith, Katelynn Tijerina, Cami White

Met Reading Goal

Jayden Baumann, Hailey Bennett, Jerica Davis, Chris James, Cambri Kelso, Austin Parker, Kyler Richards, Rafael Ruezga, Sarah Sanchez, Kellie Thorn, Katelynn Tijerina, Ean Reyes

Financial Focus

With Tommy Neal of Edward Jones in San Angelo and Barry D. Jackson of Edward Jones of Ballinger

Longevity is key factor in long-term planning

None of us can predict how long we'll live. And yet, as you chart your long-term financial goals, you'll at least want to think about longevity—because it's a key factor in developing appropriate savings, investment and retirement strategies.

For starters, make an educated guess about how long you might reasonably expect to live, taking into account your own health-related characteristics and your family's health histories. You also might want to consult an actuarial table.

You might be surprised at the results. With advances in medicine and greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, we are living longer than ever before. In fact,

half of the 65-year-olds alive today will likely live beyond age 83, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

In short, you may need to plan on spending two, or even three, decades in retirement—a possibility that affects some important areas, including the following:

***Risk tolerance-** Your individual risk tolerance helps determine the investments you choose. In other words if you are risk-averse by nature, you may be more inclined to invest in fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds or certificates of deposit, that offer greater protection of principal but less chance of capital appreciation. Or, if you don't mind taking on a higher degree of risk to your principal in exchange for potentially higher returns, you may be drawn more to stocks. But if you believe that you are likely to live a long life, you may need to step outside your natural risk tolerance to choose a diversified mix of investments that offer both the growth you need to stay ahead of inflation and sufficient stability of principal to provide you with income during your retirement years.

***Social Security-** You can begin collecting Social Security at age 62, but your monthly

checks will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get "bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're going to get. So, you can use your protected longevity as one important factor in determining when you should start collecting Social Security.

***Retirement income-** Once you retire, you will need to decide when to start taking money from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. You'll also need to decide how much you should take each month. And you'll need to establish a sensible withdrawal plan for all the other investments in your portfolio. These decisions hinge, in part, on about how long you think you are going to live. For example, if you plan to retire at 65 and believe you will live another 20 years, you will want to withdraw less money per year than if you thought you were going to live another 30 years.

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It's not always easy to incorporate one's longevity into financial strategies. You may want to consult with a qualified financial professional—someone with the experience and technology to provide you with a number of savings/investment scenarios, based on different life expectancies. It's always a good idea to become familiar with the possibilities that lie ahead.

State Nature Tourism Seminar scheduled in Albany

A \$5 billion dollar industry in Texas alone, Nature Tourism is growing. Mark your calendar and plan to attend a full-day Nature Tourism Seminar & Tour titled "The Nature of Everything: Integrating Public Desire for Nature with Your Tourism Product." Sponsored by the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA), the Texas Nature Tourism Council (TNTC) and Texas A&M Cooperative Extension (TCE), the workshop will be held on April 19, 2006 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Stasney's Cook Ranch in Abilene. Just \$35.00! Includes Lunch &

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The workshop focuses on providing attendees useful market information for integrating the public's desire for nature related activities with existing or potential tourism products. Expert presenters from across Texas will provide market data, success stories and helpful planning resources.

Convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce, private landowners, business people, marketing organizations and anyone interested in increasing economic development through nature tourism are invited to attend and participate.

The workshop is being held at the same time as the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Travel Counselors Conference. Those attending the nature tourism workshop may also sign up to attend TxDOT's evening dinner after the workshop (additional fee required).

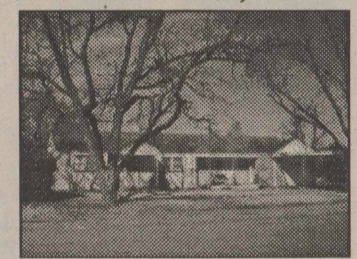
Please contact Jennifer Roush or Rose Koosman at the TTIA office for more details, to register or for answers to any questions, 512-476-4472, <http://www.ttia.org>.

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Texas Animal Health Commissioners set March 23 meeting

Commissioners for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will meet at 8 am Thursday, March 23, in Round Rock (just north of Austin) to address proposed regulations for registering sites where livestock, exotic livestock, domestic fowl, and exotic fowl are held, managed or handled. The meeting will be held in the Marriott North Hotel at 2600 La Frontera Blvd. in Round Rock and is open to the public. (A map to the site will be available on the TAHC web site at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.)

"The TAHC commissioners proposed regulations for premises registration at their December meeting, following passage of HB 1361, the legislative authority for the rules and fee collection. The commissioners postponed action during their February session, opting for more time to consider the comments received during that meeting. It is important to note that the commissioners will focus solely on the proposed regulations for premises registration at the March 23 commission meeting," said Dr. Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. The TAHC's proposed regulations, "Premises and Animal Identification" were published in the December 23, 2005, issue of the Texas Register.

"The commissioners initially considered postponing action until May, but the commission needs to resolve

this issue sooner, rather than later," said Dr. Hillman. "The commissioners have a number of options in consideration of the proposed regulations. They may: adopt the proposed regulations as presented; amend the proposed regulations; forgo adoption; or further postpone action."

"Premises registration is underway nationally, and is required in Wisconsin, and soon will be required in Indiana. More than 205,000 sites have been signed up, 7,500 of those in Texas. Registration is relatively easy, and information requested is limited, including a contact name, phone number, physical address and a list of species on the site. Registrants are not asked how many acres or animals they own," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. He noted that Texas has more than 200,000 premises.

"Knowing where species of animals are located would greatly enhance our ability to alert owners and get ahead of a disease outbreak before it spreads. In 2002, for example, Exotic Newcastle Disease was detected in a neighborhood in Los Angeles. The infection raced through small flocks, then spread to 22 commercial flocks, costing \$160 million to eradicate," said Dr. Hillman. He said premises information, confidential by law, would enable animal health officials to "map out" emergency response, and save precious time searching for sites with susceptible species, and exposed or potentially infected animals.

Dr. Hillman said recommended amendments to the proposed regulations would allow 4-H and FFA students to be covered by their 4H club or FFA chapter premises

identification numbers, if the students maintain animal projects on a site that, otherwise would not need to be registered.

Recommended amendments also would exempt persons if they have only caged exotic fowl (such as, but not limited to parakeets, budgies, finches, canaries, cockatiels, parrots and other caged birds) and these fowl are housed in the person's residence and not used for sale, barter or exchange. Dr. Hillman noted that during an avian disease outbreak, the TAHC may require the premises to be registered, if the site is within a quarantine, surveillance or eradication zone established by the TAHC for controlling or eradicating the disease.

The proposed regulations call for premises registration to be compulsory, beginning July 1, 2006. Persons could register their premises in Texas at no charge through June 30, 2006. The premises registered prior to July 1, 2006, would be due for a two-year renewal July 1, 2008, when a \$10 per year fee would be paid as a biennial fee of \$20 fee for two years.

Under the proposed regulations, persons who register on or after July 1, 2006, would pay the \$20 two-year fee upon initial registration. Registration renewal and the \$20 two-year fee would be required every 24 months thereafter.

Premises can be registered now online at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>, or by completing a registration form and faxing or mailing it to the TAHC. Many county extension agents, as well as agricultural associations, have registration forms available, or can assist in

registering online. The TAHC also has staff members who can assist by phone. The TAHC's headquarters in Austin can be reached toll-free at 1-800-550-8242.

Buffalo Gap to Host Firewise Town Hall Meeting

Recent Texas wildfires have burned more than two million acres and destroyed more than 360 homes. In an effort to help citizens make their residences and communities safe from wildfires, the Texas Forest Service is holding a "Firewise Town Hall Meeting" in Buffalo Gap March 9.

Firewise Town Hall Meetings are part of a statewide effort to assist homeowners in the use of fire resistant landscaping and non-combustible building materials. Representatives of the Texas Forest Service will be present to answer questions, and an interactive Firewise exhibit will be on site. Smokey Bear will also make an appearance. Lee Knox, Range Management Specialist with Natural Resources Conservation Service, will talk about large property brush management.

The Firewise Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Buffalo Gap Community Center on Thursday, March 9th at 7 p.m. The program is free and the public is urged to attend.

For more information contact Brendon McNeil with the Texas Forest Service at (325) 676-5827.

School board candidate workshop offers information and insight

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the

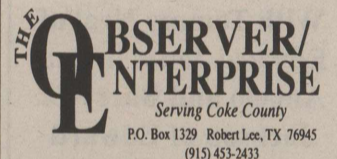
demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 2, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 14 Education Service Center (1850 Highway 351, Taylor Room, Abilene).

The workshop will provide interested community members 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 open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6248, or check the TASB Web Site at www.lts.tasb.org/candidates for other dates and locations.

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



Although I do not have an opponent in the March Primary, I would greatly appreciate your vote.

ROY BLAIR
Coke County Judge

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Judy Blair, Treasurer, PO Box 245, Robert Lee, TX 76945

Just a few accomplishments of Bill Wheat and George Snapp, commissioners precincts 2 & 4

- Constructed the Annex, housing the Justice of Peace, Sheriff and DPS
- Combined efforts of precincts 2 & 4 to increase effectiveness of material, equipment, and manpower, saving a few dollars of taxpayer's money
- Worked with City to clear right-of-way, trench, back fill and clean up water lines from wells to city
- Purposely left the park maintenance position open to have seed money to build the new bathhouse, which will be ready in time for the opening of the swimming pool
- Constructed RV park spaces with full hook-up facilities, a joint venture of County, City, and WTU
- Survived the building of one bridge with precinct 2, and the removal and replacement of one with corrugated cylinders, and one with a railroad tank car, purchased another tank car for future removal of yet another condemned bridge
- Made some improvements on a few sections of county roads
- Kept the swimming pool open the last two years, with the help of Ricky Royall and Freddy Crumpler
- We have declined Coke County health insurance since taking office - thereby returning \$40,000 plus dollars back into our precincts as usable money.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Bill Wheat and George Snapp

Colorful Expressions scheduled for exhibition

An exhibition is slated reflecting the works of art from students of MHMR in San Angelo. There will be 11 artists represented in a variety of medium.

The Exhibition Opening will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 1-4 pm. The opening is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The exhibition will be held at the Coop Gallery, 427 Oakes Street in front of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

For more information, contact Candice Granger at 653-3333.

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For more information contact Dineen Heard, THC marketing specialist, at 512/936-2399.

FSA approves hay & grazing of CRP

The Coke-Sterling FSA office is currently taking applications from producers with CRP contracts to graze or hay their CRP acres. To graze or hay it will cost the producers 25% of the total yearly CRP Payment.

If a landowner requests to hay his/her CRP, it must be hayed only once and the haying must be completed by May 1, 2006. Producers will then have 10 days to have all hay removed from the CRP fields. This means all haying operations must end by May 11, 2006.

If the landowner requests to graze his/her CRP, all livestock must be removed by June 1, 2006. Producers may lease their CRP out for grazing but only for the amount that their CRP Payment is to be reduced by.

Producers who wish to hay or graze must visit the county office and make a request and outline maps of the fields to be hayed or grazed before any haying or grazing can take place. Producers must also sign and date a register for haying or grazing at this same time. This will authorize the reduction of the CRP payment by 25%.

Hay Hauling Permit Requirements temporarily suspended

Gov. Rick Perry has made it easier for ranchers to bring in hay from out-of-state for their drought-stricken herds by acting on a request from Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

In response to a letter from TFB President Kenneth Dierschke, Gov. Perry issued an executive order Feb. 14 that suspended the permitting requirements and legal height restriction for round hay bales—along with associated permit fees—for carriers transporting round bales of hay to areas affected by drought and wildfire.

Hay supplies are short due to drought and wildfire, and ranchers statewide have been scrambling to find enough forage to feed their cattle. There have been instances where trucks loaded with large round hay bales destined for disaster areas were detained by law enforcement agencies for over-height loads. Some of those trucks have been forced to unload a portion of their cargo on the road side before being allowed to continue the delivery.

"The governor's action gives hay haulers a chance to bring in much-needed forage to our cowherds without interference," Dierschke said. "Ranchers appreciate Gov. Perry's quick correction of this problem."

"To ensure the safety of the traveling public," Gov. Perry directed carriers with loads exceeding 14 feet in height to contact the Texas Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Division to receive expedited routing. All other legal requirements, including licensing, registration, insurance and safety, remain in place.

Unless otherwise extended by

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Gov. Perry, the waiver expires April 30.

FSA office taking signups for 2006

The Coke-Sterling FSA office is currently taking sign-up applications for the Farm Crop Program (DCP) for the 2006 crop year.

Producers must sign up each year to participate in the farm program. The office started taking sign-ups for 2006 in November.

Producers must have a correct and completed CCC-502 (Pay Limit) on file with the office before any payments can be made.

Producers have until June 1, 2006 to sign up in DCP. After June 1st, producers may still

sign up but there will be a \$100.00 administrative fee per farm applied.

Due to the situation of having only 2 employees in the office, it is a must for everyone to make an appointment. There are many days when, due to illness, meetings, field work, vacation time, doctor appointments, there is only one person in the office. There have been some days when the office was forced to close early due to unforeseen events. There is nothing that can be done about this. If you live out of town, it will be in your best interest to call ahead and make an appointment.

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

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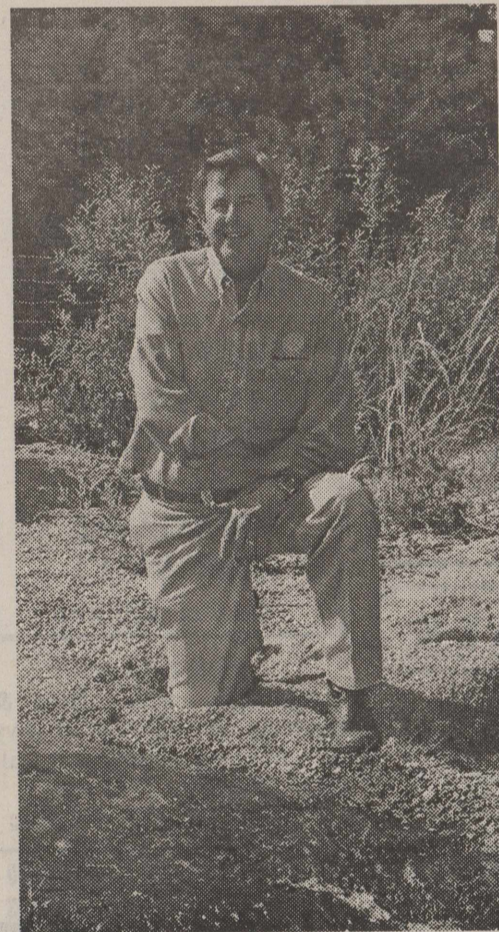
Scott Campbell

Re-elect Scott Campbell REPUBLICAN State Representative

During his two terms in the Texas Legislature, Scott Campbell obtained state funds to study and investigate brackish underground water reserves west of San Angelo. Engineers and hydrologists involved in the study believe there could be 30 million acre feet of water, when desalinated, that would be available for municipal use for San Angelo and the surrounding area.

People familiar with these studies believe this source will likely be the most cost efficient and long term water supply solution for our city. The desalination studies and proposed development plans are the **ONLY** current viable water supply initiatives supported by State Representative Scott Campbell, Texas Water Development Board, Upper Colorado River Authority and the City of San Angelo.

Scott Campbell's effort toward solving San Angelo's water supply issues are only one of the many projects he has brought to reality during his tenure. His re-election and seniority in the Texas Legislature will prove valuable for future water and economic development issues for San Angelo and West Texas.

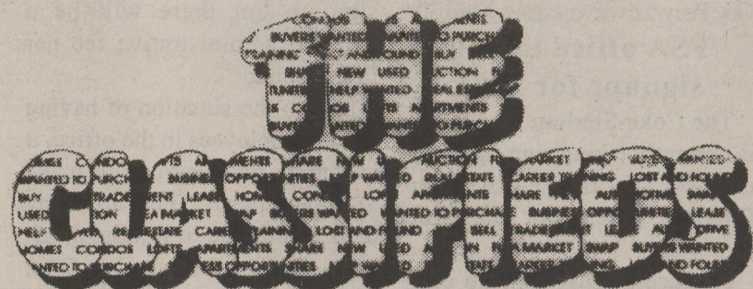


Let's re-elect
Scott Campbell
for State Representative.

Scott Campbell

is Keeping West Texas on the map!
Positive Leadership • Positive Results!

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Scott Campbell for State Representative Campaign, Dr. Guy Sheppard, treas.



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 Rates when paid in advance.
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 \$3 Minimum
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 A service charge will be added to all ads which must be billed.
ADVERTISING DEADLINE
 Tuesdays at 2 pm

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:
 All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.
 This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



FOR SALE

COMPUTERS
 New and Used. Repairs, upgrades, internet service. Ed Martindale, 473-3004.
 22-tn

FOR SALE
 4 bedroom, 1 bath, CA/CH, single carport, new roof, fenced backyard at 101 East Jones in Bronte. 473-2221.
 09-tn

FOR RENT

NICE! NEW! BRICK!
 3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths
 2 bedroom 2 baths
 Now Available!
 Call: 325-473-3105 for information or 325-473-9548
 Santa Fe Crossing Duplexes
 320 SE Railroad
 Bronte, Texas 76933
 44-51tp

Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

COKE COUNTY JUDGE
 Roy Blair
 Hal Spain

COKE COUNTY TREASURER
 Phelan Wrinkle
 Andra Arrott

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
 Bill Wheat
 Robert Feil
 Clint Porter

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
 George Snapp
 Bobby Blaylock

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1
 D. Joan Davis

COKE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
 Josie Dean

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1
 Marshall Millican

FOR LEASE
 Large shop with office & restroom on over 350' of Hwy 277 frontage in Bronte. Call 325/439-1051. \$500/month.
 27-tn

Bob Frazee's 944-0010 473-6603

Texas Best
 Deflooding & Carpet Cleaning

24 hr. Emergency Water Damage Service

HANDYMAN SERVICES
 Flat Repair • Vehicle Service • Equipment Rental
 402 Commerce • Robert Lee
 325/453-2797 • 453-4477
 FAX 453-4690

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED
 Would like to purchase 1984 Coke County Book. Please call Jo McCutchen at 473-6047 if you have one or more to sell.
 32-1twp

WARNING!!
 The air in your home or office could be making you sick! Doesn't it make sense to breathe the cleanest air possible? Ask about free in-home trial. For more information, call (325) 453-2768 or 1-888-553-2768.
 28-tn

FOUND
 One pair of combination splint/bell boots for horses. Found 4 miles east of Robert Lee on Hwy 158. Identify and pay for ad to claim at the newspaper office in Robert Lee. 453-2433.
 28-tn

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

THE "BARBER" SHOP
 Debora England, 107 W. Main, Bronte. 277-8164.
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm.
 33-tn

AM INTERESTED
 in maintaining rural cemeteries or cemetery plots. Call George Grim at 453-9902 after 5:00 for scheduled or as needed maintenance.
 08-tn

TREES
 Topped, trimmed or removed, Shrubs-brush. Call George Grim 453-9902 after 5.
 08-tn

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

Professionals In Real Estate We can help you with all of your Real Estate Needs ...

RESIDENTIAL SPECIALISTS • BUYER REPRESENTATION • MILITARY RELOCATION • PROPERTY MANAGEMENT • HOME WARRANTY SERVICE • CITY AND NATIONAL MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE • COMMERCIAL LEASING • SALES & MANAGEMENT • REFERRAL SERVICES • RENTALS • FARM AND RANCH • INVESTMENTS • SALES EXCHANGE • BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES • BROKER PRICE OPINIONS

Owner/Broker ... Owner Finance with 10% down, 11 room, mineral rights, non qualifying. 60s.

60s This is a must see! Beautifully updated! 20s This Doll house is a perfect starter home!

(325) 453-2726 Angela/Broker (325) 277-6197 Vincent/Owner

SEX OFFENDER
DECLARADO CULPABLE DE LA OFENSA DE ASALTO SEXUAL A UN MENOR

NOTICE
 Pursuant to Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Art. 6252-13c.1, the Probation Dept. of Coke County is required to publish the following information about an adult, convicted of a sexual offense against a child, who has relocated to our city or county:

WILLIAM DEAN COTTER
 23 Year Old Male
 317 Tennyson School Road • Tennyson, Texas 76953

SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD
VICTIM: 16 YEAR OLD FEMALE
HIGH RISK LEVEL

Un hombre de 23 anos de edad su residencia es 317 Tennyson School Road, Tennyson, Tejas. Fue declarado culpable de la ofensa de asalto sexual a un menor. La victima fue una hembra de la edad de 16 anos.

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

Blackwell, Extremely nice 1,661 sq. ft. Brick Home with 3 BR, 2 BA, CA/CH, single car garage and carport, 13 x 21 brick shop, storm cellar and covered patio.

Robert Lee
 New Listing, 3 BR, 2 BA Home, 1,715 sq. ft., CA/CH, Single Carport, 24 x 31 metal with concrete floor, RV cover, back porch view.
 New Listing on 10 Acres, 3 BR, 2 BA Home, 2,240 sq. ft., Vaulted Ceilings, Fireplace, Dining Room, Large Bathroom with Jacuzzi Tub, 31 x 60 and 25 x 35 metal buildings.
 It's Fresh, 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 story home, secluded, near Lake Spence on a large lot
 Less than 1 year old, 1984 sq. ft. Home, 3 BR, 2 BA, Vaulted ceiling in Living Area, Master Suite w/ "Oasis" Bath, Office w/built-in desk, 2 car carport w/storage, landscaped
 Very nice Brick Home with 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 Living Areas, Extra room for Office/Game Room, 2 car garage, 2 car carport, Privacy Fence.
 Close to School! 3 BR, 2 BA home with extra room, CA/CH, 2 car carport, on corner lot.
 Brick Veneer Home with 3 BR, 2 Bath, over 2560 sq. ft. Large living area with fireplace. Formal dining and living area, 14' x 16' shop.
 Very Nice Office Building Prime location. Landscaped with additional lots.
We have Buyers, We need Land Listings.

Acres
 1023 +/- Acres, Will Divide, All pasture & flat to rolling terrain with deep creeks and rough headers, 3 water wells and electricity, excellent deer hunting with turkey and quail
 908 +/- Acres, all pasture, rolling with hills, near the Colorado River, mountain views, 2 good dirt tanks, electricity, water well, good hunting.
 884 +/- AC. 150 ac. in cultivation, 172 ac. improved pasture, 2 water wells, 2 tanks, barn, good fences, excellent hunting. Black Buck Antelope.
 650 +/- AC. All pasture, close to Colorado River, rolling terrain, 3 tanks, excellent hunting.
 338 +/- AC. FM frontage, Rolling hills with deep creek, water well & electricity. Under wildlife management.
 320 +/- AC. Secluded, rolling terrain with hills and mountainous views, older rock home. Two water wells, crossed fenced. Good hunting.
 314 +/- AC. Live Oak trees on Yellow Wolf Creek, good water well, 230 ac. cultivation, good hunting.
 160 +/- AC. FM road access, all pasture, water well, scenic mountain views, good hunting.
 160 +/- AC. FM road access, all pasture, flat to rolling terrain, water well, electricity, Good Hunting.
 93 +/- AC. Highway & County Road access, all pasture, flat to rolling terrain, good water well, electricity, 16'x32' custom built Morgan building, 3 deer stands & feeders, Good Hunting..

STUMP GRINDING
 You have an unsightly tree stump in your yard? We'll grind it out without leaving a hole or a mess. Richard Baker. 473-2017 (home), (325) 669-7415 (cell).
 20-tn

STERLING COUNTY NURSING HOME
 CNAs • 2-10 Shift
 Every other weekend off!
 Contact Paula at 309 E. 5th or 378-2134.

HELP WANTED

TRES AMIGOS CONVENIENCE STORE
 Water Valley Manager
 Cashiers & Food Service Workers
 Call (325) 255-2525.
 32-1tc

KEY FEED STORE
 Full-time help. Apply in person. Key Feed Store. Ask for Gary.
 32-2tc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
 Corner of Holmes & Key Street, Bronte. Sat. only. 9-?. Boys clothing, women's petite clothing, men's clothing. Medium to 3XL. Foosball game-\$15. Sports Center game-\$15. Ford headache rack-\$20. Lots of knick knacks.
 32-1tc

NOTICES

ATTENTION ALL HORSE OWNERS
 Pioneer Vet Clinic and Fort Dodge Animal Health would like to invite you to attend their meeting over **VACCINATION AND GENERAL CARE OF THE HORSE**. Dr. Dave Ellefson will be the guest speaker at the meeting. It will be held at The Shed in Wingate, Tx on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm. A free meal will be provided. If you would like to attend please R.S.V.P. to Pioneer Vet Clinic at 325-754-5487 by March 17th at 5:00 pm. We hope you all can attend and we look forward to seeing you there.
 32-1tc

THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE
 Serving Coke County
 P.O. Box 1329 Robert Lee, TX 76945
 (915) 453-2433
 drop box is located at **HOMETOWN HARDWARE** in Bronte.

NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 51st Judicial District Court of Coke County, on the 23rd day of February, 2006, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.
3815

Styling
Coke County
vs. Vidal Vizcaino
Legal Description

1. Lots Seven and Eight (7,8), Block Fourteen (14), Original Townsite to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, being that property more particularly described a Warranty Deed recorded at Volume 30, Page 65 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas.

Cause No.
4030

Styling
Coke County
vs. Connie Reyes

2. A Twenty-Four (24) acre tract more or less out of the Northwest Quarter (1/4), Section Two (2), of the HE WT RY CO Survey A/K/A the A.M. Lackey Survey, Abstract 2062, Coke County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in a Gift Deed recorded at Volume 124, Page 430 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas.

3. A Sixty-seven point zero seven (67.07) acre tract more or less out of the Northwest Quarter (1/4), of Section Two (2), of the HE WT RY CO Survey A/K/A C.H. Bugbee Survey, Abstract 2061, Coke County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in a Gift Deed recorded at Volume 124, Page 430 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas.

4. A Sixty-seven point sixty-three (67.63), acre tract more or less out of The Northwest Quarter (N/W 1/4) of Section Two (2), HE & WT RY Co. Survey A/K/A the W.F. Havins Survey, Abstract 1988, Coke County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 124, Page 430 of the Deed Records, Coke County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock am on the 4th day of April, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of Coke County, in the City of Robert Lee, Texas.

Levied on the 23rd day of February, 2006 as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 23 DAY OF FEB., 2006.

Rick Styles
SHERIFF, COKE COUNTY,
TEXAS

BY: Misti Hayes
DEPUTY
32-3tc

THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE

will hold a public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2007. This hearing is for input into the budget process. The hearing will be held at the Robert Lee City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

The City Council of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, posts this notice in compliance with 28

C.F.R. 51.28 (g), as follows:

On January 9, 2006, at a duly called Council Meeting, the City Council ordered a Special Election to be held on May 13, 2006. The Election will be held to elect a Councilmember to an unexpired term. Action was also taken at said meeting to adopt the Direct Electronic Recording voting system for use in the Election. Copies of the Order of Election, Resolution Establishing Election Procedures and preclearance submission are available for public review during business hours at the City Hall located at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. Any persons wishing to make comments for consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:

Chief Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
Room 7254-NWB
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

NOTICIA PUBLICA de ELECCION ESPECIAL
El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Robert Lee, Texas anuncia esta Noticia en conforme de 28 C.F.R. 51.28(g) come sigue:

En el nueve de enero, 2006 en Un Junto Consejo ordenado por el Consejo Municipal, el consejo ordeno la eleccion especial del trece de mayo, 2006, para elegir un miembro del consejo, para termo no has expirado. Tambien una accion fue hecho en el junto para adoptar una sistema de votacion Direct Electronic Recording para usa en la eleccion. Copias del Order of Election Resolution Establishing Election Procedures y prepermiso presentacion estan disponibles para repaso publico entre las horas de negocios en el City Hall que esta el la Calle de 6 E. 7th de Robert Lee, Texas. Algunas

personas que quicren hacer comentarios al United States Attorney General pueden mandar los comentarios a:

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

The City Council of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, posts this notice in compliance with 28 C.F.R. 51.28 (g), as follows:

On January 9, 2006, at a duly called Council Meeting, the City Council ordered the May 13, 2006 General Election. The Election will be held to elect a Mayor and two Councilmembers. Action was also taken at said meeting to adopt the Direct Electronic Recording voting system for use in the Election. Copies of the Order of Election, Resolution Establishing Election Procedures and preclearance submission are available for public review during business hours at the City Hall located at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. Any persons wishing to make comments for consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:

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BRONTE ISD

will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Board room. The purpose of the meeting is to give community members an opportunity to express their opinion regarding applying for a waiver from TEA to start school on August 16, 2006. If a waiver is not applied for and approved, Bronte ISD would not be allowed to start school until the week of August 21, 2006.

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby give notice of filing deadlines for the May 13, 2006 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may

file application for inclusion on the ballot between February 13, 2006 and March 13, 2006. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South State Street, Bronte, Texas 76933, during normal business hours, 8 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to John DiFrancesco, Jr., Administrator.

INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS

El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Este De Coke hacen saber que el dia 13 de Mayo, 2006 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para Las elecciones. Cada tres (3) direcores seran elejidos para un termion de dos (2) anos. El dia 13 de Febrero, 2006 hasta el 13 de Marzo, 2006, seran los dias para que los candidates llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 8 AM-5 PM en el Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 Al Sur Estudio Calle, Bronte, Texas 76933. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador John DiFrancesco, Jr.

30-3tc

Lending encouragement to young golfers

Coke County Golf Association is working to develop a junior golf program at Singing Winds Golf Course. Junior golfers are allowed to play free weekdays without adult accompaniment and are encouraged to come and take advantage of this playing time.

DESIGNS BY TONI
will be closed
March 10-20, 2006.
We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Please call 453-4317 to make your appointment prior to these dates.
We will re-open March 21st.
Thank you for your cooperation.

SUPPORT BOBBY BLAYLOCK
As longtime residents of Coke County, we are pleased to support Bobby Blaylock for Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 4. We have known Bobby since he was a child, having worked with his family. We have always known Bobby to be honest and hard working. These attributes, together with his education and rural background, make him an excellent candidate for our County Commissioner.
Sid and Johnnie Eubanks
Bronte, Texas
Pd. Pol. Adv. by Sid & Johnnie Eubanks, 118 Kickapoo Rd, Bronte, TX 76933.

IVEY MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

2004 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT #F200A \$15,495 <i>Dark Shadow Gray • Auto • 6 Disc CD • 25,000 Miles</i>	2005 Ford Escape XLT #7013 \$18,995 <i>Silver • All Wheel Drive • 22,000 Miles</i>
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2005 Ford Focus ZX4 #F145A \$11,995 <i>White • 4 Door • Automatic • PW/PL/CD • 21,000 Miles</i>	2002 Ford F-150 Super Crew #E214A \$12,995 <i>White w/tan interior • 5.4 V8 • XLT</i>
2005 Ford Explorer XLT #7028 \$20,995 <i>White w/tan cloth interior • 12,000 Miles</i>	2001 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT #F144A \$ 9,995 <i>Maroon • V8 • 81,000 Miles • Nice Truck</i>
2005 Ford Taurus SE #7017A \$13,495 <i>Spruce Green • V6 • Automatic • 26,000 Miles</i>	2005 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 #7028 \$19,995 <i>White • Rear Air • Third Row Seat Low Mileage 12,000! • Like New!</i>
2003 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT 4x4 #E166A \$16,995 <i>White w/Gray Cloth Interior • 5.4 V8 • Automatic</i>	2004 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab STX 4x4 #7029 \$21,995 <i>Bright Yellow • V8 • Automatic • CD Player 6,900 Miles • Real Eye Catcher!</i>
2001 Ford F-150 Super Crew Lariat #7993B \$16,995 <i>Dark Blue • 66,000 Miles • Off Road Special!</i>	
1996 Ford Econoline Van E-150 #E176A \$ 2,995 <i>Silver • Great Work Vehicle!</i>	
2002 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT #D270A \$12,995 <i>White • 7,700 GVW Package • Great for Towing!</i>	
2004 Chevy 2500 Extended Cab LS #F132B \$24,995 <i>Pewter • 40,000 Miles • Duramax Diesel</i>	
2003 Mercury Mountaineer #4815A \$15,995 <i>Satin Silver • V8 • Leather Interior • 42,000 Miles</i>	
2004 F-250 Crew Cab Lariat 4x4 #F152A \$25,995 <i>White • Short Bed • Powerstroke • Replacement Front Bumper</i>	

Congratulations Bronte Longhorns on a Great Season!

Ask For: **453-4561**
Randy Flanagan • Billy Wayne Roe

Rains provide relief but winds hasten drying

Some areas of west Texas received welcome rains over the weekend, but predicted fair, windy weather could hasten the return of grass fire danger sooner than many people expect. Weather forecasters are predicting several days of dry, windy weather that will increase the flammability of dead grass and weeds.

If people don't recognize that the dry, windy conditions are rapidly drying out dead grass and weeds, accidental grass fires could occur in north Texas this week, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with the Texas Forest Service.

Most counties in Texas still have burn bans in effect, and it is still important for everyone to comply with existing burn bans, Spencer said. He acknowledged, though, that some counties may drop their outdoor burning bans due to the weekend rains.

"We expect that some counties may drop their bans due to the weekend rains," said Spencer. "Just because a county may drop its burn ban, though, doesn't mean that all risk of escaped fires is gone and that residents can throw all caution to the wind with their outdoor burning. With dry weather and gusty winds predicted for most of the week, the risk of grass fires will likely grow with every day that passes without rain."

Gusty winds increase the danger of escaped control fires. Firebreaks that might be wide enough to contain burning material under normal conditions might not be wide enough to prevent strong wind gusts from blowing burning debris across the fire breaks and into dry vegetation.

Careless debris burning accounts for the greatest number of wildfires in Texas. The Texas Forest Service offers the following suggestions to prevent escaped control fires.

- Obey outdoor burning

bans.

- Avoid outdoor burning while dry, windy conditions exist.

- Construct a wide fire-break around any material to be burned outdoors - before you ignite your fire.

- Burn household trash only in a barrel or other fireproof receptacle covered by a metal grill or wire to contain burning debris.

- Stay with outdoor fires until they are completely extinguished and cool to the touch.

- Keep water and tools handy in case a fire should start or spread uncontrolled.

Tap your toes to a patriotic band's performance in Fredericksburg

The U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Team, and the official Marine Corps Color Guard will perform their Battle Color Ceremony at the Fredericksburg High School Stadium at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 12th. The program is free and open to the public. Donations may be made to the Admiral Nimitz Foundation to defray expenses.

This marks the first time the patriotic, award-winning program has been performed in Fredericksburg, hometown of current commandant of the Marine Corps, General Michael Hagee and World War II Pacific Commander Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz.

The National Museum of the Pacific War is the only museum dedicated to telling the story of World War II in the Pacific. The museum is open everyday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Special rates are available for groups, students, seniors and military. The National Museum of the Pacific War is a property of the Texas Historical Commission and operated under contract with the Admiral Nimitz Foundation.

For more information, contact Helen MacDonald, 830/992-2765 at the National

Museum of the Pacific War.

Registration deadline approaching

A treasure-trove of information awaits discovery during three days of tours, workshops, and special sessions at the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Annual Historic Preservation Conference, April 20-22 in Galveston. "Deep in the Heart of Texas, Preservation Makes Cents" is an activity-packed, educational opportunity for preservationists, historians, teachers, students and the public sponsored by the THC in association with Preservation Texas and the Texas Historical Foundation.

One of the highlights of this year's conference is a tour of Galveston's historic cemeteries. Recently placed on Preservation Texas' Most Endangered Places List, Texas' historic cemeteries can be found nearly anywhere. The THC estimates there are as many as 50,000 cemeteries throughout Texas. The THC's cemetery preservation program has identified

nearly 6,000 and works to identify and protect these threatened historic resources. Galveston with "The Cemetery Lady," Linda McBee. Other tours include the Commercial Architecture of Galveston and the Residential Architecture of Galveston. Tours require a reservation.

The opening session of the conference will feature keynote speaker Donovan Rypkema of Place Economics, an expert in economic development and preservation of cultural resources. Rypkema is a former board member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, much of his work is devoted to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Main Street Center.

The Texas Main Street Program celebrates its 25th anniversary at a special luncheon on Saturday, April 22. Tom Moriarity of Economic Research

Associates will speak. Moriarity is one of the four founders of the National Trust's Main Street Program and an expert in historic preservation development.

Workshop topics include: Before Disaster Strikes; Having a Plan to Protect Historic Resources; Engaging Youth in Preservation Projects with a roundtable discussion and information on the Texas State Historical Association's Junior Historian program and the Texas Seaport Museum's youth programs. Other sessions include, Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, Publicizing Preservation Efforts and Volunteer Recruitment and Retention.

The Preservation Marketplace will host exhibitors and the Ask the Staff tables will be open on Friday, April 21.

The pre-registration deadline is April 3, 2006. For more information visit www.thc.state.tx.us or call 512/463-6255.

Housley on Water

In FY 2000-2001 the State allocated \$9,163,000 for brush control exclusively in District 72. In FY 2006 funding has decreased to \$1,874,176, only a portion of which is spent in our district.

Five ten foot mesquite trees consume as much water every day as a family of four.

A desalinization project will cost at least a million dollars per mile for the pipeline alone.

While I agree desalination is part of the long term answer for West Texas water needs, I believe far more can be achieved sooner and at less cost to you through new ideas on brush control efforts.

And I can prove it.

During the course of this campaign, a member of our own team, Campaign Manager Yantis Green, was the first person from our district to pursue leveraging available state dollars with matching federal dollars from the Bureau of Reclamation. When approved the result will be the clearing of brush from the Twin Buttes reservoir at no cost to you. This will preserve 1000 acre feet of water per year. The most exciting step forward for our regions water supply since Rob Junell's inception of the brush control project is simply a result of team work and thinking outside of the box.

- I will work to get the people in this district who tackle our water issues the tools they need to get the job done.
- I will work to gain more federal dollars to clear brush in the federally owned reservoirs that hold our water.
- I will work to bring back brush control funding because it is proven effective and benefits everyone in our district and many beyond.

Kevin
HOUSLEY
for State Representative

District
72

Pd. Pol. Ad. Kevin Housley Campaign, Freeman Pickett, Treas.

www.runkevinrun.com

Dear Citizens of Coke County, Precinct 2

As a citizen of Coke County, I would like to endorse the incumbent Bill Wheat as Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 2. As Commissioner, I believe Bill has gone beyond the call of duty in his endeavor to better Coke County. Bill has been instrumental in keeping the Fort Chadbourne Cemetery beautiful and groomed. I have lived in this area for over 56 years and Coke County is in better shape than it has ever been. Please support and vote for Bill Wheat, County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Sincerely,
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