

THE OBSERVER/ ENTERPRISE

Serving Coke & Sterling Counties

Single Copy 50¢



(USPS 467-480)
(ISSN 8750-197X)

Vol. 118, No. 42

Friday, May 12, 2006

Local Elections to be held Saturday

There are two elections scheduled for Saturday, May 13, in Coke County. Voting for the City of Robert Lee election will be held from 7 am - 7 pm at the County Courthouse. 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. All incumbents and Brenda Williams have filed for places on the ballot. The election for the Bronte ISD school board will be held from 7 am - 7 pm at the 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. The incumbents will be joined on the ballot by Paul Williams.

Mountain Creek Golf tournament set

The Mountain Creek Golf Club will be holding a tournament on May 13. It will be an adult/child tournament. Tee time will be at 9:00 am. For fee

information, contact the Mountain Creek Golf Club at 453-2317.

CC Retired Teachers meeting scheduled

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 15, 2006. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. This will be the last meeting until September. Dues are due and new officers will be installed.

Driver safety course set

The AARP Driver Safety Course will be held in Bronte May 15-16, from 8 am - 12 pm at the Bronte Housing Authority Club Room, 115 NE Railroad. The course consists of 2 four hour sessions. Both days are required to get a certificate of completion that will enable you to get a discount on car insurance. Check with your carrier.

Certified instructors are Roy and Jo Ann Rose. Call 325-365-2685 to pre-register and for cost of course. This is a Safety Driving Course and is not for ticket dismissal.

Food Pantry Drive set for Saturday

The Robert Lee and Bronte Post Offices will again be



Mother's Day Out! Coke County Judge Roy Blair (center) was a guest at the Mother's Day Tea and craft session, held at the Robert Lee Senior Center on May 9th. Participants enjoyed a light meal and exchanged craft ideas during the noon luncheon.

participating in the National Association of Letter Carriers' Food Drive. This year's canned goods and non-perishables will be collected on Saturday, May 13. Examples of the types of food items which may be donated include canned meats and fish, canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal, and rice.

All postal customers, whether you receive your mail on a route or in your post office box, received a card from the NALC and the Postal Service this week explaining the types of foods that can be used by the local food pantry.

For those wishing to give food items on the route, simply follow the instructions on the card and place them in a sack or box at your mailbox prior to the carrier's arrival on Friday (today) or Saturday. Both the Robert Lee and Bronte post offices will have receptacles in the lobby all day Friday and Saturday until noon for donations from box customers.

The donated items will remain in Coke County and be given directly to the Coke County Food Pantry.

Bronte All-Sports Banquet set May 18

All Bronte athletes and their families are invited to attend the All-Sports Banquet on Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 pm at the pavilion in the park. For information on cost, contact a member of the Bronte All Sports Boosters. In the event of rain, the

activities will be moved to the school.

Robert Lee Street Affair planning meeting set

It's only five months until Saturday, October 7, 2006, which will be the Street Affair weekend.

The first planning meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, at 5:00 pm in the Coke County Library.

The meeting is open to everyone who can contribute to a good time for Coke County citizens. New ideas are always welcome. The event is publicized in brochures and magazines statewide so that tourists can discover why Robert Lee is a good place to be.

Weather alert radios available

The Robert Lee/Silver Lion's Club will be selling the Citizen's All-Hazard Weather Alert radios. For more information, please contact any Lion's Club Member.

Carnation Sale slated

The Robert Lee Baptist Church will begin taking orders for Father's Day Carnations May 14. The sale will run through June 4. They can be ordered for \$1 each. For more information or to order, call 453-2724.

"Click it or Ticket" Campaign set for Coke County

Unbuckled motorists will risk getting a ticket in Coke County during the "Click it

or Ticket" Campaign May 22 - June 4, 2006.

The "Buckle up your Truck" Educational Campaign Continues from May 22 through June 4. The Coke County Sheriff's Office will be out in force, participating in the "Click it or Ticket" enforcement mobilization, according to Sheriff Rick Styles.

The Coke County Sheriff's Office is also participating in an educational campaign to convince pickup truck occupants in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and the Indian Nations to use their safety belts. Well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in the five state regions are still not buckling up, resulting in more than 1,000 pickup occupants dying every year in traffic crashes. Pickup trucks in fatal crashes roll over twice as often as passenger cars. Wearing your safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover crash by up to 80%.

HOGS are coming

The Harley Davidson Owners Group (HOG) state rally will be held in Abilene May 18 - 21. Most planned activities for the rally are exclusive to HOG members; however, two events are open to the public, a bike parade and bike show. On Saturday, May 20, the parade is set for 10:30 am, beginning at Dyess Air Force Base. Onlookers are encouraged to arrive early for a good viewing spot. The bike show is scheduled from 11:30 am - 5 pm at the Abilene Expo Center.



THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE

Published Weekly Except Christmas
707 Austin (325) 453-2433 • (325) 453-4643 FAX
email: CokeCoObserver@aol.com

Periodical Rate Postage paid at Robert Lee, TX.

**POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to
Observer/Enterprise**

PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

STAFF

Hal Spain, Publisher Morgan McCutchen, Editor
Melinda McCutchen Pat Taft Wayne McCutchen

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Per Year in Coke & Sterling Counties.....\$20.00
Per Year Elsewhere in Texas.....\$22.00
Per Year Outside of Texas.....\$25.00

the last few years.



Roe

Gertrude Inez Mitchell Roe passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Inez was born February 1, 1916 in Bell County Texas to Jessie Wayne and Mary Lee Hargrove Mitchell. Inez married Bill Roe on September 15, 1934 in Ballinger, Texas. They have made their home in Coke County since 1939. Inez was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church. She graduated from Winters High School and completed several dietary courses at Angelo State University. She worked for the West Coke County Hospital District as Dietary Supervisor for over twenty years and retired in 1986. Inez loved to paint and work in her flower garden. She enjoyed singing in church and teaching the ladies Sunday School class.

Inez was preceded in death by a son, Terrell, a daughter, Anita Millar, and her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Bill of Robert Lee; her children, Billy Wayne Roe and wife Dolores of Robert Lee, Sandy Cave and husband Clint of Christoval, Ray Don Roe of Perryton, Texas, Billy Jack Roe and wife, Kristi of Bryan, Texas and Cathy and Greg Day of Midland, Texas;

brothers, J. W. Mitchell and wife, Venita of Longview, Texas and Vernon Mitchell and wife, Loretta of Temple, Texas; grandchildren, Kevin Roe and wife, Tammy of Robert Lee, Shery Caves Wilkes and husband, Mike of Ira, Texas, David Caves and wife, Robin of Frisco, Texas, T.J. Roe and wife, Danielle of Temple, Texas, Trevor Day of Midland, and Danielle Roe of Alamogordo, New Mexico, ten great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Reverend Roy Epperson officiating. Burial services followed at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons, Kevin Roe, David Caves, T.J. Roe, Trevor Day, and great-grandsons Chase Roe and Dylan Caves. Services are under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the staff at the Robert Lee Care Center and Vista Care Foundation.



Cole

LeVerne McCutchen Cole, 91, of Farmers Branch, Texas, died Saturday, May 6, 2006. Services were 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2006 at North's Memorial Chapel with Jeff Reid officiating. Burial

followed at Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of North's Funeral Home. Visitation was held on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at North's Funeral Home 242 Orange St.

Mrs. Cole was born November 7, 1914 to William M. and Eva Rushing McCutchen in Robert Lee, Texas. She was the third of nine children. She married her childhood sweetheart, Maurice S. Cole, in 1935.

In the late 1940's and early 1950's LeVerne and her husband began their first business venture by building several drive-in theaters across Texas. The last one being in Abilene, Texas, which became their home for many years. It was there that they began designing and building houses which was expanded into some subdivisions and strip malls. In the late 1950's when discount stores became popular they acquired a franchise from the late H.R. Gibson of Dallas and opened a Gibson Discount Center in Roswell, New Mexico. LeVerne's husband died suddenly in 1964. With the help of her brother William (Bill) McCutchen, they expanded the operation to four stores in New Mexico including Santa Fe and Ruidoso.

LeVerne was a leader in the business world serving on the board of directors of banks and was the first woman to serve as trustee in Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. She was a wonderful wife and business partner to her husband and a fantastic mother who, with a big heart and quick wit, raised a family of four girls, loved and taught them life's lessons by living them. They applaud her life, the successes she created, the lessons she taught them, without even knowing how much of a role model she was to many people and

Obituaries



Blaylock

Marcela Blaylock left this world to be with her Lord on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 after spending 84 years with family and friends. She left after a lengthy illness while in the presence of her family and neighbors at her daughter's home near Robert Lee, close to the ranch where she and her husband, Bert, raised their family. He preceded her in death in 1985. Also preceding her was a brother, Johnny Rabel.

Marcela was laid to rest with graveside services at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Marcela is survived by three children, six grand children and five great grand children. Bobby Blaylock and wife Melissa of Bronte. Grandson, Jason Blaylock and wife Lisa, with great granddaughters, Anjelica and Lily of San Angelo. Grandson, Cody Blaylock, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. Step-Grandson, Coleman Babb with great grandsons Victorio and Sequoia of Tucson, AZ. And step-granddaughter, Elsie Babb of Stephenville. Daughters, Barbara Jean Blaylock of Bronte and Connie Reyes and husband Mark also of Bronte. Grandson, Jim Bob Thomas and wife, Megan of Snyder and grand daughter, Brandi Jean Kelly with great-grandson, Logan Rey.

Also surviving is a sister, Lydia Wright of San Angelo and a brother, Willy Rabel of Weatherford, and an aunt, Mildred Reithmayer of Taylor.

There are numerous nieces and nephews throughout the states, many of whom stayed with Uncle Bert and Aunt Marcela on the ranch during the "good old days" who share in this loss of family.

Family and friends from all over would always know that when visiting with Bert and Marcela, that they would always be welcome at their table for corn bread and beans and there was always pie or cake to make them feel at home.

Marcela was a homemaker and an active 4-H leader for many years and worked for her Robert Lee Baptist Church as long as she was able.

One might notice that Mom was buried with a spoon in her hand. The result of one of her favorite stories where a woman always held on to her spoon while the table was being cleared of the dinner dishes because she knew the best was yet to come, Dessert! She wanted this spoon because she knew that upon dying, the best was yet to come.

Pall bearers were John Carver, Wayland Drennan, Stephen Myers, Bill Burns, Gaylon Pitcock, and Roy Tinkler. She requested that Bill Allen, Kenneth Lackey and David Key be her honorary pall bearers. Officiating was Ray Aldridge.

A special thank you to her neighbor and "guardian angel", Gladys Waldrop, who was so special to her

LONGBRANCH

BAR-B-QUE

will be open
for lunch

Mother's Day

Sunday • May 14

**Brisket • Ribs
Chicken • Sausage
Whole • Sliced • Chopped
However you want it!**

Eat in or Take out!

(At the Red Light in Bronte)

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church

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

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Larry Tianen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel

101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 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

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Tennyson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 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



4-H Livestock Judging! Last week at the District 7 4-H Livestock Judging contest, two junior teams from Coke County placed very well against 42 teams and over 200 individuals. Members of the teams included (back row, left to right) Dawson Brisbin, Blake Millican, Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Jael Williams (front row, left to right) Emilee Yanez and Briana Brisbin. In the team competition, Coke County Team #1 placed 5th in beef, 16th in sheep, 33rd in swine and 17th overall. Coke County Team #2 placed 12th in sheep, 22nd in swine, 26th in beef and 19th overall.

In individuals, Blake Millican placed 6th in beef and Kaitlyn Braswell placed 14th overall.

how many paths for women she opened. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the P.E.O. Sorority.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister, and three brothers.

She is survived by her daughters Clarice Peake, Karen Maddox, Tama Cole and husband John Custer all of Dallas, and Kire Swenor and husband Dick of Ruidoso, New Mexico; three sisters Hilda Kirchman of San Angelo Texas, Yvonne Devoll of Robert Lee, Texas, & Joyce Hood and husband Bobby of Grapevine, Texas; one brother William McCutchen of Farmers Branch with whom she resided; five grandchildren Stacie Schlanger and husband Eric of Long Island, New York, Paige Wright and husband Will of Dallas, Danzi Castle and husband David of London, England, Taylor Custer, and Greer Custer both of Dallas; and eight great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to www.northsfuneralhome.com

**Check Out
Coke County
Library**

The Coke County Library book sale netted almost \$100 thanks to some special shoppers who are faithful book sale people. The money will be used to furnish prizes during the Summer Reading Program which will begin May 29 and continue until July 14.

The Head Start graduation program will be held Wednesday, May 17 at 10:00 in the gazebo next to the library. The readers will be presented certificates and graduation caps. These readers are on their way to becoming life-long learners.

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

**County
Commissioners
lift burn ban**

On May 8, 2006, the Coke County Commissioner's Court lifted the county wide burn ban. Due to recent rains the Commissioner's Court feels that the burn ban could be lifted at this time.

However, the court is asking everyone to take extreme precaution while burning. If you are doing a control burn, please call the Sheriff's office and the local fire dept. to let them be aware that you will be burning.

If the rains do not continue and drought conditions worsen, then the burn ban will be placed back in effect. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your county commissioner or the county judge.

**To Advertise
Call
453-2433**

SUPER H

Texas Lotto Tickets Sold Here
WIC Cards Welcome
ATM Available



501 Commerce - Robert Lee, TX
Store Hrs: Mon.-Sat. 8-8 Sun. 8-6
SPECIALS GOOD 5/10 Thru 5/16
LIMIT RIGHTS RESERVED

Preferred Trim
Boneless Beef

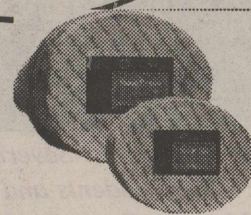
**Ribeye
Steak**
Lb. **\$5.99**



Shank Portion • Bone In

**Cooks
Ham**

Butt
Lb. **\$0.99** \$1.19 Lb.

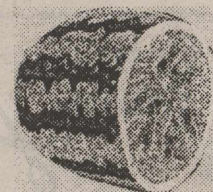


Pilgrim's Pride • Boneless

**Chicken Breast
or Breast Strips**
\$1.69 Lb.

Juicy • Red Ripe

Watermelon
3 for /\$10



Select Group Corn, Green Beans
or Sweet Peas

**Libbys
Vegetables**

3 11-15.2 oz. cans **/\$1**

Assorted 11-11.5 oz.

**Lays or
Wavy Lays**

Reg. **3 for /\$5**
\$2.99



Miller Lite • Regular or Light

**Coors
Beer**



\$13.69

Keystone Light 30 pack **\$17.89**

Regular, Light or Select

**Budweiser
Beer**



18 Pack Cans **\$12.29**

Natural Light 24 pack **\$12.69**

MARY KAY
how do you
thank
Mom?

Give her a gift that nurtures her mind, body and spirit. From wonderful fragrances to luxurious spa sets to beautiful body care. Call me to find the perfect way to pamper Mom with Mary Kay.

Tiffany Bruning
Independent Beauty Consultant
www.marykay.com/bombshell
325-453-5321



WELCOME

**Misty
Nelson!**

Pedicures are now available by

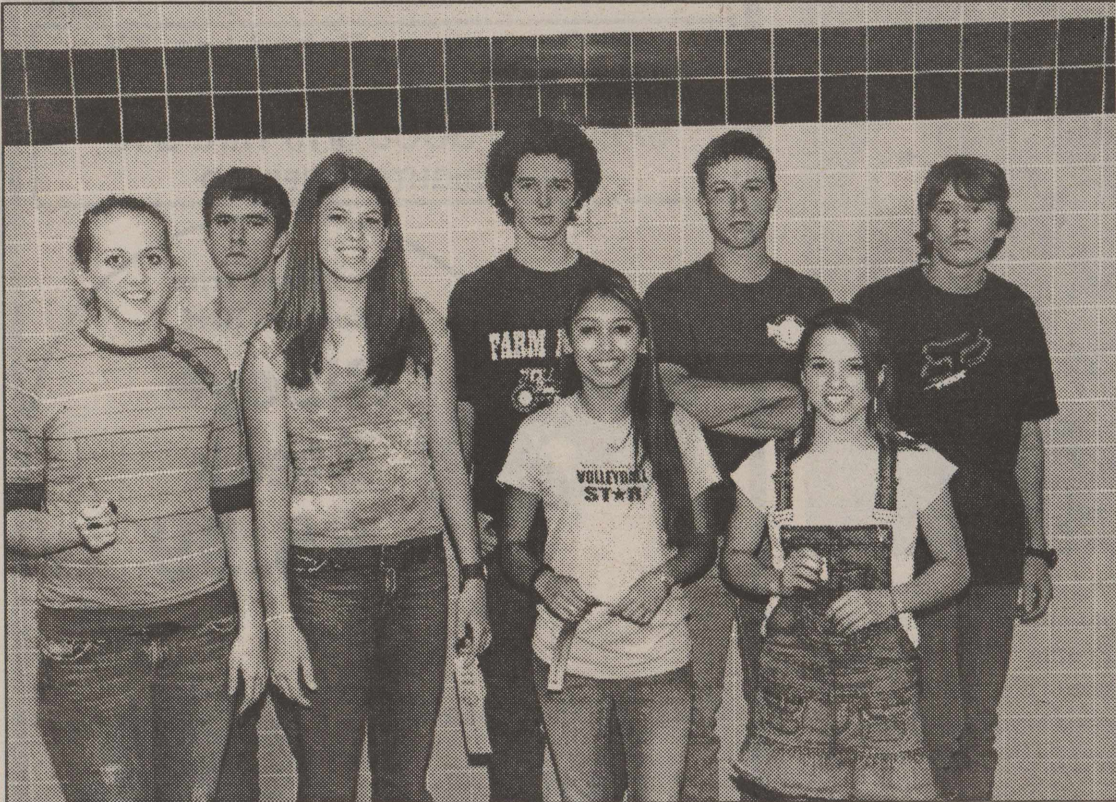
Misty at Designs by Toni!

Fridays - 9 am - 5:30 pm

Saturdays - 9 am - 3 pm

For more information, call 453-4317.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte HS UIL! Several Bronte High School students recently placed at the District UIL meet. These students and their placings include (back row, from left to right) Casey Harris - 3rd) Literary Criticism (Advanced to Regional), Jonathan Marrs - 4th) Spelling (Regional Alternate), Ariel Coalson - 5th) Poetry, Garrett Acker - 4th) Current-Events (Regional Alternate), Philip Rawlings - 6th) Accounting, Juston Taylor - 5th) Calculator, (front row, left to right) Estephanie Flores - 6th) Computer Applications and Jessi England - 1st) Feature Writing (Advanced to Regional).

Coke Area Host Families Needed Now

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.



Breakfast

- Monday, May 15**
Cereal, sliced peaches, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, May 16**
Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk
- Wednesday, May 17**
French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk
- Thursday, May 18**
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
- Friday, May 19**
Honey bun, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

- Monday, May 15**
Chicken nuggets, gravy, potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, roll, milk
- Tuesday, May 16**
Hot dogs, chili & cheese, baked beans, tator tots, bun, rice krispie treat, milk
- Wednesday, May 17**
Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, bread sticks, fruit jello, milk
- Thursday, May 18**
Tacos with cheese, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, taco shells, apple crisp, milk
- Friday, May 19**
Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit cup, bun, chips, sugar cookie, milk

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family. Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq

and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Coke area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Working & Loving It: Summer Jobs for Teens

Summer vacation—it's music to a teenager's ears. Yet, it doesn't mean teens should take command of the couch. Summer breaks offer invaluable opportunities to gain "real world" experiences that don't have to be a drag.

Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a non-profit credit counseling company, says summer jobs help teens learn skills needed in adulthood.



Saunders places at Regional Meet! Jaylon Saunders, a senior at Bronte High School, placed third in the 300 meter hurdles and tied for second in the Pole Vault competition. He placed third in the jump off for the Pole Vault.

"Older teens need to start thinking about college, car maintenance and entertainment costs," said Sullivan. "They will have a greater understanding and appreciation for the costs associated with these higher-ticket items once they learn to save their own money and build their own credit." Sullivan says there are many opportunities for teens beyond waiting tables and bagging groceries.

"You just need to be a little creative. Learning responsibility and making money doesn't have to be a chore. If you pursue avenues that intrigue you, working can actually be fun."

Sullivan has seven suggestions for fun summer jobs that will help teens make money and gain valuable experience:

- * **Camp Counselor** – As a camp counselor, teens can expand on leadership, organizational, interpersonal and conflict resolution skills. They also have the opportunity to be surrounded by extracurricular activities that they're already interested in, such as sports, arts or science. Visit <http://www.mysummers.com/>

for more information on camp jobs.

* **House-sitter** – Teens can learn about what lies beyond high school by house-sitting. Get paid while learning how to juggle house upkeep, cleaning, cooking, mail, plants and pet care, without direct supervision.

* **Tutor-sitter** – Step up a babysitting business by offering tutoring along with it. Teens can create mentoring relationships with younger students and help them brush up on their math and reading skills. Be sure to plug the fact that you can help children maintain their skills and prepare for the next school year. Another bonus: teens can make their own hours, and it looks great on college applications.

* **Teach Computer Skills** – This generation of tech-savvy teens has grown up with computers in the home and at school, which has many adults turning to their children when they need help deciphering technical issues. Why not get paid for it? Set up a business teaching word processing, spreadsheet, PowerPoint, design and/or Internet skills.


* **Referee** – Sports fans can stay active while building conflict resolution and mediation skills. Summer leagues, intramural programs and recreation centers are often in need of sports officials. Try contacting a local YMCA or gym.

* **Odd Job Entrepreneur** – Go-getters can create a flyer with the odd jobs they're able to perform like pool cleaning, mowing lawns, dog walking, and moving furniture. They'll learn how to build relationships with potential clients, while acquiring time management skills.

* **Explore Future Career Options** – Summer breaks offer teens the opportunity to get their feet in the doors of prospective careers. Approach local businesses or stores about internships or apprenticeships. Teens can build contacts and gain required experience at an early age. If the job doesn't work out, it helps teens narrow down their future prospects.

GLENN-BIVINS INSURANCE

Please support the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department!



123 W. Main

Bronte

473-6791

Tommy E. Neal
Investment Representative

2412 College Hills Boulevard
Suite 102
San Angelo, Texas 76904-8475
Bus. (325) 223-8244 Toll free (877) 223-8244
www.edwardjones.com

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING




Paul's Body Shop

Don't let the insurance company dictate who repairs your vehicle. It's your choice!

PAUL KNIGHT

123 N. State Bronte, Texas

Office (325) 473-2425 • Home (325) 473-2026
Cell (325) 450-2281

Solis-Pitcock exchange vows

Lindsey Gail Solis of San Angelo and Travis Earl Pitcock of Robert Lee were united in marriage on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at 6 pm, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Reverend Pat Riley, of Zephyr, Texas and cousin of the groom officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Sebastian Solis of San Angelo, Texas and Rebecca Bohannan of Mechanicsburg,

Pennsylvania. Lindsey is the granddaughter of John and Jan Ann Gillis and Gilbert and Sofia Solis, all of San Angelo, Texas.

The bridegroom's parents are Darrel and Sharon Pitcock of Robert Lee, Texas. Travis' grandparents are D.J. and Nelia Walker and Winnie Pitcock, all of Robert Lee and the late Teddy Earl Pitcock.

Lindsey was given in marriage by her brother J.B. Solis of San Angelo.

The Maid of Honor was Tiffany Barr of Wall, Texas.

The Best Man was brother of the groom Matthew Pitcock of Midland, Texas.

Daryl Copeland of Robert Lee provided music for the ceremony.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Church fellowship hall. The guests were served a buffet of assorted sandwiches, meat, cheese and vegetable trays, chips and spinach dip.

At the request of the groom, there was a chocolate fountain with a base of strawberries. The bride's table was decorated with a crystal punch bowl, a three-tiered wedding cake and a spring flower arrangement. Serving at the bride's table were Michelle and Sierrah McDonald and Amanda Blanek, all of San Angelo. Wes and Farrell Jean Washam of Robert Lee, graciously kept the reception running very smoothly.

Those helping with preparations and clean-up were Audra Gaines, of Dripping Springs, Texas; Judd and Cathy Pitcock, Alexis Johnson, Jerrod and Amber Pitcock, all of San Angelo; Matthew and Jessie of Midland; Kaye Pitcock, Sheri Millican, Winnie Pitcock, Melva Winkler, Cindy Riley, all of Robert Lee, and Becky Purvis of Sonora.

On April 29, 2006, Lindsey was the guest of honor at a bridal shower held by hostesses Tiffany Barr, Megan Roark, Tatum Doan, all of San Angelo and Kelsi Craddick of Hamilton, Texas.

On May 6, 2006, Lindsey was honored with another bridal shower at the home of Wes and Farrell Jean Washam. Hostesses for the occasion were Patty Byrne, Sheila Carver, Myna Kay Copeland,

Cynthia Dillard, Katie Drennan, Mary Beth Drennan, Theresa Emert, Frankie Gartman, Kathy McCown, Judy Kay Millican, Tammy Roe, Elena Sanchez, Beverly Sinclair, Pat Stephens, Nita Gaye Williams, and Farrell Jean Washam.

Lindsey is a 2004 graduate of Lake View High School in San Angelo. She is currently attending ASU and is employed by Hudman's Drug in San Angelo.

Travis is a 2003 graduate of Robert Lee High School. He will graduate from Angelo State University in December, 2006, with a degree in Animal Science. He is currently self-employed.

The couple will live in San Angelo, Texas.

FINANCIAL FOCUS
With Tommy Neal
of Edward Jones
in San Angelo

Look beyond U.S. border for investment opportunities

On any given day, you could talk on a Samsung cell phone, watch a Sony television, take a Bayer aspirin or eat a Nestle Crunch bar. What do all these products have in common? They're manufactured by companies based outside of the United States. In fact, many of the goods and services you use are internationally based-which gives you an idea of how many investment possibilities there are in the world. Are you taking advantage of these opportunities?

If not, maybe it's time you expanded your investment horizons. After all, about half the world's stock market is made up of non-U.S. companies. So if your portfolio lacks foreign companies, you are likely keeping out many industry leaders in a variety of market segments. Many foreign companies are among the 10 largest within their respective industries, which include airlines, automobiles, banks, life and health insurance, and food and commercial products.

Furthermore, international investing can help you diversify your portfolio. If we enter a recession, many American companies may go through some rough times-and this ought to show up in their stock prices. But you might be able to blunt the effects of an economic downturn by adding some international stocks to your holdings. Keep in mind that not all markets move together. For example, when the U.S. market is down, the Pacific Rim countries may be up. In fact, foreign markets have outperformed U.S. stocks about half the time over the past 25 years.

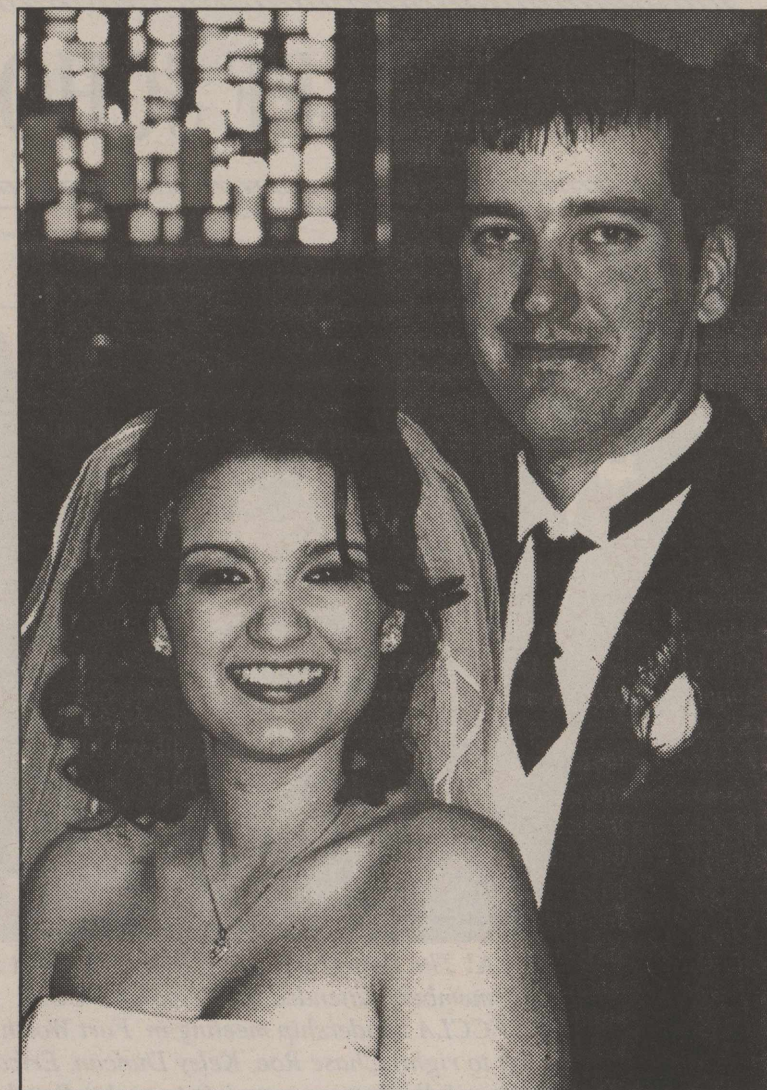
A word of caution, however. Don't be fooled into thinking that any one area of the world will be particularly "hot"-from an investment point of view-at any given time. The fact is that any one geographical area may lead the investment world one year, only to fall far down the list the next. And it's almost impossible to predict which country will be up and which will be down. Consequently, you'll want to spread your international investment dollars among a variety of companies, industries and countries.

Special risks to consider

International investing has some benefits-but it carries some special risks, as well. Political or economic instability, along with changes in foreign currencies and interest rates, can affect the performance of global investments. Also, foreign market practices and accounting standards can vary widely, and it may be difficult to trade or obtain relevant information. That's why investments in foreign securities generally carry higher expenses than domestic investments.

Limit your holdings-and get some help

It's almost certainly a good idea to limit your foreign holdings to no more than 10 percent to 20 percent of your portfolio's total value. The exact percentage will depend on a variety of factors, including your risk tolerance, time hori-



Mr. and Mrs. Travis Pitcock

zon and long-term goals. And before you buy any foreign stocks, get some help. Most people don't have the time or expertise to really understand all the factors that go into picking foreign investments. But a qualified investment professional can help you make the choices that are appropriate for your individual needs. You may plan to visit many different countries someday-but your investment dollars can start traveling today. And with luck, they'll send you more than a postcard.

Citizens of Bronte:

Mr. Paul Williams is a former graduate student of mine when he was completing coursework toward the **Master of Business Administration** degree program at **Angelo State University**. Since that time he has been employed as a part-time **faculty member** under my direction in the **College of Business and Professional Studies**, teaching a wide variety of courses in **marketing communications, sales, and sales management**.

His bid to become a **member of your school board** merits your readers' **attention**. If I were able to vote in your community, what would I want in the way of a candidate for this critically important policy-making body? **First, I would want a person of high character and of unquestionable moral values**. Our children, after all, cannot afford anything less than the best examples we can provide when it comes to doing the right thing. **Second, I would want a person that understands the business of education because I have to trust that person to spend my tax dollars wisely**. Another critically important factor for me would be to find a **person who understands the tough job of being a teacher and the importance of finding and retaining the very best teachers available**. All of us know what a difference a gifted and caring teacher can make in helping students learn.

Paul Williams is such a person. I know him and I know his values. You can be certain that Paul's character could only be questioned by someone who has not had the opportunity to observe his behaviors in a wide range of circumstances. **He knows business and he knows the business of education**. His management abilities go far beyond what one would expect in a candidate for the school board. **And given his background as a teacher, he certainly knows what it is like to "stand and deliver" to students on a daily basis**. And by the way, his compensation from ASU for his valuable teaching service is probably less on an annual basis that what he spends on fuel to commute back and forth from San Angelo to Bronte. But that does not surprise me either because he is not teaching for the money; he does this because he feels he can make a difference.

Please give Paul Williams your very careful consideration before casting your vote. He has earned it!

Sincerely,
Tom F. Badgett

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee FCCLA! The Robert Lee High School FCCLA members, along with sponsors and a few community members, attended the Regional FCCLA Leadership meeting in Denton, as well as, the State FCCLA Leadership meeting in Fort Worth. Robert Lee FCCLA members include (top row, left to right) Chase Roe, Kelsy Duncan, Erica O'Neil, Dixie Johnson, Jaden Alexander, Megan Percifull, (bottom row, left to right) Sarah Philley, Brettanie Reed, Molly Burns, Cassidy Wink and Brandon Soliz.

FCCLA members attend meetings

The Robert Lee Family, Career and Community Leaders of America have had a busy spring. Eleven members and 2 sponsors attended the Regional FCCLA leadership meeting in Denton. The first day of the meeting was held on the campus of TWU and the University of North Texas hosted the second day events. Five teams competed in STAR events, and Chase Roe, State V-P of Achievement, helped conduct the meeting. Chase also ran for an office for the next school year and was elected to represent Region II as a state officer again. Megan

Percifull, as the voting delegate for RLHS, helped elect a new slate of region officers for 2006-2007.

The STAR event teams did very well. Dixie Johnson and Erica O'Neil placed second with their illustrated talk about organ donation entitled, "Have a Heart-Save a Life". Molly Burns placed third in job interview and Cassidy Wink placed sixth in Career Investigation. They both created their own portfolios for the interview which included career research, job shadowing and business documents. Brandon Soliz and Jaden Alexander placed fourth in Community Service projects. They reported on the project that all the school organizations worked together to help Cross Plains fire victims. Sarah Philley, Brettanie Reed, and Kelsy Duncan competed in interpersonal communications. Their project showed how stress can influence communications between teachers and students.

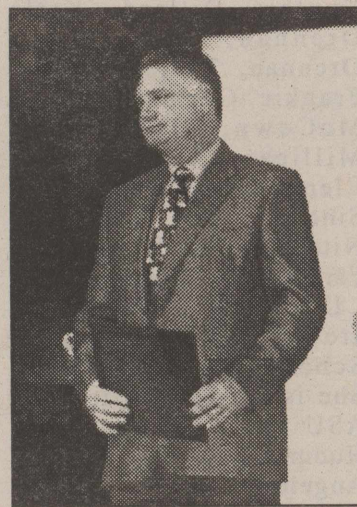
Marshall Millican also attended to receive a plaque for Region II FCCLA Honorary Membership. He received this award for all he has done for our local chap-

ter. He has cooked brisket for all the brisket dinners, helped serve, cleanup, worked in the concession stand and attended several regional and state meetings. He was nominated by the Robert Lee FCCLA chapter and was elected to this honor by the region officers.

Sheri Millican, advisor, and Tammy Roe sponsored the group. Also attending to help judge was Lindsey Roe.

The first of April the Robert Lee FCCLA chapter headed to the State FCCLA Leadership Meeting in Ft. Worth at the Ft. Worth Hilton and Convention Center. Chase Roe, State V-P of Achievement, had many duties at the meeting. He presented awards, helped conduct the meeting, participated in parts for the general sessions and presided over a leadership track for the members. He also was selected to be State V-P of Membership for the coming year.

Dixie Johnson and Erica O'Neil placed fifth with their illustrated talk: Brandon Soliz and Jaden Alexander placed fifth with the community service project. Cassidy Wink also competed in career investigation.



Millican named FCCLA Honorary Member! Marshall Millican attended the FCCLA Regional and State Leadership meetings to receive a plaque for Region II and State FCCLA Honorary membership.

Brettanie Reed served as voting delegate and she, Sarah Philley, Erica O'Neil, Cassidy Wink and Jaden Alexander helped Chase present a skit during a general session. Megan Percifull also attended to help where needed.

Marshall Millican received State FCCLA Honorary Membership, presented by the State FCCLA President, Whitney Glenz.

Sponsoring the group were Sheri Millican, Tammy Roe, and Beverly Alexander. Also attending were Kevin, Shelby, and Lindsey Roe.

RLISD board meets in special session

The Robert Lee School District board members met in a special meeting at 5:00 pm in the high school library, on Thursday, May 4, 2006. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members present were Torres, Sawyer, Washam, Roe, Reed, Supt. Hood. Members absent were Riley and McCabe.

Tom Sawyer made a motion seconded by Tod Reed to hire Shawn Harrison on a one-year probationary contract for 2006-2007 school year as



Helwig Graduates!

Jodee Lynn Helwig graduated from Wayland Baptist University on April 29, 2006. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion with a minor in Business. While attending Wayland she worked at First Baptist Church Plainview as the Children's Ministry Assistant. After graduation she will be getting married and live in Midland. In the fall Jodee will be teaching and coaching at Midland Christian School. She is the daughter of Audrey and Donnie Devoll and Bill Helwig and granddaughter of Yvonne Devoll and Nelia and DJ Walker.

head basketball coach and all level P.E. All for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion seconded by Tod Reed to hire Dawn Harrison on a one-year probationary contract for 2006-2007 school year as elementary teacher. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion seconded by Tod Reed to hire Andrew Fowler on a one-year probationary contract for 2006-2007 school year as band director and elementary music teacher. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion seconded by Tom Sawyer to rescind Kelli Crain's resignation and offer Ms. Crain a one year term contract for 2006-2007 school year as special education teacher and testing coordinator. All for.

Irma Torres made a motion seconded by Tod Reed to hire Maranda Hood on a one-year probationary contract for 2006-2007 school year as special education teacher. All for.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Sawyer seconded by Irma Torres. All for. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, May 15
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
Tuesday, May 16
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Wednesday, May 17
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
Thursday, May 18
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
Friday, May 19
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 15
Salsibury steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches, milk
Tuesday, May 16
Frito pie, cheese, salad, corn, banana, milk
Wednesday, May 17
Chicken O's, mac & cheese, green peas, sliced bread, pears, milk
Thursday, May 18
Sausage wrap, salad, pinto beans, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
Friday, May 19
Bar-B-Que, tator tots, pickles, fruit cocktail, go-gurts, milk

WINK INSURANCE AGENCY



Home • Auto
Life • Commercial

715 Austin • 453-4551

DARYL'S BODY SHOP

300 STATE HWY 229
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945

DARYL COPELAND, OWNER 453-2980

Robert Lee Athletic Sports Banquet

Friday, May 19, 2006

7:00 pm • Robert Lee Cafeteria

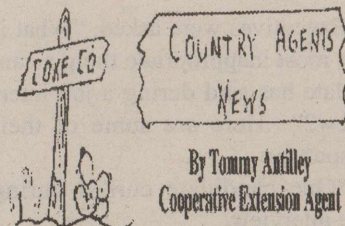
Meal catered by Kenny Blanek

Tickets can be purchased from

Pam Millican in the High School Office

Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 12.

Only a limited number of tickets will be sold at the door so purchase your tickets early!



By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

2006 Pecan Nut Casebearer Spray

From observations made throughout the Concho Valley, it appears that control sprays should be applied May 13th through May 17th.

The adult pecan nut casebearer is a gray moth about 1/3 inch long. These moths fly at night and spend the day in concealment. The casebearer moth deposits from 50 to 150 eggs on the tips of developing nutlets. These eggs are barely visible by the naked eye and are greenish white when first laid.

The first generation larvae hatch in four to five days and migrate below to feed on buds. Nut penetration follows a day or two after this outside activity. This is the critical state of control. When young worms are working over a cluster of pecans, they deposit waste material in pellets around the entrance holes. When this frass is observed, control becomes difficult. Chemical sprays will not penetrate the nut to kill the burrowing worms. Complete clusters can be destroyed by one developing casebearer larva. All indications are that a light to moderate population of casebearers are present this year.

Many pecan trees have large nut sets following last year's freeze and dry weather. These trees might best spend their energy on developing a healthy canopy of leaves. Therefore; spraying these trees for pecan nut casebearer and saving all the

pecans might be counter-productive to the overall tree health. If water for irrigation is limited, losing some nuts may benefit overall tree health.

Nitrogen fertilizer is the key to good leaf production and filled nuts. Vegetative shoots on bearing trees should grow 6 to 12 inches annually. Ones making more than 12 inches of shoot growth are receiving too much nitrogen. Apply nitrogen fertilizer beginning in early spring before pecan buds begin to break. Two or three applications may be necessary to obtain the needed growth, especially if you are limited on water availability.

For homeowners the suggested pecan nut casebearer control can be achieved by using Malathion 50% liquid mixed at 2 1/2 tablespoons per gallon of water. The trees need to be wet thoroughly for good control.

To control zinc rosette problems which is characterized by small light colored leaves, the addition of zinc sulfate or other approved zinc solutions can be applied with most all pecan sprays. The amount to use is 2 teaspoons per gallon of water or 2 pounds per 100 gallons of water.

Be careful not to get the zinc spray on peach or apricot trees to avoid severe burning of leaves.

Additional information can be obtained at the Coke County Extension office at (325)453-2461.

Coke Co. Relay For Life News

by Randy Springer

The Coke Co. Cancer Society Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be elimi-



Mid-West Playday! Robert Lee Care Center residents recently competed at the annual Mid-West Playday in San Angelo. It was held at the Angelo State University Gymnasium on April 22, 2006. The residents competed in various games and brought home medals. Participants included (sitting, left to right) Murt Murtishaw, Augusta Higginbotham, Frances Cole, Royce Johnson (standing, left to right) Billie Dunn, Vivian Fields, Mable Putman, Margaret Jones and Ruth Williams. Also pictured are (from left) Martha Rodriguez, Activity Director, Gerome Hanna, Dottie Mitchell and Jan Magness. Volunteers not pictured include Stephanie Trejo, Martha Trejo and Sam Minjarez.

nated. These are not simple words, and are in the heart of every volunteer and participant in last year's Relay for Life. They are the words that fuel the 2006 Coke County Relay for Life, and the Society would like to invite each and every person in Coke county to participate in this year's Relay as a participant, a team captain, or a volunteer (you can contact the individuals listed at the end of this column).

We are just 5 weeks away from this year's Relay, and the excitement is beginning to brew. I hear of plans in the making for a "Coke Co. Memorial Champions Roping" and a "Coke Co. Memorial Champions Golf Tournament". We are hoping both events come to

fruition, and are very successful.

Also, all teams (19 at last count, but we sure are hoping for more) should send their team member T-shirt sizes to me by the end of this week for specific sizes. Those teams formed after this week will still receive shirts, and we will try to make as many sizes available as possible. Any fund-raising ideas should also be sent to me so we don't have duplicates, and if you need an idea, just let me know. We have plenty.

This year's Relay will begin Friday, June 16, at 7:00 pm and end on Saturday, June 17, at 7:00 am.

Team captain packets are available from myself and my wife, Julie, at 325-895-

5117, or 325-473-7018 (leave message), or 325-473-3105, or by coming by 320 SE Railroad St. (office of Santa Fe Crossing Duplexes), or in Robert Lee by contacting Mrs. Judy Blair at 325-453-2380, or rblair@wcc.net. Luminarias are being sold by Mrs. Glenda Draper, also, at 325-473-2050. Now is the time to sign up your team to participate so the team can begin to have fund-raisers. Don't forget, this is a competition, with prizes awarded to the teams who collect the most donations. Thanks for reading, and we hope to hear from you soon. My e-mail address is : rmcsprieger@msn.com, and mailing : 280 Rogers Loop, Bronte, Texas 76933. Let's Get Ready to Relay!

GRADUATION IS NO TIME TO LEARN YOU HAVEN'T SAVED ENOUGH FOR COLLEGE.

Barry D. Jackson
122 N. Eighth Street
Ballinger, TX 76821
(325) 365-2505
1-800-995-1252
www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

To learn more about paying for college, call today.

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

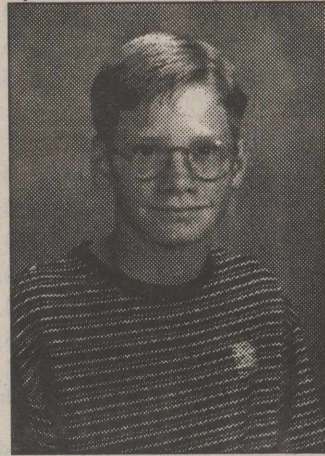
C-C Riders 6th Annual Car Show & Cruise

Saturday
May 13, 2006
Downtown Colorado City
Car Show 10 am - 3 pm
Cruise 5 pm - 7 pm

Cash Prizes and Trophies

Contact Scott Free at 325-728-2122
Deacon Magill at 325-728-3118
e-mail: dnkmagill@wtconnect.net
or mfratliff@sbcglobal.net

April 24, 1984 - May 17, 1998



CASEY NEAL EUBANKS

"No words were ever spoken.
No time to say goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it.
And only God knows why."
WE MISS YOU!
Mom, Dad, Colby, Lori,
Caitlyn and Nana



Lawrence Bros. Supermarket in Winters is pleased to announce our new Pharmacist in Charge:

Steve Oleksiuk, R.Ph.

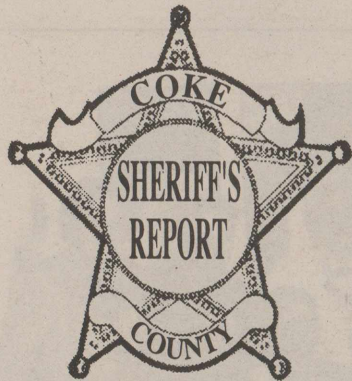
Many of you may already know Steve. He is a long-time area resident and he had his own pharmacy in Robert Lee for many years. Steve is looking forward to assisting you with all of your Rx needs, so please don't hesitate to phone in your prescriptions to 754-5680 and come through our convenient drive-thru to pick them up

OR

Come to the store, drop off your prescription, take advantage of our great grocery bargains and we will work to have your Rx ready for you by the time your shopping is done.

Come out to say hello to Steve and Esther at our reception for our loyal customers on Saturday, May 20 from 9 am - Noon.

Thank you for your business!



**Arrest/Charges Filed
April 2006**

Jeffery Hopson
Making Alcohol Available to a
Minor, 4-1-06;
Patricia Davis
Driving While License Invalid,
4-13-06;
David Troy Wilkes
Interfere with Emergency Phone
Call, 4-14-06;
Adrian Espinoza
Driving While License Invalid;
4-23-06.

**District Court
Dispositions
4-3-06**

The State of Texas vs. Will
Thomerson
Charge: Theft >1500 <20K
Plea: Credit for Time Served 75
Days
The State of Texas vs. Richard
Donaldson
Charge: Possession of a
Controlled Substance
Plea: Three Years Deferred
Adjudication, \$750.00 Fine,
\$140.00 Restitution
The State of Texas vs. Billy
McQueen
Charge: Driving While
Intoxicated, 3rd or More
Plea: Guilty, Eight Years
Probated, \$1500.00 Fine
The State of Texas vs.
Christopher Perdue
Charge: Possession of
Controlled Substance
Plea: Four Years Deferred
Adjudication, \$750.00 Fine,
\$140.00 Restitution

The State of Texas vs. Sommer
Perdue
Charge: Possession of
Controlled Substance
Plea: Four Years Deferred
Adjudication, \$750.00 Fine,
\$140.00 Restitution

**County Court
Dispositions
4-19-06**

The State of Texas vs. John
Paul Vasquez
Charge: Violation of Protective
Order
Plea: 30 days jail
The State of Texas vs. Clinton
Johnson
Charge: Failure to Identify
Plea: 30 days jail credit
The State of Texas vs. Thomas
Aulmann
Charge: Theft by Check
Plea: 10 days jail credit, fine
\$1.00, Court Cost \$261.00,
Restitution \$86.33
The State of Texas vs. Angela
Arthur
Charge: Driving While License
Invalid
Plea: 6 months deferred adjudication,
Fine \$200.00, Court Cost \$249.00,
24 hours community service
The State of Texas vs. William
Burke IV
Charge: Possession of Marijuana
<2oz
Plea: 6 months deferred adjudication,
Fine \$400.00, Court Cost \$249.00,
24 hours community service.

**Bright outlook
for graduates**

Those donning caps and
gowns this year may have more
to celebrate than their college
diplomas. Forty-one percent of
executives surveyed said their
firms are more active in recruit-
ing university graduates now
than they were five years ago.
Only 13 percent reported slow-
ing their college recruiting
efforts.

The national survey includes

responses from 150 senior
executives-including those from
human resources, finance and
marketing departments-with the
nation's 1,000 largest compa-
nies. It was conducted by an
independent research firm and
developed by Accountemps, the
world's first and largest special-
ized staffing service for tempo-
rary accounting, finance and
bookkeeping professionals.

Executives were asked, "Is
your firm more or less active in
recruiting entry-level candidates
from colleges now than it was
five years ago?" Their
responses: Significantly more-
14%; somewhat more-27%;
about the same-37%; somewhat
less-9%; significantly less-4%;
do not recruit from colleges-3%;
don't know-6%.

"As the hiring environment
has become increasingly com-
petitive, demand for recent
graduates also has risen," said
Max Messmer, chairman of
Accountemps and author of
Managing Your Career For
Dummies (John Wiley & Sons,
Inc.). "Yet, the best positions
still go to the most resourceful
job seekers. An active employ-
ment search that includes exten-
sive networking can help candi-
dates learn about unadvertised
job openings and determine
which organizations have the
most to offer them."

Messmer recommends new
graduates look beyond compen-
sation and job title when evalu-
ating employment offers. "Ed-
ucation doesn't end with gradua-
tion. The first position out of
college should provide learning
opportunities that will serve as
building blocks for the future
career success," he said. He
suggests considering the follow-
ing questions:

*Will I have a mentor? Will
your direct supervisor be sup-
portive of your professional
growth? Will this person be

your career coach?

*Do I have the ability to
advance? Is there a clear career
path for you in the company?
Does the firm have a history of
promoting from within?

*Are there opportunities to
learn? Will you be able to
expand your knowledge and
expertise through structured
training and professional devel-
opment programs?

Is the culture a fit? Will you
be comfortable in the work envi-
ronment? Is the atmosphere a
good match for your personal-
ity? Is the department team-ori-
ented or do most people work
individually?

Accountemps has more than
330 offices throughout North
America, Europe, Australia and
New Zealand, and offers online
job search services at
www.accountemps.com.

**Ill advised job
interview tactics**

While most job seekers strive
to make a positive impression
when meeting with hiring man-
agers, a recent survey suggests
others seem to go out of their
way to remove themselves from
consideration. Executives were
asked to describe the most inap-
propriate comments candidates
have made during employment
interviews. The responses
ranged from the applicant who
declared she didn't want to work
hard to the person who argued
the job requirements were
wrong-she then fell asleep.

The national survey includes
responses from 150 senior
executives-including those from
human resources, finance and
marketing departments-with the
nation's 1,000 largest compa-
nies. It was conducted by an
independent research firm and
developed by Accountemps, the
world's first and largest special-
ized staffing service for tempo-
rary accounting, finance and
bookkeeping professionals.

Executives were asked, "What is
the most inappropriate thing a can-
didate has said during a job inter-
view?" Here are some of their
responses:

*One candidate cursed during
the interview.

*An applicant stated that there
was nothing I could tell him he
didn't already know; he said he
knew everything about our
business.

*A person argued that the
requirements for hiring were
wrong-and then fell asleep.

*One candidate was 25 minutes
late for his interview and was
upset with me for being annoyed
by his tardiness.

*The person invited me out for a
drink after the interview.

"Job seekers should take a
moment to compose their thoughts
before they speak and focus their
comments on the specific knowl-
edge and experience they can bring
to the position," said Max
Messmer, chairman of
Accountemps and author of
Managing Your Career For
Dummies (John Wiley & Sons,
Inc.). "Interviews provide an
opportunity for employers to
become more acquainted with ap-
licants. Hiring managers are look-
ing for candor, professionalism
and a glimpse into the candidate's
personality."

These applicants may have been
too candid:

*The candidate told me that she
didn't want to work hard.

*One prospect told me all of the
reasons he shouldn't be hired.

*An individual applied for a cus-
tomer service job, and when asked
what he might not like about the
job, he said, 'dealing with people.'

*The applicant told me he
really was not interested in
the position, but he liked
that we allowed for a lot of
time off.

*The candidate said she would
really prefer a job offer from our
competitor.

**BRONTE HEALTH
& REHAB CENTER**

"THE LITTLE HOME
IN BRONTE, TEXAS,
WHERE QUALITY
CARE IS GIVEN BY A
CARING STAFF WITH
BIG HEARTS."

*

900 S. STATE
DRAWER M
BRONTE, TEXAS 76933

PHONE - 325-473-3621
FAX - 325-473-3472

*

SHOP AND COMPARE
LOWEST LEGAL SEMI-
PRIVATE RATES IN THE AREA


- 24 HOUR NURSING SERVICES
- ADMINISTRATOR WITH 39 YEARS EXPERIENCE
- BEAUTY & BARBER SHOP SERVICES
- CLEANEST HOME IN THE REGION
- DENTAL SERVICES
- EXCELLENT FOOD
- FRIENDLY STAFF
- HIGHEST STAFF TO RESIDENT RATIO
- HOSPICE SERVICES
- OPTOMETRY SERVICES
- PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES
- PODIATRY SERVICES
- PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES
- RECREATION SERVICES
- REHABILITATION SERVICES
- RESPITE SERVICES
- SENSORY STIMULATION ROOM
- TRANSPORTATION SERVICES


**Good Neighbor.
GREAT RATES.**


CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Term	Interest Rate	APY ¹	Minimum Opening Deposit
CD less than \$100,000			
90 days ²	4.50%	4.60%	\$500
180 days ²	4.59%	4.70%	
1 year	4.64%	4.75%	
2 year	4.69%	4.80%	
3 year	4.74%	4.85%	
4 year	4.88%	5.00%	
5 year	4.97%	5.10%	
CD of \$100,000 or more			
90 days ²	4.59%	4.70%	\$100,000
180 days ²	4.69%	4.80%	
1 year	4.74%	4.85%	
2 year	4.78%	4.90%	
3 year	4.83%	4.95%	
4 year	4.97%	5.10%	
5 year	5.07%	5.20%	

1 Withdrawals may result in early-withdrawal penalty, which could reduce Annual Percentage Yield (APY).
2 IRA and ESA are not available in 90-day or 180-day terms.

 **Greg Bratcher, CPCU**
State Farm Agent
5018 Knickerbocker
San Angelo, Texas 76904
(325) 223-2222

 **Bank.**
LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR,
STATE FARM IS THERE.

 **FDIC**

Cherry retires from Midland PD

Former Robert Lee resident, Christopher Cherry, has retired after serving 17 years at the Midland Police Dept. He is the son of residents, Cecil and Mary Cherry.

Although he is retired from the Midland Police Department, he will not stop working. Chris is serving as an adjunct professor teaching undergraduate courses online in organizational leadership for Mountain State University in Beckley, West Virginia. He is Vice President of Production and Human Resources for Arcturus Media, Inc. He will continue in law enforcement through consulting and as a speaker with the international organization, Ethics in Policing.

After high school graduation from Permian in Odessa, he served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps before embarking on a career as a police officer in 1985 with the Tom Green County Sheriff's Department in San Angelo. He has also worked as a Chief Deputy and as a United States Border Patrol Agent prior to joining the Midland Police Department in 1989.

There, his many assignments included working on the C.A.L.E.A. (Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies), a patrol officer, a field training officer, the Department Training Coordinator, a patrol sergeant, a field training sergeant, a patrol lieutenant, and as a division commander over community services.

He has taught many topics at the Police Recruit Academy. Chris is also a firearms instructor, a Master S.T.O.P.S. (Strategies and Tactics of Patrol Stops) Instructor, as well as holding a Master Peace Officer Certification from the State of Texas.

Mr. Cherry, a 2004 graduate of the FBI National Academy (218th), holds a B.A. from Angelo State University and a Master of Science from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, in Criminal Justice. He has also been involved in ethics training since the early 1990's. He has taught classes to law enforcement officers in three states and has had published ethics articles in a law enforcement journal with an international

readership.

Serving on the boards of directors of profit and non-profit organizations, he is the past president (2002-2004) and past lieutenant governor (2005) for the Midland Optimist Club.

Chris has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 15 years and has two daughters, Sarah and Katie.

Coke County Relay for Life set June 16 & 17

Anyone interested in making donations, taking part on a team, or walking in the Survivors lap, please contact Judy Blair @ 453-2380.

We need team members from Robert Lee to support this County Relay!

H-E-B to award two full four year scholarships to contest winners

It's time to rev up the imagination and take pen to paper for the chance to win four years of FREE college tuition. Entry forms for the H-E-B Short Story Contest are now available at all H-E-B stores and on-line at heb.com. The state-wide contest is open to all Texas middle and high school students. Submission deadline is June 1, 2006.

The short story contest is one of many highlights in the H-E-B Read Write Connect campaign, a year-long program designed to promote literacy and learning in Texas.

In July, 10 finalists will be named - one middle and high school finalist from each of the five regions around the state. Each of the 10 finalists will win a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. Then in August, two of the 10 finalists will be selected to receive the grand prize of four years of FREE college tuition to any Texas state university, underwritten by H-E-B. Additionally, the two grand prize winners will be published in a promo-

tion to appear in an upcoming edition of TEXAS MONTHLY.

"We are proud to offer Texas students this opportunity to take charge of their future by asking them to showcase their writing talents," said Pablo Rodriguez, H-E-B Public Affairs Manager. "In asking them to write down their aspirations, we aim to turn hopes into true goals."

Seeking Equality for Texans on Taxes

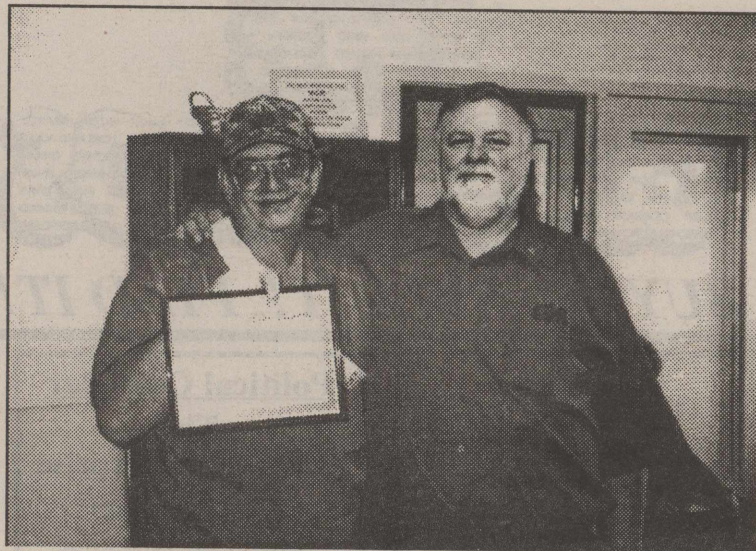
by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In checkout lines all across Texas, consumers watch as items are scanned, knowing they will have to pay the price the store charges plus state sales tax on the total. Until recently, the federal government even taxed you on the part of your income you had already used to pay state sales tax, but that changed after a victory in Congress for the people of Texas.

State governments have various options for raising revenue. Some levy income taxes, some use sales taxes and others use a combination of the two. But until Congress passed tax cuts in 2004, Texas was effectively penalized for exercising its independence in choosing not to assess an income tax. (When I was state treasurer, I fought efforts to pass a state income tax in Texas and we won.)

Citizens of other states who pay state income taxes have long been able to offset some of what they pay by deducting their state income tax on their federal tax returns. But those paying only a sales tax, like Texans, could not deduct their state taxes. This law was grossly unfair to Texans, and was costing Texas taxpayers almost \$1 billion a year.

So, Texans had their purchases taxed by the state government, and then they were taxed by the federal government on the income they had just used to pay the sales tax. It did not sit well



BH&RC Employee of the Month! Bubba Bannert (left) was named the Employee of the Month for April 2006 at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center. Bubba has worked at BH&RC for 8 years as a CNA and a restorative aide. Pictured with Bubba is Administrator John DiFrancesco.

with me to have Texans paying additional taxes on the very money they used to pay their state tax.

All Americans should be treated equally when it comes to deducting their state taxes, whether they pay state income taxes or sales taxes. I worked with fellow Texan, Congressman Kevin Brady, to include this deduction in the tax relief bill of 2004. This deduction can make a difference. A family of four in Texas that itemizes and uses the sales tax deduction saves about \$408 a year in federal income taxes. Until last year, Texas taxpayers did not have the ability to deduct their sales taxes. Now they do.

This deduction was set to expire this year, but I am working to change that. I pushed for the inclusion of a two-year state and local sales tax deduction extension in the 2005 tax bill, and I am happy to report to you that the U.S. Senate responded by passing the Tax Relief Extension Act last year. Now we need to get the full Congress to pass the extension so that Texas will continue to have the same tax relief opportunities as the rest of the nation.

This extension is a good start, but I am far from finished pursuing fairness for Texans. This deduction must be made permanent, and I will continue to fight for this in the Senate.

Sales tax deductibility is not only an issue of funda-

mental tax fairness, but is also an economic stimulus that creates jobs and improves the lives of the 55 million Americans living in the seven states which do not levy income taxes, but do levy sales taxes (Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming).

Texans have the right to choose their own method of assessing state taxes. Taxing on income tends to discourage people from trying to earn more because the government takes more money for each extra dollar earned. On the other hand, collecting money through a sales tax tends to encourage people to save money because you are not taxed on money you do not spend. This, in turn, motivates people to plan for the future, setting money aside for retirement, college and health care expenses.

We do not tell other states to tax our way, and we should not be penalized for not following their way either. When the federal government fails to put our method of taxing on equal footing with other methods, it interferes with our right to govern ourselves as we see fit.

You work hard for your money, and I do not want the federal government reaching into your pockets to take money that it is not entitled to. There are too many taxes already, and double-taxing Texans because we choose not to have a state income tax is unacceptable.

UNDER CONTRACT

NEAR PARK & GOLF COURSE! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Home! Updated with ceramic tile & berber carpet! Screened porch & extra land! \$60 s!!!

SOLD!

EXTRAS GALORE! with this 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Home! 2 Living Areas! 2 Dining Areas! Huge Master Suite! Two Car Carport, Covered Porch, Fenced Backyard! All in established neighborhood! UNDER \$20,000!!!

Concho Realty

Office 653-4535
www.conchorealty.com

Becky Clendennen
Owner/Broker
Home 453-4748
Cell 650-9729

Melinda McCutchen
REALTOR®
Home 473-3201
Cell 473-8863

North Runnels Home Health Agency

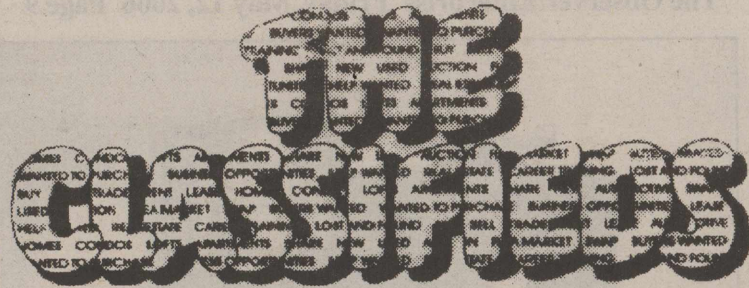
106 N. Main

Winters, Texas

325-754-4141

Monday through Friday

8 am - 5 pm



BUY IT! SELL IT! FIND IT!

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES
Rates when paid in advance.
First Insertion
20¢ Per Word
\$3 Minimum
Subsequent Insertions
16¢ Per Word
\$2.50 Minimum
Legal Notices:
25¢ Per Word
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.

FOR SALE
4 BR/2 BA, brick home. Meta shop. 2 1/2 lots, water well large pecan trees. 213 7th Sterling City. 325-378-6551 o 325-453-2343.

FOR SALE
16x60 Mobile Home. Good condition. Call Ricky Ross 453-4671.

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

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
Robert Feil
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
Bobby Blaylock
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1
D. Joan Davis
COKE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
Josie Dean
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1
Marshall Millican

FOR SALE
3 BR, 1 BA home in Bronte. Large yard, very clean, fully furnished and ready to move in. Call Joe Stephens, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Patterson Properties, 325/234-1099, or evenings 325/896-2190. Webpage cbpatterson.com; email jstephensrealtor@zipnet.us.

FOR SALE
Commercial building. 121 W. Main, downtown Bronte. For more information, call 453-2787 or 473-3202.

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

SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
recreational building 88x27 with 5 pool tables, jukebox downtown Robert Lee, Texas. For sale or will trade for acreage in Coke County area. 325-453-4625, 325-656-2631.

FOR SALE
Sharply reduced prices. 1995 Ford Mustang GT, needs transmission, looks good, \$1500 OBO, was \$3000. 1965 Dodge Dart, coupe, needs starter, paint, should be a dandy, \$600. 1994 Lincoln Mark 8, rare, good, 103k, new tires. 1973 Cad. Eldorado, needs restoration, \$300, motor 500 ci alone worth the price. Perry Kehrer, 453-9768.

FOR RENT

FOR LEASE
Large shop with office & restroom on over 350' of Hwy 277 frontage in Bronte. Call 325/672-0204. \$500/month.

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

TAKING APPLICATIONS
for one, two & three bedroom apartments. Washers, dryers, RO water systems in each unit. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.

MISCELLANEOUS

REPRESENTING BIRK MONUMENTAL MFG.
George Grim. 453-9902 or 653-5946.

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.

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

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

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

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).

ASH-MILICAN-CARSON REAL ESTATE
453-5144 OFFICE • 5 E 6TH STREET • ROBERT LEE, TX
JOE ASH www.amcwesttexasranches.com MARSHALL MILICAN
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
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.
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 Office Building Prime location. Landscaped with additional lots.
House To Be Moved, 1664 sq. ft. home, 3BR, 2BA, Central Air-Conditioning/Central Heating, Good Condition, Presently Occupied.
Building To Be Moved, One room with partition, One half bathroom, Central Air-Conditioning/Central Heating, Very good condition.

Acreage
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
884 +/- AC. 150 ac. in cultivation, 172 ac. improved pasture, 2 water wells, 2 tanks, barn, good fences, excellent hunting. Black Buck Antelope.

We have Buyers, We need Land Listings.

673 +/- AC, 4 year old, 2659 sq. ft. custom built brick home, 3 BR, 3 BA, Fireplace in living & master bedroom, Large master bathroom, walk-in closets, Large back porch overlooking scenic mountain range. 3 water wells, 2 dirt tanks, pasture land with 3 wildlife food plots, deep canyon, hunters cabin & deer stands. Excellent hunting.
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. County Road access, two water wells with concrete reservoirs and electricity, mobile home cover, pens and barn, hay shed, all pasture with some deferred cultivation, rolling terrain with deep brushy draw, panoramic mountain views. Choice Hunting.
160 +/- AC. New Listing, County Road access, Rural Water, water well with 5x30 concrete storage, electricity, pasture land with deferred cultivation to CRP, cross fenced, hilltop view of Lake E.V. Spence.
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.

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

HOUSECLEANING
Will do light housecleaning. Call Meagan Ross 453-4671.

LAWN CARE
Will mow, weed eat, etc. Call Mason Ross 453-4671.

WANTED
responsible party to take on small monthly payments on High Definition Big Screen TV. 1-800-398-3970.

FREE
Upright piano. Plays good. You haul it. Call 453-2220 for details.

WANTED
responsible party to take on small monthly payments on High Definition Big Screen TV. 1-800-398-3970.

AVON REPS NEEDED
325-223-5068.

FUNDRAISER BAKE SALE SET
There will be a bake sale Saturday, May 13 at Super H Grocery beginning at 9 am. The bake sale will benefit Laura Bell to help with medical expenses due to chemotherapy.

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, May 13. 8 am-?. 2 W. 15th, Robert Lee. Misc. stuff.

SALE
Friday, May 12 & Saturday, May 13, 8 am-all is sold. All new merchandise. Infants, childrens, womens and mens clothing. Shoes, womens' boots, purses, billfolds and some toys. Storage #127, across from Cindy's, Robert Lee.

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, 8 - ? Corner of 8th and Houston, Robert Lee.

GARAGE/CARPOR SALE
Friday & Saturday, 12 noon til 8 pm. 410 W. 16th St., Robert Lee. Many items.

NOTICES

NOTICE
The Bronte Independent School District will hold a public hearing on Expenditure of Federal Funds for the 2006-2007 school year on May 22, 2006, at 3:35 pm in the Library at 210 South Jefferson, Bronte, Texas.

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

THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE
Serving Coke County
P.O. Box 1329 Robert Lee, TX 76945
(915) 453-2433

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.

College tuition assistance offered

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance-College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 1000 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship list includes the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 650067, Potomac Falls, VA 20165-006.

County warns against illegal dumping

Recently there has been a problem in Coke County with illegal dumping on county roads. Section 365.012 of the Health and Safety Code states that it is a violation of the law to dump any tires, appliances, furniture, etc. on County roads. Penalties can range from a fine to possible jail time.

In Robert Lee, you

may put appliances and furniture by your trash can for Trash-a-way to pick-up. But please call City Hall and let them know what needs to be picked up. The Robert Lee City Dump accepts only wood materials and composition shingles.

In Bronte, you may put appliances without the compressors and furniture by your trash can to be picked up by Allied Waste out of Abilene.

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.

FSA approves haying & 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 the landowner requests to graze his/her CRP, all live-stock 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%.



District 4-H winners! Emilee Yanez (right) and Kacee Roberts won first place with their 4-H swine method demonstration at district contest. More than 500 members, their parents, adult leaders and Extension personnel from the district's 23 counties attended the event. Roundup is the final step in a series of district contests of various disciplines held in recent months. Roundup judges test the skills and knowledge of 4-H members. Categories range from traditional agriculture related areas such as swine and sheep to non traditional areas including fashions, family life and public speaking.

*Please Exercise
Your Privilege*

VOTE

May 13, 2006

**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.

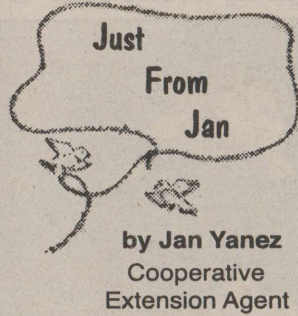
IVEY MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

<p>1997 Mercury Grand Marquis LS #7034A \$4,995 <i>White • Tan Leather • 95,000 Miles • Excellent Condition!</i></p> <p>2003 Lincoln Town Car Signature #7031A \$17,595 <i>White • Tan Heated Leather Seats • Light hail</i></p> <p>2001 Chevy 2500 Reg. Cab #F219C \$ 7,495 <i>Silverado Pkg. • White • Replacement Front Bumper</i></p> <p>2005 Ford Taurus SE #7017A \$12,495 <i>Spruce Green • V6 • Automatic • Light hail</i></p> <p>2003 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT 4x4 #E166A \$14,999 <i>White w/Gray Cloth Interior • 5.4 V8 • Light hail</i></p> <p>2002 Toyota Celica GT #7013A \$14,995 <i>Satin Silver • Automatic • Very Sporty! • 29K Miles</i></p> <p>2005 Ford Mustang #7035 \$18,695 <i>Vibrant White • Charcoal Interior • 21,000 Miles • Very Sporty!</i></p> <p>2004 Chevy 2500 Extended Cab LS #F132B \$24,995 <i>Pewter • 40,000 Miles • Duramax Diesel</i></p> <p>1998 Ford Expedition XLT #4838A \$ 9,995 <i>Toreador Red • Tan Cloth • Great Family Ride!</i></p> <p>2005 Ford Freestar SE #F218A \$16,995 <i>White • 3rd Row Seat • Rear Air • Light hail</i></p> <p>2001 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT #F144A \$ 9,995 <i>Maroon • V8 • Automatic • Power Windows & Locks</i></p>	<p>2005 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 #7036 \$19,995 <i>Satin Silver • Moon roof • Loaded!</i></p> <p>2005 Lincoln Towncar Signature #7037 \$26,995 <i>French Silk • Beige Leather • Light hail</i></p> <p>2006 Ford Taurus SEL #7040 \$15,295 <i>Arizona Beige • Tan Leather • Floor Shift • 8,600 Miles!</i></p>
---	---

*Light Hail of a Sale!
Special pricing on
select vehicles!*

Ask For: **453-4561**

Randy Flanagan • Marsha Wink



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Label Lingo: What's in Bottled Waters

Today's supermarket shelves offer bottled waters, some flavored, others plain. but what do the terms mean? According to the FDA:

*Artesian water is a certain type of well water, collected without mechanical pumping. The well must tap a confined aquifer that has water standing much higher than the rock, gravel, or sand. An aquifer is an underground layer of rock or sand with water.

*Well water is collected from an underground aquifer, too, but with a mechanical pump.

*Drinking water is bottled water from an approved source. It must meet state and federal standards and go through minimal filtration and disinfection.

*Mineral water contains minerals at a standard level, no less than 250 parts per million of total dissolved solids, or minerals. These minerals must be naturally present, not added. If the level is less than 500 ppm, it will be labeled "low mineral content" if higher than, 1500 ppm, "high mineral content."

*Purified water has been processed to remove minerals and other solids. The process may be distillation, deionization, reverse osmosis, or another suitable process. Tip: "Purified" doesn't mean that purified water is any more pure or better for you than tap.

*Distilled water, which is one type of purified water

has been evaporated to steam, then recondensed to remove minerals.

*Sparkling water is water with a fizz. Either carbon dioxide is added, or water is naturally carbonated. If carbon dioxide is added, it can not have any more than its naturally carbonated level. It can be labeled as natural sparkling water only if there is no added carbonation. Seltzer, tonic water, and club soda are considered soft drinks, not sparkling water, and may contain sugar and calories.

*Spring water comes from an underground source and naturally flows to the surface. It must be collected at the spring or through a bored hole that taps an underground source of the spring. If it is collected by an external (not natural force) it must have the same composition and physical qualities (perhaps carbonated) as the naturally flowing spring water.

Lawn & Garden Checklist

Vegetables & Herbs: May is one of our peak harvest seasons in the vegetable garden. Many of the warm season crops such as squash, beans, and tomatoes are ripening now. Pick vegetables while at their peak of quality. Green beans, for example, are their best while still young and tender. Left too long they tend to get tough and lose quality. Learn how to harvest each of the vegetables you grow at their peak of quality.

With the weather warming up most of our cool season vegetables are done. Pull out any that remain and work a couple of inches of compost into the soil to prepare for the next planting. Unless the next planting is a legume such as beans or peas, work 8 to 10 cups of organic or 4 to 5 cups of synthetic fertilizer per 100 square feet into the soil and mix it in about 3 to 4

inches deep.

Keep young growing vegetables moving along with light feedings with a soluble fertilizer such as one of the liquid feed products or a fish emulsion and seaweed solution. When they have a few true leaves and are well on their way, lightly work some fertilizer into the soil alongside the row of plants. If you are using a low concentration organic product with a nitrogen content from 5 to 9 percent, apply 2 cups per 10 feet of row. If using a synthetic product with 15 to 20 percent nitrogen, lower the rate to 1/2 to 1 cup per 10 feet to avoid burning plants. Then mulch the soil surface well to help hold in moisture and deter weeds.

Trees, Shrubs & Vines: Any spring blooming shrubs that have not been pruned but which are in need of some shaping should be trimmed now. This gives them plenty of time to grow and set buds for next spring's bloom season.

Roses are winding up their peak spring bloom, but more flushes of bloom are yet to come. Keep the plants vigorous by adequate watering and fertilizing. Apply 2 tablespoons of fertilizer in a circular area extending 2 feet out from each bush in all directions. Then lightly work this into the upper inch of soil surface and water in well. Repeat this feeding every month or so. Trim off spent blooms and maintain a good cover of mulch all summer.

Consider planting some vines for a break from the summer heat or to add vertical interest to the landscape. Arbors need a

good flowering vine to bring some graceful beauty to their otherwise barren right angled form. Fences also can be turned from boring to beautiful with an appropriate vine. The sooner you start, the sooner your arbor, fence or porch post will be adorned with a beautiful woody, perennial or annual vine.

New trees are now beginning to become established and will benefit from some feeding. We want to get these trees up and going fast so we can enjoy lounging beneath their shade as soon as possible, right? Apply one or two cups of a 3-1-2 or 4-2-2 ratio fertilizer product per inch of trunk diameter. Sprinkle the fertilizer evenly throughout a large circular area extending out about 1 1/2 times the branch spread of the tree. Then scratch it lightly into the surface inch or two of soil and water it in well. Repeat this again in early to mid summer. With mulch and moderate soil moisture such periodic feeding each late winter, spring and summer can double the growth rate on your new shade tree, cutting the DTH (days to hammock) in half!

Lawns & Groundcovers: Our warm season turfgrasses love hot weather if provided with adequate moisture. The best watering regimen is a good soaking on an infrequent basis. We tend to water our lawns too little, too often which promotes diseases and shallow rooting. In the absence of rainfall an inch of irrigation every 7 to 14 days is adequate for sunny areas of the lawn.

If you did not fertilize in spring and the turf lacks good

color or vigor, a light application of high nitrogen fertilizer can still be applied. One half to one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet is about right. Take the first number on the fertilizer bag and divide it into 100. That gives the number of pounds of fertilizer needed to provide a pound of nitrogen. For example, with an 8-2-4 product: 100 divided by 8 equals about 12. So it takes 6 to 12 pounds of that fertilizer to get one half to one pound of nitrogen.

Over fertilizing the lawn results in extra mowing, shallow rooting, extra need for water, and greater susceptibility to problems such as grubs, chinch bugs, and brown patch. Over the course of a growing season the clippings produced by your mower provide more nutrition to the soil than the fertilizer put out by your fertilizer spreader.

Timely Tips: Houseplants struggling with low light levels indoors can get a good boost if gradually moved to a very shady outdoor location. The light levels in a shady outdoor spot are much higher than most indoor locations.

Remember to fertilize your houseplants and keep them well watered as their water needs will increase significantly after the move outdoors.

Weeds can quickly invade flower and garden beds. Two insidious examples are Bermuda-grass and nutsedge. Give them an inch and they will indeed take over the entire bed.

Regular digging and spraying are usually needed to shut down an invasion. If you wait to take action your task will increase several fold.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Luminaria Order Form • Suggested Donation of \$5 each

Please print and Check the correct box

In Memory In Honor Name _____
Of _____

Please print

Your Name _____

Please mail this form to:

Address _____

American Cancer Society
Coke County Relay For Life
PO Box 655
Bronte, Texas 76933

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Cash \$ _____

Please make Checks payable to the American Cancer Society. Please copy form as needed.

Use your feet ... and your heart.

Form a team and join the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Join your community in an overnight fight against cancer! The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be held **June 16, 2006, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. at the Bronte Track Field.**

Relay teams will take turns walking, running, or even strolling around the track. The teams consist of individuals representing corporations, churches, clubs, organizations and families. During the Relay For Life, team members may enjoy games, food, music, and camaraderie while camping out on the surrounding grounds. If you are a CANCER SURVIVOR, we want you to join us in the Survivor's Victory Lap. Please call Julie Springer @ 325/473-7018. Luminaria Chairperson is Glenda Draper, 473-2050.

Abilene to
Las Vegas

FROM **\$79*** ONE WAY

Only at allegiantair.com

Nonstop air service from Abilene. Packages include over 35 of Vegas' most exciting casino-resorts.

www.allegiantair.com
800-432-3810 or call your travel agent.

*Seats are limited and fares may not be available on all flights. All fares are one-way. Must be purchased by May 27, 2006 for travel to be completed by Nov. 2, 2006. Fares are non-refundable and do not include PG, segment tax or September 11th security fee of up to \$20 per segment. Fare purchased at an Allegiant Air ticket counter in through Allegiant Air call centers will cost an additional \$5.00 per segment. A segment is defined as one take-off and one landing. Fare rules, routes and schedule are subject to change without notice.