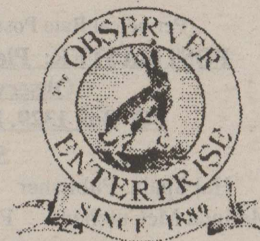


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Saluting the Robert Lee High School Class of 2006

Formal commencement exercises for twenty Robert Lee High School seniors will be held Friday, May 26, 2006, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium.

The evening will begin with the processional by Mrs. Gayle Bolding. The invocation will be given by Stephanie Trejo. Carolina Vera will then give the Salutatory Address, followed by Cassidy Wink with the Valedictory address. Mr. Aaron Hood, Superintendent, will introduce the evening's speaker, who will be Mrs. Linda Burns.

Next will be the presentation of diplomas by Mrs. Irma Torres and Mr. Kevin Roe, School Board Representatives. The Senior Slide Show will be presented, followed by Lance Millican leading the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Argentina Arellano, Clayton Monty Austin, Joshua Wilson Conner, Jesse Eads IV, Johnathan Rene Eads, Cara Nicole Eaton, Margarita Analy Gallegos, Lydia Rose Lara, Shannon Joseph Martin, Kyla Shay Millican, Lance Matthiesen Millican, Jeramy Clayton Penney, Brandon James Phillips, Vanessa Saucedo, Brandon Joe Soliz, Amanda Nicole Thurman, Christopher Ray Torres, Stephanie Nicole Trejo, Carolina Beltran Vera and Cassidy Ann Wink.

Ushers for the evening will include Erica O'Neil,

Brettnie Reed, Eleasar Vera and Johnathan Pagan.

Twenty-three Robert Lee JH graduates honored

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-three Robert Lee Junior High eighth graders will be held Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium.

Mrs. Gayle Bolding will provide the processional. The invocation will be given by Emilee Yanez. The Salutatory Address will then be given by Emily Arellano, followed by Stetson Nesbit with the Valedictory Address. Mr. Dwin Nanny will then present the class. The students will be presented with their diplomas by Jeffie Roberts and Tod Reed, School Board Representatives. Rebecka Saucedo will give the benediction to close the evening's ceremony.

This year's class members include Emily Arellano, Jennifer Barrett, Devin Batten, Briana Brisbin, William Cody Brosh, Cayetano Carrerra, Jr., Justina Gloria, Josef Hanigan, Molli Hinderliter, Sarah Jones, Piedad Juarez, Juan Landeros, Nancy Landeros, Blake Millican, Jacob Moreno, Stetson Nesbit, Erika Percy, Miguel Perez, Colton Reed, K.W. Tyler Roe, Rebecka Saucedo, Olivia Trejo, and Emilee Yanez.

CERT New Member training slated for June 3-4

The Coke County Sheriff's Department and the Coke County Sheriff's Department CERT Team, in conjunction with the Concho Valley Council of Governments, will conduct a CERT new member training in Bronte at the Bronte Housing Authority Meeting Room. The training will be held from 8 am - 5 pm on Saturday, June 3 and from 1 pm - 5 pm, Sunday, June 4, 2006. The training is at no cost to the persons attending. The training is available to all interested persons, no matter the level of experience of the individual.

For more information regarding CERT and to sign up for the training, you may contact the Coke County Sheriff's Department at 453-2717.

8th Annual Benefit Trail Ride & Dance set for Bronte

The Bronte VFD will be holding a benefit Trail Ride & Dance Saturday, May 27. The dance will feature Kelly Spinks and begins at 8 pm.

These events will be held at the Lee Ranch on Hwy. 277, 22 miles south of Bronte and 12 miles north of San Angelo.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the events. For more information contact Jimmie Guthrie at 473-3049.

Holiday Closings

Both Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls, along with the Coke County Courthouse, will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

FSA Farm Crop Program Sign up nearly over

This is a final reminder that June 1, 2006 is the very last date by which a producer can sign up his/her farm in the (DCP Program) Farm Crop Program, for the 2006 crop year.

This is an every year sign up and June 1 is always the final date. After this date and until September 30, 2006, a producer may still sign up but an administrative fee of \$100 per farm



RLHS Honor Graduates! Robert Lee High School honor graduates for 2006 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 98.84 average is Cassidy Wink (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wink. The Salutatorian with a 97.65 average is Carolina Vera (right), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymundo Vera.

must be paid at the time an application is made.

All signatures on the contract (CCC-509) must be on the contract by June 1.

All producers who want to sign up need to get signed up timely and not have to pay the administrative fee.

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

Sanco

Homecoming set for June 11

Sanco's 52nd Homecoming is set for June 11 at the Sanco Tabernacle with the program beginning at 10 am.

There will be a covered dish lunch following the program at noon. Bring your meat, veggies, salad, or desserts. Iced tea and paper goods will be furnished.

June 3 and 10 have been designated as the days to get everything in order for the Homecoming. There is always lots of mowing, raking, and cleaning to be done. Come and help if you can. Your help will be appreciated.

Bronte Spring Clean-Up slated

The annual Spring Clean-Up has been set for the City of Bronte. Clean-up days have been set for Monday, June 12 and Thursday, June 15.

There will be no trash collection done on Saturday.

Residents can place their items curbside on their regular trash day. Items must be out by 7:00 am. Trucks will

run as needed to ensure that all the items are picked up.

Residents with normal Monday trash collection will be serviced on June 12. Residents with normal Thursday trash collection will be serviced on June 15.

The following items will not be picked up: batteries, tires, chemicals, wet paint cans, appliances containing freon or puron.

Tree limbs can be picked up if they are bundled in 4-5 ft. lengths.

Residents can call the City Hall (473-3501) if they have any questions regarding the Clean-Up.

County Wide Fish Fry slated

A County Wide Fish Fry, benefiting the Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth Group Summer Camp is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, from 5 pm until it's gone! It will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall with Paul and Sid Burns cooking. Come and eat or carry out or take local delivery.

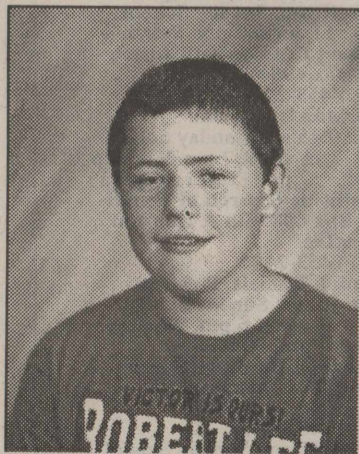
For ticket cost and other information call 453-2724 or e-mail church@wtxs.net.

Robert Lee Pool scheduled to open

The Robert Lee Pool will be open this Saturday, May 27, from 1 pm - 6 pm. Regular pool hours will be from 2 pm - 6 pm every day this summer.

Carnation Sale set

The Robert Lee Baptist Church is taking orders for Father's Day Carnations May 14 through June 4. For more information or to order, call 453-2724.



RLHS Honor Graduates! Robert Lee Junior High School honor graduates for 2006 have been announced. The Valedictorian is Stetson Nesbit, son of Casey and Sue Ann Nesbit. The Salutatorian is Emily Arellano, daughter of Raul and Tracy Arellano.

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Obituaries



Pendergrast

Much-decorated, world-girdling retired Army Sergeant-Major Thomas D. Pendergrast died May 18, 2006 at Veterans Hospital in Temple, TX. Visitation was Sunday from 2 - 4 p.m. at North's Funeral Home. Graveside service was held Monday at 2 p.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery with Dr. Herbert Wood officiating, under the direction of North's Funeral Home.

He was born March 27, 1932, in Bronte, TX, the fifth child and first of a pair of twins born to Robert Homer Pendergrast of Abilene, Kansas, and Anna Mae Eaton Pendergrast of Bronte.

Preceding him in death were his mother and father and brothers; Eddie Brock, Carl Brock, and Charlie Frank Pendergrast.

Survivors include sister; Wanda Pendergrast Allen and husband Richard of Weatherford and twin brother Sam Pendergrast of Abilene and recently of Maxdale, nieces, nephews and many others.

Condolences may be sent to: www.northsfuneralhome.com

Tabor

Jim Tom Tabor went to be with our Lord on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at the Robert Lee Care Center.

He was born on December 2, 1914 in Burkett in Coleman County. He was raised on ranches until the 1920's. Jim married Velma Kyle on February 22, 1936. He farmed and later went to the oilfield where he worked for three years. He retired in 1976 after working in heavy construction for 23 years in New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Texas. After retirement, they moved to Robert Lee. Velma passed away in 1980.

Jim went to Brazil on a missionary trip in 1980

through 1982. He married Reba Roberts and they kept busy volunteering with services, the nursing home and RSVP. He served as ombudsman for the nursing home in Robert Lee, Bronte, Sterling City, and San Angelo. They were very active and interested in helping others and trying to serve God.

Jim was a faithful member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Reba Tabor of Robert Lee; a son, Jerry Tabor of Plano; three daughters, Joyce Higdon and husband, Ernie of Eldorado, Reta Weeaks and husband, Ted of San Angelo, and Glenna Tabor of Andrews; a step-daughter, Kaye Pitcock and husband, Gaylon of Robert Lee; a sister, Zora Ashley of Grapevine; eight grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2006 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Senior Citizens news

By Karla Hamrick

On Monday, July 3, 2006, the Senior Center in Robert Lee will be the site

for an ice cream and watermelon supper, beginning at 6:00 pm. Sandwiches and chips will also be available. The event is, once more, potluck to make having these celebrations possible.

The center is growing in attendance, and we are very excited. The Fourth of July reminds us that we all have so much for which to be thankful; our freedoms should not be taken for granted. This event is not limited to those attending meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We want all Seniors and their families to attend. Please RSVP to Karla Hamrick at 453-4780 or Susan Millegan at 453-4790 or to the center at 453-2314.

Roe receives Ford's highest honor again

Ivey Motor Company owner Billy Wayne Roe has recently been awarded the 2005 President's Award by the Ford Motor Company for the third year in a row. There are only 340 of 4,000 competing dealers that receive this honor. This is the highest honor that Ford Motor Company presents each year. This award is reserved for the best of the best!

According to Billy Wayne, "It takes lots of hard work and dedication from a really great crew to achieve an honor like this." In a letter sent to Roe by Ford Motor Co. executives, they explained it like this: "An accomplishment this significant can only be achieved by a total team effort. You should be proud of the focus on customer satisfaction demonstrated by your entire organization."

Receiving this award is made possible by everyone at Ivey Motor Co. striving for excellence in customer



Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe

satisfaction. From the person who answers the phone to the Sales Consultants, Technicians, Office staff, Parts and Body Shop staff, everyone plays a part in providing great service.

As a result of this achievement, Billy Wayne and Dolores traveled to San Diego where Roe was honored with the other President's Award recipients, May 15-18. They stayed at the beautiful Southern California Four Seasons Resort Aviara and participated in various distinctive activities. The letter was accurate in saying, "from the opening gala, you'll experience the most historic and beautiful venues Southern California has to offer."

Thanks to the continued support of loyal Ivey

Motor Co. customers, the achievement of this award was made possible again.

Singing Winds Golf Tourney held

The Singing Winds Golf Course was the site of a golf tournament on May 20, 2006, with teams from the area competing for first, second and third places.

Winners in the three flights were: Championship - 1st) Baker/Mullins, 2nd) Hall/Saucedo, 3rd) Gehrels/Arthur. First Flight - 1st) Carreon/Carreon, 2nd) Moore/Copeland, 3rd) Luckett/Walston. Second Flight - 1st) Arthur/Arthur, 2nd) Towbridge/Covington, 3rd) Reed/Kitzman.

The J. T. Henry Memorial Tournament will be held on June 17. For information, please call The Singing Winds Golf Course at 473-2156.

Area Churches

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
Portis Ribble, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
Wed. 6 pm

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

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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

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Bronte receives HOME grant

The City of Bronte has received an Owner-Occupied Assistance Grant known as the HOME Program to assist low income, elderly and disabled homeowners living in the city limits. The HOME Program is a Federal grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The city received funds to build nine new homes for eligible homeowners. This is a grant offered to assist those with great need; therefore, no repayment is required.

GrantWorks, a Texas-based consulting firm, is working with the City of Bronte on administering the HOME Program. GrantWorks will hold an application intake at City Hall on June 6th. This is when qualified homeowners complete an application and turn in their supporting documentation.

If a homeowner applies for the program and is approved, they will have a new home built for them with these funds. The homeowner does not have to pay the money back and the existing warranty deed will transfer to the new home.

To qualify for the program, a homeowner must live in the city, own their home, be current on their property taxes, occupy the home, and earn less than the income limits listed below. All income in the household is counted toward the total income for the application.

The income limits for Bronte are as follows:

Income By Family Size - Yearly, Monthly, Weekly:

- 1 Person: \$15,600; \$1,300; \$300
- 2 Person: \$17,800; \$1,483; \$342
- 3 Person: \$20,050; \$1,671; \$386
- 4 Person: \$22,250; \$1,854; \$428
- 5 Person: \$24,050; \$2,150; \$496
- 6 Person: \$25,800; \$2,150; \$496
- 7 Person: \$27,600; \$2,300; \$531
- 8 Person: \$29,350; \$2,446; \$564.

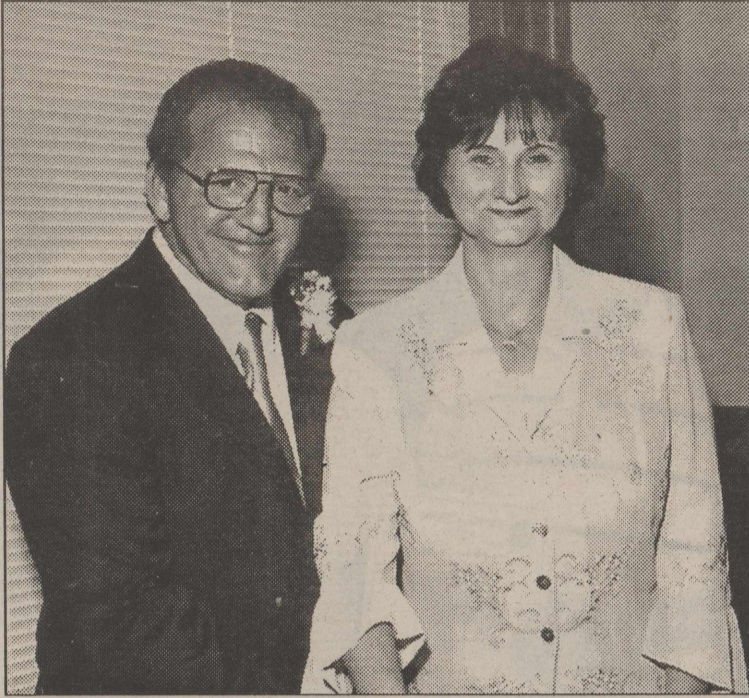
The HOME Program can not assist those living in manufactured housing (trailers).

The City of Bronte hopes that homeowners in the city understand that this program is real and that nine new homes can be built. The homes will be two or three bedrooms, one bath, 888 square feet, and include a new stove and refrigerator.

If you wish to know more about the City of Bronte HOME Program, please contact Rhia Frater of GrantWorks at (512) 420-0303 or submit your name, address and phone number to the Bronte City Hall and you will receive a flyer and information sheet about the application intake.

CCRTA presents appreciation awards

Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, May 15, 2006. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the First Baptist



Gower-Kelly married! Darlene Gower and Timothy A. Kelly were married May 11, 2006, at Ballinger Carnegie Library. The bride is the daughter of Bessie Brice of Robert Lee and the late Edward Brice.

Church in Bronte.

Beth Prather, president, presided at the meeting and presented framed certificates of recognition of appreciation awards. Members receiving awards were: Emma Lee and Jimmy Bickley for unusual service to TRTA; Wanda and C.B. Barbee for unusual service; Mary Lawhon for service as unit treasurer; Paul Gothard for service as legislative chairman; Celia Bowden for service as yearbook chairman; Jo Ellen Tianen for the most volunteer hours for the past year.

The meeting was concluded with unit members giving Beth Prather a standing ovation in appreciation for her faithful and outstanding service as president for the past two years.

Members attending were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, Jamie Boren, Nina Brewer, Wanda Brewer, Glenda Draper, Jean Fancher, Harrell Foshee, Janice Foshee, June Gulley, Jerry Horn, Mimzi Horn, Mary Lawhon, Pat Lee, Melba Mauldin, Mary Patterson, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Gerald Sandusky, Mickey Stevens, Janet Wommack. Guests present were: Rick

Howell, Terry Marrs, Alan Richey, Jo Ann Rose, and Roy Rose.

New officers will be installed at the next meeting, September 18, 2006.

"Think Pink" for Relay for Life

Your support is needed for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Coke County, June 16-17. The "Think Pink" team is doing a couple of different fundraisers, and support will be greatly appreciated. The team be selling Satin Hands Peach Smoothie Sets and all profits will be donated to Relay for Life. They're also raffling a gift basket with \$350 of Mary Kay products, including a complete skin care system, spa set, pedicure set, sunscreen, and much much more. The basket may be viewed at Kickin' Up Roses in Robert Lee. The winner will be drawn the morning of the Relay, and need not be present to win. Satin Hands Sets and raffle tickets may be purchased at Kickin' Up Roses, Tiffany Roach, 453-2036 or by calling Tiffany Bruning 453-5321 or Tiffany Lange 473-2474 in Bronte.

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 Regular, Light or Select
Budweiser Beer
 20 Pack Bottles **\$13.69**
 Natural Light 24 pack **\$12.69**

Drennan recognized as valedictorian

Brittini Helen Drennan will be graduating Valedictorian with a Distinguished Diploma from Dawson ISD on Friday, May 26. Brittini has been a cheerleader for three years and served as captain her senior year. She received the NCA Excellence in Leadership Award and was selected as a NCA All-American Team Member. She participated in cross country, track, golf, tennis and was captain of the varsity basketball team and recognized to the Texas 6 Man Academic All-State Team and All-District Honorable Mention. Brittini was in the UIL One Act Play receiving West Zone All-Star Cast honors her junior and senior years. She also participated in UIL prose, poetry and science. Also she was recognized as having Perfect Attendance her freshman and junior years.

Brittini was chosen by her peers as Most Spirited the past three years, Most Likely to Succeed, Homecoming Queen, and Basketball Queen Nominee. She also was Freshman Class Favorite and served as class officer and Student Council Representative during those years. Brittini has been active in the Dawson FFA chapter serving as president the past two years and received the Greenhand Award, Top Hand Award, Star Chapter FFA Degree and the DeKalb Award. She competed in Sr. Creed Speaking, Quiz Team, Wildlife & Recreation Management Judging, Livestock Judging, Cotton Judging and other FFA contests. She has also been active in the Welch 4-H Club of Dawson County receiving the Gold Star Award her Sophomore year. She has participated in numerous 4-H competitions over the years and most recently was District 2 3rd Overall High Individual in Target Rifle Shooting Sports. She will compete at the 4-H State Roundup in June. And Brittini will be recognized at the 4-H State Roundup as a 2006 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Winner.

Brittini was involved in the National Honor Society serving as president this past year. She was also chosen in the Who's Who Among American High School Students and recognized with the United States Achievement Academy National Agricultural Award, USAAN English Merit Award, USAAN Leadership Merit Award, USA Academy All-American Scholar Program, National Honor Roll, and the National Society of High School Scholars.

Brittini is a member of the Welch Baptist Church and has been on several mission trips to "World Changers" Mission Programs serving in the United States. Brittini has been accepted to Texas Tech University where she plans to pursue a bachelors degree in Agricultural Communications. Brittini is the daughter of Mindi (McCabe) and Grant Drennan of Welch. She is the granddaughter of Dolores and Ray Seal of



Brittini Drennan

Robert Lee and the late Fred McCabe, Jr. and Joyce and Louie Drennan of Welch. Her great-grandmother is Toad Medlin of Welch.

San Angelo VTR Office to close

Effective June 1, 2006, the Vehicle Titles and Registration (VTR) office in San Angelo will close. The closure is part of a statewide realignment of counties.

Residents in Tom Green, Concho, Coke, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton and Kimble counties will now be served by the Abilene VTR office, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Tx 79601, (325) 734-5120. Those living in Crockett, Irion, Mitchell or Sterling counties will be served by the Midland-Odessa office, 3901 E. Hwy 80, Odessa, Tx 79671 (432) 498-4674.

Statewide VTR offices offer services such as certified copies of Texas titles, temporary registration permits, apportion registration for truck drivers, and renewals of some specialty plates.

The VTR Regional Offices provide support to the county tax offices within their region. Most customer services relating to vehicle titling and registration in Texas take place in the county tax office. If you are in doubt, call the Tax Assessor-Collector's office or VTR regional office before driving to either office.

A variety of forms are available on the Texas Department of Transportation's Web site by visiting <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/vtr>.

Mtn. Creek Golf Tourney results

A total of 25 teams competed at the annual Adult/Child Golf Tournament held May 13. Results are as follows.

Championship Flight - 1st) Ricky Ross/Mason Ross 64; 2nd) Don Hodge/Cameron Hodge 66; 3rd) Wayne Alexander/Brody Dillard 67
First Flight - 1st) Paul



Millican and Frey receive Ford Scholarships! Lance Millican (right), a 2006 graduate of Robert Lee and Travis Frey (left), a 2006 graduate of Sterling City, were both awarded the \$1,000 Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship by Ivey Motor Co., Inc., and Ford Motor Company. Billy Wayne Roe (center) presented the scholarships.

Through school Lance has been very active in various activities such as FFA, rodeo, basketball, and other school and community activities. Lance is planning on attending South Plains College in the fall and is planning to study to be a Veterinarian. Lance is the son of Waldon and Judy Millican.

Travis is planning to study Equine Massage at Howard College in the fall. Throughout high school Travis was a participant in several activities such as FFA, 4-H, football, basketball, and other various school and community activities. Travis is the son of Douglas and Kathy Frey.

The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their past and future academic achievements. Ivey Motor Co., Inc. has been awarding the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship for three years now. This scholarship program is one of the 540 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and the Ford Dealers to FFA members who are graduating seniors in high school that are planning on attending college in the fall.

Ivey Motor Co., Inc. is proud to support FFA and the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program.

Cotton/Taylor Williams 71 2nd) Kevin Roe/Lindsey Roe 71 3rd) Tim Philley/Logan Philley 72
Second Flight - 1st) Barta/Barta 77; 2nd) Myers/Brisbin 77, 3rd) Ogle/Ogle 77

Girl Scout Council recognizes Katie Drennan

Appreciation Pins are given by the West Texas Girl Scout Council to recognize a volunteer or individual who has demonstrated consistent leadership qualities in the position held and has given outstanding service above and beyond the expectations for the position held. One such deserving individual is Katie Drennan of Robert Lee.

Katie has been instrumental in getting troops started back up in Robert Lee after not having any active troops for several years. Katie has organized meetings of all the Robert Lee Troop Leaders, making numerous phone calls and arrangements to get things started. She has acted as Service Unit Manager (coordinator of area troops) even though she was not assigned to

the position.

When one of the other Robert Lee Leader's grandfather passed away, Katie checked to see if the Leader needed help to finish her paperwork for the annual cookie sale, even though she was already taking care of the paperwork for her own troop.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council, to show its gratitude to Katie for all her hard work, awarded her the Appreciation Pin in the Spring of 2006.

Sorosis Study Club news

The Sorosis Study Club met May 11, 2006, in the home of Lanette Fletcher to close out the club year. Meetings will resume in September, 2006.

New officers were installed by out-going President, Marilyn Bivins, with a challenge for each to perform in their area of their responsibility.

At the request of Janet Wommack, members signed up to volunteer for activities at the BHRC.

Janet Wommack was assigned Team Captain for the Sorosis Study Club at the American Cancer Relay for Life event on June 16. There will be a canopy for shade and a rocking chair for those who cannot walk. Others should bring a chair to sit in. It was decided to have a bake sale on Lanette Fletcher's front porch Sunday, June 11, with proceeds going to the Relay for life.

The Chinese Auction was won by guest, Joyce Hoffman.

Members present were: Marilyn Bivins, Jane Cumbie, Glenda Draper, Jean Fancher, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, Pat Lee, Joan Lightfoot, Earline Moore, Fredna Moore, Kay Styles, Jane Wheat, Janet Wommack, and hostess, Lanette Fletcher. Guests at the meeting were Marti Aguirri, Earnestine Moore and Joyce Hoffman.

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Street Affair meeting update

The first meeting of the Robert Lee Street Affair was held Thursday, May 18 in the Coke County Library.

Preliminary discussion included the parade and bed races which will be held again this year under the direction of Susan Wellborn. Several teams have updated their beds and will take on newcomers in this year's event. The booths will be handled by Debbie McCabe at Merle Norman's and Kay Torres and Brandi Ramon at City Hall.

Plans are in the making for an auction with an auctioneer to support the CERT group with Noel Tinkler handling the details. This is expected to be a big event.

The chicken roping will probably not be featured this year due to a controversy in Albany. A group of cloggers has said they would like to return this year as they had such a good time in Robert Lee last year.

New ideas will be welcomed at the next meeting to be held Thursday, June 22nd at 5:00 pm in the Coke County Library.

Stewart Re-elected to TSSWCB

Reed Stewart of Sterling City, Texas, was elected May 2 to serve a two-year term on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB).

Stewart represents TSSWCB State District Two, which consists of 51 counties in the western trans-Pecos region of Texas. District Two encompasses 44 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDS).

As the lead agency for the state of Texas in addressing agricultural and silvicultural forms of nonpoint source pollution, the TSSWCB also offers a technical assistance program for the state's 217 soil and water conservation districts for the planning, management and abatement of agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution. The TSSWCB maintains regional offices in strategic locations in the state to help carry out the agency's water quality responsibilities.

The TSSWCB board of directors consists of five elected members and two governor appointees. The two governor appointees must be actively engaged in farming or ranching, whereas the five elected TSSWCB members must be actively engaged in farming or ranching and own agricultural land.

"It is my intent to work effectively and diligently on the board to assure the Texas Legislature that we have a viable and efficient conservation program that

benefits the citizens of Texas," Stewart said.

Stewart is the district chairman for the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District. He is show superintendent of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Hereford Heifer Show. He is also a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association where he serves on its Natural Resources and Environment Committee and Association Promotion Committee. Additionally, he is a member of, the Society of Range Management, the Texas Wildlife Association, and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Stewart, his wife Ronda, and their two children, Rope and Riggin, reside in Sterling City. As a fourth generation rancher and lifelong resident of Sterling County, he is a full-time rancher in Sterling, Howard, Mitchell, Irion, and Glasscock Counties. His family ranch primarily consists of a commercial cow/calf operation and a hunting enterprise.

He also has a special interest in their quarter horse operation.



The Coke County Library celebrated the graduation of the Head Start reading group on Wednesday, May 17 at the gazebo in Robert Lee. The students received caps and certificates and had some treats and drinks before returning to their school.

A Summer Fun Reading

program is kicking off on May 30th. As in the past, for each book returned to the library, readers will have an opportunity to be picked as the winner of the drawing each Friday. A special prize of two tickets to Schlitterbahn has been donated by KTXS, Channel 12, to encourage summer-time reading.

Added to this year's program is an opportunity for students in grades 7 through 12 to win a coupon for a RLHS t-shirt from Kickin' Up Roses by reading books in the following categories: classics, Texas History, Regional History and Biographies.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4;



AON Scholarship Winners! The annual AON Luncheon was held Wednesday, May 10, 2006. Three Robert Lee Seniors were presented with Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarships. These Seniors include (from left) Cara Eaton - \$400, Stephanie Trejo - \$800, and Cassidy Wink - \$600. This scholarship began in 1987 and since then almost \$24,000 has been distributed to deserving students.

Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 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.

Friends enjoy trip to San Antonio

A weekend trip to Fair Oaks, (San Antonio), Texas, May 19, 20, and 21 was enjoyed by Brenda Ellis, Skyler York, Evan Ferguson, Carol Reyes and Kaycee Baker. The group traveled

to Fair Oakes Ranch Estates to visit with Evan's aunt Trisha Gaddis.

Swimming, hot tubbing, playing volleyball and barbecuing added to their weekend fun. The highlight and most exciting was on Sunday morning attending Oak Hills Church with the well-known author Max Lucado as pastor. Oak Hills Church is his home church. This was an uplifting and exciting weekend for them all.

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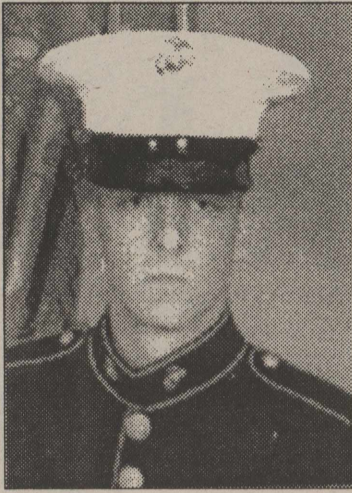
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Burwick Graduates!
Darin G. Burwick of Blackwell graduated from Marine Basic Training at San Diego, California, on May 19, 2006. Pvt. Burwick is a 2002 graduate of Blackwell High School. He is the son of Glenn and Tanya Burwick.

BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on May 18, 2006, at 8:18 in the board room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Gary Acker, Terry Charles, Kendall Gibbs, Scott Frasier, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Michael Bohensky, Terry Marrs, Rick Howell, and Sujane Schoenfield. Absent was Bob Frazee.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rick Howell.

The board canvassed the votes for the May 13, 2006 School Board Election with the following results: Wayne Coalson 107, Bob Frazee 109, Jeff Schoenfield 109, Paul Williams 66. Certificates of Election were presented and Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected trustees. Officers are: Wayne Coalson, President, Bob Frazee, Vice-President, and Terry Charles, Secretary.

Michael Bohensky, CCJJC Principal, Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, and Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal, gave their reports.

The board approved the Bronte ISD salary schedule for 2006-2007 and the 2006-2007 Incentive pay.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a facilities update, a legislative update, and a financial update. Mr. Richey informed the board that the TEA waiver to start school on August 16, 2006 was approved. Baseball and softball programs were discussed. The board authorized Mr. Richey to negotiate the purchase of real property.

The board was informed of the resignations of Vicky McCutchen and Ronnie Merriman. Mr. Merriman will teach part time next year. Micah Hoyt has been hired for K-12 Counselor.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 10:55 pm.

BRHC Auxiliary to host talent show

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center (BHRC) Auxiliary will be hosting a city wide talent show and hot dog supper on July 4th. Due to the recent burn bans for the area, the auxiliary members felt the responsible thing to do this year was cancel the fireworks display. In its place, they will be hosting a talent show. If you are interested and willing to participate in the talent show, please call Lanette at 473-6791 or 473-5231 and get your name on the list. They will have trophies to give away as prizes.

The auxiliary will also provide a hot dog supper with chips, sodas/water, and dessert. Everyone is invited to come to the supper on July 4th at 6 pm. There will be no charge for the supper. There will be a bake sale/auction later that evening to help raise funds for the BHRC Auxiliary.

Make plans to attend the July 4th festivities at the BHRC. It will be an interesting evening with local talent partaking in the talent show. Remember to call and get your name on the list for the talent portion. Any questions, call Lanette 473-6791 or 473-5231.

"Heroes in Uniform" contest set

San Angelo, Texas is celebrating the everyday contributions of military and public safety personnel by co-sponsoring a "Heroes in Uniform" Essay Contest with the San Angelo Standard-Times. Students in grades K-12 are invited to submit a brief essay recognizing a member of the military or a public safety professional, such as a police officer or firefighter, as their hero. Based upon a creative essay, one winner will be selected to receive a trip to San Angelo for him or herself and up to three family members during San Angelo's famous Fourth of July Weekend Celebration. The winning Hero in Uniform nominee will receive a custom-crafted ring symbolizing the spirit and integrity of their military or public service from Balfour.

To enter the contest, students must submit an essay on an official entry blank explaining why the person they are nominating is a true hero. All entries must be received by June 9, 2006 and should include the entrant's name, address and telephone number.

Participants can obtain an official entry blank and review detailed contest rules at www.sanangelostandardtimes.com.

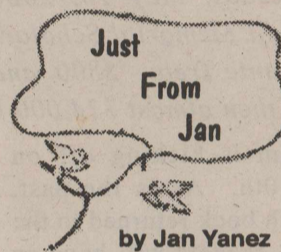
The San Angelo Standard-Times will print a limited number of essays, selected on a first-received basis, in a June 30, 2006 special insert, and the winner will be invited to read the winning essay on stage at the San Angelo Symphony Town &

Country Pops Concert and Fireworks display on July 3. Two runners-up will receive U.S. savings bonds.

Additionally, the winner and his or her family will win a trip to San Angelo June 30 - July 4, 2006 and a prize package. Some of the prizes include:

- Gasoline card to cover travel expenses
- Accommodations for four at Fort Concho Historic Site Officers Quarters
- Meals at local restaurants
- Four tickets to the San Angelo Symphony Pops Concert
- \$200 U.S. Savings Bond.

The winner will be chosen by a judging committee and will be notified by June 28.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Tips To Stay Hydrated How to Replenish Your Fluids This Summer

While it's a well-known fact that water makes up more than 60 percent of our body weight, it's not uncommon to feel the effects of dehydration - especially during the summer months. If drinking eight cups of water a day is not part of your daily routine, try these tips for getting into the water-drinking habit:

You don't necessarily need to drink eight cups of water per se each day. You can consume a variety of fluids and beverages to stay hydrated. Water, however, is a good choice because it's refreshing and calorie- and sugar-free.

*Increase your water intake by consuming foods like cantaloupe and apples (85 percent water), cottage cheese (80 percent water), lettuce (95 percent water), spinach (90 percent water), and milk (88 percent water). Vegetables, soups, stews and sauces are also a source of fluids.

*While fluids such as juices, coffee, tea, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages contribute water to our diet, consume them in moderation. Drink lots of water in between to offset some of the negative side effects of these fluids.

*Drinking alcohol can throw off your thirst mechanism. It takes eight ounces of water to purge the body of one ounce of alcohol so drink plenty of water during the same time that you are drinking alcohol.

*At your next restaurant meal, order a glass of water instead of a soft drink.

*Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge or at your desk as a

reminder. Flavor the water with lemon slices for a thirst-quenching cooler.

*When you travel by plane, load up on extra water to combat the dry environment that makes you lose fluids and become fatigued.

*Trying to lose weight? Drink more water! Water has no calories and can stave off your hunger when you've got the munchies.

Listen to your body. Thirst is the mechanism that helps the body replace fluids. If you are exercising in extreme heat, it's important to drink water more after exercise.

Young children, however, have a poorly developed sense of thirst and often don't think to take a drink. An irritable child on a hot day may be a sign of dehydration. Parents should make sure children drink plenty of fluids, especially when the weather is hot outside. Pack water bottles in lunch bags for school, camp or sports.

When it's hot and humid outside and especially when you're physically active, you need to drink fluids regularly. Often you won't feel thirsty until you are already dehydrated. So drink about one-half a cup of water every 15 to 20 minutes throughout the day and before, during and after physical activities.

Out of the Ordinary

By Jane Austin Bruckner
Abilene is popping out all over with tourists. The business and tourism

people believe the opening of Abilene's Frontier Texas! has breathed new life into what was once a dusty oil and cattle town. The new limestone heritage and information center, opened two years ago, offers a history lesson on this open prairie region. Now, earlier this month The New York Times featured Abilene, population of 115,000 in its travel section.

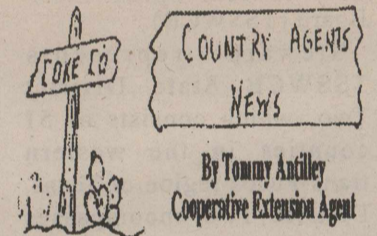
The article said the city is in "north central Texas," but everybody knows it's cowboy country, where everybody wears boots and hats and the locals don't bother to take the keys out of their ignition when they park their pickup trucks. Watch out Abilene! A few weeks ago, the city was named by Kiplinger Personal Finance magazine as one of the 50 smartest places to live.

Last week-end, all the hotels were booked, as all three uni-

versities - Abilene Christian, McMurry and Hardin-Simmons - held their graduations while the Western Heritage Classic took place at the Taylor County Expo Center. Nancy Liles, executive director of the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau said visitors are having to stay as far away as Albany, Cisco, Sweetwater and Baird.

The heritage center was designed to draw travelers off the interstate and to help make Abilene a real destination point, not just a place to get gas and go. As The Times' story pointed out: "in the same way that Texas' early frontier forts established a protective gateway at the edge of western civilization, Frontier Texas! establishes itself as a welcoming gateway at the limits of downtown." Also included in the story were the Abilene Zoo, The Grace Museum and the Paramount Theater, along with Joe Allen's Restaurant and La Popular Bakery & Café. Nearby is Buffalo Gap with Perini Ranch Steak House, the Buffalo Gap Historic Village and the Abilene State Park. To the north of Abilene is Albany's Old Jail Art Center and Stasney's Cook Ranch.

With higher gas prices, people are looking for shorter trips with something interesting to see and do. Abilene has positioned itself to capitalize. And Coke County has as well with its Fort Chadbourne, the Birding Trail, summer outdoor theater and its Street Affair Days.



By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Beware of Herbicide Sales by Telephone

It is nearing spring and you may start getting some sales pitches from salesmen over the phone for new "Miracle Chemicals". Every year, they try to sell you something that is supposed to kill weeds for 3-5 years, kill every kind of brush imaginable, etc. These herbicides have a variety of trade-names that are not readily recognizable. The salesperson will contact producers and promote their product as a broad-spectrum herbicide for control of weeds and brush. They promise a quick and long lasting kill of the unwanted plant.

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The products vary in content, however, it often contains 2,4-D and may contain bromacil, mecoprop (MCP), dichlorprop (2,4-DP) and petroleum distillates make up more than 96% of the mixture. The cost of the product is usually high.

Most of these products may kill unwanted plants, but they probably are killing them using a ground sterilant that kills everything. These products must have an EPA approved label, therefore, when these persons contact you, ask for a sample label to see what is actually in them. Most of the time, they will make excuses because they don't want you to know what is in them.

Considering cost, effectiveness and percent of kill, you can kill the unwanted plants easier, cheaper and better with our standard herbicides that have been tested and proven. If it sounds to good to be true, it usually is.

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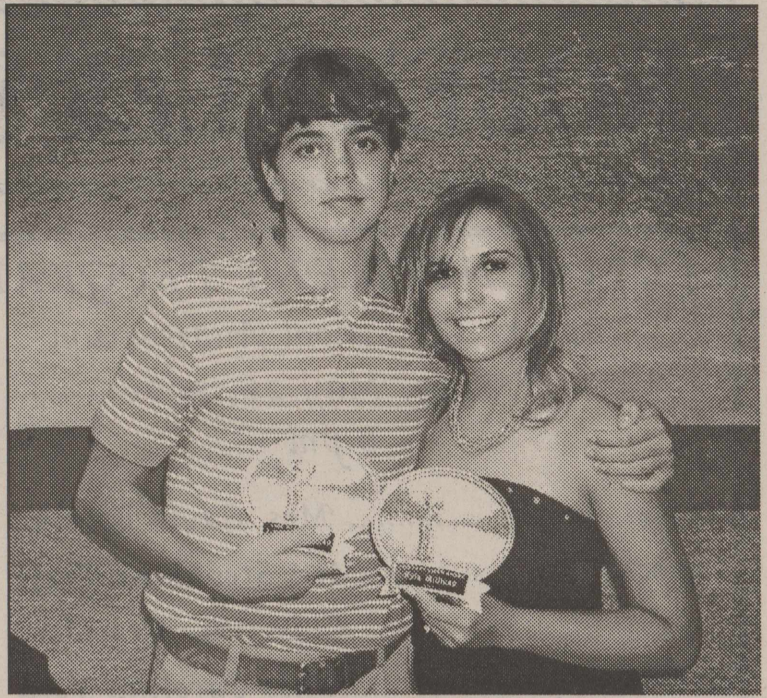
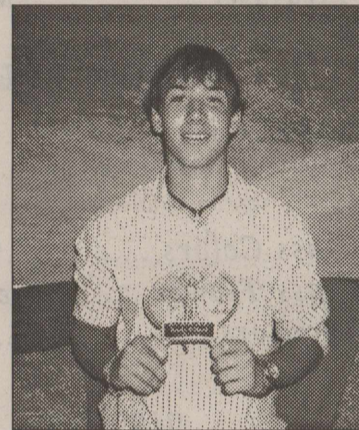
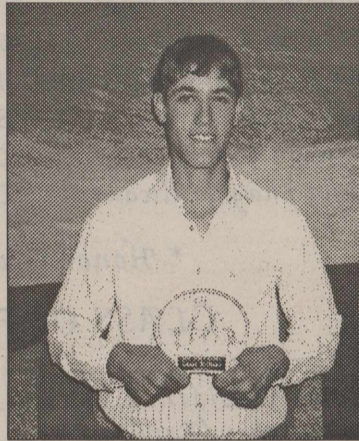
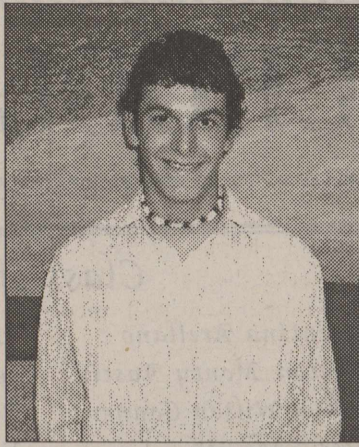
Whoa! Not so fast. Sure, we have had some warm weather lately with the temperatures in the 90's, but it is still too early to leaf spray mesquite and prickly pear. Even with the Brush Busters individual plant treatment, which has become so popular the last couple of years, the ground is still too cold and the plants are not fully developed to obtain adequate control of mesquite and prickly pear.

I have been getting several calls on controlling brush species now that the mesquites have put out, but we must not forget that all important "Window of Opportunity" that can make or break a brush control project. For leaf spraying, whether by hand or plane, that window starts once all of the mesquite leaves have turned a dark green, and the soil temperature is at least 75 degrees at a foot to 18 inches deep - any time before that and you are wasting money - if you're interested in killing mesquite, that is. Even though our mesquites have put on leaves, they have not matured enough and the ground is still way too cold.

Now is also the worst time to treat prickly pear with herbicides, because the plants are moving carbohydrates upward to produce new pads and flowers. Herbicides applied too early won't be carried down the plant into the root system, a nec-

**RLHS Sports
Banquet!**

Robert Lee High School held their annual sports banquet Friday, May 19. The following students were recognized for their hard work. Johnathan Pagan and Kyla Millican (top far right photo) received the Steer and Lady Steer awards for Golf. Cara Eaton and Brettanie Reed (bottom far right photo, left to right) both received the Lady Steer Award for track. Receiving the Steer Award in both football and track was Brandon Soliz (top right photo). Lance Millican (right middle photo) received the Steer Award for Basketball. Receiving the Steer Award for Cross Country was Brody Dillard (right bottom photo). Not pictured for receiving the Lady Steer Awards in Cross Country are Ashley Sawyer and Jodi Sheldon.



essary step for good pear control.

The best time to treat pear aerially is in late summer until fall, when the pads are mature and the fruit is a dark red. Pear can be treated by hand with some success, but the optimum time to get more "bang for your buck" is still in late summer and fall.

If you have time between feeding livestock and praying for rain, now is a great time for treating small re-growth cedar with the Brush Busters leaf or soil spot spray methods. These treatments can be used year round, but are most effective when we receive rain two to three weeks following treatment.

So, if you are after mesquite and prickly pear, better wait until the time is right or you may well be throwing good money out the window, and I am sure it won't be the window of opportunity either.

If you wait until the time is right, using the Brush Busters treatment for pear and mesquite can obtain excellent results. We have had several demonstration plots around this area the last several years and have obtained almost complete control of small mesquite, cedar and pear.

For further information on brush control, especially the Brush Busters techniques, call the Coke County Extension office at (325) 453-2461.

**In a Nutshell:
NAIS**

The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) is designed to provide the capacity to rapidly identify all animals and premises (sites) that have had direct contact with a disease. NAIS consists of three components:

1. Premises (or site) identification
2. Animal identification
3. Animal tracking.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has set "benchmarks" for completing each component of the program. By January 2007, 25 percent of the country's premises are to be registered. By January 2008--70 percent of the premises are to be signed up, and by January 2009, the three components are to be fully functioning.

Premises Identification

The program is national, but each state is responsible for implementing premises identification. Premises are locations where livestock or fowl are handled, managed, housed, or processed.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), as of May 2006, has implemented premises identification on a voluntary basis. Proposed regulations for mandatory identification were "tabled" until at least 2007.

Identifying a premises involves obtaining a seven-character alpha-

numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic or other site where livestock or fowl are handled, housed, managed or processed. Signing up can be accomplished on the TAHC web site or by mail. Information requested includes the contact person's name, phone number, the premises' physical address, and a list of spe-

cies raised on the site. Acreage or herd or flock size is not requested.

Animal Identification

This component of the NAIS will "come on line" gradually, and will involve identifying livestock and fowl that are moved from their premises of origin (place of birth). Depending on the species

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Kayla Medrano

Emmett Parker of Robert Lee; and Gene and Anella Van Huss of Midland.

Kayla was presented the following scholarships during the graduation ceremony: Todd Weishuhn 4-H Memorial Scholarship; Permian Basin Fair & Expo Scholarship; San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo (Rural Youth) Scholarship; University of Texas at San Antonio undergraduate grant; and the Phoenix Golf Club scholarship.

Kayla will attend the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall.

RL 7th Grade attends Career On Wheels

The seventh grade of Robert Lee Jr. High attended COW (Careers on Wheels) Day at Foster Field in San Angelo May 3rd. They visited over 20 booths/ stations about a variety of careers. While visiting the San Angelo Fire Department station, they witnessed an actual 'call' and saw the fire fighters gather everything within seconds and leave the parking lot! Mrs. Sheri Millican and Mrs. Kathy McCown took the seventh graders to this annual event sponsored by the Concho Valley Partnership.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Class of 2006

Robert Lee School Auditorium
Friday, May 26, 2006
8 pm

Processional Mrs. Gayle Bolding
Invocation Miss Stephanie Trejo
Class Vice President
Salutatory Address Miss Carolina Vera
Valedictory Address Miss Cassidy Wink
Presentation of Speaker... Mr. Aaron Hood
Superintendent
Speaker Mrs. Linda Burns
Awarding of Diplomas... Mrs. Irma Torres
Mr. Kevin Roe, School Board

Argentina Arellano	*Lance Matthiesen Millican
Clayton Monty Austin	Jeramy Clayton Penney
Joshua Wilson Conner	Branden James Phillips
Jesse Eads IV	Vanessa Saucedo
Johnathan Rene Eads	Brandon Joe Soliz
*Cara Nicole Eaton	*Amanda Nicole Thurman
Margarita Analy Gallegos	Christopher Ray Torres
Lydia Rose Lara	*Stephanie Nicole Trejo
Shannon Joseph Martin	*Carolina Beltran Vera
*Kyla Shay Millican	*Cassidy Ann Wink

* Honor Graduates

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President Miss Carolina Vera
Vice President Miss Stephanie Trejo
Secretary/Reporter Mr. Shannon Martin
Treasurer Miss Amanda Thurman

HONOR STUDENTS

Valedictorian 98.84 Miss Cassidy Wink
Salutatorian 97.65 Miss Carolina Vera

Class Colors Navy Blue & Silver
Class Flower Blue Tipped White Rose
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Brettnie Reed Johnathan Pagan

SENIOR SLIDE SHOW

Benediction Mr. Lance Millican
Recessional "Photograph"
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MOTTO

"The memories we have shared, the times we've had together, they will stay with us always...good-bye is not forever."

Medrano graduates from Garden City

Kayla Medrano received her high school diploma from graduation exercises at Garden City, Texas on Friday, May 19, 2006. Kayla is a former resi-

dent of Robert Lee. Her father is Alex Medrano of Greenwood, and her mother is Terri Hayes of Robert Lee. Brother Brandon and sister Dee were also on hand for the graduation ceremony.

Also attending were: Wayne

and Jamie Hayes and Hanah of Robert Lee; Jimmy, Jennifer, Charity, and Courtney of Midland; Jamie Craig of Waco; Billy Craig of Robert Lee; David and Bridgett Hayes of Robert Lee; Tiffany Bagwell of Crane; Julie Riley of Midland;

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Robert Lee Junior High School Commencement

Eighth Grade Class of 2006

Thursday, May 25, 2006
8 pm ♦ Auditorium

Processional	Mrs. Gayle Bolding	Emily Marie Arellano	Juan Landeros
Invocation	Miss Emilee Yanez	Jennifer Rene Barrett	Nancy Ruby Landeros
Salutatory	Miss Emily Arellano	Devin Lee Batten	Blake Paden Millican
Valedictory	Mr. Stetson Nesbit	Briana Nichelle Brisbin	Jacob Michael Moreno
Presentation of Class	Mr. Dwin Nanny	William Cody Brosh	Stetson Lane Nesbit
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Jeffie Roberts & Tod Reed	Cayetano Sierra Carrerra Jr.	Erika Dawn Pearcy
Benediction	Miss Rebecka Saucedo	Justina Marie Gloria	Miguel Angel Perez
Recessional	Mrs. Gayle Bolding	Josef Tanner Hanigan	Colton Joe-Hardin Reed
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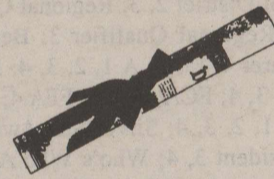
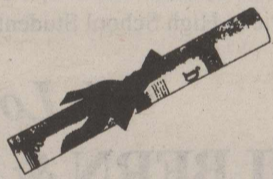
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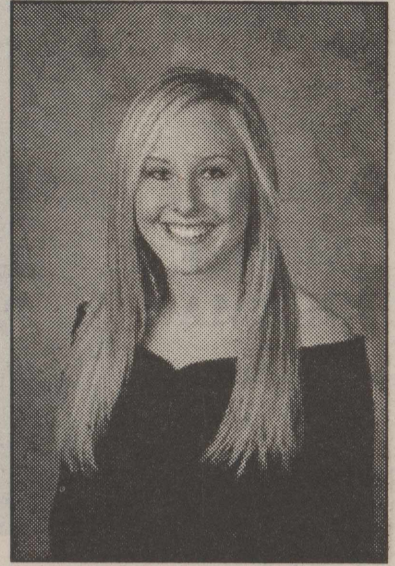


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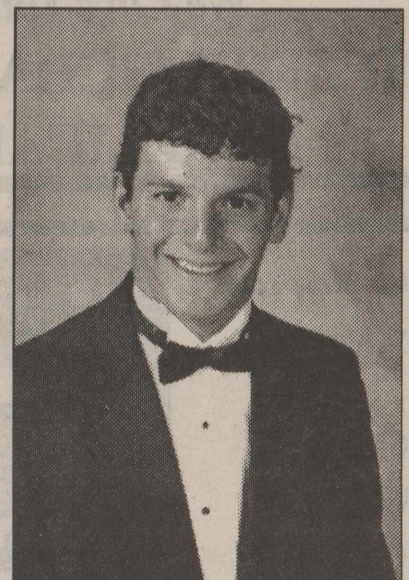
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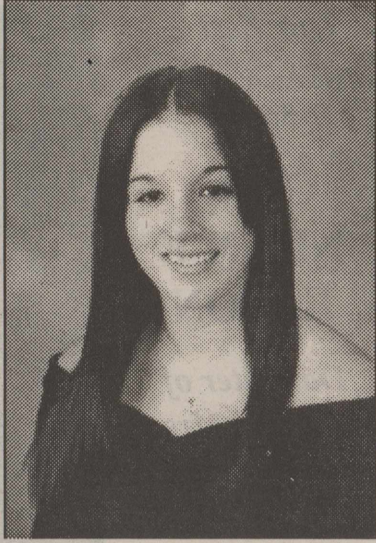
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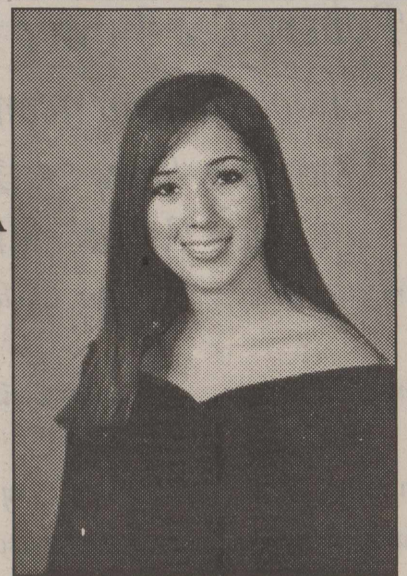
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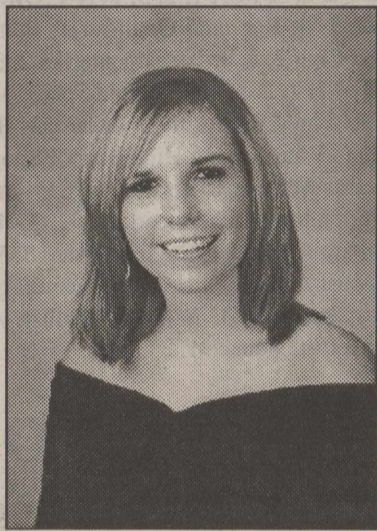
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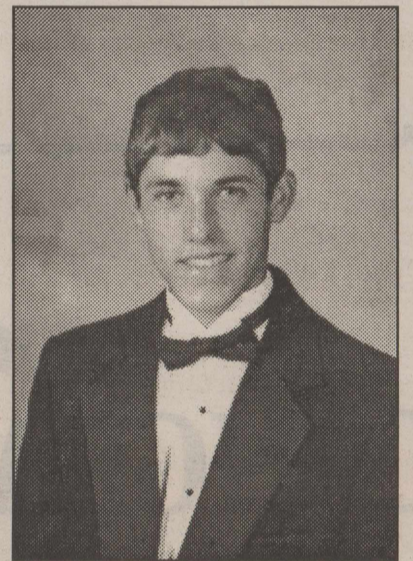
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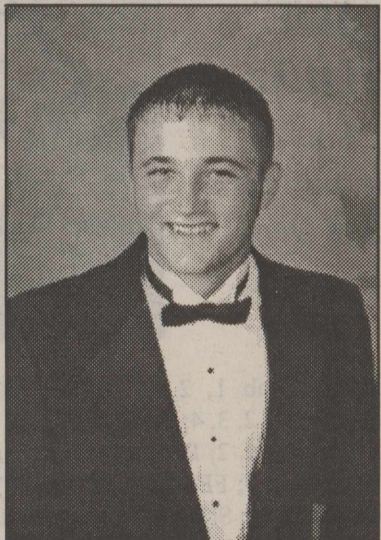
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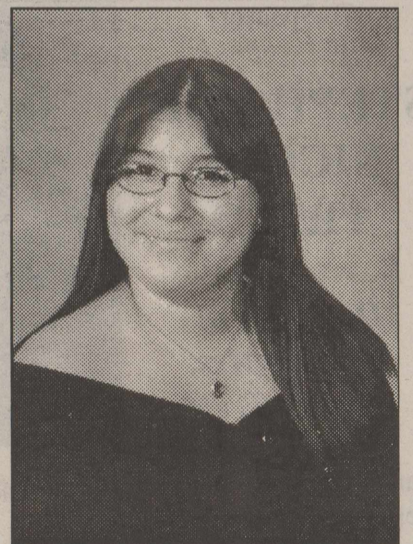
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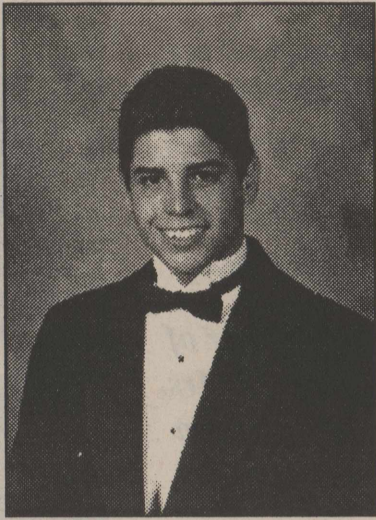


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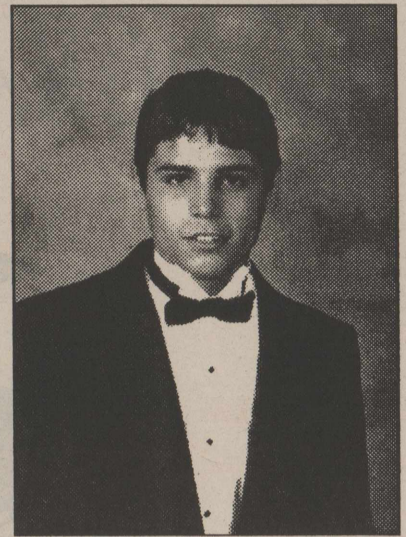
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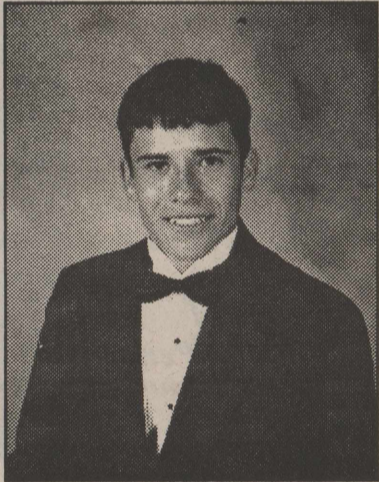
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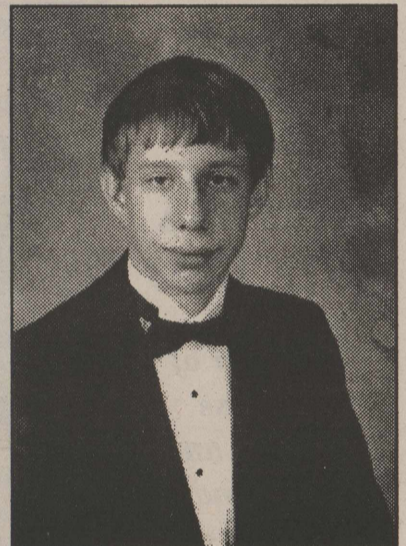
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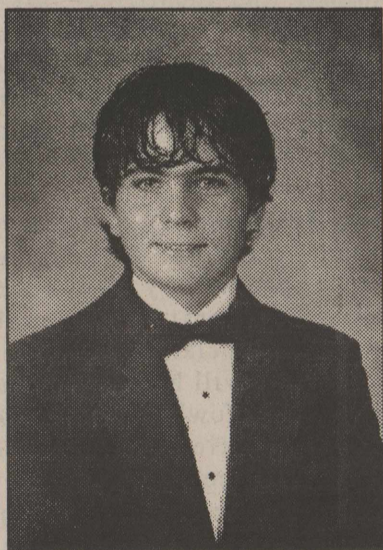
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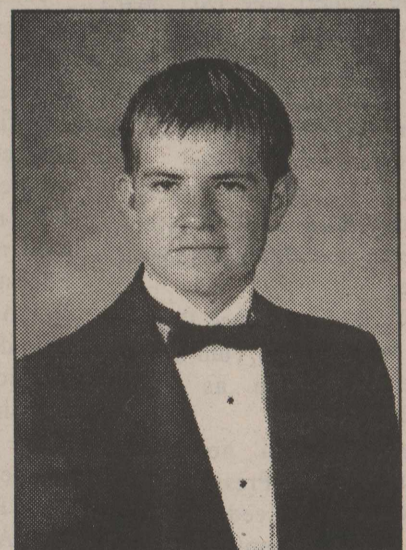
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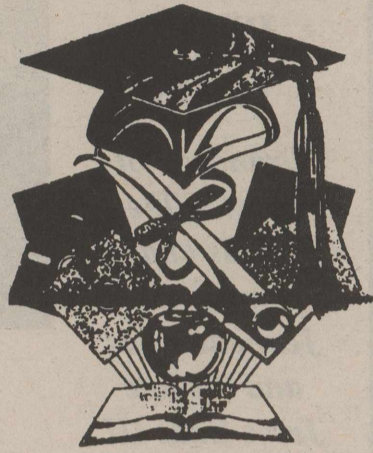


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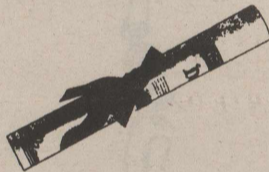
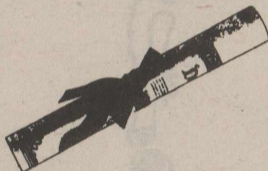
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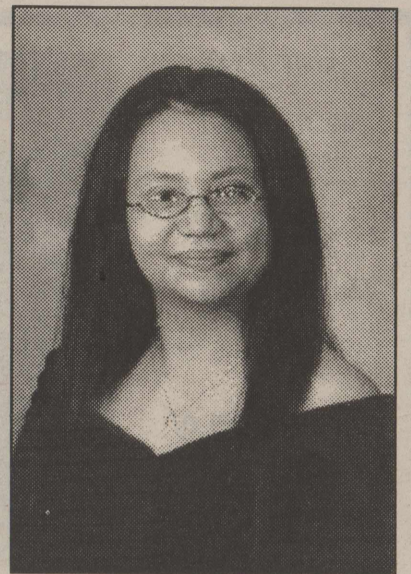


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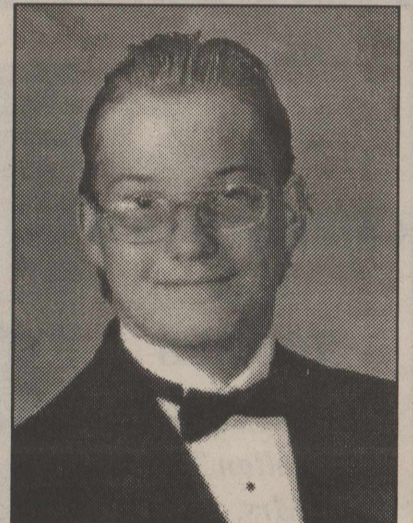
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**RLISD board meets
in regular session**

The Robert Lee ISD board members held a regular meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 18, 2006 in the high school library. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members present: Sawyer, Reed, Duncan, Washam, Roberts, Roe. Members absent: Torres

Jeffie Roberts, Buck Duncan, Wes Washam and Tom Sawyer were sworn in as board members.

Buck Duncan nominated Kevin Roe for President seconded by Tod Reed. All for. Tom Sawyer nominated Wes Washam as Vice President seconded by Tod Reed. All for. Tod Reed nominated Jeffie Roberts as Secretary seconded by Buck Duncan. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20 and May 4, 2006 board meetings as read seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion

to approve the bills seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the Robert Lee ISD Drug Policy seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept Superintendent's recommendation to enter into Shared Service Contract/Agreement with Education Service Center for the following programs: Gifted/Talented, Instructional Services Co-op, Distance Learning, Library Services, Net XV Telecommunications, Instructional Resources (Media), Data Process Micro, Title II, Part A; Teacher & Principal Training, Title II, Part D (Tech), Title III LEP, Title IV, Safe and Drug Free Schools, CATE Vocational seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept Superintendent's recommendation to change the Comp Day on the 2006-2007 school calendar from February 19 to February 26, 2007 seconded by Buck Duncan. All for.

Mandated TAKS Testing dates for February 2007 will be February 20-23, 2007.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to pay the annual fee to TASB for Asbestos Training seconded by Tod Reed.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to change the local policy to have athletic physicals be required every year beginning 2006-2007 school year seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve student transfers for the 2006-2007 school year seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Wayne Simpson gave the elementary report; Dwin Nanny gave the high school principal's report.

Dwin Nanny gave superintendent's report in the absence of Supt. Hood.

Wes Washam made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm. The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2006.

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of animal, the identification may be accomplished with a tag, band, microchip, radio frequency identification device (RFID tag) or other form of identification.

Animal Tracking

Animal tracking databases, approved by the USDA and operated by companies, associations or other entities, will hold livestock and fowl movement information. This data will be accessed by animal health regulatory agencies for disease control purposes.

Dispelling Rumors, Myths & Misinformation

I've got only one animal, so why do I need to have my premises identified? Your one animal may be as susceptible to disease as the herd or flock with hundreds. In the event of disease, state and federal ani-

mal health veterinarians and inspectors must ensure that all disease is stamped out. Going door-to-door to locate susceptible animals that must be tested or vaccinated is inefficient and costly!

Wouldn't you want to know if a disease incident occurs in your area, so you can take proper precautions? Identifying all premises enables an efficient and effective response to disease.

I read that dogs and cats are included.

No. The NAIS involves livestock, fowl and poultry. Some of the species included are cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, exotic hoof stock, chickens, turkeys.

All chickens will be microchipped!

NAIS does not include plans for microchipping chickens. When animal identification goes into effect, an identifying wing band or leg band

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Wildfire risk heightened by hot, dry weather and holiday activities

Texas is experiencing one of its worst wildfire seasons on record this year, with 19 lives lost since last fall, and Texas Forest Service responding to 1,873 fires for 1,343,914 acres since December 1, 2005. With the Memorial Day weekend approaching, state fire officials are concerned about the increasing threat of wildfires due to the continued extreme dryness in the state.

"Some areas of the state have grasses turning green where rain has occurred," said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service. "However, we are also seeing the transition of the green grasses turning into heat-stressed dry vegetation due to the higher temperatures and lack of rainfall in many regions."

Texas Forest Service Predictive specialists are watching several areas of the state very carefully, including the western part of the Panhandle and Southeast Texas. Spencer said that the western portions of Texas are experiencing wildfires on a regular basis, such as the Devil's Canyon fire in Jeff Davis County this week in which 4,000 acres have burned so far. The eastern two-thirds of the state has seen varying amounts of rain resulting in grasses turning green; however,

even the green grass is taking on a decidedly drier look in the face of continued hot, dry Texas weather.

"With these conditions, outdoor burning is going to become more risky. We could see an increasing frequency of other accidental starts along the roadsides, as well as those due to escaped debris burning and equipment use are increasing in frequency," Spencer added.

Texas Forest Service recommends that campers, hikers and picnickers take extra safety measures with outdoor fire use all across the state to prevent senseless wildfires. Some safety tips to make outdoor activities safer and more enjoyable include:

- Check to make sure that there is not a ban on outdoor burning;
- Make sure spark arresters and mufflers on all outdoor equipment are in good working order;
- When grilling outdoors, make sure barbecue coals and ashes are cold to the touch, then dispose of properly. Avoid using barbecue pits and grills over dry vegetation;
- Travelers should watch where they park their vehicles and avoid parking in areas where hot vehicle pollution control equipment could come into contact with vegetation beneath vehicles;
- Build campfires in open, level spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Keep fires small and extinguish them cold to the touch

before leaving;

• Campers, hikers and other outdoor users who smoke need to dispose of smoking materials properly, either by using their vehicle ashtrays or by crushing smokes and matches dead out in bare mineral soil;

• Postpone all debris burning during periods of high to extreme fire danger. Even when conditions improve, avoid burning trash and other debris on dry, windy days.

For more information, log onto <http://texasforests.tamu.edu> or www.ticc.tamu.edu.

Kids Say the Darndest Things HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kirsten, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-- Camille, age 10

No age is good to get

married at. You got to be a fool to get married. -- Freddie, age 6 (very wise for his age)

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns.

-- Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7

The law says you have

to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is....

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck.

-- Ricky, age 10 (What an observant child)

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RL Headstart Graduation! The Robert Lee Headstart Class, (above), held their annual graduation, Wednesday, May 17, at the Gazebo at the Wilson Bryan Memorial Park.

Better Living for Texans Program! The Robert Lee 3rd grade, (top left), was presented a program "Better Living for Texans/ One Shot " from county extension agent Jan Yanez. The program consisted of information concerning the new food guide pyramid for kids. Nutritional information eat right, exercise and have fun was the main focus. Props were used to teach the kids how to measure their serving sizes such as deck of cards equal a serving of 3 ounces of meat, a yo-yo is a one half cup serving of fruits and vegetables, a computer disk is a serving of bread. The students will track food intake for the day and at the end of the week they will see if they are getting enough food to meet their daily nutritional requirements. They also learned how to set a dinner table.

Members of Ms. Devoll's third grade include Jerry Wofford, Tristen Hildebrand, Jayton Torres, James Roberts, Dakota Stinger, J.R. Aldridge, Kyle Lockhart and Daria Tinkler.

Mrs Burn's 2nd grade class, (bottom left), also were recently presented a Better Living for Texas One Shot program by agent Jan Yanez. The program focused on physical activity outside and eating right. The importance of eating a wide variety of food from each food group was also discussed. The kids enjoyed playing old time games such as drop the handkerchief and Mother May I. The new food guide pyramid for kids was also given to each 2nd grade student.

Those participating were Brady Clawson, Rani Coppedge, Kodi Drennan, Hunter Hamrick, Bailey Hooten, Sandra Hubbard, Jake Jackson, Jesus Landeros, Julia Madrid, Hayden O'Neil, Ryan Patterson, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Talon Stringer, Jaicee Torres, Brandon Torres, Kaleb Torres, Ricky Williams, Blaine Yanez and Jordan Rader.

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Someone said I have to register my premises, because I have a parakeet.

No. Persons who own birds kept as house pets do not need to register their premises, if they do not propagate birds for sale or trade. In a bird disease situation, these birds may be tested and may come under the same movement restrictions as other fowl. Owners of aviaries and bird breeders or sellers should register their premises.

I have to identify my pet animals...or my animals used for MY food!

No. If your animals are raised for your own use, and they don't leave the premises (site) you won't need to identify them.

When animal identification goes into effect, only the animals that leave their premises of origin will be identified. If you haul your calf, pig or other animals to the local slaughter plant for custom processing for your consumption, the animal may not need to be identified.

Reports say you're going to charge \$1,000 a day for not participating!

Premises identification is voluntary now.

The TAHC is a regulatory agency and has administrative penalty provisions in its law as a recourse for persons who refuse to comply with livestock and poultry health regulations. The administrative penalties apply to all TAHC regulations and are imposed by an administrative law judge only after an individ-

ual has been issued a warning, provided opportunity for compliance, and allowed a hearing.

This ID program was made just to benefit the "big producer!"

The average cattle herd size in Texas is less than 35! There are many, many producers in Texas who have only a few animals. This program includes all producers.

I don't sell overseas; why should I care about animal ID? In today's global economy, products from the animal you sell at the local livestock market could end up on the dinner table in one of many countries.

Although the program will aid in marketing U.S. products, its greatest advantage will be to make disease response here at

home, faster, more effective and more efficient.

I'll have to call the "government" each time I ride my horse, haul my sheep, or take my pigs to a show.

That's not necessary! However, please call if you have questions, would like disease information, or need entry regulations for shows or travel.

Animal tracking information will be recorded in private databases. When implemented, movements can be reported by computer, or by paper document.

National species-specific

working groups are determining which movements need to be reported, how specific species should be identified, and how to make the program work for the producer.

These groups are comprised of association representatives, owners of large and small flocks or herds, and state and federal members. The Equine Species Working Group, for instance, is wrestling with reporting issues.

Horses aren't food animals. They don't need to be included. The NAIS isn't a food safety program. It is a tool to address animal disease. Horses are sus-

ceptible to a number of diseases. Also, during a disease outbreak, horses may be "caught up" in movement restrictions or requirements, even if they are not susceptible to the disease, because viruses and bacteria can be carried on hooves and hides of animals, on vehicles, clothing and equipment.

How about 4H and FFA kids? Youths who house their animals at home can use their parents' premises identification.

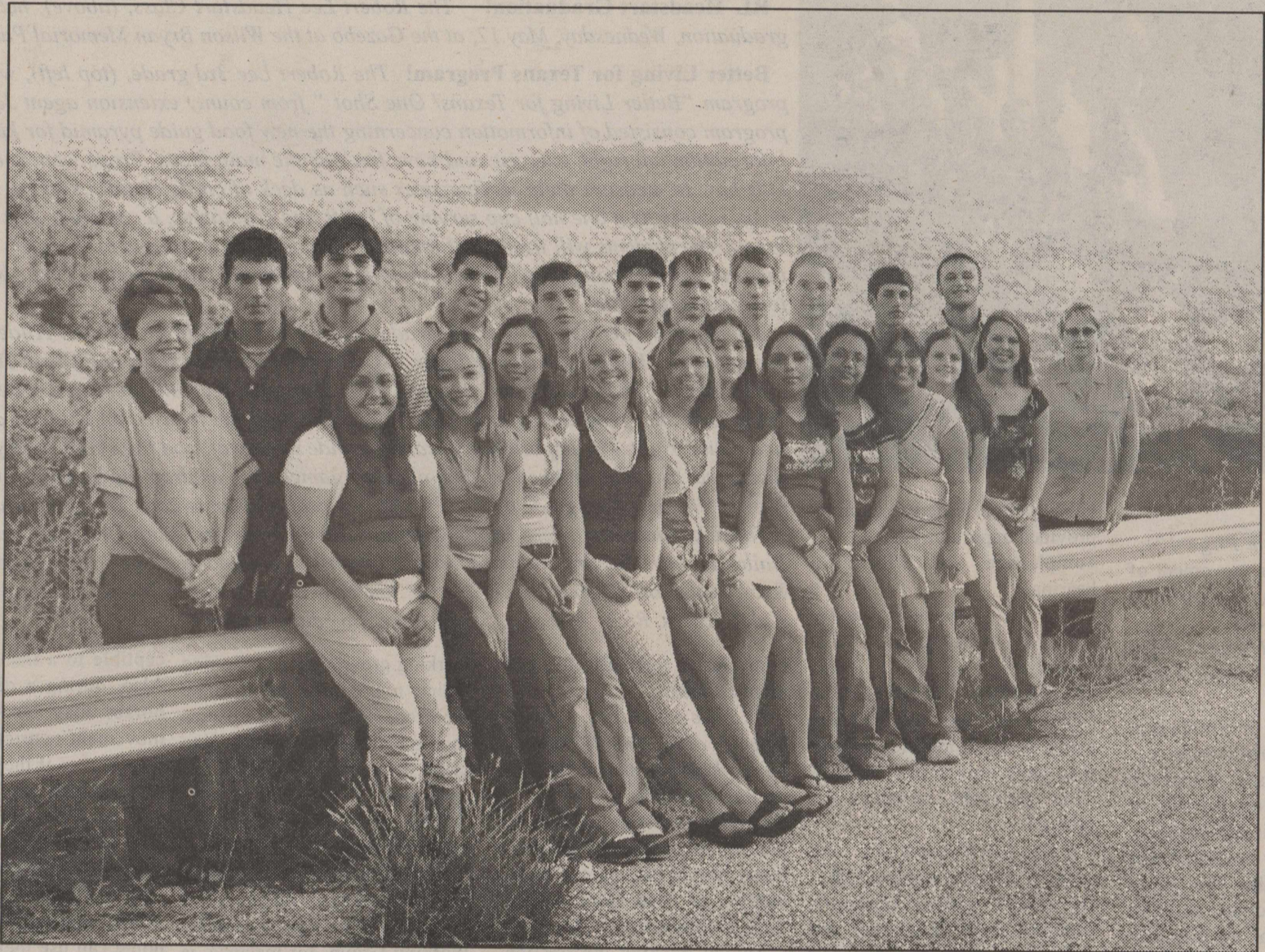
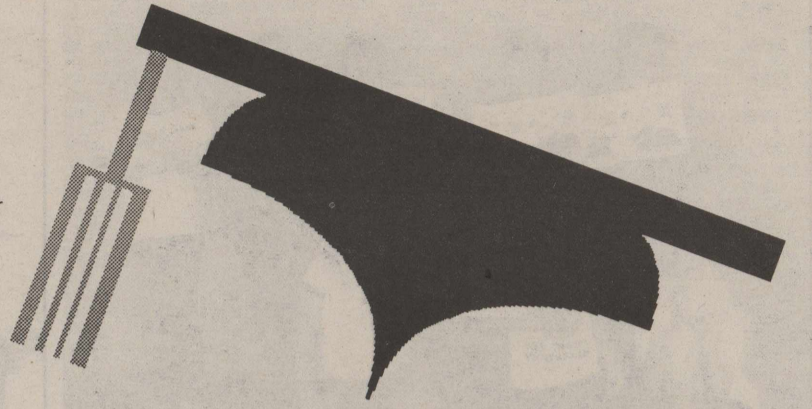
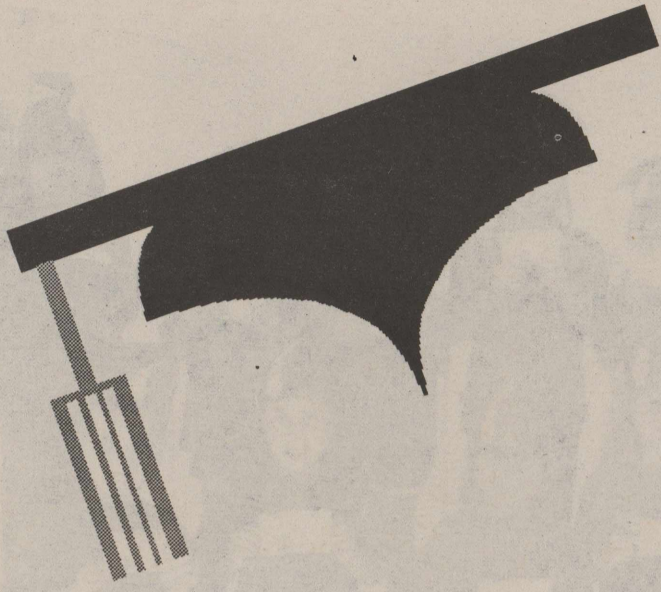
If the parents don't have animals and don't need a premises identification, the student may be able to use the identification issued to the 4H Club or FFA Chapter.

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