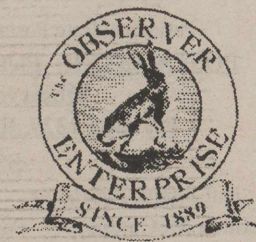


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Street Affair Wrap-Up meeting

The Robert Lee Street Affair committees will hold a wrap-up meeting on Thursday, October 26 at 5 pm in the Coke County Library.

Anyone with an interest in the Street Affair is invited to attend. The continuation of the Street Affair will depend on new people willing to take over some of the jobs which have been done by the same people for the last six years. Re-evaluation of any event is necessary if it is to serve its purpose in the community. Community input is essential.

Angel Food Ministries taking orders

Central Baptist Church of Bronte will be taking orders for the Angel Food ministries at the Central Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on the following days: Thursday, Oct. 26, Friday, Oct. 27, Monday, Oct. 30 - Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 9 am-12 pm, 3 pm-6 pm; and Thursday, Nov. 2 from 3 pm-6 pm. The distribution day for the food will be Saturday, Nov. 18.

Lamb and Goat Validation

Saturday, October 28, will be the date for validating all lamb and goat projects for any 4-H and FFA member in Coke County. Lambs and goats that you plan to show at county show or any major show must be validated on this date. We will begin validating lambs from 8 am - 9 am and goats will be validated from 9 am - 11 am at the show barn in Robert Lee.

Winter schedule for RL landfill

Beginning November 1, 2006 the Robert Lee Landfill will open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 am - 12 noon. An evaluation of customer's usage of the Robert Lee Landfill during the winter months shows only three or four customers on a Saturday. Due to low activity and budget constraints the new hours will remain in effect until the end of February 2007.

Desserts needed for Bronte Barbecue

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue in Bronte will be held Saturday, November 4, from 11 am until 2 pm. Coordinator Kerry Hall would like to make an appeal to area cooks to provide a dessert for the benefit barbecue. If you would like to donate a dessert, please call Kerry Hall at 473-2065.

Hunters Barbecue tickets available

Tickets are now available for the 18th Annual Hunters Barbecue, set for Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets for their hunters at the following locations in Robert Lee: C&H Auto and Hardware, Key Feed Store, Super H Grocery, or Wink Insurance. Donations may also be mailed to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

For more information contact Robert Wink, Chairman, at 453-2713 (ofc) and 453-2003 (home). According to



Hot Burrs! An O&M Farms truck driver prepares to hook back up to his trailer after dumping his load of cotton burrs on the side of Hwy. 158 about two miles west of Robert Lee. Somehow the tarp over the cotton burrs came loose and started burning when it came in contact with the jake brake under the truck, according to the truck driver. This set fire to the load of cotton burrs, and he pulled over to the side of the road and used the elevator floor to push everything out the back and onto the right of way. The driver for the farm, which is based in Hamilton, Texas, was preparing to hook back up and return to Lamesa for another load.

Wink, "our deer hunters bring a lot of dollars into the local economy, and we would like to express our appreciation to them for their continued support.

In addition, there is always a place for local folks to help with the appreciation barbecue, whether you want to volunteer as a cook, baker, server, ticket taker, or serve on the set-up or clean-up crews. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Robert Wink at the phone numbers listed above.

Farm Bureau to host meeting

The USDA has initiated an innovative subsidized risk management solution for insuring

Pasture, Rangeland, Forage and Hay (PRF). PRF provides coverage for a reduction in the rainfall index amount in a given geographic area.

The Rainfall Index is based on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data and uses an approximate 12x12 mile grid. Insurance payments to a producer suffering a loss are calculated based on the deviation from normal precipitation.

Producers are not required to insure all acres, but cannot exceed the total number of grazing or haying acres they operate.

The insurance is highly subsidized by USDA and 2007 Crop Year must be purchased by November 30, 2006. The Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau will host a PRF information meeting on Monday, November 6 at 6 pm. There will be a meal provided but you must RSVP to the Farm Bureau office at 453-4505 by Friday, November 3.

Important Election Dates

Early voting will run through Friday, November 3. The last day the Clerk's office can receive an application for a ballot by mail is Oct. 31. When submitting an application for a ballot by mail, it must have your residence address on it. If the application does not have the residence address, we will have to reject it and you will have to start over.

Please remember that you need your voter registration card or ID to vote. For additional information regarding the election, please feel free to call the Clerk's office at 453-2631.

Early voting will be held in the Clerk's office Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm and on Friday from 8 am to 1 pm. This year we will hold branch polling at the First National Bank in Bronte on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

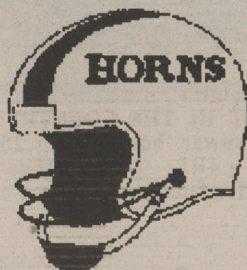
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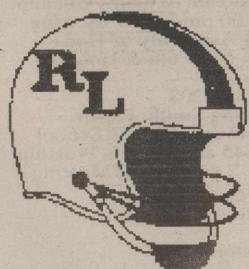


ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Highland Hornets

7:30 pm • Friday
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Fall Back

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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Obituaries



Walker

Jewel Faye Walker of Bronte, formerly of Robert Lee, passed away at the Bronte Nursing Home, Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at the age of 74.

Jewel was born November 18, 1931 in Brownwood, Texas to Charles and Leta Farris. She married the love of her life, Samuel Gorman Walker on September 9, 1952. She loved living on their ranch where she raised all of her children. She was a very dedicated wife and mother and took much pride in taking care of her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Jewel is survived by one son, Jimmie Walker of Bronte, four daughters, Linda Jones and husband Alvin, Martha Walker, Janet Graves, all of Bronte and Cathy McGinley and husband Terry of Robert Lee. Grandchildren Darla Parker, J. C. Jones and wife Vickie, Linda Jones, Jason Blackstock, Tony Blackstock, Larry Graves, and Dalton Graves all of Bronte, and Kendra Baughman and husband Brian of Tennyson, and 26 Great Grandchildren. She is also survived by a one sister, Edith Erickson of North Highland, California.

Funeral services were Thursday, October 19, 2006 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church at 10 am with burial following at the McKenzieville Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family wishes to extend a Special Thanks to Dr. Anderton, the staff of Shannon Medical Center, Bronte Health and Rehab Center, Vista Care and the East Coke County Ambulance Service. The family request that Memorials be made to Vista Care and the East Coke County Ambulance Service.

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Robbins

Lillian LaDella Kiker Robbins, 96 of Bronte, went to be with Our Lord Monday, October 16, 2006.

She was born June 14, 1910 in Bronte, Texas to Sparks Alonzo and Sarah Della McClesky. She was a Bronte High School graduate in 1928 and then received her degree in Education from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She returned to Bronte and taught school for a short time before meeting and marrying Carroll James Robbins on June 3, 1937, a union that lasted over 69 years.

Lillian was a loving and dedicated Wife, Mother and "Mema" who loved her family and friends. She served her Lord and her Church, The First United Methodist Church of Bronte, faithfully for a lifetime. She also

served her community in various other organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents, nine siblings and one grandchild.

She is survived by her loving husband, Carroll. Her sons, Ronnie and wife Carolyn, Alonzo and wife Kay all of Bronte. Grandchildren, Sherry Robbins Jackson and husband Darryl of San Angelo, Steven Robbins of Midland, Stefanie Robbins Keele and husband Wayne of Snyder and Luke Robbins of Mt. Pleasant. Great-Grandchildren, Kaleb, Cody and Kayce Jackson, Brittany Robbins and McKenna, Marshall and Grayson Keele and numerous other special family members and friends.

Visitation was held from 6 pm to 8 pm, Wednesday, October 18 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. Services were held Thursday, October 19, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte with burial following at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Lillian's Grandsons and Great-grandsons.

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Balderas

Alfonso Jimenez Balderas, 79, of Robert Lee passed away on Friday, October 20, 2006 at a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 pm, Sunday, October 22, 2006, in the Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Alfonso was born on March 18, 1927 in Crystal City, Texas to Doroteo and Petra Jimenez Balderas. He married Pauline Lara on December 9, 1950 in Robert Lee, Texas and worked in construction.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Balderas of Robert Lee; his children, Ernest Ybarra of Robert Lee, David Balderas of San Angelo, Virginia Gutierrez of Cleburne, Anita Minjarez of Crowley, Rosa Sanchez of Bronte, Rudy Balderas of San Angelo, Michael Balderas of Cleburne; three sisters, Yolanda Balderas of Detroit, Michigan, Henrietta Urbina of Chicago, Illinois, and Mary Lou Zamora of Dexter, Michigan; three brothers, Oscar Balderas of Sussex, Wisconsin, Jerry Balderas of Racine, Wisconsin, and Doroteo Balderas of Dallas; thirteen grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

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Hatch

Louise Roe Hatch, 91, passed away Sunday, October 22, 2006 at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, October 24, at 2 pm at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee. Visitation continued Tuesday morning at Shaffer Funeral Home.

Louise was born in Robert Lee on December 26, 1914 and spent much of her life there. She lived on the family ranch where she learned from her father, Fred Roe, how to play polo. She also, at a young age, learned to fly an airplane. Louise gradu-

ated from Robert Lee High School and attended Tarleton where she played golf and tennis. For much of her life, Louise divided her time between Red River, NM, where her family owned a lodge and later a gift shop, and Robert Lee. In Robert Lee, she worked at the Robert Lee State Bank. She loved politics and was an active campaigner for her chosen candidate. Louise was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church. Most importantly, she was the best mother Rick and Jeannie could have ever had.

Her parents, Fred Roe and Effie Walling Roe; her brother, Freddie Lee Roe; and her sister, Polly Roe Holland, precede Louise in death.

She is survived by her son, Carl "Rick" Hatch of Rio Vista, CA and her daughter, Jeannie Hatch Hutchison and husband, Carl, of Austin, TX; two granddaughters, Leigh Jackson and her husband, Loyde, of Houston and Courtney Collins of San Angelo; her nephew, Robert Holland, Jr. and great-niece, Kristen Holland, both of Houston.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone at the Robert Lee Care Center for the love and care Louise received while living there. Memorials may be made to the Robert Lee Care Center or the charity of your choice.

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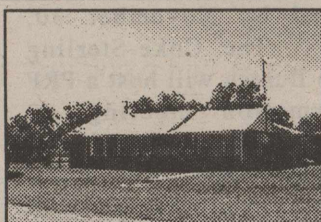
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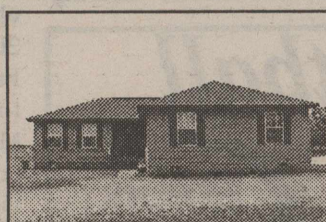
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Class of 1976 Reunites! The Robert Lee High School Class of 1976 gathered in the home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts to celebrate their 30th class reunion on October 7, 2006. Members and former teachers/administrators pictured are (back row, left to right) Mr. George Strickland, LaNell (Flowers) Dean, Mr. Jimmy Bickley, Ernest Burns, (front row, left to right) Pam (Quisenberry) Bauerlein, Mary Elaine (Lackey) Ray, Janie (Lara) Munoz, Sheila (Roberts) Farrar, Barbara (McCoy) Sparks and Mike Stephens.

Blackard-McCabe wedding set

Shana Blackard of Snyder and Trenton McCabe of Robert Lee will be married Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the Mountain Creek Amphitheater in Robert Lee.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be held from 6:30 to 9 pm on Tuesday, November 7, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Red Hat Society meeting set

Come and join the fun on November 7. At 9 am there will be a breakfast in Blackwell at the City Cafe.

Virdis Spoonts Fancher celebrates 100th birthday

Virdis Fancher, a resident of Bronte Health & Rehab Center had a birthday on Oct. 15, 2006. She was 100 years old. She was born Oct. 15, 1906 in Ft. Chadbourne, Texas to O.D. and Leona Spoonts. She had five brothers, "Dobbin", "Pete", "Rob", "Bon" & "Jiggs".

Virdis graduated from high school in Ft. Chadbourne in 1924. She worked in her dad's store for two years-went to Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton 1927-28, then went to business college in Abilene.

Virdis married Clay Fancher in Sweetwater in January 1933. They lived and farmed near Portales, NM. They had one son, Truman Fancher, born in 1934.

Virdis moved to Bronte after she lost her husband in 1970.

She worked for the Bronte Nursing Home for twelve years. She became a resident of the Bronte Health & Rehab Center the end of December 1999. She lost her son in 2002.

A party for Virdis was given on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

Family members hosting the party were Cloreta Spoonts, John & Joetta Spoonts, Roy & Linda Massengill and Inella Nicholas.

Friends helping with the party were Frances Connel, Joyce Decker, Judy Driggers, Peggy Kemp & Kendall Johnston.

Out of town guests were: Gary & Alice Spoonts of Austin; Rocky Spoonts & daughter Ashley of San Angelo; Evelyn Fancher, Cindy Barron, Janice Barron, Rachael Barron and Kari Barron of Magnolia; John & Joetta Spoonts of Ft. Worth.

KSAN filmed the party and interviewed Virdis and was shown on KLST three times.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library will be the meeting place on Tuesday, October 31, for all trick or treaters under the age of five and their siblings and parents and caregivers. The ghosts, skeletons, princesses, and Super Men will begin

the trek around 10 am. If the weather cooperates, it will be a fine time for all with thanks to Robert Lee's downtown offices and businesses.

This Halloween event gives the youngsters a chance to meet those who make the town work, and they will learn a bit about supporting the businesses who support the town where they live.

The Library has added new fiction books, which include books by Kelton, Janet Dailey, Linda Howard, Louann Rice, Lee Child, James Patterson, Sue Grafton, Larry McMurtry and others. A non-fiction book titled Aruba by Dave Holloway is also available.

A book sale is planned for Friday, November 3, 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday, November 4, from 8 am to 1 pm. A huge selection of hardback and paperback books will be available.

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

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CC Retired Teachers

Assn. news

Twenty-four members and
six guests attended the noon
luncheon meeting of the
Coke County Retired Teachers
Association. The meeting was
held at the First United
Methodist Church in Bronte.

President William Hood
presided at the business ses-
sion. He announced the
District XV Fall Convention
to be held in Brownwood on
October 25. President Hood,
Rhonda Hood, and Janet
Wommack plan to attend.

Hood, as well as Paul
Gothard, legislative chair-
man, urged members to con-
tact legislators about current
educational issues. Members
were reminded of upcoming
elections and to study posi-
tions of candidates on TRS
trust fund, pension increases
for education retirees, as
well as other related issues.

The next meeting will be
Monday, November 20, 2006
at the First Baptist Church in

Bronte.

Members attending were:
C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee,
Jamie Boren, Nina Brewer,
Glenda Draper, Jean Fancher,
Harrell Foshee, Janice Foshee,
Judy Gibbs, Kay Gothard, Paul
Gothard, June Gulley, Rhonda
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Lawhon, Pat Lee, Bette
McCutchen, Jerry McCutchen,
Mary Patterson, Beth Prather,
Kenneth Rasco, Gerald
Sandusky, Janet Wommack, and
Lee Wommack.

Guests present were: Michael
Bohensky, Aaron Hood, Terry
Marrs, Donna Poehls, Wayne
Simpson, and Caitlin Lange.

Use caution in school zones

TxDOT would like to
remind motorists of the fol-
lowing schedule for school
zone flashing signals:

Robert Lee 7:30 a.m. -
8:30 a.m.; 11:45 a.m. - 1:00
p.m.; 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bronte 7:30 a.m. - 8:
30 a.m.; 11:50 a.m. - 1:15
p.m.; 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

When signals are flashing,
the speed limit is reduced
and motorists are advised to
use extra caution.

Dessert Cook-off Winners announced

The winning desserts in the
Street Affair's Better Than
Betty Dessert Cook-off were
Terri Sawyer's Apple Brownies
and Mary Williams Spice Leche
Cake. The junior division was
won by Devin Batten for his
pecan pie and Will Howard
for his chocolate cake.

Terri Sawyer's Apple
Brownies recipe is as follows:
2/3 Cup real butter (softened), 2
tsp. baking powder, 1 cup brown
sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 2 large eggs,
1 cup peeled and chopped
Granny Smith apples, 2 tsp.
vanilla, and 1 & 1/3 cup all pur-
pose flour.

Preheat oven to 350
degrees. Mix butter, eggs,
sugars, and vanilla in large
bowl until creamy.

Add flour, baking powder
and salt. Mix well. Stir in
apples and nuts. Spread into
a greased brownie pan. (I use
Pam No-Stick Spray). Bake
35-40 minutes or until tooth
pick inserted in middle
comes out clean. Let cool
completely before cutting
into squares.

Mary Williams created this
recipe for Spice Leche Cake:
1 box Spice Cake Mix, 1 can
sweetened condensed milk, 3
eggs, 1 small pkg. cheese



Well traveled flag! Sergeant First Class Phil Thompson (right) has just returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq. He brought home an American flag which had flown forty miles east of Baghdad over the D Company 3-101st Aviation Regiment 101st Airborne Division. He also presented his dad (Bud) a cap that he had worn during his latest tour in Iraq. Sergeant Thompson was awarded the Bronze Star in 2003 and received the Meritorious Service Medal for this most recent deployment.

cake instant pudding, 1 & 1/3
cup water, mix, 1/3 cup vege-
table oil, 2 cups milk, 1 heap-
ing Tbsp. mayonnaise, 1 16
oz tub Cool Whip.

Preheat oven to 350
degrees. Mix first five ingre-
dients together with electric
mixer for about 3 minutes.
Put in greased and floured
13x9 inch cake pan, and bake
for about 33 minutes or until
knife comes out clean. As
soon as you take the cake out
of the oven punch about 100
holes in the cake using the
handle end of a wooden
spoon. While the cake is still
hot, slowly pour the sweet-
ened condensed milk evenly
over the cake. Immediately
mix the instant pudding with
2 cups of milk. Before the
instant pudding has a chance
to thicken, pour it evenly
over the cake. Cover and
place the cake in the refrig-
erator overnight. Before
serving, cover the top of the
cake with the Cool Whip.
Sprinkle with cinnamon.
Cake will be very rich and
will need to be refrigerated.

For a slightly less sweet
and rich cake (but still really
good), eliminate the sweet-
ened condensed milk, and
increase the milk in the
instant pudding from 2 cups
to 3 cups.

Those who participated in
the dessert cook-off are very
much appreciated. Some of
the cakes and pies were sold
by the piece to benefit the
Library. Those servings that
did not sell were taken to the
care center staff.

Concho Cowboy Company a success

The Robert Lee State Bank
granted the Concho Cowboy
Company and the Spring
Creek Muzzle Loaders the lot
behind the bank as a camp-
ground during the Robert Lee
Street Affair on Saturday,
October 7, 2006.

Monday morning the camp-
ground looked as if no one
had been there, although four
tents and campsites had been
set up and several members
of the groups camped there
overnight. One pledge of
these re-enactors is to leave

only footprints behind, and
they held true to that pledge.

The reenactors drew crowds
of appreciative young people
with their muzzle loaders, bull-
whips, and authentic clothing,
camp gear and fire pit. Many
of the men have educated and
entertained all over the United
States at rendezvous and other
gatherings. They are dedicated
to instilling a sense of appre-
ciation for the old ways, a love
of the out of doors, a strong
sense of esprit de corps, and a
dedication to their avocation as
frontiersmen.

The Concho Cowboy
Company spent the day in
impromptu shoot-outs and
rough and tumble altercations
settled by shoot-outs and whip
lashings. Woe be to the unsus-
pecting bystander or booth
operator when the Company
got into an altercation nearby.
It is hoped that such frontier
encampments can become a
regular part of the Street Affair.
This year's group is an exam-
ple of what dedication to pre-
serving the old ways really
means.

Thank You



*Those who plant in tears will
harvest with shouts of joy. They
weep as they go to plant their seed,
but they sing as they return with
the harvest.*

Psalm 126:5-6 NLT

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our friends from Coke County and throughout the area for all the calls, cards, flowers, memorials, and many thoughts and prayers since the loss of our beloved Grant Drennan. We were blessed by the attendance of so many of you.

Thank you to those whom have contributed to the college fund at Lamesa National Bank. Our hearts have been deeply touched by the kindness and many "labors of love" that have been extended to our family. God Bless You all for your presence and your precious friendship.

Our love,

Mindi, Brittni and Carson Drennan

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Gordon, Kathy, Jessica and Jamie Drennan

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Melvin and Debbie McCabe and family

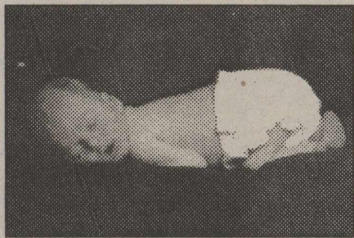
**Although I am unopposed in the
General Election on November
7, I would certainly appreciate
your support and vote.**

**Thank You,
Robert Feil**

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Robert A. Feil, 801 E. Hayrick Rd, Bronte, Texas 76933



Look Who's New!



Kaleb Austin Crawley

Austin and Elaine (Gibbs) Crawley of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kaleb Austin Crawley, who was born at 5:39 pm on September 13, 2006. Kaleb weighed 6 lbs, 4 oz, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Kaleb's grandparents are Bill and Judy Gibbs of Robert Lee.

Moodys enjoy gospel music industry

The Moodys are one of the most fun filled and ministry focused families in the gospel music industry today. Hailing from Texas, they have taken their style of gospel music from coast to coast and border to border for over fourteen years. This family focused ministry has a style that some would say is a mixture of both southern and country gospel while delivering their own personality that will send you away having been both blessed and entertained.

Touring for an average of 200 dates a year, the Moodys spend a great deal of their time sharing with you the love of a wonderful Savior as well as their tremendous appreciation for the ones who daily give us the freedoms that we all so richly enjoy...our dedicated men and women in uniform. You won't want to miss the opportunity to experience this talented and dedicated family.

Texas has long been known for its many sons and daughters who have made their mark in gospel music. Once you experience The Moodys you will agree that God has sent one more gift from Deep in the Heart of Texas.

Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest set Oct. 28

Plans are underway for the 16th Annual Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest, Saturday, October 28.

The Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest features the best of Texas wines, food, and entertainment. Over seventy exhibitors vie for attention from discriminating gourmets and oenophiles.

Texas Specialty booths, 50 in all, will have choices ranging from candles to Texas chicken and emu oil, oysters, spices, jams, beef and salsas, as well as other gift items such as lavender and soap products.

More information on the event, and advance ticket purchase, is available by contacting the Fest Office at 830-997-8515, or by visiting www.fbgfoodandwinefest.com.

THC announces new cemetery preservation program

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) announces the RIP Guardian program, the newest addition to cemetery preservation programs for the state of Texas. RIP stands for Record, Investigate, Protect and the new program provides volunteer organizations with specific guidelines to follow to preserve local cemeteries.

The RIP Guardian program is part of the THC's overarching RIP cemetery preservation initiative. Surveys were completed in 49 counties determining that approximately 37 percent of local cemeteries are at risk of becoming lost due to encroachment, vandalism and neglect.

"To lose a cemetery is to lose a valuable part of local history," said Gerron Hite, state coordinator of the THC's cemetery preservation program. "It takes a dedicated group of volunteers interested in all aspects of a cemetery, from preservation of individual grave markers to identification of historic and heirloom plants, to safeguard a cemetery from neglect or vandalism."

Residents in Hays, Hill and Uvalde counties are some of the first volunteers to take advantage of the new program to protect their historic cemeteries.

"We in Hays County share the same desire as all of our sister counties: preventing the potential loss and deterioration of our rural cemeteries," said Jim Cullen, cemetery coordinator for the Hays County Historical Commission (CHC). "The RIP Guardian program offers a comprehensive plan — a more-than-short-term answer to many of these vulnerable cemeteries' needs."

CHCs help cement the success of this new program by working with local RIP Guardian programs and gathering and maintaining information at the county level and making it readily available to the public.

The RIP Guardian program provides education, consultation and assistance to cemetery organizations and associations to preserve these important cultural resources in Texas. Volunteers selected to participate in this new program will have the opportunity to be trailblazers in cemetery preservation statewide and nationally.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the significance of cemetery preservation to the forefront," said Larry Oaks, executive director of the THC. "We're look-



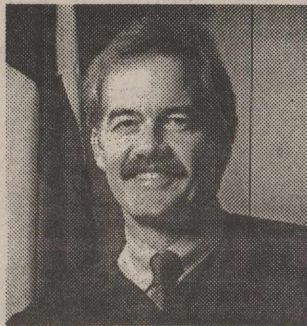
Melody Makers! A group of 15 members from the Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo, that call themselves the "Melody Makers", entertained Robert Lee Care Center residents on October 18.

ing forward to seeing local RIP Guardians become part of a much larger statewide

network of Texans dedicated to saving history."

For more information on

the THC's RIP Guardian program, contact Anne Shelton at 512/475-4506.



Re-elect Justice David Puryear 3rd Court of Appeals

About Justice Puryear

Justice Puryear has been on the Third Court since January of 2001. He has authored some 936 opinions and has consistently rendered a fair application of controlling law. According to the state Office of Court Administration, Justice Puryear was the third most productive appellate court justice in the entire state of Texas last year, demonstrating his work ethic and commitment to his position on the Court.

Serving on a Court that hears both civil and criminal cases, Justice Puryear is the only Justice on the Court to have served as both a trial court judge and criminal prosecutor.

As a fifth-generation Texan and Central Texas rancher, Justice Puryear understands traditional Texas values, such as personal responsibility and respect for private property rights.

"David Puryear is an exemplary jurist with strong law enforcement credentials. He has earned our trust and I'm proud to endorse his re-election." —State Senator Ken Armbrister (D) Chairman, Senate Natural Resources Committee

"Justice David Puryear is a proven conservative who understands that judges should interpret and apply the law, not legislate from the bench." —Attorney General Greg Abbott (R)

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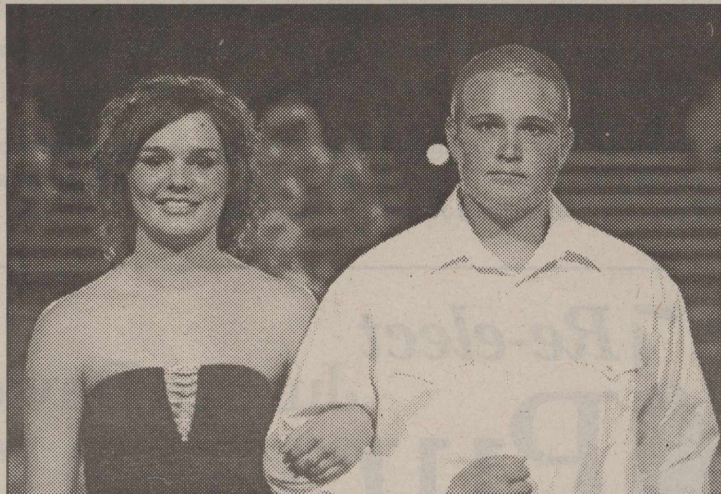
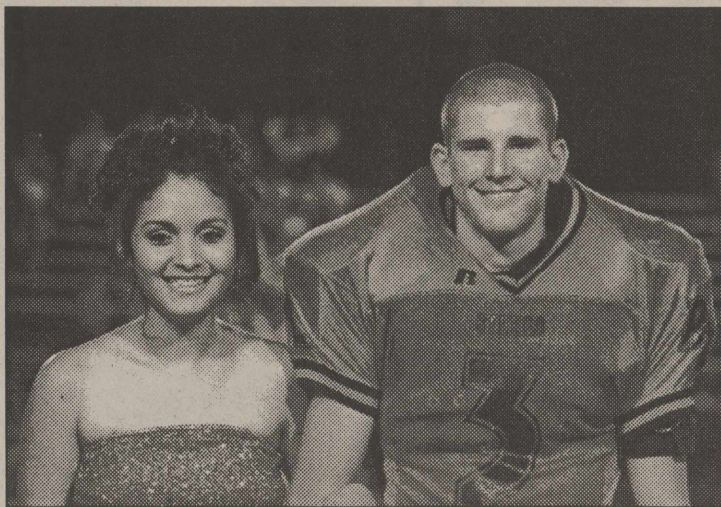
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Steers take down Bulldogs

by Tom Sawyer

Steer fans the district race has begun! If the rest of the games are this exciting we all may need nitro tablets to keep our hearts going. Six man football is a game that's not over till the final quarter has counted down to 0:00 and the buzzer has sounded. One thing that can help our Steers through the district race is for more fans to get off their seats and make some noise,

I promise you the more we support our boys the harder they will play. Steer Pride is more important now than ever before. GO STEERS!!!

Game Summary

1st Quarter

Bulldogs - 12 yard pass with 6:09 left, PAT kick good;

Steers - 5 yard pass to Honse from Gallegos with 2:18 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 36 yard pass to Pagan from Gallegos with :40 left, Percifull Kick.

Robert Lee - 14, Ira - 8

2nd Quarter

Steers - 10 yard run by Gallegos with 4:00 left, Percifull Kick;

Bulldogs - 15 yard pass with :01 left, PAT pass good;

Steers - 50 yard kickoff return by Hodge with 0:00 left, Percifull Kick.

Robert Lee - 30, Ira - 15

3rd Quarter

Steers - 45 yard pass to Pagan from Gallegos with 9:39 left, Percifull Kick;

Ira - 6 yard pass with 7:09 left, PAT kick good;

Ira - 11 yard pass with 2:18 left, PAT kick failed;

Steers - 60 yard run by

RLHS Homecoming Court!

The following students were named to the 2006 Robert Lee High School Homecoming Court at Homecoming festivities on October 6: Anna Rojas, Taylor Percifull (top left photo), Jaden Alexander, Brody Dillard (top right photo), Kasie Skinner, Clay Antilley (middle right photo), Sarah Philley, Chase Roe (bottom right photo), Brettne Reed and Cody Denton (bottom left photo).

Gallegos with 2:05 left, Percifull Kick.

Robert Lee - 46, Ira - 29

4th Quarter

Steers - 13 yard run by Gallegos with 8:30 left, Percifull Kick;

Ira - 6 yard run with 6:24 left, PAT kick good;

Steers - 49 yard run by Honse with 2:33 left, Percifull Kick;

Ira - 5 yard run with :38 left, PAT kick failed;

Steers - 45 yard run by Gallegos with :12 left, PAT kick failed.

Robert Lee - 68, Ira - 43

Steer Stats

Taylor Percifull - 8 tackles, 7 PAT kicks, 1 fumble recovery;

Brody Dillard - 10 tackles, 1 of 2 passing for 12 yards and 1 int.;

Josh Gallegos - 16 carries for 189 yards and 4 TD's, 8 of 12 passing for 132 yards and 3 TD's, 14 tackles;

Johnathan Pagan - 2 receptions for 71 yards and 2 TD's;

Kevin Honse - 1 carry for 49 yards and 1 TD, 2 receptions for 13 yards and 1 TD, 12 tackles;

Cameron Hodge - 3 carries for 9 yards, 3 receptions for 32 yards, 16 tackles;

Chase Roe - 13 tackles;

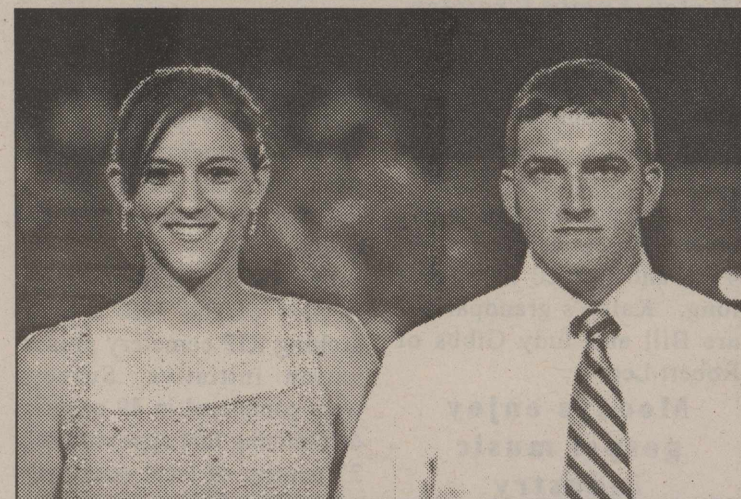
Corbin Martin - 2 tackles, and 1 fumble recovery;

Tony Munoz - 1 tackle.

See everyone October 27th at Highland. GO STEERS!!!

RLHS pep rally set

The Robert Lee High School pep rally will be held



today at 2:55 pm at the football field. In case of bad weather, the pep rally will be moved to the gym.

Lady Steers begin basketball season

The Lady Steers begin their season with a scrimmage scheduled for Saturday, October 28, against Westbrook. The JV

girls will begin at 2 pm and the varsity will follow at 3 pm.

The Lady Steers will also scrimmage Trent on Tuesday, October 31, with the JV beginning at 5:30 pm and the varsity to follow. Both scrimmages will be played in Robert Lee at the Robert Lee High School gym.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 30

Juice, pancakes, sausage, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Thursday, Nov. 2

Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk

Friday, Nov. 3

Juice, fruit bar, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 30

Beef, bean, cheese burrito, salad, corn, apple, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Steakfingers, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Corn dog, tator tots, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, Nov. 2

Meatballs in gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, peaches, sliced bread, milk

Friday, Nov. 3

BBQ on bun, ranch beans, pickles, applesauce, teddy grahams, baked chips, milk

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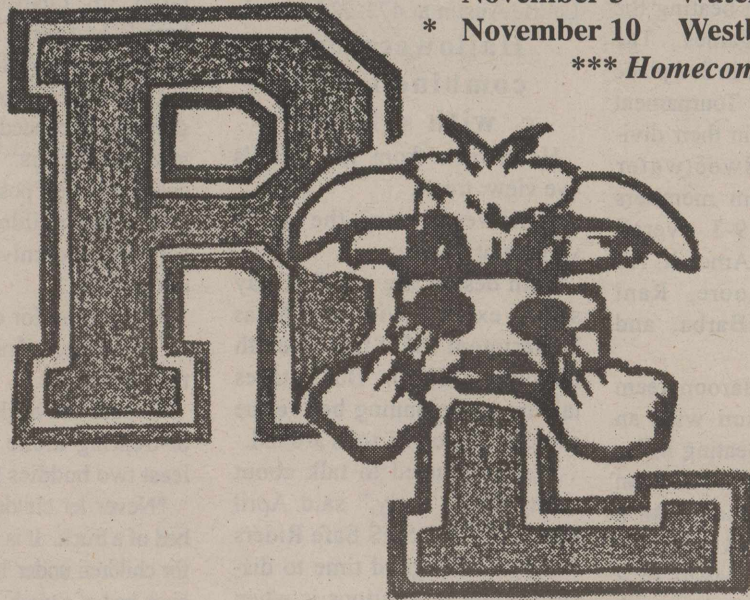
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September 1	Rankin	There	7:30	22	52	
September 8	Borden County	Here	7:30	53	28	
September 15	Santa Anna	There	7:30	50	48	
September 22	Eden	Here	7:30	64	14	
September 29	Trent	There	7:30	51	6	
***October 6	Rochelle	Here	7:30	62	14	
October 13	Open					
* October 20	Ira	Here	7:30	68	43	
* October 27	Highland	There	7:30			
** November 3	Water Valley	Here	7:30			
* November 10	Westbrook	There	7:30			

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns fall to Irion County Hornets

The Longhorns were defeated by Irion County on Friday, 35-7. The loss drops Bronte to 2-2 in district. Bronte's only score was on an Adam Halfacer 4-yard run.

On offense the Longhorns were led in rushing by Adam Halfacer's 73 yards and Philip Rawlings 64 yards. On defense the Longhorns were led by Reece Springer's 8 tackles, Adam Halfacer's 5 tackles, and Will Macon's 4 tackles.

The Longhorns will travel to Forsan to take on the Forsan Buffaloes tonight.

Lady Shorthorns finish season

The Bronte Lady Shorthorns finished their volleyball season in Miles on Monday, October 23. The 8th grade team dropped their final match of the season to a much improved Miles team, but only after having played a hard fought battle. The 8th grade team left their mark in the volleyball world with a 2nd place in the Colorado City Tournament, consolation in the Bronte Tournament, and an 11-6 overall record. Team members are Shandee Vaughn, Cheyenne Boyd, Ali Franco, Ginny Caston, Rachel Deller, Kelsey Sedden, Kim Nixon, Brittani Harris, and Peyton Eubanks.

The 7th grade White team finished their season last week

against Veribest. They ended with a decisive win beating the Lady Falcon in 2 games. The White team finished in 3rd place in the San Angelo Tournament and won 3rd place in their division in the Sweetwater Tournament. Team members finishing with a 9-3 overall record are Shelby Amendt, Ali Pena, Kaitlyn Moore, Rani Parks, Stephanie Barba, and Brenda Perez.

The 7th grade Maroon team finished their season with an exclamation mark beating Miles in 2 games. The Maroon team completed their season with a perfect 15-0 record winning every match they played in 2 games. Along with their record, they won championships in the Colorado City and San Angelo Tournaments. Team members include Leah Jones, Katie Austin, Kim Lee, Mackenzie Gibbs, Leticia Pena, Kassie Fillman, Harley Wallace, and Jill Scott.

Trick or treat at BH&RC

On Tuesday, October 31 from 6:30 pm - 8 pm, the residents of Bronte Health & Rehab will be welcoming trick or treaters up to age 12 or 6th grade to come and trick or treat at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

Bronte Fall Festival set

The Bronte Fall Festival will be Monday, October 30, at 5 pm in the old gym. Each athlete will need to bring a cake, cupcakes or brownies to the old gym by 5 pm for the cakewalk. There's been a shortage of parents to work at some of the games and appreciate those who have helped out in these situations.

The workers scheduled for Thursday, October 26, are the parents of Stephanie Frasier, Jessie England, Reece Springer, Adam Halfacer, Rani Parks and Will Macon. The workers for the Friday, November 3, game

are the parents of Ariel Coalson, Jordan Baumann, Logan McGlothlin, Jake Cotter and Hayden White.

If you cannot work, please contact either Tammy Royall or Laurie Austin at 473-2251.

Halloween can combine treats with safety

Halloween from the child's eye view: treats.

Halloween from the adult viewpoint: safety.

Both desires are possible, say safety experts with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). But it takes talking and planning before the evening of Oct. 31 rolls around.

"Families need to talk about safety issues early," said April Harris of the DSHS Safe Riders Program. "A good time to discuss safety precautions is when children choose costumes or receive party invitations. Then remind them again before they go out to trick-or-treat."

DSHS offers these safety tips for children:

- *Look left, right and left again for cars and trucks before crossing the street. Keep looking both ways as you cross the street.

- *Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the far left side of the road facing traffic.

- *Walk, don't run.

- *Don't cut across lawns or go through backyards, parks and alleys.

- *Don't hide behind cars or cross the street from between parked cars; go to a corner.

- *Never accept rides from strangers or take treats from someone who's in a car or truck.

- *Use a flashlight with fresh batteries or carry a glow stick.

- *Wear light-colored costumes and put reflective strips on them. Be sure costumes are short enough so you will not trip.

- *Use face paint rather than a mask or hood that covers your eyes.

- *Wear comfortable shoes that fit. High heels or big floppy shoes are not safe for walking.

- *Stay away from lighted candles, matches and open fires.

- *Be careful around animals. Even pets you know may be scared by costumes and loud or strange noises.

- *Tick-or-treat only at houses where you know the people and then only if the porch light is on.

- *Don't eat any treats until they are checked by an adult.

DSHS offers these safety suggestions for adults:

- *Accompany trick-or-treaters 12 and under.

- *Look for a "flame resistant" label on costumes, masks, beards and wigs. Use flame-resistant materials when making costumes. Bags and costumes should be decorated with reflective tape and stickers. Choose a light color costume if possible.

- *Be sure children carry only soft, flexible knives, swords or other props.

- *Set a time for older children to be home. Know the route they will take.

- *Never let a child go trick-or-treating alone. Be sure at least two buddies go together.

- *Never let children ride in the bed of a truck. It is illegal in Texas for children under 18 to ride in the open bed of a truck.

- *Remove obstacles such as ladders, tools and toys from your yard.

- *Keep jack-o'-lanterns and lighted candles away from areas where costumes or paper decorations might touch the flame. Consider using glow sticks instead of candles.

DSHS offers this safety information for motorists:

- *Slow down in residential neighborhoods.

- *Watch for children in the street, on medians and at curbs. Be especially aware that children may cross the street in the middle of the block.

- *Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.

- *Be extra careful backing up in all locations, including parking lots. *If you are driving children around for trick-or-treating, be sure they get in and out of the car on the curb side of the car, away from traffic.

- *Do not wear a Halloween mask while driving.

"Children may not remember from year to year what safety precautions to take," Harris said. "They may not be used to walking at night, even in familiar neighborhoods. It's up to

adults to help children enjoy Halloween safely."

Childhood obesity a growing problem

Obesity is taking over the United States as a major cause of death, especially in the young. The American Obesity Association recently reported 15.5 percent of adolescents and 15.3 percent of children are obese, and obesity rates have tripled in adolescents and doubled in children in just 25 years.

Childhood obesity has many causes, the top being lack of physical activity. Today's child is more likely to sit inside and engage in a sedentary behavior, such as video or computer games, rather than a physical activity outdoors. Research indicates that children from lower income families and those with non-working parents also have a greater chance of being overweight. Poor eating habits, including over consumption of food and eating while watching television, are other factors.

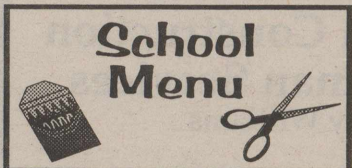
"With obesity comes a myriad of possible associated problems, including hypertension, Type 2 diabetes mellitus, lipid abnormalities, sleep apnea, fatty liver disease, joint injuries and polycystic ovarian syndrome, just to name a few," said Catherine McNeal, Ph.D., M.D., assistant professor with the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine. "The reasons for obesity rates increasing are widely debated and include a long list of societal changes. There is no singular problem, but overall, it is ultimately due to caloric imbalance - more calories in than out."

Fortunately, there are several weapons to fight this epidemic.

Limit portion sizes, dining out and consumption of sugared beverages such as sodas, power drinks, lemonade and juice, Dr. McNeal said. Also, have at least an hour each day of moderately active physical activity.

Eating habits are important, too, so researchers discourage serving large portions and encourage families to eat meals together at regular times and eat slowly.

"The lifespan of Americans has been gradually increasing," said Dr. McNeal, a physician with Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas. "However, this is the first generation of children who may live shorter lives than their parents, and the primary reason for this is associated with the increased number of obese youth."



Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 30

Cereal, pears, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 1

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Thursday, Nov. 2

Blueberry muffins, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Friday, Nov. 3

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 30

Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, baby carrots and celery with ranch, brownies, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Soft tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, flour tortilla, pink panther cake, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Chicken nugget, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, roll, milk

Thursday, Nov. 2

Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, bread sticks, fruit jello, milk

Friday, Nov. 3

Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, bun, rice krispie bars, milk

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September 8	Rotan	Here	7:30	7	12
September 15	Open				
** September 22	Winters	Here	7:30	25	6
* September 29	Sterling City	There	7:30	12	41
* October 6	Eldorado	Here	7:30	6	0
* October 13	Menard	There	7:30	25	20
* October 20	Irion County	Here	7:30	7	35
* October 27	Forsan	There	7:30		
* November 3	Miles	Here	7:30		
* November 10	Christoval	There	7:30		

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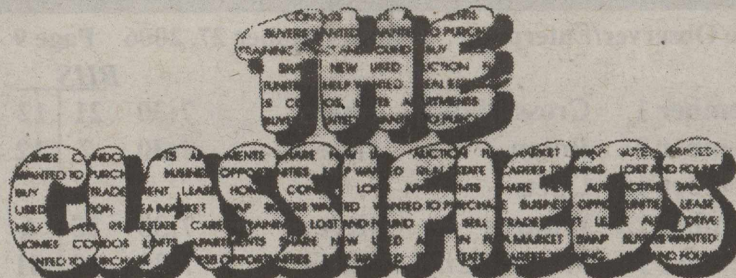
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Legal Notices:
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Tuesdays at 2 pm

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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.

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FOR SALE

MAKE BEST OFFER

1989 Toyota Camry. Sell for parts. New battery, new rebuilt alternator, good tires. Water pump went out and overheated engine. Not in running condition. Call 450-8008.

12-tnc

FOR SALE

'01 white Dodge Ram pickup-1500 V6 mgn-shortbed-automatic-nerf bars-electric brake & receiver hitch-tinted windows-39,900 miles-clean and well maintained-am/fm cassette-split seat. \$8500. Tommy Shook 305 11th St. Robert Lee, 325-453-2743.

14-2tp

HANDYMAN CONSTRUCTION

LICENSED ELECTRICIAN • INSURED & BONDABLE ANY TYPE OF JOB

TOMMY WILLIAMS
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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

COMPUTERS

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

22-tnc

FOR RENT

FOR LEASE

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

27-tnc

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

FOR RENT

2 BR, 2 BA house, 315 N. Randall, Bronte. Fenced back yard. FMI contact Rosemary at (325) 452-3443.

14-3twp

MISCELLANEOUS

THE "BARBER" SHOP

Debora England, 107 W. Main, Bronte. 277-8164. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm.

33-tnc

TREES TOPPED

trimmed, or removed. Call 473-8712 or 453-9902 after 5:00.

07-tnc

FOUND

Someone left a portable phone at the O/E office. Come by to claim.

03-tnc

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Plot maintenance or repairs. Call 473-8712 or 453-9902 after 5:00.

07-tnc

WARNING!!

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

28-tnc

\$100 REWARD

Worthless little blind Rat Terrier pup. Lost at Lake Spence on October 19. Has blue collar & tags. White with brown spots and a docked tail. If you know the whereabouts of this dog, call 325-453-4488 and we will pay you the reward.

15-1tp

PARKER PLUMBING

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

34-tnc

STUMP GRINDING

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

20-tnc

PAINTING

Interior & exterior. Over 20 years experience. Some drywall & texturing done. Also other home repairs. Call 453-4647.

14-4tp

LET'S RIDE

Twin Mountain Riding Club Playday, Bronte Arena, Sunday, November 5. Register 1 pm, ride 1:30 pm. FMI 658-8373.

15-1tc

HELP WANTED

TRES AMIGOS CONVENIENCE STORES

Water Valley location Cashiers/Food Service Workers

Apply in person

15-2tc

FOR SALE

3 BR/1 BA
Large Older Home on Large Lot at 401 N. Jefferson, Bronte
Price reduced!
\$12,500 OBO As Is.
658-3155 Christy or
473-2117 Debbie

ASH-MILICAN-CARSON REAL ESTATE

453-5144 OFFICE • 5 E 6TH STREET • ROBERT LEE, TX

JOE ASH • 473-0164

MARSHALL MILICAN • 473-0437

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Coke County ~ Ranch & Hunting Properties

954 +/- ac., all pasture **SOLD** well, seasonal creek.
654 +/- ac., all pasture land, **SOLD** wells, seasonal creek.
650 +/- ac., all pasture land, 3 surface tanks, near Colorado River.
314 +/- ac., all pasture land, 2 water wells, barn & pens.
300 +/- ac., all pasture **SOLD** well, additional 40+ ac. under fence.
164 +/- ac., 25 ac. cultivation, rural water, 1 water well, seasonal creek, nice home, 40x80 barn, mountainous views.
160 +/- ac., All pasture land, rural water, hilltop view of Lake Spence.
93 +/- ac. All Pasture land **SOLD** well, electricity, 16x32 Morgan building.

We have Buyers, We need Land Listings.

Lake Front Property, 3 BR, 2 Bath home, 1550 sq. ft., vaulted ceiling in living area, 2 car carport, on approx. 4.5 ac. with magnificent views, additional guest house.

NOTICES

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

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo
Contract 6145-24-001 for MOWING THE RIGHT OF WAY in COKE County will be received on November 30, 2006 until 1:00 pm and opened on November 30, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$187,152.00. Contract 6145-25-001 for MOWING RIGHT OF WAY in STERLING County will be received on November 29, 2006 until 1:00 pm and opened on November 29, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$272,412.00.

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

NPO: 21755

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division

200 E. Riverside Dr.

Austin, Texas 78704

Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

San Angelo District

District Engineer

4502 Knickerbocker Rd

San Angelo, Texas 76904

Phone: 325-944-1501

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

15-2tc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 28. 8 am-?. 1721 Bishop, Robert Lee. Furniture, knickknacks, clothes, etc.

15-1tp

PATIO SALE

Corner house across from Burwick's in Bronte. Saturday, October 28. 7:30 am - 11 am. King Comforter, golf bag, winter clothes, ladies casual and dress shoes, dishes, nice prom dresses (only worn once), and more.

15-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE TO thank everyone for your kindness and prayers during our time of loss.

The family of
Alfonso Balderas

15-1tp



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

is accepting applications for the following positions at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. Successful candidates will be required to pass security clearance.

Sr. Correctional LVN (Req# 72619)

2 pm-10 pm Monday-Friday (occasional weekend)

Shift Incentive for 2nd shift and weekends

Great State Benefit Package

Contact Barbara Smith DON • 325-473-5700 ext. 105

For additional information and to apply log on to

<http://jobs.texastech.edu>

TTUHSC is an EEO/AA Employer

RLISD board meets in regular session

Before the regular meeting of the board at 7:00, a Public Hearing for the F.I.R.S.T. Rating from TEA was held at 6:45, on Tuesday, Oct. 17th in the high school library. No one present.

At 7:00 pm the meeting was called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

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

Board recessed at 7:01 pm to attend the Beta Club Induction. Board reconvened at 7:18 pm to regular session.

Invocation and pledge led by Kevin Roe. No comments from the public.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2006. The August 30, 2006 special board meeting minutes were also approved with correction of adding Tom Sawyer to be present during said meeting, seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the bills and financial report seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Assistant Principal; Wayne Simpson, gave the elementary report. Enrollment for elementary is 130 students including 7 Pre-K students.

Principal, Dwin Nanny, gave the high school reports. Enrollment for grades 7-12 is 119 students.

Supt. Hood gave the report on the 2004-2005 F.I.R.S.T. rating from TEA. RLISD received Superior Achievement rating.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to name Superintendent Aaron Hood as the Asbestos Designated Person for RLISD seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Buck Duncan made a motion to approve Dwin Nanny as the IPM Coordinator for RLISD seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to modify BQA Local, Planning & Decision making process, to read under "Terms" that representatives shall be elected or selected annually and shall serve two year terms. Motion seconded by Buck Duncan. All for.

Jeffie Roberts moved to adopt CCG Local, Local Revenue Sources: Ad Valorem Taxes, in accordance with the Texas Economic Development Act seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Supt. Hood made a recommendation to award the proposal to purchase a used school bus from National Bus Sales based on price and mileage. NBS had the lowest bid. The other bids received were from American Bus Sales, LLC and TransNational Bus & Coach. Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept the recommendation to purchase

the school bus from NBS seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Supt. Hood gave his superintendent's report on enrollment numbers, wind project update, new disclosure requirements, information on completed audit and update on the school calendar adoption.

No personnel matters were discussed.

Next school board meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2006. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Office Ghouls

Ghost and goblins who traditionally make their appearance on October 31 may have office counterparts whose behaviors bedevil their managers throughout the year. Executives polled in a recent survey say that almost a fifth (18 percent) of managers' time--or more than seven hours each week--is spent sorting out personality conflicts among staff members.

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

Executives were asked, "What percentage of management time is wasted resolving staff personality conflicts?" The mean response was 18 percent. Accountemps also conducted surveys asking executives the same question in 1996, 1991 and 1986. Results for this year's survey were unchanged from the 1996 poll (18 percent) but were up from 13 percent in 1991 and 9 percent in 1986.

While some personality conflicts are serious in nature, even small disagreements can cause friction, according to Accountemps. Managers can reduce office disharmony by being aware of employees with habits that disrupt productivity and nipping

problems in the bud, advised Accountemps.

Here are some common year-round workplace goblins and tips on managing them:

*The Laughing Hyena-This personality type finds everything funny-especially her own jokes. She's not aware that her voice carries and can be heard many

cubicles away. Encourage employees to try to keep their voices down during conversations and find a conference room for meeting where speakerphones are used.

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ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION (ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 7, 2006, in Coke
(date)

County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI,

Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el dia 7 de Noviembre, 2006, en el Condado de Coke, Texas, con el proposito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precincto como requerido por el Articulo XVI, Seccion 65, de la Constitucion de Texas.)

(List Offices) (Enumere las puestos oficiales)

County Judge (Juez del Condado)
District/County Clerk (Secretario del Distrito y Condado)
County Tax Assessor-Collector-unexpired term (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado, Duracion)
County Treasurer (Tesorero del Condado)
County Commissioner, Prec. 2 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 2)
County Commissioner, Prec. 4 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 4)
Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Num. 1)
Justice of the Peace, Prec. 2 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Num. 2)
Constable, Prec. 1 - unexpired term (Condestable, Precinto Num. 1, Duracion)

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CORE COUNTY & DIST. CLERK
MARY GRIM

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en.)

County Clerk's Office 13 E. 7th St. Robert Lee
(location) (sitio)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2006
Clerks Office - Monday thru Thursday - 8:00 till 5:00, Friday - 8:00 till 1:00 p.m.

(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 23 de Octubre
(fecha)

and ending on November 3 (y terminando el) 3 de Noviembre
(date) (fecha)

Mary Grim
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

P.O. Box 150
(Address) (Dirección)

Robert Lee, Texas 76945
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el.)

October 31
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 28 day of August, 2006.

(Emitada este día 28 de Agosto, 2006)

Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

IVEY MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

2005 Ford F-150 SuperCrew 4x4 \$27,495

King Ranch Edition • Dark Copper • Rear DVD • 14K Miles!

2004 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab Flareside \$11,995

Bright Red • V-6 • XLT • Auto • 42,000 Miles! #4879A

2003 Lincoln Town Car Signature #7031A \$15,995

White • Tan Heated Leather Seats • Light hail

2005 Ford Focus ZX5 #F114A \$11,995

Silver • Gray Cloth • 4 Cyl. • Auto • Great fuel economy!

2002 Toyota Celica GT #7013A \$12,995

Satin Silver • Automatic • Very Sporty! • 29K Miles

2005 Ford Mustang #7035 \$17,750

Vibrant White • Charcoal Interior • 21,000 Miles • Very Sporty!

1998 Ford Expedition XLT #4838A \$9,995

Toreador Red • Tan Cloth • Great Buy!

2006 Ford Taurus SE #7046 \$12,995

Windveil Blue • 21K Miles • CD

2005 Lincoln Towncar Signature #7037 \$23,995

French Silk • Beige Leather • Light hail

2006 Mercury Grand Marquis LS #7053 \$18,995

Arizona Beige • Tan Leather • 16,000 Miles!

2006 Ford Escape XLT #7049 \$17,995

White • 4 Cyl. Automatic • 17,000 Miles! • Amazing Fuel Economy!

2005 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 #4872A \$14,995

Mineral Gray • Tan Interior • Grill Guard • Really nice!

2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4x2 #F246A \$10,995

White • Gray Cloth Interior • Low miles!

2002 Ford Explorer XLS #4874A \$8,995

Mineral Gray • Tan Cloth Interior • Great Condition!

2004 Ford Taurus SES #7054A \$8,995

Black • Charcoal Interior • 57K Miles! • Sharp!

Ask about our Year End
Close Out Sale!

453-4561

Ask For:

Randy Flanagan • Marsha Wink

Billy Wayne Roe

...Office Ghouls

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*The Ghost Employee- There's nothing quite as frustrating as a staff member you can never find. Whether out on official business or not, some people seem perpetually away from the office and turn up only rarely for meeting and group events. These ghostlike characters may not realize they have this reputation-and are certainly not prone to correcting it-unless managers regularly remind the entire staff of the importance of being accessible.

*The Witch's Brewer. It's hard for people to concentrate on their work when they're overcome by the smell of someone's microwave popcorn or reheated dinner. You don't need to single out offenders, but mention in team meetings that it's inconsiderate for staff to eat especially pungent foods at their desks.

*The Office Spook. This type relishes scaring coworkers-especially new ones-about the hardships of working at your business. "If you think we've had it tough so far, just wait 'til the spring season," he may be heard to say. Painting the boss as a fire-breathing ogre and spreading other tales of woe are this person's specialty. The Office Spook may be someone you have to approach individually to turn around his pessimism.

Accountemps has more than 350 offices throughout North America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, and offers online job search services at www.accountemps.com.

The Healing Horse Movement Goes Mini

Originally bred in the mid-1800s to replace child workers in dangerous coalmines, miniature horses have recently become the fastest growing horse breed in the U.S., according to the American Miniature Horse Association. Their popularity has landed them new roles in therapeutic riding programs for autistic, blind and disabled children. Meet two miniature horses at the forefront of the healing horse movement: Itty and Bitty of Steele Away farm in Argyle, Texas. Itty and Bitty are local celebrities in their home state due to their popular visits with children at Texas schools and hospitals. Their champion, Nancy Carpenter Czerw, is an accomplished rider on the national horse show circuit and a volunteer with Riding Unlimited (www.ridingunlimited.org), a therapeutic horseback riding program founded in 1990 for physically, mentally and emotionally disabled people.

When Czerw first met Itty and Bitty, she was so charmed that she decided to bring their personalities to life with poetry and watercolors in the popular Itty & Bitty children's book series. The series led to numerous events across the state of Texas. In her travels with Itty & Bitty, Czerw has seen the two minis make an

emotional connection with hundreds of physically and emotionally disabled children that lack the ability interact with other kids and adults.

"Itty and Bitty don't care about IV units or casts, or disabilities," said Czerw after a recent visit with the minis at Dallas' Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. "It is hard to resist a little horse who can say hello at eye level to a child in a wheelchair or walker."

Itty and Bitty's gentle, affectionate nature and small size make the pair easily approachable and disarming. Research has found that the simple act of reaching out to stroke the mane of a mini horse can soothe a distraught child, lower blood pressure, improve range of motion and strengthen weak muscles. In fact, recent court rulings have extended the rights of the disabled to employ miniature horses as Emotional Support Animals (ESAs), much like service dogs.

In addition to the emotionally therapeutic value of these popular minis, Itty and Bitty teach children important lessons about life and the responsibility of caring for an animal.

Czerw holds a B.A. in English from Mount Holyoke College and an M.A. in Teaching from Brown University. The second book in Czerw's series releases in October, *Itty & Bitty: Friends on the Farm* (McWitty Press, ISBN 0-9755618-3-9). For more information, visit Itty & Bitty on the web at www.ittyandbitty.com.

Vigilance a must against West Nile virus

For the last few years, news about the West Nile virus has been everywhere. But what exactly is it?

West Nile virus is spread by mosquitoes that pick up the virus when they bite infected birds. These infected mosquitoes then spread the virus to humans.

Most people do not realize they have West Nile because the virus infection usually causes few or no symptoms. However, in rare cases, the illness can lead to encephalitis or meningitis.

The usual incubation period from infection to the development of symptoms is from three days to two weeks. If you have been bitten by mosquitoes, watch for fever, headaches, body aches, eye pain, skin rashes, exhaustion, lack of appetite, nausea, vomiting and/or swollen lymph nodes. If you experience any of these or more serious symptoms, consult a doctor immediately. According to Dr. John Quarles, Ph.D., virologist and head of the Department of Microbial and Molecular Pathogenesis at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, most people can avoid the West Nile virus by following common summer safety tips. "Try to cut down on mosquitoes in the area by eliminating any standing water," Dr. Quarles said. "Use insect repellent with

DEET and wear long-sleeve shirts and pants, if possible. Also, the times from dusk to

dawn are worse for mosquitoes, so be sure to protect yourself in the evening and early morning."

For more information about West Nile virus, go online to www.cdc.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

On May 31, 2006, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission") and each city within Atmos' service territory, to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers in the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed revisions to the rates and riders will impact all classes of service, and each of Atmos' approximately 1,500,000 customers (1,371,625 residential, 121,643 commercial, 235 industrial, and 715 transportation customers).

The Company has requested a systemwide increase of its revenues to \$1,758.7 million, resulting in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$60.9 million or 3.6%, including gas costs, or 14.1% excluding gas cost. In addition, the Company has requested that it recover its rate case expenses and any rate case expenses for cities that are ordered by the Commission. The proposed change in revenues constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by state law.

The monthly bills of typical customers would be affected by the proposed changes as follows:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Difference	Percentage Increase With Gas Cost	Percentage Increase Without Gas Cost
Residential Customer (R)	\$75.00*	\$79.02*	\$4.02	5.36%	21.48%
Commercial Customer (C)	\$326.64*	\$344.80*	\$18.16	5.56%	40.53%
Industrial Customer (I)	\$3,360.85*	\$3,367.95*	\$7.10	0.21%	5.26%
Transportation Customer (T)	\$569.54	\$576.64	\$7.10	1.25%	5.26%

*Includes gas cost of \$8.6452 per Mcf (2005 average cost)

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.

The Company is also requesting approval of its revised depreciation rates, a weather normalization adjustment rider based on 10-year normal weather, a revenue stabilization adjustment rider, the recovery of uncollectible gas cost as well as the cost of required odorant for natural gas through Rider GCR instead of through base rates, and updated upstream pipeline cost allocation factors. The Company is further requesting rate design changes to Rates R, C, I and T. In addition, the Company is seeking a determination that its interim rate adjustments for 2003, 2004, and 2005 are just and reasonable in accordance with Texas Utilities Code § 104.301; the impact of these interim rate adjustments is reflected in the table above.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-800-460-3030. Affected persons may view a copy of the Statement of Intent at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1800, Dallas, Texas 75240, or at the Commission's offices located at 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78711. At any time within 30 days following the date on which Atmos' proposed rate changes would become effective, affected persons may file written comments or protests with the Commission at the following address:

Docket Services Section
Office of General Counsel (Re: Gas Utilities Docket No. 9670)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, TX 78711-2967

Pursuant to an order entered by the Commission on May 16, 2006, the proceeding initiated by Atmos at the Commission is being consolidated with all appeals from all other municipal rate proceedings, including those initiated by the filing of the Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 1, 2006. Rates in unincorporated areas will become effective when rates become effective within the nearest incorporated municipality. The Commission hearing on the merits of Atmos' request will begin on or after October 31, 2006.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía en el sistema de Mid-Tex. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-800-460-3030.